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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

At long last a break in the news has come.

The Flying Saucers are back.

And this time with official recognition, which will serve to lay at least a few of the barricades that have been set in the path.

Mysterious clusters of light, varying in colors, have been spotted over Northern Japan. Not only that, some of our jet pilots have traced same clusters, tried to intercept in fast jet fighters and been left in the dust. Radar operators have picked up these bodies and seen them on their screens, have tracked them over the skies and plotted their course.

That doesn't sound very much like a rumor to me. And even the red-tape-bound Air Force comes right out in print and admits that there must be something in the skies. Something that could have originated in Russian territory. Like the Kuriles, for instance.

Too long have we been sitting back and snickering at all the reports of so-called flying saucers. There has to be something to it. Too many responsible men have seen them and reported it, even in the face of public ridicule, to believe otherwise.

The question is to find out. And that problem will be made a hundred times more difficult because of the fact that the minute the news leaks out a lot of irresponsible people will begin to see things that aren't there. That you gotta look for.

Any way you look at it, though, it will be fascinating to find out just what these lights are.

In the jittery world of today most people would rather believe them to be portents of doom than anything else. What with blaming the bad weather, even, on the Russians, it stands to reason that no good bodes in the sightings.

Let's hope it all straightens out soon.

CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

Ab Jenkins, who stopped in Klamath last week while on a traffic safety tour for Firestone, is the greatest champion who ever lived.

Babe Ruth, Jim Thorpe, Ty Cobb, Red Grange, Jack Dempsey, Duke Kahanamoku—all are mere pikers compared to Ab Jenkins. He holds far and away more world championships than any other man in the history of all sports.

The "world champions club" recently presented him with a watch inscribed "Ab Jenkins, Champion of Champions" which he now wears and shows with just pride.

Ab is known as an auto racing driver. Actually, he says, he is an ex-building contractor turned experimental engineer.

He has held practically all automotive records: cross-country hill-climbing and speed. He has been an experimental engineer all along with his quest for records.

Among the many innovations directly or indirectly attributed to Ab Jenkins are the sealed-beam headlight, advancements in four-wheel brakes, hydraulic engine valves, lightweight motor coils, improved cooling systems, and the incorporation of high-speed racing tire construction into passenger car tire.

Along with being an experimental engineer, he has been a crusader for safety. He says that if people would "drive all the time" instead of holding up the car roof with a hand or resting an arm on the back of a seat there would be a great decrease in traffic accidents.

He further makes the startling statement that if drivers would observe the common courtesy that they follow while afoot it would eliminate 85 per cent of all accidents.

When I get out on the highway, he says, I assume that all other drivers are crazy and govern my own driving accordingly.

The champion of champions endorses the Oregon basic rule as good—the responsibility of a motorist to govern his speed to the conditions of road and traffic.

He says that our method of penalizing drivers who break traffic rules is awful. The Jenkins method would be to impose jail sentences—"and let them serve out the sentences nights and weekends; don't keep them away from their jobs."

His experience in the administration of laws as well as observing them on the road.

When I was in bed once (from an illness, not from an accident) they ran me for mayor of Salt Lake City, he tells. I won by 12 votes. That's the closest race I ever had.

The greatest record of this champion of champions probably doesn't appear in any record book. In 50 years behind the wheel, Ab has sailed over more miles than any motorist in history—over 2,000,000 miles of highway driving under all speeds and conditions—and he's never had an accident!

That's a record for all hot-rodgers to shoot at. (Ab Jenkins endorses hot rod activities—IF carried out under the rules of the game.)

LA TRIVIATA

By BOB

Many of you skiers think it's a tough go to drive to Crater Lake for your sport. Let me tell you of a trip I took from Salzburg, Austria one December in 1945.

We boarded a bus at the Red Cross service club at eight that morning. We left town in a southerly direction, and began climbing from the start. We followed up the Salzkammerguter, and soon were in a canyon which seemed barely wide enough for the bus. About forty miles out, we arrived at Zell Am See, a small village on a lake, crowded by huge mountains on all sides.

The Austrian bus driver herded us up a side street to a small building. When I saw the long cables leading from the building up the mountain, I knew what we were in for. We entered a small, flimsy-looking cable car, and were on our way to the top of the mountain. We bounced and swayed over a chasm the guide told us was a thousand feet down; our only tie with the world was the supporting cable, which seemed to get thinner every minute. I tried to be manly about it, but I was scared. But at last we reached the top. It was like being on Hogback mountain if Hogback were three thousand feet higher. We got our skis and went outside the building. I looked at John, and he looked at me.

