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'Sir Cedric'

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—"I had my gas bladder out last year, lost 15 pounds and never felt better in my life," said Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

"Now I'm trying to think of something else for them to take out."

Sir Cedric, at 64 a veteran of more than 100 films, and more stage roles than he can remember, is known as "an actor's actor," one whose performance ways are stamped with unmistakable authority.

"But my profession is the only one in which children and animals can do as well as I can after 46 years," he remarked during an interview.

"I started acting at 13 professionally, although at 14 I had played Hamlet and at 15 Shylock—before an audience limited to my mother and a nursemaid."

"My father was a doctor. He didn't like my going into acting. He told me, 'You like to make your mistakes in public. I can make mine in private—and bury them.'"

Hardwicke, who will be starred in "The Prince and the Pauper" over the CBS-TV network Oct. 28, forges between here and his native England so often he feels he no longer has a permanent home.

"England is my wife—America my mistress," he said, adding: "It is very good sometimes to get away from one's wife."

Sir Cedric, neat and precise in speech as well as manner, is pleasantly astringent in conversation. He believes acting is a form of self-conscious artistry and the actor must keep his own emotions under full control while playing a role.

"Otherwise, in playing a love scene," he said, eyes twinkling, "he might forget he was onstage, and go a bit too far. That could be disastrous."

The things that bore Sir Cedric most are "incompetence and ineptitude—and people who always try for the easy way."

"Unless you have a challenge you can't prove you're good—let alone great."

"In my youth actors were spellbinders. They had a glamor. Now only actresses have glamor."

"The actor today is becoming more of a puppet. His goal no longer is to be different—but to seem as ordinary as possible, to be like any other man. But John Barrymore never tried to act like a filling station operator."

What does Sir Cedric think is the public's greatest misconception of him?

"That I am a dignified, stuffy prig," he replied promptly. "Whereas, by nature and training, I really am a clown, and started out to be a clown."

"I think the greatest satisfaction an actor can have is to make people laugh. Bernard Shaw, one of the most original thinkers I ever knew, got people to listen to him by playing the clown."

"He was the only man I knew who could laugh from head to toe. When he was genuinely amused, even his feet would laugh."

Despite his long experience, Sir Cedric says he still has to fight stage fright.

"The older you get the worse it gets," he said. "I know of some actors who take tranquilizers before a performance. But this is the wrong approach. If an actor is going to take tranquilizers, he should be fair—and hand them out to the audience, too."

I asked Sir Cedric his basic philosophy on living, and he said: "Avoid discouragement. It's the one enemy every man has—and he can die from it or become bitter, which is a form of death."

Historic Shots

By DAVID W. CHUTE

Concord Bridge and Sputnik have a great deal in common. They both represent shots heard round the world.

There is a strange affinity between these two incidents that are separated by nearly two centuries. The embattled farmers at Concord pulled a trigger that set the course of world history toward a goal of man's ceaseless yearning for human dignity, individual liberty, and freedom from tyranny.

Sputnik has been heard round the world because it stirs in men's minds a specter of precisely the reverse—the prospect that the gains of the past two centuries may only be transient and that we may return to a dark era of slavery of the masses for the benefits of a hierarchy.

It need not be so. But it explains the uneasiness among most men everywhere in the free world that it was the Russians who were the first to launch an artificial satellite to ring the planet on which they live. Had the United States been the first to put a man-made moon in outer space, there would have been far less uneasiness.

Instead, it would have been hailed for just what it really is—a remarkable stride forward in science. Even those living in the Communist world would not have been assailed by the misgivings that many people now have.

The difference of attitude illustrates the difference in political and social thinking between east and west. In a society where the individual is the master and the state is the servant, the people

have a veto over the misuse of power by the state. There is no such guarantee in a society where the state is the supreme master and the people only the slaves.

The Soviet satellite is a symbol of enormous power now held by the Russians. Not only have they proved they possess the tremendously powerful rocket engines necessary to launch the satellite. They have also proved they have the "know how"—which includes the incredibly precise calculations needed to get the satellite to just the right altitude on just the right course at exactly the right speed.

The Russians have the jump on us in this new phase of science. But not for long. They admit it themselves. In a written question and answer interview with James Reston of the New York Times, Soviet boss Nikita Khrushchev admitted as much in relation to all types of development.

Khrushchev said the Soviet Union might be ahead on one thing today but the United States would have it tomorrow—and vice versa. Khrushchev also told Reston the Russians were willing to bring the earth satellite and all pilotless missiles under international control as part of a general agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union.

These, of course, are words and generalities. As with efforts as far back as 1946 to control atomic energy and turn it to exclusively peaceful uses, and later with efforts to end atomic bomb production and start a disarmament program—the Russians have always been for it in general—but against it in any particular except their own.

What it boils down to is the question of motives. There is suspicion on both sides as to each other's motives.

We are now entering an age when it will be possible to fill the skies with man-fired satellites and intercontinental ballistic missiles with hydrogen warheads.

