

African Diplomats Complain of Abuses

Washington - (AP) - State Department officials said Saturday that at least 20 African diplomats, including three or four ambassadors, have complained that during the last 18 months they were discriminated against in Washington barbershops.

Pedro A. Sanjuan, director of Special Protocol services, said the situation was one that "cannot be dismissed with an apology."

He said what made the situation so "outrageous" was that the ambassadors realized that "54.6 per cent of the Washington population (the percentage that is Negro) has the same trouble in a barber-shop."

San Juan said he had appealed to the district commissioners who act as the city's day to day governors, but had received no satisfaction. The city has a law against racial discrimination by barber-shops.

TIMEPIECES FOR DAD

New York - (AP) - About 640,000 dads will receive timepieces from their families June 16, a 6 per cent increase over last year's figure. This will play a part in the expected increase of about \$10 million in total Father's Day gift buying over last year's \$930 million, say market researchers at Bulova Watch company.

Filling the Gap

Screw Hole Manufacturer Played Important Part in Cooper's Flight

By DICK WEST
Washington - (AP) - In covering astronaut Gordon Cooper's space flight last month, the radio networks were at times hard pressed for material to keep the airwaves busy when nothing was happening. It seemed to me they interviewed every person who had any remote connection with the space program, and then they interviewed his brother-in-law.



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On occasions, when there was a delay in the countdown or some other uneventful interlude, I got the impression they were going out and dragging people in off the streets. Even so, there was one angle that the broadcasters apparently missed and, in order to make the record complete, I shall attempt to fill in the gap.

I have just been interviewing the man who manufactured the screw holes for Cooper's capsule.

To the average layman, who has only a limited acquaintance with nuts and bolts, screw holes may not seem very important. I was unaware of how vital they are, and some of my best friends are nuts.

But after talking with Edward Baruch, president of the Heli-Coil Corp. of Danbury, Conn., who was here this week on business, I will never take screw holes lightly again.

It would perhaps be going too far to say that Cooper couldn't have orbited at all without Baruch's screw holes. However, there is no gain saying that they represent a major contribution to the space program.

They have made possible advances in the use of so-called light materials — aluminum, magnesium, plastics, fiberglass, etc. — that would

not otherwise have been possible.

"These materials had one common limitation," Baruch explained. "The strength of the threads in the material was less than the strength of the screw or bolt used to assemble it to something."

"Under heavy stress, the threads would strip or pull out and the thing that the screws or bolts held together would begin to shake, rattle or come apart."

In 1949, Baruch formed a company to work on the problem, raising capital, among other methods, by hocking his wife's rings. Two years later they had it licked.

Although more than 50 patents cover the process, and others are being obtained all the time, the principle of the Baruch screw hole is so simple that even I can understand it.

It merely involves putting a lining into a threaded hole to reinforce the threads. This doubles the strength of the threads, so that only half as many bolts or screws are needed. Or you can use the same number but make them twice as small.

In rocketry and other fields where weight is vital, the Baruch screw hole is a blessing indeed. His company now does an \$11 million annual business and has plants in six countries.

If there is a moral to this story, I think it can be expressed as follows: Don't waste time trying to build a better mousetrap; build a better screw hole instead.

GENERAL STORE BOOM

Chicago - (AP) - Think general stores are out of vogue? A mail order firm here needs an electronic computer to process the thousands of orders received daily from 54,000 general stores in the U.S. The computer handles as many as 26,000 orders a day from crackerbarrel merchants during the peak Christmas buying season.

The Medical Roundup

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Help For Disturbed Person

I have a letter from a woman who says that Recovery, Inc., has helped her tremendously.



Alvaroz

Chicago office, which is at 116 South Michigan ave."

I have said before in this column that last year I had a beautiful example of what Recovery, Inc., can do when members of the group cured a patient of mine who had a terrible fear that he was going to die of a heart disease — which he did not have. When I could no longer lift him out of his despair, I sent him to Recovery, where a kind woman who had once lived with this same fear, and had conquered it, quickly cured him. With the experience she had with the man's disease she knew just what

to say to him that would convince him that he could get well.

People who are ill are so happy when they find someone who has or once had their illness. Many a sick person who is suffering would rather talk to someone who has had his disease and has recovered, than to any doctor living. This is one of the secrets of the success of Alcoholics Anonymous.

A great advantage of Recovery, Inc., is that the group gladly helps those persons who are broke, and cannot afford to pay even the most reasonable fees of a kindly physician.

For those readers who fear a mental problem in their family, Dr. Alvaroz has prepared a booklet called, "When Mental Illness Strikes a Family." You may obtain a copy by sending 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvaroz, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

PRESEVERER FOUND

Miami - (AP) - A life preserver from the yacht Morning Star, missing for a week with five unidentified persons aboard, was found Saturday near the Bahamas, the Coast Guard reported.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Oxnard, Calif. - (AP) - John Love, 30, was arrested Sunday for driving his car to a work farm where he is serving a term on week ends for driving with a suspended license.

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