

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WHEN GENERAL PATTON was in an expansive humor, he liked to tell a story about a valuable officer under Napoleon who developed a brain tumor and had to submit to an emergency operation.



Just then a messenger arrived with the glad tidings that the officer had been promoted from Colonel to General. With a whoop of joy he bounced up from the operating table, slapped on his cranium, and headed for the nearest exit.

"Wait a minute," cried the surgeon. "You've forgotten to put back your brain."

"I won't need it now," called back the patient. "I'm a General!"

"Golly," sighed a young dreamer, "I wish I had enough money to buy a herd of elephants."

"What would you do with a herd of elephants?" scoffed a companion. "Not a thing," grinned the dreamer. "I'd just like to have that much money."

"I'll tell you what a terrible cook my wife is," grumbled a merchant to an associate. "The worst news I read in the paper all year is that they've settled the butchers' strike."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Down in Phoenix recently, the governors of our 11 Western States, assembled for a 10-day-of-the-order session, were warned that unless they act soon to "straighten out a crazy-quilt of traffic laws" they will face federal incursions into that field.

THE warning came from Robert Montgomery, of Washington (D.C.), who is executive director of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordinances. He told his hearers: "Governors, individually and collectively, must assert more affirmative leadership in traffic safety efforts, particularly in the field of uniform traffic laws. Otherwise, federal incursions into this area, which historically and traditionally is under the jurisdiction of the states, may be expected."

He added: "The governors are trustees of the traffic laws. But, by permitting continuance of antiquated, NON-UNIFORM motor vehicle laws, the states are stacking the deck in favor of the federal government."

HMMMMMMMM. Is he right? Or is he wrong?

ONE can't help wondering. Trafficwise, at least, this is no longer a government of 50 states. We travel far and wide in our cars. Out here on the Pacific Coast, we think nothing of taking off for New York, or Washington, or Florida—and our Eastern cousins take off just as casually for the Pacific Coast.

And— One of the everlasting NUISANCES of such a trip having to get accustomed to a new set of traffic laws and regulations, and a new set of traffic signs, every time one crosses a state line.

IT'S hard to escape the conclusion that if the federal government wants to expand its authority—thus, incidentally, providing more federal jobs with which to reward the politically faithful—it could find no more logical field for it than establishment of UNIFORM traffic rules and regulations. That we would all welcome.

IN Western Europe, where nations are no larger, on the average, than our states, they are far ahead of us—especially in the way of uniform road signs. Perhaps they have been compelled to be by the fact that every time one crosses an international boundary one is apt to encounter a new language. At any rate, Western Europe's road signs are uniform. They use a picture language. Information signs are rectangular. Warning signs are triangular. Regulatory signs giving specific instructions are circular. For example: A circular sign with a figure in the center means that the figure is the speed limit. When the figure has a bar across it, it means the end of the speed limit and the beginning of another one, which is announced by the new figure. A triangle with a picture of a cow means that a domestic animal crossing is ahead. A triangle with a leaping deer inside means look out for deer. And so on. The signs are UNIFORM. It is an international system.

SO— When someone warns that unless we get more uniformity in our STATE traffic rules and regulations, including road signs, the federal government will step in and take over, let's not get hot under the collar. If the federal rules and regulations are UNIFORM, they'll be better than what we have.

Portland Schools To Study Imbalance

Portland—The Portland School board voted Monday night to appoint a citizen's committee to study the city's racially imbalanced public schools.

The decision was a victory for Negro leaders and for Portland's Citizens' Committee on Racial Imbalance, which asked the board last month to see if schools with an overwhelming Negro majority were hurting the educational opportunities of students. The committee will be charged with isolating the problem, discovering its effect on educational opportunities and suggesting a solution. It is to report back by Jan. 1.



