Boy Or Girl? Doesn't Matter

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: This may sound nutty, but I do need your help. I am 13 years old and have been carrying on correspondence with a Japanese penpal whose name is Masako Obara. The trouble is, I don't know whether Masako is a boy or a girl.

My mother says it would be very impolite to ask "Are you a boy or a girl?" I have written Masako three letters and have received three letters in return. What shall I do now?—C. E.

Dear C. E.: If after three letters from Masako you are unable to tell if you're corresponding with a boy or a girl—skip it because it doesn't make any difference.

Dear Ann Landers: Any gal who thinks women have equal rights in this country is just kidding herself. If a man's trousers are too tight he's just put on weight. If a woman's skirt is too tight she's trying to be sexy. If a man stands on a corner, he's getting fresh air. If a woman does it she's looking to be picked up. If a man has one drink too many, "it slipped up on him" —if a woman gets a little bit tight she's a lush. If hubby has a night out with the boys, he's entitled to it. If his wife has a night out with the girls, she's up to no good and ought to be at home with her family.

A male who has a minor automobile accident can tell you exactly what went wrong mechanically with the car. A female who bangs a fender or loses a headlight is a lousy driver.

If a man philanders and is caught at it, he's misunderstood at home and is probably married to a cold fish. A woman who has an affair is a tramp, an unfit mother and should be tossed out on her posterior. If the kids turn out good they are a chip off the old block. If they turn out bad, their mother did a rotten job because after all, the mother spends most of her time with the kids and it's her influence that is felt.—BIG LAUGH

Dear Ann Landers: I'm proud of my husband but whenever he has to say a few words in public I want to fade into the wallpaper. He's a poor speaker, and everyone knows it but him.

He's very active in civic and cultural affairs so he is often called on to "say a few words." He drones on about trifles and everyone keeps hoping he'll drop from exhaustion but he never does.

I've pleaded with him to make notes and stick to them, but he claims he's a born ad-libber and notes hamper him. Please, Ann, help me. He's been asked to make a five minute speech for his lodge's annual dinner and I know it will be 25 minutes of agony for everyone.—ESPECIALLY ME

Dear Especially: You have my deepest sympathy. I'm well acquainted with the type. They seem to have three mouths and no ears. The amateur ad-lib artist often confuses lack of preparation with "spontaneous wit." Before he reaches the audience, the audience has reached the exits.

For some unfathomable reason a husband will listen last to the one who loves him most — his wife. So, if you can get the head of the program committee to give him a strong hint (in writing) before his next speech, it may help. Suggested line: "Please, five minutes of a prepared speech. The program is long and we would appreciate your cooperation."

Confidential to UNEDUCATED M.: Any woman who can write a letter like yours is educated enough to make a living for herself. Get out of that squirrel cage —the sooner the better.

To learn the knack of feeling comfortable with the opposite sex, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "How To Be Date Bait," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

COMPARISON

Although both are pure carbon, the diamond is the world's hardest mineral and graphite one of the softest. Their main difference lies in the arrangement of their atoms.

Birth Of Kennedy Son Climaxes Big News Year For Male Babies

WASHINGTON (AP)—The birth of a son Friday to President-elect and Mrs. John F. Kennedy caps a banner year for the arrivals of news-making male babies in five capitals of the world.

Princes were born in England Japan, Belgium and Iran in 1960.

Kennedy had talked like he was counting on a son. Last September he told campaign crowds, "my wife is at home having a baby, a boy, in November."

But to the Shah of Iran, who was expecting a family addition earlier this year, the question of whether the baby would be a boy or a girl was of vital importance. Iran had been waiting since the shah's first marriage in 1941 for a royal son to carry on the monarchy.

The shah finally got a male heir on Oct. 31—after three marriages. His second wife, Soraya, was beautiful and devoted. But after eight years of marriage, he reluctantly divorced her because they had no male heir. The same consideration figured in his earlier divorce.

Queen Elizabeth II of England and Princess Michiko of Japan delighted subjects with baby princes. They arrived less than a week apart.

Prince Andrew was the first child born to a ruling British monarch since Queen Victoria's reign. He replaced his 9-year-old sister Anne as second in line to the crown. Their brother, Prince Charles, is heir apparent. But second sons have become king of England twice in this century.

Four days later in Tokyo, rising sun flags waved over crowds shouting "banzai!" (May you live 1,000 years) as jubilant Japanese celebrated the birth of Emperor Hirohito's first titled grandson. Only males may ascend the chrysanthemum throne.

