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Collections

By FLORENCE JENKINS

The Oregon Legislature has concerned itself this session over methods employed to remind debtors that they owe money.

Cecilia P. Galey, chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, has issued a warning concerning a deceptive procedure being used in Oregon to trace credit defaulters.

Mrs. Galey, a well known practicing attorney, says a few collection firms are deceiving people into reporting their present occupations and employers' addresses. These firms are using a punch-card form resembling an official unemployment compensation inquiry form.

"The catch to it," Mrs. Galey says, "is that the form has to do with unemployment compensation or any other official business. It is just one of many gimmicks sold by an Eastern firm promising miraculous results for collection agencies."

The method is quite simple. A collector sends the form to a debtor's last known address. The post office, which treats forwarding addresses as confidential, is, of course, obligated to forward the mail.

When an individual receives such official looking material, he can usually be depended on to complete and return it without delay—especially since there is implication that failure to do so violates the law.

Producers of the form have even gone to the trouble of retaining an agent in Salem so it can be mailed from and returned to the state capital.

Mrs. Galey cautions citizens to "examine closely all seemingly official directives which come in the mail."

"Forms and questionnaires from state or federal departments are clearly identified," she adds.

This sort of "skip-tracker" is not a new idea, but it recently has become prevalent in the Pacific Northwest.

It is denounced by the Oregon Collectors Association and the only way it can be stopped is for the public to be on guard.

When in doubt of a form's authenticity, contact the appropriate agency, Mrs. Galey advises.

Head Standing
By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—There's a new way for the tired businessman to get rid of nagging tension. He can stand on his head—yep, right in his own office.

This upside down posture might even clear his thinking, and help him close a million-dollar business deal.

Head standing in the modern American office as a quick way to relax is not a visionary dream. It is being done.

Two of the leading exponents of this form of office exercise are Hugo Peretti, 41, and Luigi Creatore, 37, two of the brightest geniuses in the music recording field.

"I can cure a blinding headache in five minutes by standing on my head," boasted Hugo.

He is a reformed trumpet player. His partner, Luigi, is a former free lance writer. Both have a special talent for finding and developing new recording stars.

It is a nerve-wracking industry, and its strains often drive the men in it to ulcers or the psychiatrist's couch—or both. Some time ago both Peretti and Creatore felt the pressures were getting them down.

"Then we heard of yoga, the Hindu system of mental and body discipline," Hugo said. "We decided it was worth a try."

Since then they have tossed away the tranquilizing pills, they say.

When the tensions of a fast-paced day begin to turn their nerves to twanging banjo strings, they simply shut the door, turn off the phone, go to a small gym they have outitted behind their office and practice their yoga exercises.

"The exercises are designed to bring you mental relaxation and improve your posture," explained Hugo.

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"In this," said Hugo, "you kneel, then sit back on your haunches like a lion. Your hands are stretched out past your knees. You let your tongue hang out, your eyes bulge—and then you stretch every muscle in your body, let them relax, then stretch them again."

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tion the partners simply stretch out on the floor and try as hard as possible, said Luigi, "to look like a piece of raw liver."

"After five to 15 minutes of these exercises," said Hugo, "we jump up completely refreshed. We are good then for another 10 hours of work."

Once a week the boys visit their guru, or yoga teacher, for an hour of advanced instruction.

The partners have taken considerable ribbing from friends. But they think the benefits in their own case have shown any worried executive might improve his health by a little judicious head standing.

Wordy Castro

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI)—For the latest word on whether, and when, Fidel Castro plans to shave off his beard, read on. Also it is possible to divulge now one possible reason why the Cuban prime minister still wears those GI clothes.

Otherwise, I guess we didn't learn much new from Castro's appearance at the National Press Club. We did find out, though, that he has a watch, knows how to read it, and can take a hint as good as the next guy.

To use his own phrase, Castro is given to making "large speeches." Some of them go on for hours. Press Club President Bill Lawrence noted in fact that in a number of warmup addresses and interviews around town the past several days Castro had made Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey look like silent Cal Coolidge.

I guess we learned something there, too: That Castro reads the newspapers. Anyway, he must have known all about Humphrey's eight-hour talk with Khrushchev, because he was able to see this was funny.

He also was able to join in the laughter at the ridiculous remark Lawrence made next. Namely, that Castro now would address us for 15 minutes.

Of course, Castro didn't quite make that. But with the help of the Cuban finance minister, who told him when 12½ minutes was up, and after a careful check of his own left wrist at the 16-minute mark, he wound it up with an "okay," exactly 17½ minutes later.

This unquestionably was his shortest speech on record.

Then, as is our custom, we hammered away at him with questions. The questions and his responses—it wouldn't be right to call 'em answers exactly—took another 35 minutes, and the whole thing wound up, just like the rules say, at 2 p.m.

Nobody asked Castro why he hasn't shed those army fatigues but maybe this was because nobody had to. There were 505 of us seated in the Press Club's big ball room, plus 100 or so standing around the edges and in the balcony, and with the bright lights and all we were sweating under our collars and coats before Castro even got up to talk.

