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Why?

By BILL JENKINS
Perhaps the most disgusting story to be carried on the national wires in recent months was published in this paper last Wednesday. I refer to the case up in Umatilla where some sadistic and obviously mentally deranged person shot a horse just to see what would happen to the poor beast.

The horse, Captain, was the special pet of 9-year-old Susie Hams. More than a special pet, he was a special sort of life for the little girl. Because, you see, she has malformed feet and can't get out and walk and play with the other children. She relied on Captain to furnish her with transportation. On his broad back she found a traveling playground. From that vantage point she could travel the countryside, watch the other children at play, see the many wonderful mysteries of nature unfold as the seasons rolled around.

Captain was more to Susie than a horse. He was her whole outdoor life. He provided the fairy touch that relieved the boredom of her life.

Then along comes some murderous greasball with a shotgun and a blood lust, perhaps a nosel of rotgut whisky and a desire to kill something—and Captain happens to be the closest thing.

The little girl's mother has offered a reward for information about the affair. She doesn't want to know who did it. She wants to know why.

So do a lot of us. As long as such persons are about are any of us safe? If little Susie herself had been sitting on the fence when this crazed murderer came along would he have taken her life? I don't doubt it for a minute. Such warped and twisted mentalities are the warp and wool of murder. One of the great pities of modern times is that we cannot detect such persons in time to put them away before they perpetrate their foul deeds.

Hanging is too good for such a person if he should be apprehended. Shooting is too good. He should be, if caught and proven guilty, forced, with a whip if necessary, to serve the rest of his miserable life as lackey in a children's hospital. There perhaps some dim realization of the enormity of his crime would dawn on him. He might grasp some slight insight as to the misery he caused in one little girl's heart.

On second thought, perhaps he should merely be branded as the criminal he is and turned loose to starve. Certainly no one would raise a hand to help him.

This is once I wish I had a Captain. A big, fat, gentle horse with understanding heart and gentle eyes.

If I did he'd be on a truck and headed for Umatilla right now. How else is little Susie going to get out to watch the children play in the snow? Or watch spring unfold in her hometown hills?

Newspaper Strike

By FLORENCE JENKINS
Picket lines at the Journal and Oregonian greeted employees reporting for work on Tuesday morning.

The newspaper stereotypes had called the strike because of unresolved differences between that union and management of the two newspapers.

This is the third strike against the two Portland newspapers in the last 23 or 24 years. The longer of the two preceding was about 11 years ago and lasted for 18 days.

Major cities all over the nation and in other countries have seen temporary (and sometimes permanent) suspension of publication of daily newspapers because of strikes.

Consider last June, for example. Seventy eight newspapers in Great Britain and more than 1,000 periodical and other printing establishments in that country were idled in June of this year until agreements could be reached between the unions and the Newspaper Society and the British Federation of Master Printers.

In June, also, the New York City newspapers were facing another crisis in negotiations and the Kansas City Star and Kansas City Kansan sustained a walkout on June 18.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Globe-Democrat went back to publishing on June 25 after a 15-day shutdown caused by a stereotypes' strike.

One of the longest newspaper strikes on record ended on June 23 with publication of the first San Jose Mercury since February 14. It was followed that afternoon by the affiliated Evening News. The

123-day strike was shorter only than the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, strike in 1938-39 when those papers were down for 174 days and a 144-day strike at Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1946-47.

I took San Jose's newspapers five days after pickets were removed to get out the first edition.

Joseph B. Ridder, San Jose publisher, stated there were "no gainers, only losers" with estimated losses in salaries to employees alone at more than \$1½ million.

One of the greatest losers in a newspaper shutdown is the town itself.

"The dislocation of business as a result of cutting all the newspaper channels of communication affects every home of the city," Mr. Ridder stated.

Let us hope the Portland difficulties resolve themselves very soon.

Helpful Quotes

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) — Remarks that hospital patients get tired of hearing—or overhearing:

"Just between us, Joe, why don't you quit stalling and get back to work?"

"Is that all the bigger yours were? My cousin had gallstones as big as hen's eggs."

"Now, remember when we get inside—no matter how he looks, tell him he never looked better in his life."

