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A Better World

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—It might be a better world if—

Jackie Gleason played Mr. McCawber. He is still the necessary man's M. C. Fields.

Honeybees had wheelbarrows, to save wear and tear on their wings.

All traffic cops had laryngitis, plus writer's cramp.

The U. S. Post Office would censor dullness as well as pornography.

Widowers could figure a way to outnumber widows.

Children would honor their father and mother without saying, "Oh, yeah!"

A fellow could open a plastic wrapped package gracefully.

One could be sure he was going to inherit money. Then he could relax and be an honest snob, and mingle with a better class of people.

Husbands actually listened to their wives. But even if they did they would go on being their normal selves.

Suburbanites could live in town in winter when they can't grow anything anyway except frost-bitten noses—the hinterland's out-of-season tomatoes.

Television would inaugurate a series of unriveted quiz programs featuring bright, unrehearsed congressmen.

Fat ladies would quit wearing blacks and vice versa.

Someone would find out what ever happened to vicuna, and the two pants suit.

Pizza pie was served a la mode. Christmas neckties were sold in solid colors.

Shoelaces never untied themselves.

It would be a better world, all right. But it isn't. We must put up with it as it is.

Thanks

Salem (To the Editor)—I wish to take this time and opportunity to thank all my kind friends for their consideration, their love and tender sympathy expressed in all the letters and cards, also many little gifts I have received since I entered this hospital more than four long months ago. I want to thank all those who have gone out of their way to pay me a visit and for all the prayers and good wishes offered for me. I cannot put into words my sincere gratitude for all.

So, I'll just thank God for every one of you and may He bless you and yours now and always.

Miss Cynthia Merle Martinez
State Tuberculosis Hospital
Route 4, Box 28

Traffic Puzzle

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—Year by year, the downtown and Sixth Street traffic situation grows worse. Klamath Falls is growing into a shoe-string city, and a tangled shoestring at that. One way routing on Main and Pine streets, and Klamath Avenue has been urgently needed for a long time, as well as traffic signals on Pine Street. The downtown streets are too narrow for four lane traffic. Strict enforcement of two lane traffic and abolishment of double parking on Main Street must come. This would facilitate Main Street parking and lower the accident rate.

Also, something should be done to get some of the traffic off of Sixth Street. One developed traffic artery serving the South Suburban District is not enough. Why not develop Shasta Way into a four lane street with adequate lights? And as a follow-up project, a good road should be developed from Alameda Avenue, by the hardtop track, east to Patterson. This would open up a large building area close in.

Some thought and a follow-up of these suggestions, although not new, would do much to improve business, ease tempers, and go far to make a much nicer city. Let us hear from the rest of you.

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Ike's Journey

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's 11-nation journey, starting tonight, is a mixture of the certain, the unpredictable, and the ironic.

This much is certain, for he has said it himself: He will try to spread goodwill for this country everywhere he goes.

There are the unpredictable. What problems the various heads of government will discuss, what solutions they'll ask him for, his reaction and his health.

This is the ironic: Wherever he goes, the Communists will probably turn out in mobs to cheer him.

At his press conference Wednesday Eisenhower looked in excellent health. But he is entering upon a rugged mission for a 69-year-old man who in the past four years has had a heart attack, an intestinal operation and a slight stroke.

He said his doctors think he can stand up all right. He knows there will be some fatigue. What he can't tell is how he will react to the various kinds of food put in front of him. And he'll have to attend a lot of ceremonial dinners.

No other President has ever embarked upon an expedition like this. But the country seems to be taking it calmly and, apparently, without any excited expectations.

That's natural enough. After these years of the cold war the lesson has sunk in that changes for the better come slowly. No one is expecting miracles, not even Eisenhower.

If the President had taken this trip early in the summer—before Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit here and while the Kremlin was still acting tough—Communists everywhere would probably have tried to ruin any reception for Eisenhower.

Not now and for a couple of reasons.

1. The Kremlin is pushing the peace theme vigorously since the Eisenhower-Khrushchev meeting and the "spirit of Camp David" is still floating around over the earth.

2. Khrushchev, who got along well with Eisenhower, wants a summit meeting. Any Communist demonstrations against the President might spoil the relationship and wreck chances for the summit.

If Eisenhower has any bad or embarrassing moments on this trip it will probably dampen his new enthusiasm for personal visits.