He was the only guy in the room with neither jacket nor tie. We sure envied him.

There were lots of good questions, like why Cubans may not have an election for maybe four years. He talked 10 minutes on that one, and I believe his reply was they don't want an election yet and that, anyway, they aren't ready for one.

He had an interesting explanation also for the time he persuaded a Cuban court to change its mind about freeing some fliers charged with dropping some bombs for Batista.

He said the accused has the right of appeal. So why shouldn't the government?

That was a new theory of jurisprudence to most of us non-law-

yers, but Castro has a doctorate in law so maybe he knows. Anyway, we were impressed with the fact he believes what he says, whether or not he's always right.

Our questions were written and relayed through Lawrence. Mine was, "how are you fixed for blades?" and it never did get asked exactly.

However, Lawrence did ask Castro whether Gillette still sponsors ball games in Havana. Fidel, an old ball player himself, fielded this one with no trouble.

He said he worries about Gillette. He said if everybody in Cuba wore beards, the blade folks might be in a fix. So he said he plans to shave his off.

When? "When we finish the job."

We gathered this might take a while.

Red Congress

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

Associated Press News Analyst

The activities of Red China's rubber-stamp parliament, the National People's Congress, will bear careful watching. The current session may provide important clues to the immediate future of Red Chinese policy.

The parliament is the likely platform from which the Peiping regime will announce changes at its top level. The personalities involved in the changes—which the parliament will endorse unanimously—can be a guide to the outside world in plumbing the mysteries of Peiping policy and politics.

Will Red China now begin to throw her weight around in Africa and the Middle East as well as Asia? Will she apply brakes to the more unrealistic aspects of her economic program? Will she pursue a more fire-eating policy than ever with respect to the United States?

Such questions arise in the light of Mao Tse-tung's decision to give up his government post as chairman—equivalent to the presidency—of Communist China. At 65, Mao will retain his job as Communist party chairman, but it is likely his health has been failing and that he will retire more and more to the background.

A few days ago Peiping radio announced that in the latest full meeting of the Chinese Communist Central Committee, "the candidacies for the leading state posts were confirmed." The implication was that a number of changes are to be announced—perhaps a fairly large-scale shifting of top personnel.

There is much talk that old Marshal Chu Teh will succeed to Mao's government post. There is also a possibility that the job will go to the present premier, suave Chou En-lai. If this should come about, it would indicate Red China is increasingly anxious to join the big power club and make her weight felt at top levels in world councils. Chou's wide diplomatic experience would fit in with such a goal.

There are other candidates for the government chairmanship, including veteran Communist theoretician Liu Shao-chi. Others whose careers should be watched include such men as Marshal Ho Lung, economist Chen Yun and Foreign Minister Chen Yi, all vice premiers now.

If Ho Lung should rise to new prominence in the government, one might well look for increased Chinese interest in such Middle East areas as Iraq and even in African areas. Such interest, indeed, might even clash with Moscow's.

Should Chen Yi become premier in place of Chou En-lai, it might indicate a tougher and more reckless approach to the conflict with the United States over Nationalist China and the offshore

islands. Chen Yi is a notorious fire-eater with regard to "liberation" of Formosa.

But a step upward for Chen Yun could indicate a milder policy and even a backing away from the super-ambitious goals of the economic program. It might hint at a tendency to avoid too risky adventuring in the international arena. This is a course the Soviets might welcome, since Peiping belligerence at the wrong time can have grave repercussions for the Kremlin. Chen Yun is regarded as strongly pro-Moscow.

It matters little who becomes chairman of government in Peiping. The Communist party will still run everything. But the choice of personalities to fill top government positions can be important as a fairly reliable barometer for judging how the political wind blows in Peiping.

Kerbow Praised

Salem (To the Editor)—As the 51st Legislative Session draws to a close, I think it appropriate to remind the people of Klamath County of the high quality of representation they have in the person of John L. Kerbow.

In so doing, I do not mean to imply in any way that Representative Yancy is not doing a fine job for the people of Klamath County, for indeed he is. However, as Representative Kerbow has been a member of the House Committee on Taxation, I have had the opportunity to work with him more frequently and to know him better.

He has, I believe, done an outstanding job as a member of our committee. He has, at all times, exercised his judgment in behalf of the people of the state in a way that is praiseworthy.

Should Representative Kerbow seek reelection to his present office, I sincerely hope the people of Klamath County see fit to return him to the Legislature. I regard him as one of the great legislators of this session.

Clarence Barton, Chairman
House Committee on Taxation

Quotes

United Press International
MOSCOW — Leonid Brezhnev, a top Communist Party official, at a Lenin Day celebration:

"We do not need wars, conquests and the arms race. What we need is peace—to build Communism."

WASHINGTON — The House Government Operations Committee, in a report on civil defense:

"Unless we build strong civil defenses in the United States, our stern warnings that we will resist aggression will not be taken too seriously..."

