



POSSIBILITIES EXPLORED — The Big Three foreign ministers met in New York to explore the possibilities of further East-West agreements following the nuclear test ban. Seated from left are Britain's Lord Hume, United States Secretary of State Dean Rusk, and Russia's Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. (UPI)

Drinking Habits—1

Cocktail Party Rated as One of America's Leading Indoor Sports

Editor's Note: This is the first of five dispatches by United Press International national reporter Harry Ferguson on the drinking habits of 80 million Americans. It deals with social drinkers, their preferences and habits.

By HARRY FERGUSON WASHINGTON (UPI)—There is a widespread belief that the cocktail party was invented in America some time in the first quarter of the 20th century. Well, a writer named Critians described one form of social activity in ancient Greece like this: "They have bowls and toasts, too. They then loose their tongues to tell scandalous stories . . . upon their eyes a dark mist settles, memory melts away into oblivion, reason is lost completely."

The fact that the cocktail party probably was invented in Athens, Greece, instead of Athens, Ala., Athens, Ohio, Athens, Ga., Athens, Pa., or Athens, Tenn., does not diminish the enthusiasm of Americans for it.

France and the United States lead all nations in the rate of alcoholism, but the Americans are far ahead in organized group drinking. The cocktail party is one of our most widespread indoor sports.

There are no precise statistics on the amount of social and business drinking in this country. Splitting a can of beer with your neighbor over the back fence is social drinking. Business drinking can be either a luncheon for two or a cocktail party with 500 guests.

80 Million Drink

About 80 million Americans above the age of 15 are fairly regular drinkers of alcoholic beverages. The heaviest drinking per capita takes place in the District of Columbia, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Wisconsin. The lowest per capita consumption of legal alcohol occurs in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia.

Dumping together all persons above 15 — drinkers and non-drinkers — the average American last year consumed 1.99 gal-

ons of distilled spirits, 1.32 gallons of wine and 21.98 gallons of beer.

The overwhelming amount of social drinking occurs in the American home rather than in saloons or lounges.

Valid Observations

To get an up-to-date picture of social drinking in the nation United Press International bureaus across the country responded to a questionnaire. Drinking preferences and habits vary widely in different sections, but these general observations are valid:

—The average cocktail party is scheduled for two hours, most frequently from 5 to 7 p.m. The party actually doesn't get underway in the sense that all guests are present and have a drink in their hands until about 5:30 p.m. It doesn't end until after 8 p.m. more often than not, one or two guests will stay until 9 o'clock.

The guests will consume three and one-half drinks per person on the average if there is no terminus on the party except the clock. If it is a cocktail party preceding a dinner, it will average two drinks per person. The reason for that is that at a certain time the dinner gong sounds and the bar shuts down.

Martini Best Seller

—The dry martini is a best seller at cocktail parties, but people have stopped being fanatics about how it is made. A few years ago the martini drinkers insisted on dry-dry-dry concoctions of about eight parts gin and one part vermouth. Many bartenders met this demand by merely pouring straight gin. The martini of four parts gin and one part vermouth now is generally accepted nationwide.

—Americans still cling tenaciously to two fallacies about drinking (1) That mixing drinks will make you drunk quicker and give you a worse hang-over and (2) That black coffee will sober you up. No matter how many different kinds of drinks you consume, they all become mere alcohol when they start toward the blood stream toward the brain. As one physician put it: "All black coffee does is turn a sleepy drunk into a wide-awake drunk. The man is still drunk."

—There has been a heavy increase in the drinking of vodka and in the demand for so-called "lighter" whiskey, a mellow whiskey with lower proof.

New Trend in Chicago

—The old-fashioned bartender who bought every third drink has ceased to exist. But Chicago reports a new trend to lure the customers into bars with "cocktail hours." From 4 to 7 p.m. all types of drinks are 50 cents. Dallas notes the rise of the "poolside party" in which occupants of big apartment houses assemble around the swimming pool. Each family brings its own bottle, ice and mixings and the party lasts indefinitely with a constant change of cast.

—Peanuts, mixed nuts, shrimp on a toothpick and deviled eggs are the most popular hors d'oeuvres because they are easy to fix. There is a current fad for dips into which you plunge potato chips.

