

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the council. The council deals with problems, major and minor, which are entered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Feature Corp.)

Alice G. — His boiling point is much too low.
Nathan G. — She deliberately antagonizes me.

Alice G. — All during my childhood I recall my mother whispering, "Don't upset your father. You know his terrible temper." So I walked around on tip-toe. Now I'm up against the same thing in my marriage. Nat managed to conceal his impatience in the six months I knew him before I married him. I thought at last I'd be able to relax. Instead I still must pamper "the man of the house."

Nathan G. — I think Alice just tries to get my goat. Maybe she's trying to reform me because she couldn't reform her father. She seems to ask for the fireworks when she insists on doing the few things that make me see red. I like order and neatness, so it must be pure spite that makes Alice leave toothpaste uncapped, tear bread instead of slice it, and be generally messy.

The Council: In attempting to smoothe these turbulent matrimonial waters, we can't help but bear in mind a definition of "expert" we came across recently. He's "someone who is called in at the last minute to share the blame." What blame? Blame for a marriage after too short, too superficial an acquaintance. . . . A closer, eyes-wide-open look might have prompted them to ask: Am I that only foresight, not hindsight, can be useful, my say to Nathan: Losing one's temper is easy. But "getting mad" can become a dead-end habit, solving nothing and abrading family relations. Reduce your demands, be consistent about them, make sure Alice understands them. Then see how well you can control your emotional reins, rather than let them control you. A slow boil can be effective, less destructive than your present spontaneous combustion. . . . To Alice: Only a child would pour oil on a smoldering flame to stir up excitement. A loving, mature wife learns how to handle combustible material.

TO CLEAN A PEA
NEW YORK (UPI) — A new British pea-handling machine can remove the grit on 45 tons of peas per hour before the canning or freezing process. The "Acquacone" vegetable cleaning machine, reports British Information Service, is the only machine of its type offering maximum removal of grit and not requiring any supplementary cleaning by hand.

Rep. Duncan Warns Rogue Growers To Make Plans for Domestic Labor

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WASHINGTON — House extension of the law to import Mexican agricultural workers illustrates that farmers can still outvote the city slickers in Congress, but it's getting harder all the time.

Last Spring the House refused to approve a two-year extension of the program. Subsequently the Senate passed a one-year extension, and the House last Thursday followed suit by a 178 to 153 vote.

There were contentions during House debate that unprecendented pressure had been used

to strongarm Congressmen to vote for extension of a bill which has been called "temporary" since the Korean war. The farmers marshalled powerful sources to lobby Congress on their behalf: the Farm Bureau, the American Cotton Council, the National Canners Association, fruit and vegetable growers and the pickle packers.

Such pressure proved effective, especially as Congressmen tend to protect the economic interests of their districts when vital job-making industries are at stake. Rep. Robert C. Duncan of Medford said he had

felt no pressure from the growers in his district.

Some 300 braceros are used each year in the Rogue River Valley to harvest fruit. Most other agricultural labor in Oregon is local and domestic migrants. Reps. Walter Norblad and Al Ullman supported the legislation, but Rep. Edith Green of Portland voted against the bill.

Church groups, the National Council of Churches, the American Friends and others, as well as labor unions, fought against extension of the law, contending that it is immoral to use foreign labor when there is growing agricultural unemployment.

Opponents claim that importing braceros depresses American wages and prevents domestic migrants from sharing in the benefits that are given to the Mexicans. The unions have also been trying to organize migrant workers so that the pay scale can be raised.

Congressional critics of the law pointed out that the braceros are given advantages which domestics aren't receiving: workmen's compensation, health and accident insurance, free housing, cost of transportation to and from jobs, guarantees of so much work, etc.

Braceros also cannot be brought into areas which discriminate against them because of their color. This has had the effect of the removal of signs on drinking fountains, restrooms and lunch counters in many a southern town caused by the influence of the large

corporation farms which use bracero labor.

In Oregon braceros in the Rogue River area average around \$1.75 an hour; the national average for migrant labor is 80 cents an hour. During House debate it was said that some southern states like Texas and Arkansas pay 60 cents an hour and that if higher wages were offered so that the American migrant could make a living then the braceros would not be needed.

Duncan supported the bill with reluctance and warned the growers to make plans for the recruitment of domestic workers, for he said the mood of the Congress is not to extend the controversial law further. This final one-year extension is regarded as a phasing out period to allow farmers to plan for recruitment of workers without the use of braceros.

Duncan said that the Rogue Valley farmers had proved that they had made every effort to obtain domestic help before hiring braceros. Duncan thought the growers should take steps to find alternative sources of labor "now" and "not wait until there is an emergency."

In an exchange of letters with R. G. Seacore, Secretary of the Hood River Traffic Association, Duncan wrote:

"... If the farmers don't move someone will have to. This is an old old story. Government shouldn't move and, ordinarily, doesn't move unless there is a breakdown in the part of the private interest to solve the problem themselves. . . . So many problems are in the lap of the Federal Government now because of a breakdown in the private sector of our economy, and in the lower levels of government. This is not always their fault, as they are so frequently circumscribed by a lack of financial resources to do the job."

Agrees with Proposals
Duncan agreed with the recommendations of Howard Fujii, Director of Commodities of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation at Salem, who proposed:

1. Development of farmer owned and controlled labor placement organizations to recruit and place farm workers.

2. Personnel records would be developed by each employer and association that would follow the workers, or be provided with other associations to assure qualification.

3. Special training should be provided for the jobs involved as maximum production is obtained.

4. Special emphasis must be made so that farmers maintain a good employe relations program. Adjustments in pay must be made for variations in crop or other conditions involved. Housing needs to be reviewed. Tenure and continuity of employment are important. Incentives and fringe benefits should be part of the overall program.

Fujii said that one farmer near Salem reported 80 to 90 per cent of his workers return each year. Some have been with him since he started farming and he credits this entirely to the attention paid to employe relations.

Youths Removed From Bobby's Office

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Six members of the "Advance" youth organization, an alleged Communist front group, were dragged out of Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy's office Tuesday when they refused to leave at closing time.

The members, one of them a girl, sought to present a petition to Kennedy asking that he halt proceedings before the Subversive Activities Control Board requiring "Advance" to register as a Communist front. John Nolan, administrative assistant to Kennedy, finally accepted the petition from the group's spokesman, Marvin Markman, 24, of the Bronx, N.Y. The group previously had refused to hand over the petitions to anyone but Kennedy.

Wood Is Returning To Automobiles

NEW YORK (UPI) — Wood is coming back into automobiles in a plastic form. Welterhauser Co. has developed a new molded board of pressed wood for interior parts of cars. Wood once was used widely in auto frames, wheels, steering wheels and dashboards, but gradually gave to metal.

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