Crown Prince Akihito, observing ancient rites, didn't go to the hospital until after his son was born. He arrived there after pageantry in which the 5¾-pound Prince Hiro was given a warrior's sword as a symbol of his duty to defend the state.

Another 1960 prince was born in Brussels April 15 to Princess Paola, 22, and Prince Albert of Liege. The Belgian princeling, Philippe Leopold Louis Marie, is second in line to succeed King Baudouin.

Trade Pact Offer Seen

BERLIN (AP)—West Germany is expected to make an offer soon to reinstate its trade pact with Communist East Germany, canceled in reprisal for the Red squeeze on Berlin.

The question of concessions from East Germans on the Berlin issue is being soft-pedaled. The West Germans appear to have dropped any idea of pressing for new Eastern guarantees.

Thus the East Germans will have gained a small but symbolic right to issue passes to East Berlin and given the West nothing in return. The West is caught in this dilemma—if it asks the East Germans to loosen their squeeze, it boosts Red prestige.

The two parts of the country do not have official relations. Trade is handled on the West German side by a specially created "trusteeship" with headquarters in West Berlin.

East German Communists have taken the position that since the West Germans canceled the pact, it is up to their trusteeship to make a new offer. Indications are that the offer, when it comes, will simply seek to restore the situation as it existed before the cancellation Sept. 30.

Gold Group Heads Home

LONDON (AP)—The U.S. economic mission led by Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson headed home today from its European quest for means to plug the drain on American gold reserves. The biggest gain seemed to be British moral support.

Anderson and Undersecretary of State Douglas Dillon left London for New York in a U.S. Air Force jet plane after talks in Bonn, Paris and London. They declined to make any statement at the airport.

Britain promised support Friday for Washington's drive to persuade North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations to shoulder more of the common defense load and ease the strain on U.S. gold supplies, now below the $18-billion mark for the first time in 20 years.

President Eisenhower's campaign to conserve the gold drew sympathetic support from all sections of the British press.

West Germany came in for sharp criticism for refusing to contribute to the support of U.S. forces in that country.

The conservative Daily Sketch said: "The Americans—who have played fairy godmother to Europe for so long — are getting tough about the cost of their foreign policy."

"America could balance its books tomorrow by cutting down foreign aid alone. Britain, along with the rest of the Western Alliance, must accept the cost of unity, which is economic interdependence. That may mean paying out hard cash. It will also mean bearing some of the shocks now being borne by the American economy."

Newspapers noted the Americans did not ask the British for support costs for American troops standing guard in this country.

Pacifists In Solitary

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Three pacifists were determined to remain in solitary confinement today, despite an offer by authorities at New Haven State Jail to return them to regular cells.

The three, jailed for trying to interfere with the launching of the nuclear missile submarine Ethan Allen Tuesday, were placed in isolation cells after breaking jail rules, officials said.

They were identified as Victor Richmond, 20, and Roger Aarons, 19, both of New York City, and Donald Martin, 20, of Wellesley, Mass. They were among a group of nine young pacifists arrested at the Groton launching.

Three have accepted release on bail. Three others are being detained in regular cells for a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Robert H. Alcorn Monday.

Officials said Richmond, Aarons and Martin were placed in the isolation cells Friday after having either refused to go to the prison mess or to return to their cells.

"They could be out in five minutes if they agreed to cooperate with us," said Chief Deputy Jailer Frank J. Moore.

The trio was also maintaining a fast of sorts. Their colleagues said they had not eaten since Wednesday morning and had not taken any water since Thursday noon.

Sheriff J. Edward Slavin, however, said they had all partaken of a turkey dinner on Thursday.

Patriarch Arrives

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (AP) — Patriarch Alexius of the Russian Orthodox Church arrived here Friday by plane for a four-day visit, accompanied by a group of Russian church dignitaries. The 83-year-old churchman will visit Orthodox churches and schools and confer with members of the Orthodox community.

RECORD RED EXPORTS

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet exports of oil drilling equipment to capitalist countries reached an all-time high this year, Tass reported.

Mother Of 10 Maintains Marriage To Lad Legal

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI)—A 44-year-old mother of 10 children sought an attorney Saturday to defend her against charges that she contributed to the delinquency of a minor by eloping with him.

Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Young of nearby Harborside was released without having to post any bail Friday, and her arraignment in Municipal Court was postponed until she finds a lawyer.

"I'm glad this is out in the open," said Mrs. Young. She is pregnant by Robert Buchanan, 16, a student at Chula Vista High School.

Mrs. Young said she and Robert met when he visited her house last summer to see her 19-year-old son, Robert, and that they ran away and were married Oct. 28 in Tijuana, Mexico.

