

# We Might Be Better Off Without Fact

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — For some reason which only a psychiatrist could explain, I have developed a remarkable facility for remembering things that I had just as soon forget.

Odd bits of jetsam from the past keep floating around on the surface of my cerebrum while important topical matters—like remembering to put air in the spare tire—sink immediately to the bottom and stay there until the next flat.

Just now, for instance, my brain waves washed up an article I read years ago in the Reader's Digest about the vicissitudes of a poor but dishonest widow who was left with a large family to feed.

She put a coffee can on the kitchen shelf and told the kids it contained money for a rainy day. To the children, the can became a security symbol and they would go hungry rather than let their mother open it.

It was not until they had grown

up that they learned the old lady was lying to them. There actually was nothing in the can but coffee, which must have been rather stale by that time. Nevertheless, it had served its purpose.

**Release Causes Recall**

I don't know why this little tale stuck in my memory box because it was one of the most forgettable magazine pieces I ever read. It was somehow reminded of it this week as I was looking over a press release issued by Rep. Carroll D. Kearns (R-Pa.).

Kearns announced that he was about to introduce a resolution calling for the appointment of a congressional committee to count the gold in Fort Knox. The purpose of this, he said, would be to determine the "actual amount" of bullion on deposit there.

He noted that no body of elected representatives had "ever entered the sanctum sanctorum of any of our mint institutions" to check on "the validity of inventories which have been taken by appointed people."

To the naked eye, Kearns' proposal would seem to be rife with implications, the most obvious one being that some sort of skulduggery had been taking place in the vaults.

**Would Reassure Public**

Kearns, however, stipulated that he was not acting out of "distrust of personnel" in charge of the gold, "but rather to reassure the

public as to the safety of their securities."

Be that as it may, I can't seem to get that magazine article out of my mind. I keep remembering how that poor widow told her children there was money in the coffee can.

Suppose, I say to myself, the committee that Kearns wants to create found out there actually isn't any gold at Fort Knox... that Uncle Sam has only been using it as a security symbol.

If that were the case, we would be like the widow's children. We would be better off if we didn't know it.

There is a moral in the widow's story which can be applied to the entire monetary system. The moral is: State coffee is as good as currency as long as you don't try to spend it.

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# Daring Pilot Risks Death With Electra

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A pilot risked death over California two weeks ago to prove that airline passengers could fly in the Lockheed Electra without fear that it would disintegrate in the air.

The daring pilot nosed an Electra into a 418-mile an hour dive, then suddenly yanked back on the controls to pull out.

The plane had been deliberately weakened in an attempt to reproduce the mysterious vibration bug that destroyed two previous Electras loaded with passengers.

The test plane survived the dive safely.

The Federal Aviation Agency revealed the dramatic test flight Thursday in announcing officially that the big prop-jet airliner, with proper modifications, can resume flying at its normal cruising speeds.

The FAA said the dangerous test proved that the bug had been eliminated. It involved an Electra that deliberately was subjected to one of the most dangerous structural malfunctions—failure of the propeller torque shaft and housing. Both had been stripped from an outboard engine before the plane took off.

It was failure of this shaft and its housing through vibration that led to the disintegration of Electras over Buffalo, Tex., and Tell City, Ind., killing a total of 97 persons.

Actual removal of these key components involves more structural weakness than if they failed in flight. But the test Electra—beefed up by 1,400 pounds of strategically placed metal reinforcements—came through.

All Electras must be reinforced with the metal before they can resume flying at full speed. The FAA clamped speed restrictions on the planes after the Buffalo and Tell City crashes.

**Lumber Buying Raises Query**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., has asked the secretary of state to help find out why a lumber contract went to a Japanese firm despite alleged irregularities.

Morse said Thursday he wants to determine why a contract for 19 million board feet of lumber, financed by foreign aid funds, went to a Japanese firm after the American mission in South Korea recommended that it be canceled.

