

Imogene Coca Daydreams of Heroic Acts To Bolster Nerve for Flying

By DICK WEST



West
they didn't put the duck out all day long," she said.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—When I arrived at the hotel suite for my interview with Imogene Coca, she was in the bedroom telephoning her children in California. Presently she came into the parlor and reported that it was raining on the West Coast. "It was raining so hard

chuck a duck out of the house on a rainy day. I should explain that Miss Coca is participating in what some press agent has labeled an "aerothon." It's a gimmick to publicize her new television series, "Grindl," which premieres later this month.

An "aerothon" requires her to fly to one city for breakfast, to another city for lunch and to another city for dinner. Miss Coca is ideally suited for that type of tour because flying terrifies her.

"You're going to have a problem on this trip," she warned her traveling companion, Lindsay Durand.

"I have to have three drinks before I can get up enough nerve to board an airplane, and when I have three drinks I'm a problem," Miss Coca explained.

Actually, however, she was spoofing about the drinks. Miss Coca signed a temperance pledge when she was six years old.

I asked Miss Coca how she had managed to control her fear and she said she does it by daydreaming. While in the air, she dreams up situations where things go wrong with the plane and she performs some sort of heroic action.

Occasionally, she rushes into the crew compartment, grabs the controls and brings the plane down safely. But mostly she bravely stands up in the aisle and calms the other passengers by singing.

This method has one basic defect, however. Miss Coca still hasn't decided what song she should sing.

She was leaning toward "Nearer My God To Thee" until Miss Durand reminded her that it was the band played when the Titanic was sinking.

I told Miss Coca that whatever she sang she should skip the verse or she might not have time to finish the chorus. That cheered her a lot.

Special Problems Found in Families With Children

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Families with two or more children often have special problems.

The parents are faced with jealousy, competition and comparisons between the children. Although these probably cannot be eliminated completely, understanding the problems will help reduce them. Each child must realize he is loved for his own self, abilities and accomplishments regardless of what his brother or sister might do. The following questions from concerned parents are problems which can be helped with a proper attitude.

Question:
I have two children, Jane, 11, and Frances, 6. In the past they have played together very nicely. During recent months I have noticed an unusual increase of antagonism. Jane seems to get pleasure out of teasing Frances. Frances gets upset and cries. Should I keep out of this situation or should I do some things which might improve the relationship?

Answer:
You are facing a common and natural occurrence. The girls are growing up. During the coming years the age difference will have an increasing effect upon their interests and relationship. They probably will not be close in the way they have been, and Jane will become more of an older sister. Perhaps the time has come for you to provide opportunities for the girls to have separate activities

more suitable for their own ages. You are correct in questioning the advisability of interfering in the actual relationship. The girls will do much to work this out by themselves. The main problem is impatience with each other's interests. If you can arrange difference activities you will find an improved situation.

Question:
My son, Jim, 9, constantly is trying to compete with his older brother, Ed, 13. They are good students with excellent ability. Jim becomes quite frustrated when he cannot perform as well as Ed. Is there a way in which the pressure on Jim can be reduced so that he will be more relaxed?

Answer:
This competition between brothers is quite normal and is not necessarily all bad. The greatest problems are when the younger brother does not realize his limitations or feels that he is expected to meet the same standards as his older brother. In the situation which you describe there is a basis for a problem. The answer lies in your attitudes. Avoid making comparisons. Make sure that both boys realize that they are accepted for their own accomplishments. Perhaps, too much stress is being placed on success. Too much praise can lead to pressure for success. The best attitude is one of relaxed acceptance. In school it probably would be advisable that they do not have the same teachers. This will avoid unnecessary comparisons.

End of Alabama Racial Tension Said Long Way Off

By AL KUETTNER

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Alabama has a long way to go before it is out of the woods in the current wave of racial tensions.

The hot spots as of now: Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile and Tuskegee. All are involved in school desegregation.

The focal point is Birmingham the coal and iron city that has seen its share of more violence in the 95 years of its history.

"What's the answer to all this?" a reporter asked Jesse Devore, a representative of the NAACP, following a night of fresh violence that left one person dead.

"There is no answer; it will keep going until it just wears itself out," Devore said soberly. As Devore spoke, three public schools that had been desegregated under court order were closed and empty. Not far away, repairs were being made to the home of Negro attorney Arthur Shores which had been bombed for the second time in 15 days.

Shores' wife was in a hospital recovering from shock and concussion. Violence After Dark
Nightfall brings violence to Birmingham these days. In certain sections of the city, it is unsafe to travel after dark. It is best to give a wide berth to groups for fear your car will be

pelted by rocks and bottles. Every screaming siren of an ambulance or a police prowl car on a routine mission is a conversation stopper. The silent questions line serious faces—"Where is the trouble this time?"

With the distinct probability that Birmingham will have its racial problem in the mainstream of world news for days to come, there are some points that need to be remembered.

Birmingham is a city of unchanging as well as changing neighborhoods. In the vicinity of the big West End High School, one of the three to be desegregated, Negro homes and white homes are only a narrow street's width apart. It has been

that way for a number of years. The paradox of life in Birmingham extends everywhere. There are shacks for Negroes and whites and there are neighborhoods of landscaped beauty and \$30,000 homes for Negroes to match most white dwellings in the upper middle class range.

There are people who go their way as though nothing unusual was happening in town these days, and there are those who unexpectedly speak their minds—like the proprietor of a small eating house near a mixed neighborhood school.

When asked by some white pupils what he thought about "all

this integration business," the store owner replied briskly. "I can get along with the Negroes better than I can with you boys. I can tell them to leave my store and they do it. But you don't."

Birmingham's violence is getting the attention, but it also is a city of serious citizens who speak up in the crisis—like metallurgist Clyde Willhelm who told the school board he risked his job to appear as a "private citizen" to beg for the reopening of closed schools.

Death rates in Denmark have decreased steadily the past 15 years.

Typhoon Gloria Increases in Force

MANILA (UPI)—Typhoon Gloria increased in force today as it moved toward Formosa, the Manila Weather Bureau reported.

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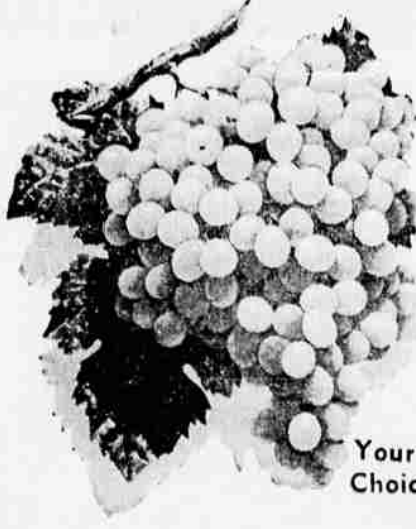
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