

Talking to Pretty Girls in Bathing Suits Disappointing to West

By DICK WEST
 Washington—Unless you happen to enjoy looking at pretty girls in bathing suits, a Miss Universe news conference is rather a letdown.



A group of the participants in this year's Miss Universe contest stopped off here for a visit en route to Miami Beach, where the pageant will be staged later this month.

They held a press conference on the shores of a hotel swimming pool, but it turned out to be more visual than oral. Either their time was monopolized by photographers or they were unable to speak English.

It was most disappointing because I had been looking forward to discussing the Common Market with Miss Belgium, obtaining Miss France's views on Gen. De Gaulle's "grand design," hearing Miss Italy's opinion of the new Pope, and so forth.

I could, of course, have interviewed Miss England, but only one thing has been happening in England recently and I was reluctant to bring that up.

I was afraid one of the chaperones might overhear us and get the wrong idea.

So there was nothing much for a reporter to do but deposit himself on a chaise longue and watch some 20 of the world's most beautiful young women parade around in powder blue swim suits. Pity.

Beauty pageants continue to attract large crowds in this country, but actually they do not provide much of a challenge for a veteran girl-watcher.

When a bird-watcher has a yen to gaze upon a great racket-tailed drongo or a rufous-browed peppershrike, he does not go to an aviary. That would be considered unporting.

He goes into the parks or woods to seek out the birds in their natural habitats. Spotting a red-whiskered bulbul is only fun for a birdwatcher when it is accompanied by a case of poison ivy.

It is much the same with girl-watching. Organized displays of feminine pulchritude take a great deal of the pleasure out of this ancient pastime by removing the element of chance.

Spotting a pretty girl at a beauty contest simply is no accomplishment at all.

Some of the best girl-watching grounds in the world can be found in Washington. Among the more favorable locations is the cafeteria in the House Office Building during the lunch hour.

A person wouldn't suspect, judging from some of the legislation they pass, that members of Congress were capable of such discernment in the employment of clerks and stenographers.

The Capitol not only offers a stunning variety of girl life in the scores of congressional offices; on many occasions rare and interesting species can be spotted among the flocks of tourists.

Or so I'm told. I never notice such things myself.

TOO DARK FOR KEVIN

Birmingham, England—Five-year-old Kevin Sperin mailed himself during a game of "postman" Monday when he crawled through the door of a corner mailbox and couldn't get out again.

"I didn't like it a bit in there," Kevin said later after mailmen rescued him. "It was dark."

PROTEST STRIKE CALLED

Paris—The Communist General Confederation of Workers called today for a one-day strike Thursday to protest a government-sponsored anti-strike law.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn W. Watkins
 Register & Tribune Syndicate, 1963

Worms More Numerous In Water Than On Land

In and out of the mud of the ocean's bottom crawl the worms. They are even more numerous there than on the dry land. Almost every square inch of the sea bottom has its quota of crawling, wriggling life. There are hundreds of varieties, from microscopic small ones, like a piece of silk thread, to large creatures as big as snakes.

Although worms are one of the most abundant forms of life that exist in the sea, they are comparatively unknown. Very few, if any of them, have had their life story completely worked out. Man has a natural revulsion to worms. Consequently this abundant strata of life remains neglected. Their living and dying have gone unrecorded and almost unnoticed.

Two Classes

The worms that inhabit the sea are divided into two large classes; those which live by their own efforts and those which inhabit the bodies of other living bodies. Although it is not a pleasant thought, the truth is, that every living being has an assortment of worms that may infest it, either internally or externally.

Those which are internal have no eyes, or means of locomotion; some have no digestive systems. They live by absorbing food from the host, who has already digested it. Some, that live as parasites on the outside of the host, have no means of locomotion. They attach themselves and go along for the ride, eating as they go.

Flatworms Proliferate

Of all the free living varieties the so-called flatworms are one of the most plentiful. We can find them anytime by digging a few handfuls of mud from a tidal flat. Some have bodies that are flat and ribbon-like, with no apparent head. They can travel forward or backward, and only the worm itself knows for sure whether he is going or coming.

Some sea worms have the mouth in the middle of the body, and some have some blood that is bright green in color. Some are completely fringed with bristles; or stiff hairs which act as legs; or oars with which the animal swims. Some are mud eaters, swallowing the mud and allowing the stomach to do the work of sorting out the organic material. All of them of course have breathing gills, and all lay eggs.

All Pieces Will Live

The so-called segmented worms have bodies made up of divisions, or ring-like segments, like a bamboo fishing rod. These, the scientist says, are of the highest in the low order of worm-world. Each segment contains a separate and similar set of internal organs. These worms can be cut in two, or in fact into as many pieces as there are segments of the body, and all the pieces will live.

The color of sea worms may be red, yellow, blue, brown or bright orange. Some are striped with contrasting colors. Some come close to being plaid. Some seem to be checked with various shades, one color running into the color next to it.

Naturally you will not like them, neither does anyone else. They are squirmy, slimy, slippery and repulsive, but they are all a very important part of the complex life of the world's oceans. And even more important, they form a large part of the food supply of the fish population which could hardly live without them.

