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"She's asking for trouble! He's let his homework pile up for a week!"

He Hymns The Water Tank And Has Balance In Bank

By ROBERT MUSEL

LONDON (UPI) — John Betjeman is a poet rare, he sings of common things. There must be something to his art; for poets, though a race apart, have always struggled to exist, yet Betjeman's on the sellers list.

Today a shy and charming man, he spent in looking back along the years that made of him "a poet and a hack." The quote is not this writer's view — it's Betjeman's listing in who's who.

For such his popularity, that though he's only 53, he's writing his biography, between appearing on TV.

("Miss J. Hunter Dunn, Miss J. Hunter Dunn")

"Furnish'd and furnish'd by Aldershot son."

"What strenuous singles we played after tea."

"We in the tournament — you against me. . . ."

This isn't quite the poet's age, reality is all the rage, and U.S. novels, sex-obsessed, are still the books that sell the best. Yet Betjeman manages to get, such fans as Princess Margaret, with rhymes about the world that lies, before his sharp, observant eyes.

It won him last year's poetry prize.

("Love-thirty, love-forty, oh! Weakness of joy."

"The speed of a swallow, the grace of a boy."

"With carefulest carelessness, gaily you won."

"I am weak from your loveliness, Joan Hunter Dunn. . . ."

How come, I asked, rhymes so demure, outsell the tortured and obscure, which modern poets try to write, as though they grope through a night, whose twisted psychiatric gloom leads only to an H-bomb doom?

"I have no theory," he said — of course he did not speak in rhyme — "why I should be so popular. Perhaps my verse is for the time. You see, I find my rhymes play with things that happen everyday, although I can be hard and gritty, have you read my verse 'The City'?" — "businessmen with awkward hips and dirty jokes upon their lips?"

"Some verse one reads unto one's self, and some of this stays on the shelf. The kind of meters that I write are meant to tempt one to recite. . . ."

("We sat in the car park till twenty to one")

"And now I'm engaged to Miss Joan Hunter Dunn.")

Let others sing the soaring lark the Grecian urn, the woodland park, John Betjeman hymns the water tank — and has a balance at the bank.

Time Will Be Too Short To Work Out Solutions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Red China's activities along the Indian border and widespread desires for more American aid are standout topics likely to claim President Eisenhower's attention on his journey abroad.

U.S. relations with the Soviet Union and even with Latin America may come up, too. So may questions concerning military bases overseas and the strengthening of Western alliances.

But a jammed, jet-age schedule indicates that the 23,000 mile tour which gets under way Thursday

Check On Way To Dallas Woman

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Madge Pace is going to get the \$15 she asked for, and she's going to return a check for \$110,004.11 sent her by mistake.

Mrs. Pace filed an insurance claim last month for \$15 to pay a doctor bill. Western Casualty Insurance Co., Fort Worth, Tex., sent her a check made out for \$5 on one line and \$110,004.11 on the other.

Mrs. Pace wrote to the company and was advised Tuesday that a faulty check-writing machine was to blame. A new check for \$15 is on the way.

A FOOT FOR FREEDOM

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — Americans aren't interested in good law enforcement, Police Chief Howard Elde told a police-community relations institute at Drake University Tuesday. "In America, if you're chasing a criminal, they'll trip you up," Elde said.

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southern Asia as a message of American friendship and support. Neither in India nor elsewhere has a formal item-by-item agenda been laid down as a basis for discussions.

But the border issue is certain to arise in New Delhi, where Eisenhower will have numerous opportunities for private and semi-private sessions with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Indian relations with Pakistan, an American ally, may arise also.

These relations have been improving recently. It is to the interest of the United States that they continue improving. Eisenhower might see fit to touch on them only if Nehru raises the subject, since it is a delicate one, of emotional concern to India.

Requests for more U.S. military aid might grow out of the border difficulties and a desire to strengthen the Indian army. Pakistan, for example, may ask to buy U.S. weapons outright, because of its country's dislike of strings attached to the aid program.

India also is counting heavily on continued economic assistance. It might feel inclined to ask Eisenhower how much can be expected for its third five-year development plan, now on the drawing boards.

The United States has supplied almost two billion dollars in aid to India. The money has been an important element in Indian efforts to raise low living standards through the development plans.

An Associated Press check at presidential stopping places indicates that more than half the nations Eisenhower will visit may make polite inquiries about continued or increased military or economic aid or both. In addition to India, the list includes Pakistan, Turkey, Afghanistan, Tunisia, Iran, and possibly Spain.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco for dickering with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev at a projected East-West summit conference next spring.

Generalissimo Franco may ask for an early shipment of promised military equipment for two divisions of troops. He may bid for a larger U.S. immigration quota for Spain.

Francisco may want to go into the entire question of North Africa and nationalism, and perhaps the effects on U.S. air bases in Spain of the forthcoming evacuation of similar bases in nearby Morocco.

In addition, Franco is known to be concerned about a rise of anti-American feeling in Latin America, particularly evident of late in Cuba and Panama. He might see fit to offer his services in an attempt to clear and improve the atmosphere.

Diplomatic onlookers in Madrid believe, however, that Franco will be interested mainly in a firsthand report from Eisenhower on results of the Western summit session in Paris and American ideas

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