"The gossip in the corridors is that your surgeon left a sponge in somebody the other day. You been feeling particularly thirsty?"

"This little pill is to help your appetite. This little pill is to help you sleep. This little pill is to balance your hormonal anxiety. And this little pill is—"

"Oh, don't worry about your hospital bill now. You'll have plenty of time."

"Of course, you've got only yourself to blame. If you'd only taken proper care of yourself, the whole thing wouldn't have happened."

"Why not look on the brighter side? After all, they can't take out your gall bladder twice."

"Your nurse seems like a real friendly person. When does she get her old age pension?"

"Boy, you ought to see the nurse the guy down the hall has. What a knockout!"

"Before they take you upstairs for the operation I'd like to cheer you up on one point. I went over your life insurance policy with your wife last night, and everything seems to be okay."

"Hi, Joe? Seen any interesting bedspans lately?"

"Your friends can bring you all the bourbon they want, but you can't drink it here."

"Don't worry about your job. The boss is letting Fred do your work in his spare time."

"You know I admire your wife. Even in a period of trouble such as this, she can still go out and have a good time."

Tunis Leader

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
The man-of-the-week: President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia.

The place, Tunis.
The quote: "I feel very moved in accomplishing this gesture (casting his ballot in Tunisia's first general election), which signifies that the Tunisian has today a dignity which reflects our national sovereignty and provides more respect for the individual man."

No one was surprised when Bourguiba and his Neo Destour (new independence) Party won the election and Bourguiba returned to the job he has held since Tunisia's independence was proclaimed in 1957. His only organized opposition came from the Communists and they scarcely counted.

SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal



But it must indeed have been a moving moment for Bourguiba who spent nearly half of his 55 years in exile or in and out of French prisons and who today is credited more than any other with Tunisian independence.

In the midst of turbulent nationalism among both the Arabs and the Africans, Bourguiba has stood as a firm friend of the West.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt once accused him of being one of the last agents of imperialism among Arab leaders.

To this, Bourguiba replied bluntly that his ties were with the West and would remain so.

While espousing the cause of independence for neighboring Algeria, he has at the same time retained close ties with France and is looked upon as one of the soothing influences in North Africa.

The slight, firm-jawed Bourguiba was born in the small fishing village of Monastir, Tunisia, in modest surroundings in 1904. His schooling was primarily French and he read law and political science at the University of Paris.

He formed his Neo-Destour Party in 1933, and five years later began his first tour in a French prison.

From then on it was a story of jail, exile and exile.

It was in 1954 that the then-premier of France, Pierre Mendes-France, recognized the inevitable and brought him to France for negotiation on a home-rule plan.

The climax came three years later.

Next month this conservative revolutionary meets President Eisenhower aboard a U. S. cruiser in the Mediterranean. It is a gesture by Eisenhower to a man recognized as a power in Africa—last continent of the infinite frontiers.

Strike Weapons

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most of that basketful of suggestions for preventing big strikes will remain in the basket. But Congress will probably consider some, and even act on them, if the steel strike starts up again.

They range from compulsory arbitration to giving the President a whole arsenal of methods for stopping shutdowns which endanger the national welfare. The government already has a number of devices.

One of the most successful—at least in the sense of preventing railroad strikes—is the Railway Labor Act which applies to railroads and airlines but not the rest of American industry. It has worked better with rails than airlines.

This is the machinery when railroad unions and the companies can't agree.

Either side can call in a federal mediation board whose job is getting both sides to see the light. The mediation process alone delays a strike. If this fails, the board can suggest both sides submit their case to arbitration.

If both sides did, the arbitration board's findings would be binding on both. But this isn't the same as compulsory arbitration. Either side or both could refuse to accept arbitration.

If arbitration is rejected, the mediation board can notify the President who, in turn, can appoint a board of fact-finders who would examine the case, make their findings public, and make recommendations for a settlement.

While the fact-finders work, a strike is delayed 60 days. Although the fact-finders' recommendations aren't binding, they have the support of public pressure on both sides to accept.

There's a nationwide rail dispute going on now with three unions. It's a pretty good test for the Railway Labor Act. If it doesn't work in this case, the country faces a big strike early next year.

