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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS

California is still fighting the battle of the highways.

So is every other state in the union.

Along with all the cities, towns, communities, hamlets and villages.

There just doesn't seem to be any handy answer at the moment.

What California is doing is putting still more teeth into their recent legislation regarding the so-called pull out zones. These zones are being provided in more and more areas of two lane road. Commonly called a passing zone, I guess.

According to a recent release slow moving vehicles may be subject to citation if they are holding back five or more vehicles where such zones are provided.

It looks as if the age of the slow and cautious driver is just about over.

The fellow who is in a hurry to get there has the right of way and devil take the hindmost.

The trend closely parallels ambition. The ambitious in this world are always trompling the meeker, and slower, in their hurry.

And gaining much kudos by so doing.

So, if you are the slow and methodical type—move over, brother.

Or else!

New York has been much in the canine news lately. Mostly because of that city's efforts to provide the ultimate in comfort for its many dogs.

During this period of mercy a canine comfort station, costing some $500, was erected in front of ASPCA headquarters.

Last week the dogatory was officially opened with twenty dogs being taken on a test run of the facilities.

Eighteen of the favored pooches ignored the conveniences entirely.

The other two, in more desperate straits apparently, used a nearby curb.

So goes it in this old world.

We'll kill ourselves with kindness one of these days.

But no one will appreciate it.

A recent meeting of the brass in San Francisco disclosed the fact that if an H-bomb were dropped on Treasure Island it would kill more than a million people, would vaporize everything, including the two bridges, within a three mile radius and would send out deadly fallout for another 300 miles in all directions.

Then, to top it off, a tidal wave would come along and add to the general confusion.

The only cheerful note I can add to this is the fact that it is 374 miles from here to San Francisco.

Of course that is by road.

Does fallout travel by highway lines or as the crow flies?

Pavement Plato

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Sidewalk scrawls of a pavement Plato:

There is one simple recipe for world peace that has never been tried. That is, to give the leading statesmen of every nation the gout.

I think it's worth a try.

The theory that an epidemic of gout among the great men of our time might lead to a warfree world isn't as idle as it sounds. There is some pretty solid reasoning behind it.

There is a bond between victims of the gout like unto no other bond in the world. It is stronger than the bonds of love, passion, matrimony, friendship, patriotism, or the desire of wealth.

Gout unites mankind as the common cold divides it. No enmity is possible between two men once each finds the other has gout. An invisible tie binds them indissolubly.

War between statesmen who are afflicted with gout is inconceivable. Men who have known Armageddon in their big toe are not interested in fighting each other on battlefields. They'd rather meet in peace and discuss remedies. They have a vast and natural respect for one another.

For they realize that anybody can get pneumonia, the dullest clod can come down with mumps, but it takes a guy with class to get gout.

The truth is that gout, the disease, is largely inherited. It runs in families. But what families! They have been the [illegible] of our greedy civilization. Anyone who looks up his family tree and can't find a few cases of gout among his [illegible] would do well to keep [illegible] the graves.

[illegible] that [illegible] gout as a [illegible] down [illegible] [illegible] Encyclopedia Britannica sagely points out, the disease affects also persons "who observe the strictest temperance in living. And whose only excesses are in the direction of overwork, either physical or intellectual."

Naturally, this is the kind of gout that runs in families. Well, anyway, in my family.

Gout is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of human diseases. There are two theories as to its origin.

One is that it is one of the penalties Adam paid for eating the forbidden fruit of knowledge.

The other theory is that Zeus originally decreed woman alone should suffer the pangs of childbirth. His wife, Juno, objected, "Honey, you're not being fair. You should divide pain equally between the sexes. If you're going to be a god, act like one!"

And to keep peace in his household on Olympus, Seus said:

"Okay, I'll give man the gout. That makes them even."

And to this day very few husbands become mothers—and comparatively few wives get gout.

White House Gifts

By United Press International

The Sherman Adams case has brought presidential gifts into the limelight, but United Press International correspondent Bob Serling in Washington reports there's nothing new about giving things to chief executives.

Veteran White House officials point out that hardly a day goes by without the postman delivering some kind of a gift to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, from neckties to prize bulls.

In the early days, some presidents refused to accept gifts. Andrew Johnson was one of them. So was William McKinley. Thomas Jefferson accepted gifts and then sent the donor money to pay for them.

Presidents like Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln and Rutherford Hayes were among the chief executives who welcomed gifts, not as something akin to bribery, but in the spirit in which the gifts were usually presented, tribute to the office of the presidency, and not the man.