"Where do we ski?" he asked. In all directions the ground went nowhere but almost straight down.

We decided to watch some of the Austrians before we tried the slopes. We watched but weren't reassured. Those guys didn't ski forward; they went sideways, swinging their bodies from side to side and making a good fifty-miles-an-hour average until they were out of sight down the steep slope. I looked at John, and John looked at me. There was no point in saying anything.

We finally found a slope that was less than fifty degrees, and there we had our fun, tumbling in the snow more than we skied. But ever since that day, I've been envying those Austrians. "Poetry in motion" doesn't begin to describe the effortless beauty of their slight down the mountain. The terrain they deemed barely adequate would be to us like sking on the sides of the Klamath River canyon. It's a sight I shall never forget.

Department of whimsy:
Oog, the caveman, was up at

James Marlow

WASHINGTON 10—The announcement that President Eisenhower will hold regular news conferences, as Presidents Roosevelt and Truman did, settles the rumor that he'd hold few or none at all.

Like Truman, Eisenhower in the beginning may pull bowlers trying to answer too much too fast. In his early White House days Truman tried to answer everything yes or no. He had to learn to be careful.

One memorable mistake was when he told a news conference he had approved a speech by Henry Wallace, then his secretary of commerce. This caused international confusion when the speech turned out to be one criticizing Truman's foreign policy.

Later Truman explained he merely approved Wallace's right to make a speech, not the speech itself. Sometimes Truman got his facts mixed up, then had to issue correction.

There was a time, right after he got into the Wallace jam, when it was thought here Truman might call off the news conferences. But as he became more cautious and sure of himself he seemed to enjoy them.

If Eisenhower should put his foot in his mouth, or if he thinks the reporters' questions are a little too rough on him, he may get an inclination to drop the conference idea.

He's shown small enthusiasm for news conferences. He held few during the presidential campaign and none since the election except for one in Korea where he wouldn't permit questions.

But no president, particularly a new one, can be expected to know all the answers to all the questions. He can say frankly he doesn't know, when he doesn't. Or, when he thinks it better not to answer, he can say "No comment."

Overdone, "No comment" could make news conferences useless. It must be assumed any president who holds conferences at all will answer what he can within limits of reason and security.

A president isn't doing newsmen a favor by holding conferences. Without them, he could become isolated from, and insulated against, public thinking in a hurry.

News conferences let him pump his ideas out to the public regularly, and give him the benefit of public reaction. At the same time, through the newsmen, the public can quiz him on his decisions and intentions.

News conferences are one way to keep the President and the people from getting too far apart and out of step.

Eisenhower seems to realize, before holding even his first White House conference, that he can't be expected to know in detail the answer to all the questions flung at him.

His press secretary, James Hagerty, said yesterday Eisenhower may bring into the conference with him members of his Cabinet, the department heads, who can help answer questions.

In Britain the Prime Minister and his Cabinet have to answer questions put to them in Parliament, face to face, by members of the House of Commons.

From time to time it has been suggested here that the President and his Cabinet follow the British custom by appearing before Congress to answer questions from the floor.

Nothing like that is in sight here. The plan Hagerty mentioned would be the closest approach to it. But Cabinet members here usually have held their own news conferences, individually although not regularly, except for the secretary of state. Dean Acheson had more news conferences than any other member of Truman's Cabinet.

They'll Do It Every Time

By JIMMY HATLO



MR. AND MRS. POTLUCK WANTED TO GET TO KNOW THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN THE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD....

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The Doctor Says

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

A rupture, or hernia, is caused by some of the soft tissues of the body bulging through the wall or covering which is supposed to keep them in place. It is most common in the groin.

Most hernias occur through weak places which nature has not built any too well. A rupture also can develop through the scar of an old operation or place which has been weakened by injury.

Most ruptures appear for the first time after some strain, such as lifting something heavy. This does not mean that the weak spot was not there before, but the strain causes the abdominal muscle to tighten. This raises the pressure inside the abdominal cavity, the contents of which push through at the weak point.

One method of treatment is to try to keep the contents in place and support the weakened wall by means of a support or truss. This is fairly satisfactory for some people, especially elderly people and those who do not have to engage in heavy exertion. The value of a truss or support also depends to a large extent on where the rupture is located, as well as its size.

With modern methods of surgery, it is possible in most cases to put the soft tissues, such as the intestine, back where they belong and to repair the wall so strongly that they are kept in place permanently.

Constant improvement in surgical methods has made the chances for permanent cure better and better. The likelihood of a recurrence is thus much less than it used to be.

