

Tightrope Walker Swings Hand-Over-Hand On Cable To Freedom In West Germany

BERLIN (UPI)—An East German tightrope walker told today how he inched to safety along a high-tension cable into West Berlin in the near-zero darkness of a night during Christmas week.

Horst Klein, 36, felt free to tell his story because the Communists are believed to have discovered and blocked his hazardous escape route.

Klein broke both arms and suffered other injuries. A West Berlin firefighter eventually rescued him, half-frozen, from the icy waters of a border river.

He spent some time in a hospital, but has now been discharged.

The daring German said he discovered his spectacular escape route by chance. He was trying to find some way to slip past Red

guards on the ground when he ran into a power pole in the dark. Under cover of darkness, he scrambled up the pole until he could see the cables leading across the border.

"I knew I must not touch the cables while I was still holding the mast, or I would be electrocuted," Klein said. "I sprang outward and caught hold of a big porcelain insulator.

"I saw the border below me. Searchlights were shining, but I was in darkness. Hand over hand, I began to inch along the cable."

When his hands stiffened in the

12-degree cold, Klein managed to swing up into a sitting position on the cable. He slid along toward the next power pole, he swung from an insulator and jumped to the metal frame of the pylon to himself out.

Then he resumed his toilsome progress. He nearly reached the next pole before his strength gave out and he fell to the ground, breaking his arms and knocking himself out.

Snow and darkness concealed him both from the Reds and from West Berliners who would have rescued him.

Although he was already in West Berlin, he was still within

easy rifle range of the Communist wall. A small stream lay between him and real safety.

A West Berliner heard his cries and sent for help. A firefighter paddled a rubber boat across the stream to pick him up.

Klein rolled to the bank, and when he got there was unable to stop himself. He fell into the water, but the firefighter jumped out of the boat and caught him when he was carried away by the current.

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FAMILY SHOTS — It isn't unusual for this husband and wife team to vie for top honors in the Alturas Gun Club shoots. For the third straight year they hold the highest individual averages. Emmy Dees, left, boasts a 280 average, and her husband, Joe, keeps a slight margin ahead with 284.

Husband, Wife Battle For Honors In Alturas Rifle Club Shooting

ALTURAS—It is yearly team shooting time at the Alturas Rifle and Pistol Club, and the yearly dilemma of a husband and wife shooting off for high average again confronts the club. For the past three years the pattern has repeated itself as Emmy and Joe Dees vie for top honors in the club shoots. To date Joe has kept a bare lead over Emmy, with a 284 average to her 280.

"I have to come out and practice extra nights to keep ahead of her, though," Joe reports. To this Emmy replies, "Ha, I can't beat him no matter how I try."

Joe shoots on the men's team No. 1 and Emmy on the women's team No. 3. On the nights the two teams shoot together, they have to come to the club in relays to get their scores. One has to stay home and baby sit the three children, Joe will come early and

Childless Pair Owe No One An Apology

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I are in our late 20's. We've been married seven years, have a lovely home, excellent jobs and are content. For personal reasons which we do not wish to discuss with anyone, we have no children.

Our friends all have children and they bicker us mercilessly because we have none. They insist something must be drastically wrong with us — that we are selfish and short-sighted. The stock phrase is, "You don't know what you're missing." They also say we will no doubt end up in the divorce court because a marriage without children is sure to fail.

Why don't people leave us alone? I can't see how our childlessness affects them. Please, Ann, print this letter and inform the meddlers that all couples without children are not miserable. And you can tell us how to deal with this problem in the future? —IRATE

Dear Irate: I can think of no subject more private or personal than this one. Childless couples owe neither apology nor explanation to outsiders.

When the subject comes up, say, "We're heat that topic into the ground, now let's talk about something else."

Dear Ann: When I read letters from single girls in love with married men I ache to tell my story. I'm putting it off no longer.

Eleven years ago I began an affair with a handsome man. He said his wife had an incurable illness and couldn't live more than two years.

I had a fine job, a lovely apartment and beautiful clothes. Soon I was spending so much time running all over the country to be with him (where no one would see us) that I lost my position and had to take a part-time job. Before long I had financial troubles. I was reduced to bargain counter shopping, doing my own hair and skipping the dentist.