Do Oregonians Deserve to live in Oregon?

All right, all right! Don't get sore. We know that you deserve to live in Oregon. Our question is aimed at the guy who doesn't appreciate this great state of ours, who knows next to nothing about it—the guy who thinks he has to leave the Pacific Northwest and go all the way to California or some other such fastness to have a good time. Ridiculous, isn't it?

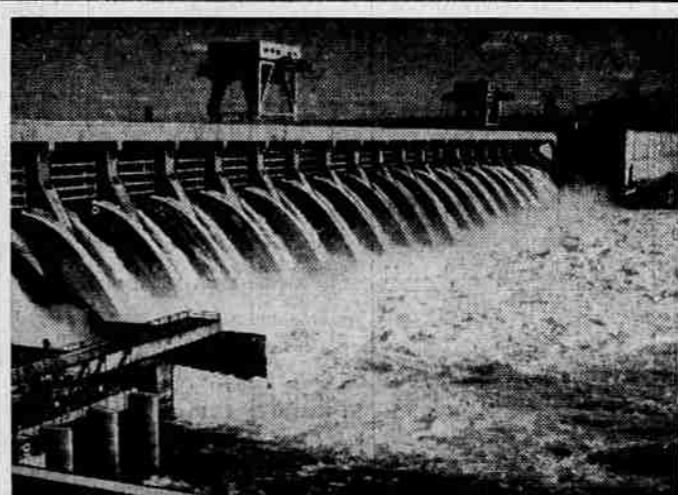
Yet such misguided guides do exist, and the picture part of this ad is for them. (You, being

a loyal, knowledgeable Oregonian, can skip down to "What difference does it make what kind of a guide you are?")

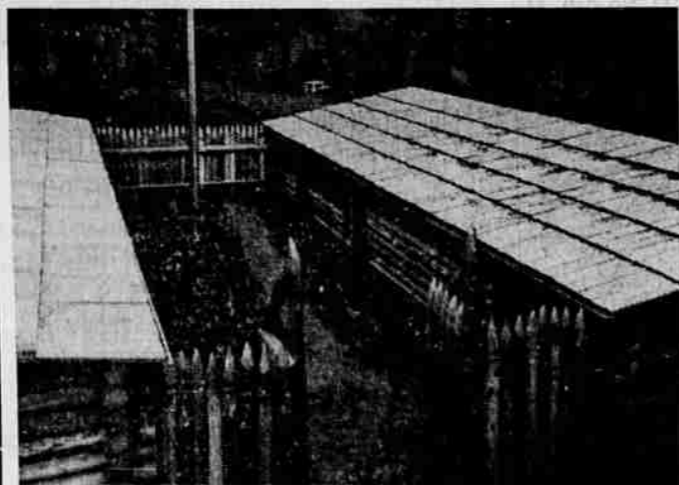
How well do you know the territory? Take this difficult test. Simply stare long and hard at each of the six photos, decide what each is a photo of, then check off your answer. No cheating. The answers are way down at the bottom, but to protect you from temptation, they're printed upside down.



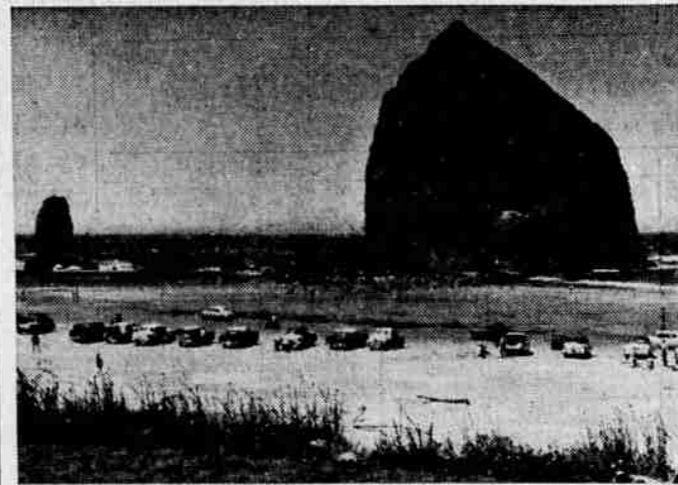
- MT. JEFFERSON. Second highest mountain peak in state. Hiking, camping, fishing in several lakes. Also boating, picnicking, motels and cafes at nearby Detroit Dam.
- BACHELOR BUTTE. This ancient volcanic cone is a geologist's paradise. Also popular for fishing, hiking, camping. Skiing season on north slope from November to June.
- MT. HOOD. Year 'round playground. Camping, picnicking, swimming, hunting, fishing, hiking. Pack trips. Skiing throughout the year.



- THE DALLES DAM. A \$260,000,000 project started in 1952, near ancient Indian fishing grounds. Points of interest: Spillway, Navigation Locks, Fish Ladders, Indian Museum, Visitors Center.
- McNARY DAM. Built in 1947 by the Corps of Engineers. Public parking areas, observation points. Seventy miles of lake. Fishing and swimming at nearby Hat Rock State Park.
- BONNEVILLE DAM. A two-section dam on two separate channels of the Columbia. Favorite tourist attraction is the fish-counting station. Nearby Eagle Creek is popular for its fishing and camping.



