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Ladylike Deeds

By HAL BOYLE
ABOARD THE S.S. BRASIL AT SEA (AP)—It is nice for every good girl to learn three things early in life.

They are: how to play the piano, how to sit down gracefully without showing her knees, and how to swim.

Two of these ladylike accomplishments are presently impossible for our daughter, Tracy Ann. At the age of five she is all knees, and she beats a piano as if it were a drum.

But she has achieved the third feat. She has learned to swim, and in our family this now ranks as the greatest victory at sea since Tralagar.

At first I was dubious about taking Tracy on this maiden voyage of the new Moorebank liner Brasil to South America.

"She'll miss nearly three full weeks of kindergarten," I objected to my wife. "Getting off to a good start in kindergarten is highly important."

"Well," replied Frances, a bit acidly. "I think with luck she'll be able to overcome the handicap by the time she enters college."

We finally made a compromise. Tracy could come along if she agreed faithfully each day to keep up with her kindergarten homework—paper scissoring and water coloring. You can't afford to fall behind in these vital subjects. If you don't learn to cut out paper dolls in kindergarten, you'll never learn it at Radcliff.

A modern ship at sea is a wonderful and exciting world to a child. Because she is merry and friendly, people like to spoil Tracy. She quickly became an unofficial crew mascot.

One night at dinner she gravely confided to staff, Capt. Robert H. Bradwell: "My five best friends are all captains. There's you, and Johnny and three others."

Investigation disclosed Johnny and the other three "captains" were all bellboys. To Tracy there was no distinction. She still ranks people by the way they smile rather than by the gold braid they wear.

From the first day she took to the children's swimming pool like a porpoise, and her nose sprouted a new freckle an hour under the hot southern sun as she struggled valiantly to swim.

She was absolutely heedless of the danger of drowning, but the pool guard said: "The less afraid they are of the water, the quicker they start swimming."

One afternoon she simply pushed away from the pool wall and set out for the other side, her small paws flailing the water like those of a skinned poodle.

She made the other side and turned—a woman flushed with the exultation of a major triumph—and immediately swam back. She swallowed less than half the contents of the pool on the way. Watching from an upper deck, I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. It was a landmark moment for daddy-o, too.

The next day she entered a swimming race for beginners and won over a 10-year-old opponent. "That wasn't easy," she said later, still breathless. "Ten-year-old girls have awful long arms."

Now every day she insists that her mother and I enter the water, too, and take swimming lessons from her. It does no good for me to point out I've been swimming for more than 30 years and, bad as I am, probably won't ever get much better.

"Just watch me and do like I do," says Tracy confidently. "If you're going to learn to do something, you might as well learn how to do it really right."

Cease Fire

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Red Chinese saw a good chance to put the heat on, and took it.

That seems a reasonable guess—since nobody knows for sure—why the Communists suddenly broke their own self-imposed cease-fire in the Formosa Strait and resumed shelling Quemoy.

They began the shelling last August, quit for a week 15 days ago, extended the cease-fire to next weekend and suddenly cut loose again Monday.

Secretary of State Dulles and his associates had decided that the Reds, after observing their own cease-fire for two weeks, would make it permanent. What the Reds did Monday shattered any complacency Dulles had on this score.

It was the Reds' way of thumbing their nose at him.

There's no doubt it was meant to embarrass him before he could land on Formosa to talk with Chiang Kai-shek about the future of Quemoy. The Communists were plainly saying they were the ones who'd call the shots.

But this other interpretation—showing a little more than just thinking on the Reds' part—

also be placed on their sudden action:

To put pressure on Dulles—just in case he had the idea they had initiated the cease-fire out of weakness—to make more concessions than he might have thought necessary if he were taking a permanent cease-fire for granted now.

It could have been meant to push him harder into pressuring Chiang into cutting down Nationalist forces on the Quemoy and Matsu islands, both near the China coast, and eventually perhaps into abandoning them to the Communists if a cease-fire becomes permanent.

The Communists may have had American politics in mind as an added inducement to Dulles to make concessions to obtain a cease-fire and prevent the possibility of war.

At this moment President Eisenhower, campaigning for Republicans in the November elections, is claiming with pride that his administration has managed to preserve peace.