Then I learned about other women in his life. He was spending out of town with his secretary and taking an old flame to dinner. I was crushed. By this time years had passed. His wife never looked better and I never looked worse.

I didn't even bother to tell "Mr. Wonderful" goodbye. I left town and am now struggling to make

a new life. Perhaps this letter will help other foolish girls who are playing the same game. — PAID IN FULL.

Dear Paid: Your letter is solid testimony to the high price of low morals. Thank you for putting it down on paper.

Dear Ann: Can you help me get rid of an old luss? It wouldn't be such a problem if he weren't my husband's father. When we took him in it was supposed to be "temporary." Three years have passed and he's still here.

He has had several jobs but spends all of his money on liquor. We can't keep a bottle of brandy in the house for friends. He drinks every drop. If we didn't buy him clothes he'd be in rags. We set up a charge account for him at the barber shop or he'd never get a haircut.

My husband agrees his father should get out but he wants me to tell him. I say it's his place. If something happened to him after I asked him to leave I'd feel responsible. Help, please.

—BARBARA

Dear Barbara: I admire your forbearance, but what the man needs is help. Nothing in your letter indicates you have tried to straighten out his drinking problem.

Instead of heaving the poor guy out in the street and hoping he doesn't get hit by a bus, why not investigate the rehabilitation facilities in your city? A.A. is in the phone book.

Are you going steady? Making marriage plans? If so, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Before You Marry—Is It Love Or Sex?" 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.

On The Record

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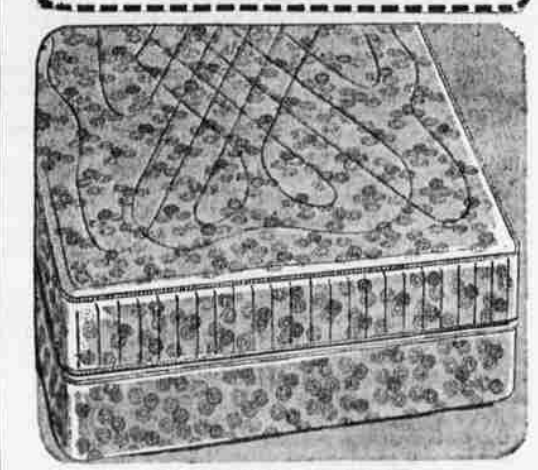
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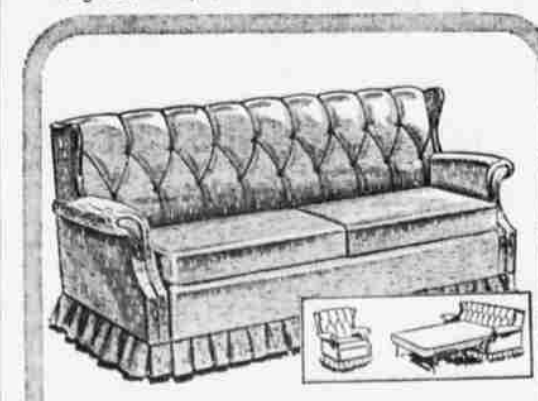
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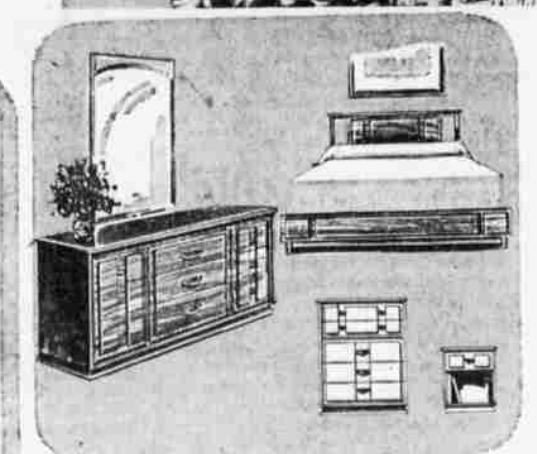
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