- FORT CLATSOP. National monument. Original headquarters of Lewis and Clark expedition. Restored replicas show life at Fort when first Americans stayed in Oregon.
- FORT YAMHILL. An early duty post of Civil War General Phil Sheridan. Blockhouse restored and moved to new site in 1911.
- FORT DALLES. Military headquarters throughout the Indian wars. Hospital building is now a museum housing pioneer relics.



- HARRIS STATE PARK. Over one hundred acres with facilities for camping—both tent and trailer. Three-quarters of a mile of ocean front and a twenty-four mile view of the Oregon coast and off shore rocks. Open the year around.
- CANNON BEACH. Named for cannon lost off American sloop "Shark" in 1846. Popular vacation area. In heart of the razor clam country. Also swimming, horseback riding, sea shell collecting.
- SEASIDE. One of the most popular swimming beaches along the coast. Two-mile promenade and midway with carnival-type attractions. Excellent for family entertainment.



- ASTORIA. Historic fur trading post and first white settlement in the Pacific Northwest. Things to do—watch the fishing fleet—visit the canneries—climb Astor Column for a sweeping view of the sea.
- DEPOE BAY. Small protected harbor well known for its fishing fleet. Salmon fishing from May 1 to October 15. Tuna fishing from June to September. Trolling for bass, cod, and red snapper the year 'round.
- NEWPORT. Famous resort. Crabbing and fishing in Yaquina Bay. Deep sea fishing and jetty fishing. Along the beach are some of the best known agate beds on the coast.



- MOUNTAIN VIEW RANCH, ENTERPRISE. Scenic wonders visible from road include cows, horses, authentic outbuildings. No trespassing.
- HARLEY AXELROD'S STUMP RANCH, BEND. Famous for miles. Things to see—interesting stumps—dry wells—authentic replicas include broken fences, rusty plows, sagging porches.
- P. R. SHOTWELL'S PLACE, HERMISTON. Popular tourist attraction. Things to see: melon patches; largest collection of shotguns west of the Mississippi. Visiting time—dark, moonless nights only.

What kind of a guide are you, anyway?

Now that you've taken the test (whew!), count five points for every correct answer and see what kind of a guide's rating you deserve:

- 30 points Grand Exalted Guide
- 25 points Somewhat Exalted Guide
- 20 points Tenderfoot Guide
- 15 points Newcomer
- 10 or less Misguided Out-of-Stater

What difference does it make what kind of a guide you are?

Well, for one thing, the more you know about Oregon, the better you and your family can enjoy it. Then, too, the more you know, the more you can help others less fortunate than yourself. Like misguided out-of-staters. And the more they know, the more likely they'll become tourists and bring all that lovely tourists' money into Oregon. And it's big money, too.

If you like statistics, try these: Today tourism is Oregon's Number 3 Industry. In the last four years, tourists have spent an average of \$185 million dollars a year in Oregon. (\$217 million in 1962, with the World's Fair as a magnet.)

More statistics: Each tourist in Oregon spends about \$6.20 per day or \$20.45 for the average family of 3.3 people. (Seen any three-tenths of tourists lately?)

And—according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (which ought to know), an annual average of 24 tourists a day is equal to a new industry with a payroll of \$100,000. Enough?

Why is the Telephone Company helping promote Oregon?

We're proud to be part of the statewide team that's promoting tourism in Oregon and its Welcome Mat Campaign. Like you, our future is invested in Oregon. (We're second only to Georgia-Pacific in the number of employees. We're first in plant investment—over \$300 million dollars.) Like you, we're proud to "tell the world about Oregon." We're convinced that if we all work at it, we can make Oregon the most rewarding, the most prosperous state in the nation.

What can you do? Plenty!

First take a trip through the state and check up on things. (When's the last time, for example, that you viewed the scenes in our picture quiz?) Then turn Slate's Witness. Be a one-man (or one-family) Chamber of Commerce. Make yourself insufferable with your out-of-state friends. Let's tell the world about Oregon.

Send for free vacation guide

Want to prove to your out-of-state friends you're a true grand exalted Oregon guide? Just clip the coupon. We'll send you a Jim Dandy Oregon Guide to six salubrious vacations in spectacular Oregon. Ask for as many copies as you want to send to your out-of-state friends. It's a handy, full-color booklet of your Oregon vacation opportunities. If you don't have any out-of-state friends, get a booklet anyway. You probably will want to take some of the trips yourself.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BELL, 509 S.W. OAK STREET ROOM 800, LINCOLN BLDG., PORTLAND 4, ORE.

Please send me _____ copies of the Jim Dandy Oregon Guide. I am anxious to invite my out-of-state friends on a fabulous vacation in spectacular Oregon.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____



LET'S TELL THE WORLD ABOUT OREGON

Dennis the Menace



"I LOSE MY TRUNKS, YA THINK I NEED MORE SUNTAN LOTION?"