Any fierce activity around Quemoy between now and election day would make peace look precarious.

But if the reasons for the Communist shelling of Quemoy, both original and resumed, are not clear, neither are Dulles' reasons for going halfway around the world to see Chiang.

There have been guesses on that, too: that he wants to assure Chiang of continued American support, at least in the defense of Formosa; that perhaps he wants to persuade Chiang to cut down his forces on Quemoy and maybe later abandon them.

There have been plenty of pressures on Dulles and Eisenhower to work out a solution for Quemoy without getting into war with Red China and possibly with the Soviet Union.

Both men had been adamant in their determination not to yield an inch to the Reds under threat of force. They said it was a matter of principle not to do so.

But they found they had a lot less than 100 per cent support at home or among American allies abroad for their determination to defend a couple of small islands which could hardly be claimed as essential to the defense of Formosa itself.

The Communist cease-fire, even on a temporary basis, came as a welcome relief.

The Reds may do themselves some damage in world opinion by resuming the shelling. They had stopped the shooting for humanitarian reasons, they said, to let the people and troops on Quemoy get supplies from Formosa.

They put on one condition: that American warships wouldn't escort the supply ships. Monday they gave as their reason for resuming the shelling the claim—denied by this country—that American ships again were escorting. The Reds left this up to the world to believe or not.

Inflation Blame
By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—The question of who's to blame for the high cost of living is being debated with more heat today.

Businessmen are bringing up the ticklish matter of what they term labor's responsibility for, and indifference to, inflation.

Labor is just as loud in denunciation of business pricing practices.

Part of the urgency of the debate today is the growing belief that living costs will rise even higher some months from now as inflationary psychology spreads

from Wall Street to main street. A group of leading industrialists have placed before the Commerce Department's 30-man Business Advisory Council, meeting in Hot Springs, Va., the charge against labor.

The council's Labor Policy Committee says that "compulsory membership yields a monopoly of the labor market and is the source of the economic power of union officials."

It fears that labor's political power may lead the next Congress to follow union officials' "ideologies and proposals which result in inflation, concentration of power in central government, damage to progress and withering of freedom."

Increased wages negotiated this year are boosting the costs of doing business, the industrialists hold, and making further price hikes likely.

Another group, studying U. S. monetary policies at a meeting of the American assembly at Arden House, also has taken a stab at placing the blame for the rise in the cost of living in the last two years.

It said that both business and labor share in the blame, and did nothing to halt inflation, but helped instead to spread it through their complacency.

In their final report the 60 representatives of business, finance, government and education asserted that monetary policy alone couldn't ward off the growing threat of further inflation.

The report asked: "Does upward push on prices by powerful labor unions, big business, and subsidized agriculture cause the price level to rise even in the face of unemployment? Does emphasis on full employment and rapid economic growth require acceptance of creeping inflation?"

Some of the participants thought they saw increasing evidence that business and union leaders are attaining greater understanding of their basic interest in a sound dollar.

Others could see no such signs at all. And the final report contented itself with the pious hope that business and union leaders would see the necessity for working toward price stability.

The declaration is binding on none of the participants.

Most of the 60 participants agreed that further inflation is so far mostly in the minds of stock traders, but fear of its spreading was shared by all.

Vets Mail Bag

Veterans between 50 and 65, entitled to both VA service-connected compensation and nonservice-connected pension, who waived pension and chose compensation in order to avoid deductions from their social security total disability payments, may now rescind that waiver, VA said recently.

VA pointed out that this would affect only those veterans who had actually waived their pensions to receive a larger payment from social security. A comparatively small number of veterans is included in this group.

Social security payments are in no way affected by VA compensation payments. But under the old law, VA pension payments were subtracted from any monthly social security disability payment.

Thus, a veteran entitled to either compensation or pension would waive his pension in order to collect full social security payments plus his compensation.

The new law allows the payment of both social security and VA pension. Thus, if pension payment exceeds compensation payment the veteran must notify VA of his

desire to rescind his waiver and collect the pension payments again.

Such payment cannot be retroactive and will be effective from the day VA receives notice to rescind the prior waiver.