Lincoln once turned down the most unusual gift offer ever made to the White House. The King of Siam wanted to send him two elephants for use by the Union Army. Lincoln courteously declined, explaining that the American climate was not conducive to the well-being of elephants.

Grant received many gifts, including an extremely valuable set of silver and leopard skins. Teddy Roosevelt got a pair of lion cubs, which were not kept in the White House, and he could have built a log cabin from the hundreds of "big sticks" sent to him after he made his famous remark about speaking softly and carrying a big stick.

Presidential remarks often lead to gift avalanches. Coolidge once mentioned he'd like to whittle when he left office, and was swamped by hundreds of knives. Mr. Truman was photographed pitching horseshoes one day and the White House staff was flooded with packages of horseshoes, including one plated in gold.

It was Mr. Truman who once made an off-hand remark about having trouble getting white shirts. In the next two weeks he received enough white shirts to outfit an army.

Much has been made of Mr. Eisenhower getting quite a few valuable presents, including livestock for his Gettysburg farm. It's true the President's gifts add up to a lot of monetary value. But he's not the only one. Presidents Roosevelt and Truman were given new cars while they were in the White House—FDR's being a specially-constructed Ford with the driving controls on the steering wheel, so he could operate the car even though crippled.

Two To Tango

By DOROTHY ROE
Associated Press Women's Writer

It takes two to tango, and two to enjoy most of the other pleasant things of life.

This is a conclusion reached by an American husband who quit work 25 years ago and has spent the time since discovering the endless wonders of the world in company with his wife.

"When a man and woman get married, they look forward to companionship for the rest of their lives," says Charles B. Darrow of Cedarrows Farm, Bucks County, Pa.

"But too often the man gets so involved in the pressures of business that his wife rarely sees him—and when she does he is too tired to talk.

"When fate made it possible, I decided to spend the rest of my life enjoying the companionship of my wife and family, and I have never regretted that decision."

The event that made this idyllic life possible was Darrow's invention of the game Monopoly, which since has sold 20 million copies and made Darrow a millionaire. When the great American depression hit bottom in the 1930s he was out of a job and flat broke. His wife was expecting a baby and there was no money for doctor bills. So the Darrows started playing games—and the result was the game which has outsold most others in history.

At first Darrow made the games by hand and marketed them. Then he sold the patent and retired to live on his royalties.

The Darrows now live on a 300-acre farm where they raise orchids and make color movies for fun. They have two sons and two grandsons and every year they take a trip together to a different country. This year they took a swing through Hawaii, the South Seas, Far East, Australia and New Zealand.

"We have a wonderful time whenever we go," says Darrow. "Mrs. Darrow looks for rare orchid specimens to bring home and I take color movies. She goes shopping too. Our house is full of knickknacks from all over the world."

Darrow was in his middle 40s when he struck it rich. Now he is approaching 70 and says:

"One thing everybody should realize is that the later years of life can be the happiest—if there are two of you to enjoy them together."

Democracy

Klamath Agency (To the Editor) — I saw democracy at work last night. The occasion was a meeting of the discussion group which meets regularly in Chiloquin.

A meeting as such is not unique, but the genealogical backgrounds of the members present at the meeting made it a very democratic gathering. There were members of at least four Indian tribes, a man of Japanese extraction, and several of us mongrels — but Americans all. In this group there were businessmen, students, civil service employes, and housewives.

The chief topic of discussion was a city park for Chiloquin, a very noble project. Despite the quality of the project, I believe that I was even more impressed by the fact that men and women of three races, and many walks of life can unite in a common project. Although voices were raised to rather a high pitch at times, many details were discussed, and the groundwork (at least verbally) was laid.

It was this kind of unification that has made our country what it is today.

Nelson Sharp

Nasser No Puppet

San Francisco (To the Editor)—I read "In the Day's News" of June 10, "In Lebanon, the present government is FAVORABLE TO US. Soviet Russia, working through its Egyptian puppet Nasser, is seeking to overthrow the Lebanese government."

Having read your previous articles, which showed wide knowledge, deep analysis and objectivity, I was astonished to read the above quotation.

May I assure you that whether there was a Karl Marx or there was no Karl Marx, or there was a Nasser or no Nasser at all, the upheavals in Lebanon would take place. The attempt to analyze everything in terms of "Russia did it," is misleading. To assert that Nasser is a Russian puppet is both an insult and unfair.