A different law—the Taft-Hartley Act—covers that part of the American economy which is called big industry, has big unions, and is vital to the nation. This is the T-H machinery.

When the President thinks a strike if continued, or allowed to start, imperils the national health or safety, he appoints a board to look into the dispute. It reports on facts and issues, but doesn't make recommendations.

The President then can ask a federal court order to stop the strike for 60 days, as he did in the steel case.

At the end of that time—in which federal mediators try to get both sides to an agreement—if there is no settlement, the union is free to strike again. That may happen in the steel case. The workers are back at work, under injunction, but no settlement is in sight.

Labor and management both despise the thought of a federal law providing compulsory arbitration. Under this a federal board, after hearing both sides, would give a decision which both would have to accept.

This would mean the government was fixing wages. In fairness to the workers, thus shackled by federal law, the government in time would probably have to fix prices, too. Then the American free economy wouldn't be so free any more.

If the President were handed a new arsenal of weapons under a new law—ranging from government seizure of a struck industry to fact-finding and compulsory arbitration—it might work better than anything now on the books.

But, since there is so much dispute on everything proposed, the whole subject will get a tremendous kicking around if Congress ever reaches the point of going beyond what it has enacted so far sure on both sides to accept.

The Almanac

United Press International
Today is Friday, Nov. 13, the 317th day of the year, with 48 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its full phase.

The morning star is Venus.

The evening stars are Mercury and Saturn.

On this date in history:

In 1850, Robert Louis Stevenson, famed Scottish novelist, poet, and essayist, was born.

In 1853, John Drew, American matinee idol, was born in Philadelphia.

In 1921, Hollywood released "The Sheik" — starring Rudolph Valentino.

In 1927, the Holland Tunnel, running under the Hudson River between New York City and Jersey City, N. J., was opened to the public.

In 1933, workers in the Hormel Packing Company in Austin, Minn., staged the first recorded "sit-down" strike in the U. S.

A thought for today: Scottish poet Robert Louis Stevenson said: "Give me the young man who has brains enough to make a fool of himself."

Quotes

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
ROME — White House press secretary James Hagerty, on an advance swing of President Eisenhower's foreign tour route, stating that the trip's emphasis will be on informality:

"There is not a white tie dinner on any point along the way—thank God."

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. — Vice President Richard M. Nixon, calling on Americans to work harder and longer to meet Russia's ideological challenge:

"There is no question about the outcome... when men and women have a chance, they choose freedom."

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, in a statement issued after he said the United States was not taking sides on the technical aspects of the border dispute between India and Red China:

"Whatever may be the merits of the dispute, force must not be used to settle it. The Communist Chinese regime has clearly used force and in this respect is wholly wrong."

WASHINGTON — Farm girl Carol Jean Nelson, 21, of West Branch, Mich., returning to the United States after spending six months with a Danish farm family:

"It was heavenly not to find television programs going on in every home."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Benefit Brunches Set For Family

Two benefit brunches are planned for the Rev. William and Mrs. Ainley and their family, former residents of Klamath County, now in missionary work in Spanish Guinea, West Africa. The Rev. Ainley was one-time pastor of the Mt. Lak Community Presbyterian Church.

The first brunch is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Groves. The second affair will be on November 18 at the home of Mrs. Bert C. Thomas from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Thomas will show and talk on her outstanding collection of shells from many parts of the world.

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Touring Artist Meets Old Friend

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Biranowski, 928 Martin Street, have had as a houseguest this week a distinguished vocalist, Albert De Costa, tenor, who sang in Klamath Falls a year ago under sponsorship of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

De Costa filled a singing engagement at Grants Pass before visiting Klamath Falls and left here for appearances at San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Biranowski and De Costa met overseas during World War II when they served in the Marines. While here the artist was taken on an auto tour of the southern part of the Klamath Basin.

TOKYO (UPI) — The Chinese Reds go in for sports in a big way, Radio Peiping said Wednesday.

It said mass sporting contests now being readied across the country include a 100-day bike race with 300,000 contestants and a skating championship with 80,000 entries.

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