He told Secretary of State Christian A. Herter in a letter that the Georgia-Pacific Corp., Portland, Ore., was second low bidder for the contract, to supply lumber for victims of Typhoon Sarah in South Korea.

Morse said there were allegations of irregularities in the award and that he wants to get the facts for which he has repeatedly asked the International Cooperation Administration.

**Return Casket After Check Of Its Contents**

SOLEDAD (UPI) — A casket which may contain the remains of the sixth Spanish governor of California, was opened briefly Thursday and then returned to its resting place beneath the floor of Soledad Mission.

The casket was one of two discovered by contractor Ollie Pesch who is working on the restoration of the old mission.

The contractor, who made studies of the early California missions, said he believed one casket contained the remains of a priest and the other held the remains of Joe Joaquin de Arrilaga.

Arrilaga was governor of Alta California from 1792 to 1794 and again from 1802 until his death in 1814.

Two hundred persons gathered at the mission, located 25 miles south of Salinas, to see the red-wood wedge-shaped casket opened. Human bones and a bronze crucifix were found inside.

Restoration expert Harry Downie, Carmel, said he was convinced the remains were those of Arrilaga. He said the age and condition of the casket—and the fact that Arrilaga had asked to be buried beneath the mission—indicated this was true.

The casket was closed and reburied beneath the mission floor. The crucifix was removed and given to the Our Lady of Solitude Catholic Church in Soledad.

**FAMILY OF PILOTS**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gracy can talk shop and sports in the same breath.

Gracy, an Air Force lieutenant, is co-pilot of a six-jet B47 bomber at Lockbourne Air Force Base. His wife, the former Doswell Gentry of Elkin, N.C., has a pilot's license for single-engine aircraft and flies gliders for sport.

# 'Bubble Man' Finally Has Million Record Sell-Out

By VERNON SCOTT

HOLLYWOOD Correspondent.

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—After battling his way through billions of bubbles and a thousand recording sessions good old Lawrence Welk has finally achieved the ultimate—his first gold record.

The master of uh-one, uh-two and uh-three music came through with his first smash hit, "Calcutta," by turning to a rock 'n' roll beat.

Lawrence looks like twins—he's that much beside himself with glee. The coveted golden record has eluded him since 1938 when his champagne music began bubbling.

"I feel wonderful about this," he said munching a noontime hamburger. "I've been trying hard for a long time to make a record that could sell a million. In recent years it became a goal I didn't expect to achieve. I thought my music was on the wrong track."

"Oh Happy Day"

Welk's previous best-seller was "Oh Happy Day" which sold only 250,000 copies.

It was a source of humiliation and frustration to Lawrence to watch such young pups as Fabian, Elvis Presley and Bobby Darin come along and sell a million records without turning a hair or their sideburns.

But here was Welk with a 40-piece band, 45 albums to his credit and no hits. He was the butt of jokes, called the "King of Korn."

Now Lawrence is swinging as "Calcutta" promises to reach the two million mark.

**Appeal to Youth**

"I'm thinking younger now," he said. "Our band is beginning to appeal to the youth of the country, but at the same time not losing our following among the older folks."

This sudden success will not cause a revolution in Welk's style. The bubble machine will be around for a long time.

# Raise Children By These Rules

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Readers: A year ago I printed in this space Twelve Rules for Raising Children. Many readers asked for reprints and suggested that I run it again. I promised I would—in a year. The year has passed and here it is:

