

BOYLE'S COLUMN

Atomic Age Fable About Mosquitoes And A Doctor

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Once upon a time there was a great scientist named Dr. Alfonso Cortez.

No mind like his had ever entered the world before. The day he was born he asked the nurse if he could borrow the hospital's microscope. He wouldn't take his afternoon nap unless his mother sang him a lullaby from an algebra book.

By the time he was five he could recite the Encyclopedia Britannica from memory, forward or backward, including index, he graduated from college at 7—before he could play hopscotch well.

At 10 he competed in a radio giveaway quiz contest. They couldn't think up a question he couldn't answer. The network finally paid him \$5,000,000 to quit—it was the only way to keep from going bankrupt. With that nest egg the young scientist bought himself his first pair of long pants and dedicated the rest of his life to science.

In time every branch of human knowledge was illuminated by his brilliance. His inventions enabled men to live 40 years longer, drink all night without getting a hangover, get by on half-an-hour's sleep, and earn all they wanted by working one hour a day.

The fame of Dr. Cortez was world-wide. His name was a household word—in households where people could read. But in his old age the great scientist was unhappy.

"There is still evil in the world,"

he said. "I must solve the problem of right and wrong." So he went into his laboratory and stayed there for five years. Then he emerged. He summoned the world's leading statesmen, bankers, clergymen, industrial leaders, generals, admirals and educators to his laboratory. When they were all assembled, he walked into the room carrying a large box.

"Gentlemen," he said, "in this box I have 3,604,385 mosquitoes. I have bred, and cross-bred them for five years to breed out their vicious instincts. I have read them the Bible, the Koran, the Talmud and passages from the philosophers. They have been taught not to sting anyone who is wholly good. They are the only trained moral mosquitoes ever reared."

"See." And with that he opened the box, and out swarmed the mosquitoes. "Don't be alarmed," smiled Dr. Cortez. "They know right from wrong."

The mosquitoes began settling on his uneasy guests. For a moment there was a sudden silence, a vast quivering, and then— "Ouch!" "Ouch!" "Ouch!"

The famous people, slapping at their faces, ran en masse from the laboratory, all except a stubborn general. He walked out, brushing the mosquitoes from his cheek—and his medals.

Dr. Cortez looked sadly around his deserted laboratory.

"There must be some wholly good person in the world," he said. "All my mosquitoes can't be wrong." Just then he felt something on his neck. "Ouch!" cried the scientist. Moral: Never trust an educated insect.



Hal Boyle

HIGH SCHOOL News and Comments

By Flo Ann Perkins



Mrs. Chaudron Died In Utah

Friends have received word of the death of Mrs. David Chaudron, the former Winnifred Smith of this city, in Logan, U. S., September 4, about 10 days after she contracted polio.

Mrs. Chaudron moved from Klamath Falls where she attended school to North Bend a few years ago, and just three weeks ago moved with her husband and children to Logan.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Judy Ann and Carol Ann, all of Logan; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith of North Bend, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Quibell of Klamath Falls, as well as several aunts and uncles in this city.

club took it upon themselves to have it copyrighted and published.

LaMar Jensen, new band director and Girls' Glee club director this year, seems to have two immediate goals in mind. One is to put out a real marching band for the football fan this year and the other is to clear up a misunderstanding concerning the amount of his education. All other reports have given him credit for a bachelors degree, but he wants it known that he is also the possessor of a masters degree, of which he is justly proud.

Tall and red-headed, Mr. Jensen is married and has three children. He comes to Klamath Falls from Grandview, Wash. where he was a supervisor of music. Before that he was the instrumental supervisor at the high school in Moscow, Ida.

Although he says KUHS is a little larger than he is used to, he likes it and Klamath Falls very much. His main hobbies include photography and of course his clarinet, which is the main instrument for him. However, he plays almost every other band instrument.

Czech Catholics Defy Reds

PRAQUE, Sept. 8 (AP)—Czechoslovakia's Roman Catholic priests notified the communist-led government today they will oppose all efforts to bring them and their church under state control through new legislation.

The priests rejected in advance as unfair and anti-social a proposed church law coming before the national parliament next month. This law would give the government complete control over the appointments, finances and administrative affairs of all churches. With this move the Catholic church apparently took its stand for what is expected to be a showdown this fall in Czechoslovakia's embittered state-church fight.

Beck Praises English Labor

BRIDLINGTON, Eng., Sept. 8 (AP)—Dave Beck, an American union leader, told British labor today "there can be no barrier formidable enough to stop the everlasting friendship of our people."