One thing may work to his great disadvantage. After making the rounds in Southern Europe, Northern Africa and Western Asia, Eisenhower will settle down several days in Paris for pre-summit talks with Western Allied leaders.

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Every time the President's helicopter rises over a new town, it will be a "first."

The government of Afghanistan wanted reporters to submit 12 copies of the individual's passport picture with the application for visas to Kabul. The Afghan government finally settled for seven pictures each.

Some of the top Democrats in town are depressed, or at least concerned, about the President's travel potential in 1960.

One Democrat who would be more than willing to be his party's candidate says Eisenhower will take a lot of public attention away from the Democratic publicity leading up to the July 11 nominating convention in Los Angeles. He reasons that with the President at a summit meeting in late spring, and traveling to Russia shortly afterwards, the Democratic hopefuls will face tough competition for headlines.

The same Democrat figures that forces backing Vice President Richard M. Nixon and New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller for the GOP nomination will find some way to involve their men in the publicity attendant on the President.

One of the nation's top industries probably would give a million to get some publicity and name brand identification of a new razor blade the President has been using.

Standing in front of reporters and photographers this week, the President raved to speaker Sam Rayburn about the new blade, called it "marvelous" and urged Rayburn to try it at his first opportunity.

The manufacturer apparently sent Eisenhower some samples of a new blade apparently to be marketed in the near future.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter overheard Eisenhower talking to Rayburn and it turned out the tall cabinet officer had gotten some samples, too.

"Isn't it the most wonderful thing you ever tried?" Herter said enthusiastically.

The name of the blade? No indeed. Not here. Think of the fun if two manufacturers bring out new blades at the same time and each tries to claim the President's blessing.

Medical Bills

By SAM DAWSON

AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—Many American families are having to adjust to rising health bills. And medical costs have been one of the steady pressures causing the cost of living index to creep higher.

How much of that is due to: Higher fees and drug and hospital charges?

To people seeking more medical attention than they used to?

To new, more effective, but costlier drugs and treatments?

Figures supplied by the Social Security Administration and analyzed by the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York put the nation's annual bill for personal medical care at about 22 billion dollars—double what it was in 1950, and 6½ times what it was in 1929.

But the big jump—as every family knows—has been how much more individuals spend for medical care than they did 30 years ago. In 1929 medical expenditures came to \$27 per person. Today they are \$124.

These are average figures. Plenty of people have to spend many times that in the course of a year. And a few lucky ones escape with less or none.

The bank economists note that medical care costs have risen sharply. But they stress that new

treatments and practices make comparisons difficult.

The charge for a day's stay in the hospital has gone up 73 per cent since 1950, but modern methods of medical treatment have reduced the average length of stay by over one-eighth. More important, much of the care which is saving lives and improving health today had no counterpart 19, let alone 30, years ago, they say.

Two other factors enter into the rising total of costs.

One is that research has enabled doctors to treat a wider range of illness. And more people take advantage of this. It is estimated that today about two thirds of the population see a doctor during the year. Thirty years ago less than half did. And the number of visits per patient has risen 40 per cent.

The second factor is that increasing visits have been spurred by rising incomes and by the spread of health insurance now held by three families out of four.

Foreign Notes

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign Editor

From the foreign editor's notebook.

It may have nothing to do with United Nations debate on Hungary and a probable new indictment of Russia for its ruthless suppression of the 1956 Hungarian revolt, but Communist East Berlin bears that a reduction of Soviet troops in Hungary once more is being discussed. Soviet Defense Minister Rodion Malinovsky is supposed to have taken it up with Soviet commanders in Hungary.

Gern reports that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will rely on French President Charles de Gaulle to look out for West German interests in the coming western summit meeting. Adenauer is said to feel that among the Western Big Three, De Gaulle has the greatest personal and national stake in the critical German and Berlin issues. At the same time, he feels that President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan are too preoccupied by the atom and arms race to be able to give full consideration to German interests.

Britain continues fearful that France and West Germany between them will squeeze Britain out of its former position of prestige in European affairs. The question of a bigger British say in Europe will be taken up in London during the visit of Premier Antonio Segni of Italy. The British hope to dust off the almost forgotten West European Union (WEU), in which they are members along with France, West Germany, Italy and the three "Benelux" countries. The WEU, first set up to permit the staged rearming of West Germany.