1. Remember that a child is a gift from God, the richest of all blessings. Do not attempt to mold him in the image of yourself, your father, your brother or your neighbor. Each child is an individual and should be permitted to be himself.
2. Don't crush a child's spirit when he fails. And never compare him with others who have outshone him.
3. Remember that anger and hostility are natural emotions. Help your child to find socially acceptable outlets for these normal feelings or they may be turned inward and erupt in the form of physical or mental illness.
4. Discipline your child with firmness and reason. Don't let your anger throw you off balance. If he knows you are fair you will not lose his respect or his love. And make sure the punishment fits the crime. Even the youngest child has a keen sense of justice.
5. Remember that each child needs two parents. Present a united front. Never join with your child against your mate. This can create in your child (as well as in yourself) emotional conflicts, it gives rise to destructive feelings of guilt, confusion and insecurity.
6. Do not hand your child everything his little heart desires. Permit him to know the thrill of earning and the joy of deserving. Grant him the greatest of all satisfactions — the pleasure that comes with personal achievement.
7. Do not set yourself up as the epitome of perfection. This is a difficult role to play 24 hours a day. You will find it easier to communicate with your child if you let him know that Mom and Dad can err too.
8. Don't make threats in anger or impossible promises when you are in a generous mood. Threaten or promise only that which you can live up to. To a child, a parent's word means everything. The child who has lost faith in his parents has difficulty believing in anything.
9. Do not smother your child with superficial manifestations of "love." The purest and healthiest love expresses itself in day-in-day-out training which breeds self-confidence and independence.
10. Teach your child there is dignity in hard work, whether it is performed with calloused hands that shovel coal or skilled fingers that manipulate surgical instruments. Let him know a useful life is a blessed one and a life of ease and pleasure-seeking is empty and meaningless.
11. Do not try to protect your child against every small blow and disappointment. Adversity strengthens character and makes us compassionate. Trouble is the great equalizer. Let him learn it.
12. Teach your child to love God and to love his fellow man. Don't send your child to a place of worship — take him there. Children learn from example. Telling him something is not teaching him. If you give your child a deep and abiding faith

# Two Men Held Key To Settlement Just Before Civil War Outbreak

Editor's Note — The greatest tragedy of the Civil War, argues historian Bruce Catton, is that it was not in fact necessary. In this last in a series of articles, he reports a conversation which indicates how easily men of reason and good will could have reached a compromise.

By BRUCE CATTON  
Written For  
The Associated Press

One of the most tragic things about the coming of the Civil War is the fact that just before the curtain went up two men—possibly without quite realizing it—showed how the business might have been settled.

Late in February, 1861, 10 days or so before the Lincoln administration took office, William H. Seward of New York, who was about to become Lincoln's secretary of state, met at a Washington dinner party with Justice John A. Campbell of the Supreme Court.

Campbell was a good Alabamian, and when the split came he would go with his state. But this night he and Seward, in friendship, discussed the great problem and agreed that the Union ought not to be allowed to break up over the slavery issue.

In their talk they said the things that someone ought to have been saying earlier, out in public—in the national political conventions, in the presidential campaign, in Congress, or somewhere.

Slavery, said Campbell, was a transitory institution; it would inevitably be greatly modified or abandoned altogether in the course of time. Modification in fact was already taking place; for years slavery had been receding in the Upper South, and it was really flourishing now only in the rich plantation area of the Deep South. There slavery was thriving, and it perhaps would be 25 years before that area's expanding needs for slave labor were fully met.

Seward interrupted him here to remark: "Say 50 years." Very well, 50 years, in all, before the institution would have reached the limit of its development. Meanwhile, said Campbell, the most the slavery group could ask was the continued protection of slavery in the states where it already existed. In the territories the battle was lost—New Mexico, for instance, had been open to slave immigration for a full decade and only 29 slaves had been taken there.

That is what our democratic machinery is for. It gives us the chance to handle problems which, left to the emotions, become unmanageable. The nation's enduring tragedy is that in 1860 and 1861 that machinery was not used. We have only this haunting record of a conversation between Seward and Campbell to remind us of what might have been done.

Make no mistake about that: The American Civil War was not the "irrepressible conflict." It need not have taken place. It settled nothing that reasonable men of good will could not have settled if they had been willing to make the effort. The record of the war has a variety of meanings. Its most tragic meaning of all is that 600,000 young men lost their lives because their elders had been unwilling to meet a divisive issue with reason and forbearance so easily agree that the is-

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