CONCORD, Mass.—Warden Edward S. Grennan, on a riot by convicts at the Concord Reformatory:

"They had no grievances. This was purely and simply an escape attempt."

ST. LOUIS — Patrolman Raymond Boubeck, who with another officer caught nine persons who jumped 15 feet from a burning building:

"We stood about three feet apart and as they jumped, we'd clamp them between us. The kids we caught in our arms."

LONDON — Laborite Herbert Morrison, in House of Commons debate on rock 'n' roll singer Terry Dene who was discharged after only 48 hours in the army:

"In view of the fact that he is a rock 'n' roll expert, has the War Office consulted the Admiralty as to whether he would be suitable for the sea?"

NEW YORK — Arthur Godfrey, telling his television audience about his expected surgery for a chest tumor:

"Keep your fingers crossed. I have three good omens. I feel good; my weight hasn't gone down, and my appetite's good."

KATHMANDU, Nepal — Thote, 27, a Tibetan refugee who said he had been about to join the Communist Party when the revolt broke out in his country:

"Every Tibetan is a prisoner. The whole country now has been turned into a vast prison."

WASHINGTON — Comptroller General Joseph Campbell, accusing the Navy of withholding information from government auditors:

"We do not know and have no way of determining what material has been deleted unless we are permitted to review the entire report."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Attacking Drone Bombers Could Make Things Rough

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — The

time is late summer 1959. In a surprise "attack," a big jet-engine bomber speeds high in upon a sleeping American city—perhaps your own.

Defending rocket-missiles roar up to knock it down—if their aim is quick enough, and good enough. It's a drone, automatically controlled, the biggest plane yet designed this way to give realistic combat-type training for America's air defense system.

O. Henry Tale Said Found

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A

handwriting expert says a yellowed 47-page manuscript found at a junk shop is a short story written by O. Henry 50 years ago.

E. E. Davenport said Wednesday he compared the manuscript, written in pencil on unlined paper, with facsimiles of O. Henry's handwriting provided by a research library.

The manuscript was found in an old leather trunk at the salvage store operated by the Roman Catholic St. Vincent DePaul Society.

H. E. Wilder, the store manager, said he had no idea where the trunk came from. He said the manuscript would be sold to the highest bidder.

NATO Arms Hike Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—President

Eisenhower was reported determined today to increase the flow of missiles to NATO nations despite some strong Republican opposition.

He is understood to have told GOP leaders at a White House meeting Wednesday he is asking his foreign aid advisers to come up with more ammunition to support his proposals along that line.

A stepup in missiles and jet aircraft to European allies already has been recommended by the advisers, headed by William H. Draper, New York investment banker. It called for a 400-million-dollar boost.

The advisory group also suggested a billion-dollar boost by July 1961 in funds for loans to underdeveloped nations. Some Republican leaders engaged in a budget-balancing battle with the Democrats in Congress oppose the increase.

The Draper plan would not affect materially the 77-billion-dollar budget Eisenhower has submitted for the year starting July 1, since the spending involved is a year or two away.

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Chimney Blaze Interrupts Plans

ST. HELENA, Calif. (AP) —

Twenty volunteer firemen were preparing to go to band concert when the whistle blew. Away they went to the home of their chief.

His chimney was smoking up a storm. After dousing the chimney, Chief Eugene Graff told his men: "Darn good time for all of you to have your chimneys cleaned."

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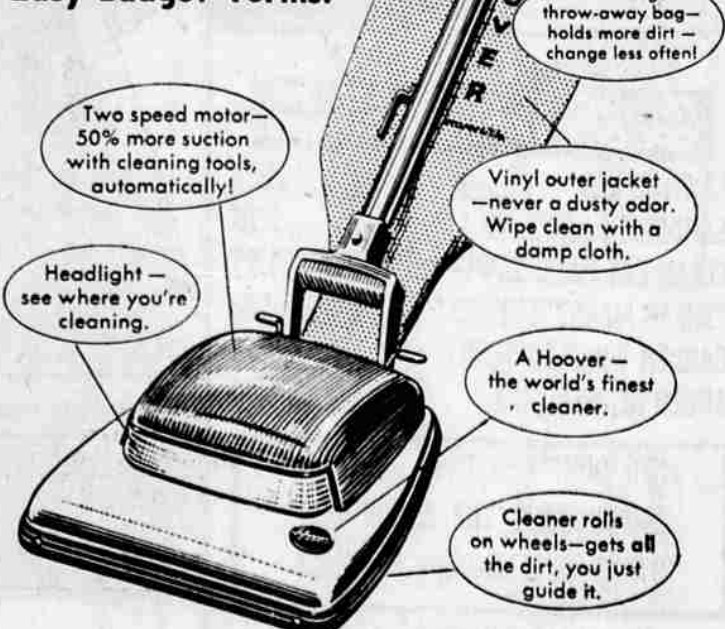
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HER? THAT'S THE SCRUB WOMAN, SIR.

By Frank O'Neal

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