Things are looking up in the long-drawn negotiations to establish relations between Japan and the Republic of Korea, as result of effective behind-the-scenes work by U.S. officials. Incidentally, Tokyo bears that North Korean Foreign Minister Nam Il, long a Communist mouthpiece, lost his job because of the failure of the scheme to repatriate thousands of Koreans now in Japan to Communist North Korea. Only a small percentage of the 110,000 North Koreans in Japan wanted it.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Thursday, December 3rd, the 357th day of the year, with 28 more days to follow in 1959.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning star is Venus. The evening star is Saturn.

On this date in history:

In 1755, American portrait painter Gilbert Stuart was born.

In 1818, Illinois entered the Union as the 21st state.

In 1928, Andrew Jackson was elected President of the United States.

In 1933, the Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, opened its doors to become the first truly co-educational institution of higher learning in the U.S.

In 1940, it was announced that microfilm copies of secret state, war and Navy Department documents were discovered hidden in a hollow pumpkin on the Maryland farm of Whitaker Chambers, the former Communist underground agent involved in the Alger Hiss case.

Here's a thought for today: A 17th Century French proverb runs: "Poverty is the homage that vice pays to virtue."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Loss Of 'Gringo' Travel Costing Cuba \$Millions

NEW YORK (AP)—Thousands of free-spending American tourists are bypassing Fidel Castro's Cuba for other Caribbean countries, travel officials here say.

The loss to Cuba runs into millions annually.

The decline in Cuba's tourist trade is blamed upon anti-American statements by high Cuban officials and reports of incidents in Havana.

"You can't blame the tourist," one travel agent said. "He doesn't want to go where he's not welcome."

Travelers have said: "Why should we spend our money in a country where we're not wanted?"

All of the major steamship lines have canceled Havana as a port-of-call on their winter cruises. These lines in the past have carried an estimated 50,000 tourists to Havana each year. One line, the Holland-America, alone carried 10,000.

Hotels in Havana have been badly hurt by the drop in tourist visits. The Hotel Havana Riviera, built in 1957 through a federal loan, was taken over last week by the Cuban government. The hotel was losing \$10,000 a day, officials said.

The Cuban Tourist Commission office here said that in 1957—the latest reporting year—2,904,112 tourists visited Cuba and spent \$5.13 million dollars. There were 331,600 American visitors, 31,000 of them on cruises.

A commission spokesman admitted that 1958 and 1959 "have been very bad years."

An official of the "Call Mr. Foster" travel bureau was more explicit. "The tourist trade in Cuba is practically nil," he said. "I don't see how you can get any comparative figures when you don't have any tourists to speak of."

In Washington, a Cuban Embassy official has denied that the tourist situation was bad. He said European lines have included Havana in their Caribbean cruise itinerary, thus boosting tourist trade.

A spokesman for the government-owned Cubana Airlines said the firm's New York-Havana business is better than ever. He estimated it will be 25 per cent higher in 1959 than last year.

However, he did admit an estimated 75 per cent of the passengers are Cuban, the rest Americans. In 1957, he said, it was just the reverse—75 per cent were Americans, 25 per cent Cubans.

He said attacks on Prime Minister Castro by the American press were the reason for the drop in tourist business. "Many people

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Female Jury Frees Singer

DETROIT (AP)—"My prayers have been answered," said a tearful Johnnie Ray Wednesday when he was freed of a charge of indecent exposure by a jury's verdict that he was innocent of a morals charge.

The singer passed out when an all-woman Recorder's Court Jury announced its decision after deliberating 50 minutes.

Ray, 32, had been charged with accosting and soliciting. A Detroit policeman testified that Ray had made an indecent proposal outside a Detroit tavern Nov. 21. Ray denied the charge.

The jury retired after hearing an hour-long charge by Judge Edwin Davenport in which he said that policemen have no right to entice persons into unlawful acts.

Patrolman Eugene Caviston of the Detroit Police Department's vice squad told the court he and two other officers went to the bar knowing that Ray was there. The singer pleaded guilty to a similar charge here in 1951 and paid a \$25 fine.

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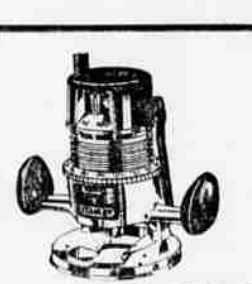
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