That is the shot Sputnik fired that is heard round the world. While the east and west sit in a stalemate of mutual distrust and mutual fear of the other's weapons, the world can do nothing better than exist in a state of armed truce, fearful it could break at any moment.

Yet, only one ingredient is needed to end the stalemate and establish a genuine peace.

It goes by the name of good will.

Vets Mail Bag

An evaluation of changes that have been made in the American economy since 1951, the impact of technological improvements on each occupation and industry, and an analysis of employment trends in industries that show signs of growth, all are contained in a new 1957 edition of the Occupational Outlook Handbook.

The new handbook, issued jointly by the Department of Labor and the Veterans Administration, describes more than 500 occupations and 25 major industries. It includes for the first time expanding fields of job opportunity such as electronics, physical and biological sciences, atomic energy, radio and television broadcasting and social sciences. All industries and occupations covered in the 1951 edition have been completely revised.

The book long has been used by school and vocational counselors, the Veterans Administration and by the State Employment services to help persons choose careers.

The up-to-the-minute information contained in the handbook is based upon hundreds of recent field interviews with employers, workers, professional, labor union and trade association officials. The data thus obtained are combined with the vast amount of information accumulated by the Department of Labor over the years.

While primarily designed for the guidance of younger persons, the handbook is a significant contribution to the efforts being made to develop an adequate skilled work force.

The study reveals that engineering and scientific personnel will continue to be in strong demand

due to development of complex military material and increased private efforts to develop new products and processes.

In addition to engineering "know-how," there will be a rapid growth in employment of technicians, whose combination of basic scientific training and manual skills is increasingly essential in an era of rapid technological advance.

The four "traditional" professions—teaching, medicine, law and the ministry—will also grow, but at a more moderate rate than the scientific and engineering field.

The trend toward automation will demand provision of skilled craftsmen in increasing numbers, particularly men skilled in electronics maintenance. There will be a slight decline in demand for semi-skilled workers. Clerical occupations will grow at a slower rate than in the past 15 years due to increased utilization of electronic data processing equipment.

Copies of the 700-page Occupational Outlook Handbook are available at \$4 each from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D.C.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
Q. I expect to retire from my job soon. If I sell my GI house and move to another city, could I get my entitlement restored for another GI loan?

A. Yes, provided VA is relieved of liability on the old guarantee.

Veterans with paralyzed arms and legs, medically known as quadriplegics, are learning to work again in Veterans Administration hospitals as part of their medical treatment, VA revealed today.

Some 450 quadriplegics are in the seven VA hospitals that have special centers for treatment of patients with spinal cord injuries. Most are victims of gunshot wounds or accidents.

Thirty-seven are patients at the Bronx hospital; 31, at Cleveland; 89, at Hines, Illinois; 95, at Long Beach, California; 82, at Memphis; 70, at Richmond, Virginia; and 50 at West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Pegs fastened to paralyzed hands and VA-invented devices attached to a standard typewriter make typing possible for some.

Others through special devices are learning drafting, photography, woodworking, metal work, and radio and TV repair.

One of the typewriter devices, a clear plastic sheet with a steel clamp and a brass rod, helps guide paper into the machine.

Drafting is difficult for quadriplegics, even with a drafting machine. Some of the difficulty is overcome at VA hospitals by using a special drafting machine that remains in place after positioning.

In electronics, quadriplegics are learning to perform testing and inspecting satisfactorily by wearing special cuffs and wristlets.

Wearing individually designed braces and cuffs to stabilize the wrists and hands, quadriplegics learn to use cameras, develop film, and print photographs at the hospitals.

Most shop machinery does not require modification for use by quadriplegics, VA experience shows. Patients operate engine lathes, bench milling machines, bench grinders, buffers, power hack saws, and disc sanders by motion from the shoulder or upper arm.

VA doctors say only a few patients with spinal cord injury, those with quadriplegia caused by complete lesions high in the spinal cord, do not have the potential for holding some kind of job.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
A.—I have been totally and permanently disabled for more than half a year, and I just applied for a waiver of premiums on my GI insurance policy. Will the waiver become effective retroactively to the date I first became totally disabled?

A.—No, the waiver will become effective six months after your total disability commenced.

WASHINGTON—Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.), in calling for broad new programs to train scientists:

"Recent revelations of Soviet scientific advances should awaken all Americans to a renewed realization that this country has no corner on the brains of the world."

TOKYO—Adio Dohi, Japanese student who was among at least 54 persons injured when famed Mount Mihara on Oshima Island near Tokyo erupted as scores of sightseers were viewing the crater:

"Suddenly I felt a rain of fire falling on me and I tried to run away. I ran desperately but it was difficult to see my way because of the thick smoke."

CLEVELAND—Dr. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, in calling for Christian missions in underprivileged areas of the world:

"It is as futile to isolate ourselves as Christians as it is for us to live in isolation as nations. The tragedy of Hungary has been heard in every African village."

HERMOSA BEACH, Calif.—Mrs. Rosaline O'Keefe, the housewife who offered her airplane-riding rabbit to the government to get the jump on a Russian dog reported ready to ride the next Soviet satellite:

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