—The most frequent topics of conversation at cocktail parties are business, sports and sexy stories. Chicago notes: "This order tends to reverse itself as the evening progresses."

Next: Case history of a social drinker.

Tropical Decolletage

National Geographic, in 75th Year, One of West's Favorite Institutions

By DICK WEST WASHINGTON (UPI)—Let us join today in extending felicitations to the National Geographic Magazine, which is observing its 75th anniversary this month. Actually, the first issue of the Geographic, which came out in 1888, carried an October Date.

But, as everyone knows magazines dated October are published in September, if not in August or July.

So now is the time to celebrate.

The National Geographic Society, which publishes the magazine, has long been approximately my favorite institution, give or take home cooking and Marlene Dietrich's legs.

In a memoir of life, I once described the society as "a non-profit educational and scientific association dedicated to proving



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me to the magazine in my youth.

I became a Geographic reader after my parents imposed an embargo on my subscription to "Capt. Billy's Whizbang." The Geographic being a highly respected publication, I could gle its photographs of tropical decolletage with impunity.

The world-wide expeditions, studies and investigations sponsored by the society are legion. Some day I hope it will underwrite a study of why magazines dated October are published in September, if not in August or July.

Such a project would by no means be outside its scope. When it is not contributing to Peary's visit to the North Pole, or to a sealing of Mt. Everest, the Geographic picks around in obscure nooks and crannies with amazing results.

Here are some of the things I have learned from the Geograph-

ic over the years:

—Contrary to all that Hollywood has taught us a fugitive from a chain gang cannot throw the bloodhounds off the scent by wading through a stream.

—Chimpanzees catch termites in much the same way that men catch fish.

—Chocolate sodas were invented by the Aztec Indians some time in the 16th century.

These are things a boy normally learns from his parents, but mine never had the time to tell me. They were too busy intercepting my copies of "Whizbang."

Six Accidents Checked in City On Week End

Six vehicle accidents in Medford were investigated by city police during a three-day period from Friday to Sunday, according to reports. One slight injury was reported and three citations were issued, officers said.

Nicholas Sebastian Theis, 47, of 325 Vancouver st., was treated at Sacred Heart hospital Sunday for injuries he received when his car collided with a vehicle operated by Mansel Wiley Milam, 54, Central Point, about 7:44 p.m. at Highway 66 and Interstate 5. Milam was cited for disobeying a traffic signal.

In one of three accidents Saturday, Iris Lee Wright, 2873 1/2 Table Rock rd., was cited by police for defective equipment after her car collided with a vehicle operated by Jess Oliver Biggs, Del Paso Heights, Calif., about 10:30 a.m. at Court st. and McAndrews rd.

A vehicle driven by Dorothy Vivian Matheny, 3126 Madrona st., struck a parked motorbike owned by Ronald Lee Harris, 138 Ashland ave. The mishap occurred about 5:45 p.m. at Sixth and Front sts. Freeway Accident

A non-injury accident occurred about 8:15 p.m. Saturday on the Interstate 5 overpass when a vehicle operated by Jill Margaret Crawford, 17, of 1503 East Main st., swerved to avoid an object in the roadway and crashed into a guardrail. No citation was issued, officers said.

In one of two accidents Friday, John Gray Uerlings, 36, Central Point, was cited for not having an operator's license in his possession after his vehicle collided with a car driven by Gerald Clifton Rook, 49, Shady Cove. The mishap occurred about 7:35 p.m. at North Riverside ave. and Walnut st.

Vehicles operated by Perry Lou Hulse, 17, of route 3, box 204A, and Jessie Myrtle Minear, 78, of Rogue Valley Manor, collided about 2:30 p.m. Friday at Black Oak dr. and Barnett rd., according to police reports.

Vancouver Fire Loss Set at \$23,000

VANCOUVER, Wash. (UPI)—Loss was estimated at \$23,000 today from a fire late Sunday which destroyed the home of the H. E. Huggins family.

Two firemen, Vince Meyer and Richard O'Rourke, were treated for smoke inhalation. The blaze apparently started near a clothes drier. The family was away visiting in Salem.