As an American-educated Arab, it is my earnest hope that the United States troops will not be landing in Lebanon. Such American troop landing will bring the resentment of the millions of Arab people and will alienate the Arab intelligensia. At the same time, such an American action would provide another opportunity for Russia to pose as the defender of Arab freedom and Arab unity.

It is my hope to improve Arab-American understanding by interpreting the Arab mind to the American people.

Please feel free to call upon me whenever you want some first hand information about the Arab World or an authentic interpretation of Arab events.

Mohammad T. Mehdi,
Director, Arab
Information Center

Hernia Treatment

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.
Written for NEA Service

A correspondent writes that he has been troubled for more than a year with a hernia resulting from an accident. This, he says, gives him a great deal of discomfort from time to time in spite of the fact that he wears a truss.

Questions concerning hernia arise frequently. Actually a hernia, or a rupture, is a weakness of muscles and other tissues which are supposed to hold the organs inside in place.

A hernia can occur, therefore, in several different regions, but this particular inquiry probably refers to a rupture in the groin, the most common spot for hernia in men. This discussion will therefore be confined to that type.

The first question is what causes a hernia.

This is difficult to answer, though it is generally believed that the essential weakness is perhaps inborn or present at birth. However, this weakness may not show up in any serious manner unless some heavy strain has been put on the weakened tissues by lifting something too heavy or by a similar injury.

Once a rupture has developed, it is likely to get gradually worse and may even get so bad that some of the organs lying in the ruptured sac can become strangulated and cause serious complications.

There are three possible lines of treatment for hernia.

The simplest is to wear a truss or support which may keep the sac and abdominal contents more or less in place. This may be reasonably satisfactory for a person who does not do heavy labor, though there is always some danger that a sudden strain will cause trouble. Also it is a nuisance.

Nevertheless, there are many people who can wear a truss for many years with fairly good success.

Some years ago the injection treatment was suggested for hernia. The purpose of injection is to irritate the inside of the hernia sac so that a firm scar will form at the point where the hernia bulges and force back the contents of the sac where it belongs.

This method requires several treatments and carries some risk. Also, the scar tissue formed is not always strong enough to bring permanent relief.

Although the injection treatment still has some advocates, it is probably not used as much as it was formerly and appears to be less desirable than surgery in most cases.

Surgery is the most effective treatment. By this means the contents of the sac can be put back in place and a firm covering built up at the weak point so that the organs are kept where they belong.

Pogo

Congress Eyes Hawaii

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hawaii statehood? Next year, perhaps, but not this year.

That was the appraisal today of members of Congress close to the situation in the wake of final congressional approval of statehood for Alaska.

In the Senate, where a committee-approved Hawaii statehood bill hangs on the calendar, Democratic Whip Mike Mansfield (D-Mont) conditioned further Senate action on House passage of the Hawaii bill.

In the House, Rep. Leo O'Brien (D-NY), chairman of the Territories subcommittee, said a favorable vote in the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs is the most that can be hoped for this year.

Considering prior commitments, that vote is expected about July 9, or possibly a week later.

In the view of O'Brien and other House members, that does not leave enough time in the present session to get the bill through the House and to outlast a possible talkfest in the Senate.

O'Brien said in his judgment it would be wise not to try to force the Hawaii bill through this year, and thus risk failure that might hurt the now excellent chances of bringing Hawaii into the Union as the 50th state next year.

Delegate John A. Burns (D-Hawaii) clung to some hope that Congress could act on the Hawaii bill this year, but he conceded it would be optimistic to expect it.

GI's May Be Beirut Bound

DETROIT (AP) — Gen. Nathan F. Twining says the United States is prepared to send troops into Lebanon if the need arises.

"I don't think it would start an all-out war," he said.

But he added: "If we go into Lebanon, we go for a purpose and we are prepared for any eventuality. We are ready for any eventuality — all-out war or limited war — right now."

If U.S. troops intervene in the seven-week-old rebellion in the tiny Middle East country, they probably would do it without nuclear arms, he told a news conference.

Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was here last night to address the closing session of the Industry Missile and Space Age Conference sponsored by the Aero Club of Michigan.

Twining warned that conquest of space did not necessarily carry with it a guarantee of military superiority on the ground.

Money Slated For School

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Three months ago the Rev. Arthur L. Garbin, director of St. Anthony's School for Retarded Children, received in the mail a bulky white envelope postmarked Pittsburgh and with no return address. It startled him.