The twice divorced Mrs. Young said, however, that the marriage license which was to be mailed to them has yet to arrive.

"The 'marriage' as far as we are concerned is not legal," said Sheriff's Sgt. Robert Majors.

Mrs. Young commented "I'll marry him here if the courts let me."

Buchanan was too young to give his consent to be married, said Majors.

He added, "They say they are in love with each other."

Mrs. Young was jailed last week when deputies received an anonymous telephone call about the romance.

Buchanan also was held briefly in Juvenile Hall and then turned over to the custody of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buchanan of nearby Chula Vista. The Buchanans refused to comment Friday.

Storm Snarls Northern California

By United Press International

A windswept Pacific storm which snarled Northern California traffic with heavy rains and snow appeared to be easing up Saturday, but another may be on its way.

The storm, which deluged the Eureka area with more than four inches of rain, drenched the coastal areas and blocked Sierra highways with a thick blanket of white.

Several multi-car accidents were reported during the blizzard on U.S. Highway 40, but there were no immediate reports of serious injuries.

The California Highway Patrol reported that one accident 30 miles west of Donner Summit involved two buses and several cars. There were several injuries, but a spokesman said reports from the scene were not complete because of weather conditions.

In some areas, patrolmen had to walk traffic through the blinding snow.

One woman was killed and a score of persons were injured in accidents in the San Francisco Bay Area, where more than one inch of rain fell in 24 hours.

Mrs. Shirley E. Riseling, Oakland, was killed Friday night when she lost control of her car while coming out of the Broadway Tunnel east of Oakland and struck another vehicle head-on.

Eleven persons were injured in San Francisco when a Powell Street cable car skidded half a block down Nob Hill and crashed into a line of vehicles, including two private cars, two cabs, and a Gray Line bus.

Police said the accident was apparently caused when rain-slicked tracks proved too much for the cable car's brakes.

Two women were injured in San Francisco when their car crashed into a bus carrying 14 Catholic priests, most of them faculty members of St. Ignatius High School.

A rash of minor accidents were reported throughout the Bay Area.

Voters Defeat Socialists

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Prime Minister Walter Nash's Socialist Labor government was defeated in general elections Saturday by the private enterprise National Party of Keith Holyoake.

The National Party won 45 seats in the 80-member House of Parliament, and Labor took the remaining 35.

Nash had a one-seat majority when the House was dissolved for elections.

It was possible that the count of absentee ballots would result in a change in one or two seats. Nash conceded the election to Holyoake, however.

Social Credit League, did not win a single seat.

The Labor party, with 41 seats, took office in 1957, resuming the Socialist rule it had exercised for 14 years from 1935 to 1949.

Foreign policy figured almost not at all in the campaign in which both parties stressed such issues as taxes and pensions.

The National party advocated a policy of incentives for private enterprise and ownership, including reduced income, gift and inheritance taxes, cheaper housing loans and abolution of compulsory trade unionism. Labor promised higher pensions for servicemen, [illegible] security and

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NATO Heads See Fire Brigade Need

PARIS (AP)—Parliamentarians from 15 North Atlantic Treaty countries today recommended the formation of a military fire brigade—with nuclear weapons at its disposal—to meet any type of Communist threats to the alliance.

The lawmakers unanimously approved the idea originally put forward by Gen. Lauris Norstad, supreme allied military commander in Europe.

They also asked that NATO be granted political control of atomic arms and delivery systems. At present, practical control of such weapons in the alliance rests with the United States.

The resolutions passed at the closing session of the annual conference of NATO parliamentarians carry only advisory weight. They will be sent to the NATO Council for official consideration.

The proposed fire brigade would not necessarily have its own nuclear weapons, although this had been one part of the resolution when it was first debated. The final resolution simply said that the brigade "must be in a position to use" nuclear weapons.

The parliamentarians avoided any mention of NATO as a "fourth atomic power." Their resolution on the eventual control of atomic weapons simply urged the NATO Council to establish its own "political authority" over nuclear delivery systems and their use.

At present, Gen. Norstad needs permission from the White House before employing atomic devices, although he is pledged to consult the NATO Council if there is time.

Giving NATO political authority over the use of these weapons appeared to mean that in the future the supreme commander also would have to seek the permission of the 14 other NATO countries before dipping into his nuclear arsenal.

The parliamentarians said the fire brigade mobile striking force should employ nuclear weapons only where necessary to counteract a nuclear attack. Invoking Norstad's own speech earlier last week, they said the use of atomic weapons should result only from a "specific, deliberate" decision at a level higher than the commander of the basic combat elements.