Full information may be obtained in any VA office.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q. I want to buy a house and have never had a GI home loan. I understand that the first step is to get a Certificate of Eligibility. Where do I get that?

A. The Certificate of Eligibility is issued by the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration in the area where the house you are interested in is located. Application may be made in person or by mail, and your original discharge, or photostatic copy accompanied by a statement that the original discharge has been lost, will be needed as evidence.

Hand Shaker

By HAL COOPER
LONDON (AP)—The strange case of the man who is not running for Parliament has been solved at last. It is now known that he will cease shaking hands around the end of November.

This man, who for our purposes may be called Frank Baker, is always standing around street corners shaking hands with various residents of the suburb. He works hard at it, and the conclusion was reached that he must be seeking to win friends for political ends.

Sears the janitor was asked to confirm this.

"Hah!" snorted Sears. "The only thing he's running for is to be the richest man in Hampstead. That's the local street bookmaker."

Frank, a tall, red-faced fellow in his 50s, is a genial sort, but it was suggested that this hardly explained his compulsion to shake hands. It was noted that he had even been seen shaking hands with some people twice within an hour so.

"You are a green one, aincha?" said Sears. "Whenever Frank shakes hands he puts his hand back into his pocket with a piece of paper and some money in it. The paper has the name of a horse written on it. The money is a bet on the horse."

The American observer remarked in shocked tones that such cash betting is against the law.

"It may be illegal, but it ain't immoral," snapped Sears. "Have a flutter on a horse now and then yourself, don't you?"

The reply was made that any such bets are telephoned to a bookmaker on a credit basis. Settlements—usually in favor of the bookie—are made weekly by check through the mails. This is 100 per cent legal under British statutes.

"Certainly," said Sears. "But to open a credit account you have to give a banking reference. A working type like me can't give a banking reference because he hasn't never had nothing in the bank. But illegal or not, I got just as much right to bet the horses as you have. That's where Frank comes in."

It was recalled that Frank usually shakes hands like mad on the day of a big race, such as the Epsom Derby. But on the following morning he seems to shake hardly any hands at all.

"On the day of the race," Sears explained patiently, "he is taking bets. On the following morning he is paying off the winners."

"He stops taking bets when the flat racing season ends in November," said Sears. "Says too many favorites win over the jumps during the winter. So during the winter months you never see Frank shaking hands."

Quotes

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — President Eisenhower, in a campaign address:

"Today — from Lebanon to Quemoy—those in the world who would do us harm know that America will not be bullied."

BERKELEY, Calif. — Pibal Songram, former Thai prime minister, on Field Marshal Sarit Thamarat's seizing governmental control in his homeland:

"I believe the government will be in good hands if Sarit is in control."

DETROIT — Mrs. Chester Ullman, who gave birth to four girls early this month commenting on birth of quadruplets in Richmond, Va., to Mrs. Edward G. Engbart:

"My good! I certainly hope you are as healthy as I am!"

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Republicans Add More To Total

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon elections division added 1,000 Republicans to registration totals reported Monday.

The GOP total was erroneously reported 394,090. It should have been 395,090. That reduced the Democratic lead in the state from the originally reported 53,105 registrations to 52,105.

The Democratic total was correctly reported at 447,195.

Coos Bay Infant Drowns In River

COOS BAY (AP)—Jesse Allen Lane, 14 months, drowned Sunday afternoon in the West Fork of the Milliloma River.

Deputy Coroner Ron Wood said the child went to the river to play with his brothers, Robert, 6, and Dean, 4, and a sister, Rebecca, 2.

When the older children returned Jesse was not with them. His parents found his body one-half mile downstream.

A BIRD IN THE HAND

OWOSSO, Mich. (AP)—Victor Moiles went pheasant hunting. His wife remained at home. Moiles returned home empty-handed. His wife had a pheasant. She said the bird had flown into the side of their house and killed itself.

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Friend Discovers Dead Man's Body

NYSSA (AP)—Sherman Dodson, 56, was found dead Monday in his fire-charred apartment here by a friend who stopped to pick him up for work.

Coroner George Beechler said the man apparently was asphyxiated.

Fire burned Dodson's bed and some furnishings and then went out, Beechler reported.



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