PRESIDENT POINTS — President John F. Kennedy points to the glory hole at Whiskeytown Dam and Reservoir near Redding, Calif., Saturday during the dedication ceremonies. Behind Kennedy is California Governor Edmund G. Brown. At Kennedy's left is R. J. Pafford Jr., regional director of reclamation. (UPI)



GIVING INSTRUCTIONS — President John F. Kennedy, right, appears to be giving instructions to California Governor Edmund G. Brown, left, near Redding, Calif., Saturday, as they are being introduced by the master of ceremonies during the dedication of the Whiskeytown Dam and Reservoir. (UPI)

Policemen Hurt in Post-Game Fight

Portland —(UPI)—Three city policemen were injured, none seriously, in fighting which broke out following the Jefferson-Grant high school football game at Jefferson Saturday afternoon.

Examined and treated at a local hospital were patrolman Bernard Schuette, William Attwood and Larry Plaisance.

According to Sgt. Weston Johnson of the East Precinct, the disturbance, involving some 300 youths, broke out immediately following the game, subsided, then flared anew several blocks from the high school.

No persons were arrested.

Johnson said a lot of "elder trouble makers" were involved in the melee as well as high school students. Jefferson lost the football game, 14 to 6.

Portland Zoo Draws About 20,000 People

PORTLAND (UPI)—An estimated 20,000 persons packed the Portland Zoo Sunday, a good portion of them to see the two new baby elephants born in the past two weeks.

LIST APPROVED CONAKRY, Guinea said (UPI) — Conakry Radio said Sunday night 99.5 per cent of the voters in Sunday's general election approved the single list of candidates presented by President Sekou Toure's Democratic party. Official results have not yet been announced.

College Board Exam Needed for Academy

High school graduates interested in attending the Coast Guard academy should take the college entrance board examination Dec. 7.

It was stated that the Coast Guard has forgone its annual special examination in favor of the more convenient college board exam.

Deadline for applying is Nov. 8. Age limit for cadetship at the academy is 17 to 22. Applications may be obtained by writing to Coast Guard Cadet, 618 Second ave., Seattle 4, Wash.

Tulelake Rancher Heads Potato Group

KLAMATH FALLS (UPI) — Wesley St. Peter of Tulelake, Calif., a rancher, has been elected chairman of the Oregon-California Potato Committee at the group's annual meeting here.

Archie Masterson of Redmond was chosen as vice chairman and F. J. Carpenter of Madras was picked as secretary-treasurer.

TRAVEL BAN EYED WASHINGTON (UPI) — The chairman of the House Committee on un-American activities plans to introduce legislation in about two weeks that would give the government specific powers to curb travel abroad by U.S. citizens.

Mobile X-Ray in Josephine County

GRANTS PASS—A mobile x-ray unit will be stationed at three different Josephine county locations this week, Dr. E. C. Wall, county health officer, announced today.

The unit will be at the Provolt Seed and Feed store Tuesday from 2 to 6 p.m.; at the Cave Junction Shell station Wednesday from 1 to 7 p.m. and at the county courthouse in Grants Pass, room 100, Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dr. Wall said he hoped all adults in the county would take advantage of the x-ray services, which can detect early tuberculosis, cancer, emphysema and heart disease. "These conditions are becoming more prevalent in the older age groups," he noted.

"It is important for those known to have been exposed to TB sometime in their lives to have annual x-rays," Dr. Wall added. "If you are not sure, have a chest x-ray anyway. It takes only a few minutes."

Bids To Be Opened Oct. 9 for Vehicles

Bids will be opened by the county court on Oct. 9 for 15 county vehicles. County Purchasing Coordinator William Cochran said today.

These cover six sheriff's cars, two passenger cars for the county court, and one car and six pickups for the county road department.

Bids will be received for the whole group or for sections of it, Cochran said.

AUTOMATIC COW TAKEN

ELIZABETH, N.J. (UPI)—A police posse was looking today for the rustlers who stole a big red automatic cow weighing 900 pounds and more than 6 feet tall. The theft was discovered Sunday when a complaint call came to the New Jersey Automatic Dairy Service, Inc. Two repairmen went to the location of one outdoor milk dispensing machine and found that someone had carried the machine off in broad daylight.

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