Other resolutions urged greater coordination in the development and production of weapons and greater economic cohesion within the alliance.

Official Raps Admiral For Untaxed Liquor Move

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rear Adm. William L. Erdmann, USN (Ret), was officially reprimanded by Navy Secretary William B. Franke Friday for bringing $4,300 worth of untaxed liquor into the United States.

Franke, however, said no court-martial proceedings will be instituted against Erdmann, who was fined $15,000 in U.S. District Court earlier this month. He had pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of unlawful possession of untaxed liquor and failure to pay the tax.

Franke said the 57-year-old retired officer "will not be tried by court-martial for military offenses arising out of the same acts for which he has already been convicted."

Erdmann was believed to have purchased the liquor tax-free in Guam, where he had served as commander of U.S. Naval forces in the Marianas before retiring last April.

The liquor had been shipped to Erdmann's Kentfield, Calif., home in a box marked "household effects" on board the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard.

In announcing his decision, Franke said Erdmann violated Navy regulations and general orders, and that he "brought discredit upon himself and disrepute to the Navy."

"He failed to demonstrate the qualities of leadership and rectitude required of a Naval officer," the Navy secretary said.

The official action did not effect Erdmann's retirement pay, said to be close to $1,000 a month. Erdmann may reply to the reprimand if he so desires, Franke said, adding that both it and the action of the court will be entered in the officer's record against him.

Five Approve Fluoridation

CHICAGO (AP)—The president of the American Dental Association said Friday at least a million citizens were losers in the Nov. 8 election because their communities had rejected proposals to fluoridate drinking water.

Dr. Charles H. Patton of Philadelphia, in a statement issued by association headquarters in Chicago, said it appeared that voters in only five localities with a population of about 40,000 approved fluoridation.

The ADA has endorsed treatment of drinking water to reduce incidence of tooth decay.

Gas Disperses Caracas Riot

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Demonstrators shouting pro-Castro and anti government slogans rioted in downtown Caracas Friday night and finally were dispersed by tear gas.

No serious injuries were reported but police said considerable damage was done. Tear gas was used when the agitators attempted to set fire to a bus.

A hard core of about 30 leftists finally barricaded themselves in a high school building from which they threw rocks and Molotov cocktails before they were scattered.

The outbreak coincided with a strike which tied up telephone service. The unionists ignored government efforts to arbitrate wage differences. National guardsmen took over telephone installations.

The demonstrators began assembling early in the evening, shouting against President Romulo Betancourt and acclaiming two Cuban students ordered deported for what the government called improper conduct.

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Organizers announced the sponsored show—first in the Palladium's history—as "a new advertising and entertainment medium."

A comedian told a story about an American in a British train.

When all the titters had died down a shrill-voiced lady cookery demonstrator showed the invited audience of housewives how to succeed as a swiss roll (jelly roll) maker.

The swiss roll, made with that special brand of whiter than white baking powder, mixed with this super automatic mixer, went into the very latest creation in electric cookers.

Back to vaudeville then, while the swiss roll cooked.

Somebody sang. The comedian told a story about three brigadiers.

The swiss roll came out, done to a fine spongy texture which only that special brand of baking powder can produce.

A cool trumpeter trumpeted.

The cook took a turn at demonstrating how to succeed with a souffle.

The girls came on.

A shoulder of pork then took a turn on a roasting spit.

The band played God Save the Queen.

Group Requests Tax Incentives

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Association of Manufacturers urges industrial tax incentives and curbs on union power to offset the growth of foreign economic competition.

A special report disclosed Thursday by the association's economic advisory committee noted the rapid spread of industrialization abroad and recommended:

"Removing the tax barriers to capital formation, authorizing sound depreciation policies, curbing the monopolistic powers of labor unions and, in general, providing the kind of economic climate which is conducive to business growth and individual freedom."

The report said that "excessive" union strength has been pushing prices upward. Unions contend that greater productivity has accompanied higher wages.

The report contained no appeal for higher tariffs or the cutting off of international economic aid.

Beck Verdict To Be Studied

SEATTLE (AP) — The four-to-four Washington State Supreme Court vote which upheld the grand larceny conviction of former Teamsters' Union President Dave Beck will be reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court Jan. 19.

King County Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll said Saturday he had learned Charles S. Burdell, Beck's attorney, had obtained a continuance.

The Supreme Court review was originally set for last Monday.

Beck was convicted here of misappropriating $1,900 from sale of a union-owned automobile and sentenced to up to 15 years in prison. He has been free on bail during appeal.

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