Mr. M. has recently asked about the injection treatment for hernia. The purpose of this method is to irritate the tissues surrounding the hernia so that a thick scar will form at the point where the hernia is bulging. The presence of this scar is supposed to force the contents of the hernial sac back where they belong.

A good deal was written on this form of treatment several years back, but as a rule it requires several treatments and the scar tissue does not always do what it is supposed to do. For such reasons comparatively few physicians are now using injection treatments for hernia, and it seems that surgery is usually to be preferred.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK 10—Merchants report that much of the record Christmas and post-holiday buying has been done on the cuff.

Some retailers are going out hard for this kind of business.

And in the New York area one personal credit firm is running a mobile unit from neighborhood to neighborhood to make it convenient to borrow.

Makers and collectors of installment loans predict a still further swelling in the total of consumer credit—which the department of commerce notes is at a record high of around 33 billion dollars.

The Commerce Department survey says consumer debt jumped three billion dollars since March and that the proportion of buyers using credit appears to be expanding.

Executives of credit agencies contend this isn't harmful, because the country is prosperous—and debt totals always rise when times are good.

They explain that when jobs are easy to find, as now, the more money a man has in his pockets

from higher paychecks, the more likely he is to take on the burden of weekly or monthly payments to get something he wants.

Installment debt for autos, home appliances and other consumer goods is approaching 16 billion dollars. But the argument that it is okay runs this way:

A million more people have jobs now than a year ago. The average factory weekly paycheck has gone up 13 per cent in two years. The total of wages and salaries—the source of payments of most installment debts—is now around 200 billion dollars a year, nearly three times what it was before World War II.

The percentage of total personal income after taxes owed for time payments is not as high now as before the war.

The Commerce Department's observation that the proportion of buyers using credit is expanding brings out an answer by the head of one of the largest consumer credit companies—Arthur O. Dietz, President of C.I.T. Financial Corp.

He contends: Consumer debt is spread out among more families and more prosperous families than before the war, and is therefore no threat to the economy.

This spread is due to a general leveling off of incomes in recent years, and the rise of many lower-income families up the pay ladder.

Middle income families—those making between \$2,000 and \$7,000 a year—are the mainstay of the installment debt industry, Dietz holds.

Floor Hits Brave Girl

PASADENA, Calif. 10—While she lasted, Miss Eleanor Rambo, 23, showed a lot of spunk toward a man who tried to hold her up in the bank where she is employed as a teller.

"He was rugged and about 6 feet 4 inches tall," she told police. He handed her a note demanding all the cash and displayed a pistol.

"That gun doesn't look real to me," she said.

"It's real enough," the man replied.

"I still don't believe it's real," replied Miss Rambo.

And at this juncture, "the floor gave way and I went down behind the counter," to use the teller's own words.

The bump roused her and she called the chief teller, but the thwarted holdup man escaped.

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By ESTHER GEDDES

Featured attractions at many public and private gatherings in Salem now, are former Governor and Mrs. Charles Sprague. Having recently returned from their most interesting and educational

Telling the Editor

SAN MARINO—Every town or city in the U.S.A. should be told for some special virtue and San Marino, Calif., a suburb of Pasadena, is appreciated for several.

First it is noted for its wonderful police department and the backing up of this organization by its citizens which is shown by an article written by a friend of yours who is Editor of San Marino Tribune and News. His name is Herbert H. McCormick. He is a fellow Rotarian.

Anyone leaving town is expected to notify the police and their home is checked for unlocked doors and windows. Also the house is inspected every night by the patrol car until they return.

A special "widow's watch" is kept when requested by the home owner. Also hundreds of house keys are deposited at the local police station. These enable policemen to render special services like placing package handbills, etc., inside where they will not be seen by prowlers.

In this town we always remember the mailman and police for Christmas. We really appreciate their services.

This is the story, as carried in our local paper:

San Marino's police department has distributed a fund of \$400 among the 30 members of the department, according to an announcement from the City Hall yesterday. The money was given to each employee last Thursday following a complete audit of the funds made by City Manager C. E. Martin, Chief Glenn F. McGowan, and Captain G. E. Norwine. That amount was in addition to candy, fruit, and cigarette donations.

As has been the practice for the last 27 years, this fund is accumulated by donations from residents in various amounts. The money, received in cash and checks is held in a fiduciary capacity by the chief until after Christmas. Then the total amount is divided on a pro rata basis among all members of the police department.

This year the monthly pro rata figure amounted to \$13.60. Thus a member of the force during a full year received \$200.20 and likewise a member with six months service was given \$100.10.

Donations to the fund ranged from a few dollars to \$200. A year ago the amount was in the neighborhood of \$4,600.

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