PONTIFF VISITS PRIMATE—Pope Paul VI, left, chats with ailing Ukrainian Archbishop of Lwow, Jozef Slypyi, when the pontiff visited the Primate at the Vatican. The Patriarch of the West also paid a visit to the ailing Enrique Cardinal Pla y Daniel of Spain, at the Spanish College at Vatican City. (UPI)

Nuclear-Free Zone Rejected by U. S.

Moscow—The United States has rejected a Soviet proposal to turn the Mediterranean area into a nuclear-free zone. It said such a move would weaken the United States and its allies. The note was released here by the U. S. embassy after it was delivered to the Soviet foreign office.

Redevelopment Fund Faces Fight

Washington—A second congressional battle over increased funds to help economically depressed areas began in the Senate today following the proposal's surprise defeat in the House two weeks ago. The Kennedy administration measure would add \$455 million to authorized funds for the Area Redevelopment Agency which the House by a slim margin refused to approve. The bill now faces mounting opposition in the Senate.

Kennedy has asked Congress to double the funds for the 20-month-old agency,

which was created in 1962 to bring federal aid to communities and regions suffering from chronic unemployment. Republicans, backed by some conservative Democrats, have strongly attacked the agency. Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah), said the ARA amounted to little more than a political slush fund for the Democrats.

He labeled the agency a step toward "planned government economy" and contended that many of its loans and grants had been used to build up marginal industries which only cause unemployment in other areas.

Governor Signs, Vetoes Measures

Salem—The following measures were signed Monday by Gov. Mark Hatfield:

- HB1074—Reporting of bullet wounds.
- HB1394—Outlaws discrimination because of race, religion, color, national origin or age.
- HB1439—Increases rates for publication of legal advertising.
- SB129—County planning.
- SB257—Life insurance.
- The governor vetoed the following:
 - HB1206—Relating to tourist parks.
 - SB223—Salary ranges for county officers.
 - SB247—Educational radio-television council.
 - SB401—Counsel in extradition cases.

New York—The luxury liner Bremen en route from New York to Cherbourg collided with a 75-foot whale Monday. North German Lloyd Line officials said the liner's skipper, Capt. Guenther Roessing, reported there was no evidence the hull was damaged. The captain did not mention the fate of the whale.

Search of Deschutes Continues for Child

The Dalles—Search continued today for the body of the 4-year-old daughter of a Portland man, believed drowned in the Deschutes river near Maupin. Linda Jean Hasselman fell into the river Sunday. She was the daughter of Ronald W. Hasselman, a State Fish Commission biologist.

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Khrushchev Going To East Berlin

Moscow—Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev is going to East Berlin on Sunday to try to offset whatever encouragement West Berlin derives from President Kennedy's visit Wednesday, foreign observers said today.

The official Soviet Agency Tass took both Russians and foreigners here by surprise early this morning with its announcement of Khrushchev's week end trip.

Foreign observers said the hurriedly scheduled visit was intended in part to aid East Germany's Communist boss Walter Ulbricht, who has been waiting for years for the Kremlin to make good on promises to end Western occupation in Berlin and to sign

a peace treaty with Red-led East Germany. The Tass announcement said Khrushchev officially is going to East Berlin to observe Ulbricht's 70th birthday. Khrushchev's presence undoubtedly will be a welcome birthday present for Ulbricht.

Observers said that what Khrushchev has to say in East Berlin will depend chiefly on Kennedy's action in West Berlin.

Parents Warned on Motor Bike Operation

Salem—Parents have been warned that children under 16 should not be permitted to operate motor bikes on public streets and roads. The Department of Motor Vehicles said that motor bikes must be operated by a licensed driver at least 16 years old. Younger persons with an instruction permit are specifically excluded from operating motor scooters on public roads.

Wreck Near Scappoose Kills 13-Year-Old Boy

Scappoose—A Deer Island boy, Rickey Hayes, 13, was killed Monday afternoon when the car in which he was riding ran off a county road just off U.S. Highway 30 near Scappoose and hit a bridge abutment.

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