Beck, of Seattle, Wash., is vice president of the U. S. Teamsters Union and one of the leaders of the American Federation of Labor.

He brought formal greetings from the AFL today to the 81st annual meeting of the British Trades Union congress.

"Labor in Great Britain," he said, "has continued to present to the world an inspiring example of fortitude, self-sacrifice and devotion to the principles of democracy."

"It is an example in which free labor, in America as elsewhere, takes great fraternal pride."

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Copco Gross Revenues Up In Past Year

The California Oregon Power company reports gross operating revenues for the 12 months ending August 31, 1949 of \$9,679,209 as compared with revenues of \$8,446,847 for the same period ending August 1948, an increase of 14.5 per cent according to a statement issued today by A. S. Cummins, president.

Gross operating revenues for the eight months ending August 31, 1949 were \$6,427,982 as compared with revenues of \$5,702,941 for the corresponding period ending August 1948, an increase of 12.71 per cent.

Gross operating revenues for the month of August 1949 amounted to \$892,596, an increase of 8.87 per cent over those of August 1948.

Kilowatt-hour sales to residential customers during the 12 month ending August 31, 1949, increased 27.16 per cent over those for the previous period, and averaged 4514.57 kilowatt-hours per customer, at an average cost of 1.613 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Disposal Plant, Fish Killer

PORTLAND, Sept. 8 (AP)—An inadequate sewage disposal plant at Forest Grove is the chief cause of fish-killing pollution in the Tualatin river, state sanitary authority engineers believe.

Curtis M. Everts Jr., state sanitary engineer, said a survey showed the Forest Grove system grossly over-taxed, resulting in excessive waste from the city and from two canneries going into the river.

Oxygen content of the upper river is inadequate for fish life, engineers said. The lower part of the river is not affected.

TELLING THE EDITOR

Letters printed here must not be longer than 300 words, must be written legibly on ONE side of the paper, and must be signed by the writer. NAME AND ADDRESS of the writer. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

Corrections on Protest Story

ALTURAS, Calif. (To the Editor)—The story in the August 26 issue of the Herald and News headed "Protesters Protest Drastic Grazing Cuts on Myrtle and Buck Creek Ranges" contains some statements that are not according to the facts. I wish to point out these discrepancies and hope that you will bring them to the attention of your readers.

First, the forest service is accused by the stockmen of wishing to make a game refuge out of the Myrtle creek territory because it brings them more revenue from the sale of hunting licenses. It is a well known fact that game is the property of the state and revenue from the sale of hunting licenses goes into the state treasury. The forest service does not receive any of these funds. Furthermore, there are no plans by the forest service to make a game refuge of the Myrtle creek-Buck creek country.

The forest service is also accused by the stockmen of an ulterior motive in the range adjustment program. This cannot be answered as it is not known what they had in mind.

It is stated that certain permittees are moved off the Buck creek area and transferred to Davis creek, which is now overcrowded. The facts are that Davis creek had a surplus of forage not now being utilized by Davis creek cattle. In order to lighten the adjustment that needs to be made on Myrtle creek and Buck creek, the forest service suggested that if some of them would voluntarily move their cattle to the

Davis creek allotment, the adjustment would not need to be so heavy on them or the permittees that remained on Myrtle and Buck creeks. There is nothing mandatory about the move.

The statement was made that Surprise Valley ranchers will be cut 61 per cent in numbers. This is incorrect. Proposed adjustments in numbers were: Hall's Mt. Wm., allotment 29 per cent, Lake City allotment 51 per cent, Bald mountain allotment 61 per cent and Soldier creek allotment 51 per cent.

It was stated that the adjustment on Myrtle creek is from 504 head down to 68 head. This is incorrect, as the proposed adjustment is from 340 head down to 70 head on the Myrtle creek range. However, this does not give the complete picture as approximately 200 head of Myrtle and Buck creek cattle were offered the opportunity to move to Davis creek, which would lighten the adjustment on all permittees concerned.

C. M. RECTOR, Supervisor Modoc National Forest

Portland Payroll Survey Ordered

PORTLAND, Sept. 8 (AP)—A committee to study the salaries of non-elective officials of the city has been appointed by Mayor Dorothy Lee. The committee was told to consider also the possibilities of merging city and county health departments.

The city health officer has asked a boost in salary from \$6000 to \$9600 a year. The committee was named after a commissioner said the current salary is so low that the health officer must supplement his income by private medical practice.

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