Inside was a pile of soiled and partly decomposed bills, mostly $20 bills, with no explanation — nothing else.

Father Garbin sent the money and envelope to the U.S. Treasury, Currency Redemption Division.

He received word last Thursday the bills had been separated and counted after a lengthy process that included chemical treatment.

Before preparing to pick up a $10,970 check today at the Potter Bank & Trust Co., Father Garbin looked around the school grounds where workmen were modernizing two dormitories and said: "All I can say is we're glad to have it."

Owl Goes For Artificial Mouse

WAYLAND, Mich. (AP) — Charles Chapel, of Grand Rapids, Mich., went fishing at night recently in Round Lake near here.

Chapel put an artificial mouse on his line and tossed it into the dark waters. Something hit his line, and it began to rise into the air instead of sinking into the water. Chapel snapped on a flashlight and saw an owl at the end of the line.

The bird managed to shake off the hook and fly away.

Med Research Slate Sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala) today proposed that the United States initiate a dynamic program of international medical research and make it an instrument of foreign policy.

He said such a program would support the World Health Organization.

Hill's address was prepared for a luncheon honoring Dr. Leroy E. Burney, surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service, on his election to the presidency of the World Health Assembly. The assembly is the policy making body of the health organization, which operates as a subordinate of the United Nations.

"Here in America," Hill said, "we believe that within a few short years the world will see a momentous breakthrough of medical knowledge that will enable us to overcome many of the dread diseases that have plagued and baffled man through the ages. There is reason for confidence that this breakthrough will yield many answers in the battle mental illness, and other crippling and degenerative diseases.

"I propose that the United States give added impetus to this imminent breakthrough by initiating a dynamic program of international medical research."

He said his program would include:

1. Cooperative international support of medical research directed against major diseases.

2. Exchange of research workers and clinicians.

3. Distribution of drugs, medical equipment and rehabilitation devices to all parts of the world.

4. Organization of an international clearing house on the latest developments in medical research.

Bannner Says 'We're In'

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — "We're In," proclaimed the Anchorage Times banner headline yesterday when Alaska was admitted to statehood. It was set in type seven inches high—the largest ever used by the newspaper.

A full-color picture of the American flag adorned the front page of the Fairbanks News Miner special edition, which was flown by special plane to Washington. Every congressman will receive a copy from publisher C. W. Snedden.

The news broke after many Alaskan papers had already put out their regular edition and they swiftly published extras.

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Republicans Would Like To See Congress End August 2

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) said today Republicans would like to see Congress wind up its work and go home Aug. 2.

Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana, acting Senate Democratic leader, said it might be possible to conclude the session at that time unless unexpected controversy crops up over some of the major legislation yet to be acted upon.

Bridges, who heads the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said that with the Alaska statehood bill out of the way, he does not believe there will be extended Senate debate on any remaining measure.

The Senate has yet to act upon reciprocal trade, defense reorganization, foreign aid appropriations, housing and farm bills, among the major controversial pieces of legislation.

The House has ploughed through some of these but still faces the necessity of acting on a bill to replace the omnibus farm measure it killed recently. The House also may originate legislation which would increase Social Security benefits 10 per cent, in line with the pay raises given to government employes.

It probably will have to wrestle with the question of increasing the 280-billion-dollar debt limit, another measure which would have to originate in the House before the Senate could act upon it.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-SD) told the Senate there is no longer any hope that the House will pass a labor regulation bill similar to that approved by the Senate. Many House members agree, although some profess to think action still is possible.

Although Republicans have been plugging for action on a bill to grant statehood to Hawaii there appears little likelihood of any final action on that measure in this Congress.

Oilwoman Free On Bond

TYLER, Tex. (AP)—Oilwoman Mrs. Evie Denney, accused of feeding her husband arsenic, was free on bond today while state authorities tested the bodies of a former husband and maid.

Mrs. Denney, a red-haired woman still shapely at 64, was charged with administering injurious substances to Charles Denney. Officers said Denney, 38, was being treated at the McKinney, Tex., veterans hospital.

She denied the charge.

Mrs. Denney was jailed Monday night on the charge and freed on $2,500 bond yesterday.

The bodies of Homer Luse, her former husband who died in 1946, and her Negro maid Roberta Choice, who died five years ago, were exhumed for examination.

Mrs. Denney also denied any connection with their deaths.

Denney, who married her five years ago, sued for divorce June 19.

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