

Many Novels

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Campbell, all English, Jacoba van Velde, Dutch, and Mercedes Salasachs, Spanish. They are interested in human grandeur and decadence, the stuff of man, the beat of the heart, and they leave to their elders, or successors, problems like war, poverty and racial hatreds.

The "name" writers have turned in performances of varying quality. Irwin Shaw and Henry Morton Robinson did badly; Harvey Swados and John Hersey, indifferently; Paul Horgan, Jerome Weidman and Pierre Boulle, fairly well. The best were clearly the women: Kay Boyle, Flannery O'Connor, I. Compton-Burnett and Francoise Sagan.

There were novels which must be kept out of juvenile hands. People not in touch with modern fiction have no idea how free and untrammelled it is. I do not speak of paperbacks labeled "experimental" — and indeed legitimately so. I speak of regular hardbound trade books that go way beyond once shocking items like Norman Mailer's "Deer Park," Nabokov's "Invitation of a Beheading" and that classic "Lady Chatterley's Lover." I don't speak, either, of Grace Metalious, but of literature, or aspiring literature. Novels in point are "Lasso Round" the Moon," Durrell's "The Black Book" and "Rabbit, Run," by the talented John Updike. These writers have every right to be heard, to pick the incidents they want to describe and the language in which they wish to describe them — but keep them up on the top shelf higher than youngsters can reach.

There was the inevitable trunkful of Civil War books with, probably, volume II of Allan Nevins' "The War for the Union" at the top of the heap. There were excellent autobiographies and biographies, by as well as about Marcel Pagnol, Maurice Chevalier, General Lord Ismay, C. Day Lewis, Leonard Woolf, and Peter Quennell, and merely about Robert R. Livingston, Thomas Wolfe, Ivar Kreuger, Colette, Sir Walter Raleigh, Bernard Berenson, the Goncourt brothers and Marilyn Monroe.

The American scene had some exceedingly sharp critics, though they were all friendly. Among foreigners who took us to pieces were Sir Anthony Eden, critical in particular of Secretary of State Dulles; Lord Kinross, a casual visitor; D. W. Brogan, a regular visitor. But we were no less harsh ourselves. Frank Gibney in "The Operators" condemned moral supineness in the face of tax dodging, dubious trade practices and the like; Edward Higbee in "The Squeeze" accused us of making the country less habitable; and Vance Packard in "The Waste Makers" said we made waste — strong and ardent anti-Packard forces were not content with attacking him, they swung hard at critics who didn't find fault with his book.

There was a superb animal story: "Born Free," about the Adamsons' lioness; a superb history, "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich," by William L. Shirer; several superb World War II books, among them "Seven Men at Daybreak," by Alan Burgess, about the assassination of Heydrich; "The Greatest Raid of All," by C. E. Lucas Phillips, about St. Nazaire; and "Narvik," by Donald MacIntyre, about the British too little and too late in Norway.

BREAKS COME FAST

DUNCAN, Okla. (AP) — Dr. Richard Ellis was leaving to go to a hospital where his 10-year-old son, Tommie, has been taken with a broken leg when he was notified his other son, Stew, 13, had just broken his leg.

The Soviet Union, the world's largest nation, stretches 6,000 miles from the Polish border to the Bering Sea, the National Geographic Magazine says. It could encompass the United States with five million square miles to spare.

JUVENILE PERSPECTIVE

by Janet Henry



From Monday through Friday their room's so untidy
It's truly a household disgrace,
So Saturday morning, with five days of warning,
I tackle the terrible place.

I sweep the deposit from corners and closet
(A shovel's more help than a broom!).
My two sons, however, appraise the endeavor
With "Who messed around in our room?"

Big Waves Made By Wind, Storms, Law Of Averages

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Those occasional huge ocean waves that hit the Oregon Coast from time to time—and quite a few times already this fall—are produced by a combination of things including storms, winds and the "law of averages," says an Oregon State College oceanographer.

Dr. June G. Pattullo points out that the Oregon Coast is unusually exposed to storms that blow almost directly into the beach. Most of the "whoppers" that hit Oregon come from storms born in the Aleutians, where violent storms occur in the fall and winter.

The storm waves are fed by high winds, and get bigger the longer and farther they are blown. As they approach the coast, the ocean floor becomes a key to checking or channeling the waves, the oceanographer explains.

If the beach is long and sloping, the high waves are slowed down by "friction" from the bottom and generally break far enough out that there is no problem. The depth at which the waves start to break is related to the height of the waves, Dr. Pattullo added.

In some situations, the ocean bottom is such that waves are channeled into one spot in an area and that spot carries the dangerous potential of getting giant waves, she said. Anyone who has walked the beach has noticed how much higher the waves come in some places than others. Dr. Pattullo continued. Some sheltered areas have the benefit of protective "wave breakers."

The law of averages has to be considered too, Dr. Pattullo said, because there is great variation in the waves as they come in. About five per cent of the time, one wave will be more than twice as high as the average. In times of heavy and persistent storms, with already rough seas, this one-in-20 wave can be a real "granddaddy" that sweeps over roads and sometimes beach buildings as happened recently at Rockaway.

Winter storms get an added little lift also, she said, from the yearly high tides of December and January.

Dr. Pattullo, who just joined the OSC oceanography department staff this fall, is a research specialist on sea level and ocean variables—temperature, salinity, oxygen content, water masses, etc. She was formerly on the staff of Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Ocean research off Oregon is being greatly expanded by OSC with special grants from Office of Naval Research. The college's

ocean research vessel, Acona, is now in final stages of construction in Portland.

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