

Superstitions About Eclipse Of Sun

WASHINGTON (UPI)—There's the sun disappears altogether for a brief period as though, like Jonah, it had been swallowed, but not permanently.

The moon theory is not particularly modern. The early Arawak people of British Guiana used to say, whenever an eclipse occurred, that "the sun and moon are fighting."

But other peoples proposed other sun-eating agents—giantic frogs, huge cod fish, great black squirrels, enchanted jaguars, werewolves, mammoth serpents, and of course, dragons.

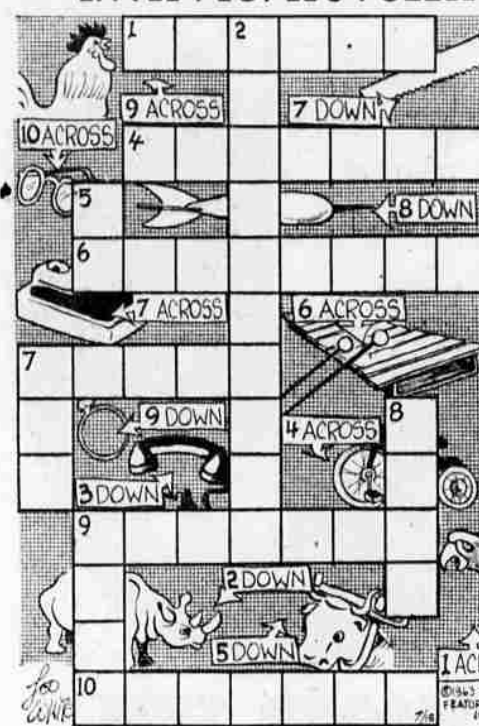
Still others saw in solar eclipses feuds of the gods, prophetic warnings, the evil workings of witchcraft, and portents of the world's end.

One scandalous notion was that the sun and moon were lovers, under the most illicit of circumstances, who seized the opportunity of an eclipse to do what they shouldn't have.

Modern science, of course, has killed all these notions. As far back as 1820 a scholarly textbook was assuring U.S. school children that although eclipses could be foretold, they couldn't foretell anything.

Nobody, it was suggested, could dependably base forecasts of flood, famine, war, pestilence, and general doom on eclipses of the sun. There have been a lot of eclipses since 1820, and a lot of floods, famines, wars—but don't let's get superstitious at this late date.

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7. SAW
8. DART
9. RING
10. DOWN

Small Child Should Not Be Made Doll

Dear Ann Landers: A close friend, in my opinion, is making a serious mistake in bringing up her 4-year-old daughter as a doll. Please tell me if you think I should speak to her about it. My husband believes she is lonely. — SIDE POCKET

This woman waited 12 years for her first child. The little girl is beautiful and her mother doesn't let her forget it. When the child is asked her name she says, "My name is Debbie and I am beautiful."

Every Saturday afternoon the mother takes Debbie to the beauty salon for a manicure and a hair-set. When the child goes out in company her mother puts lipstick, rouge and eye make-up on her. I become awfully upset when I see this little kid all painted up. Several of my friends feel the same way. We can't understand why a mother would do this to her child. Shall I try to set her straight? — NAUSEA

Dear Nausea: A mother who would paint a 4-year-old to look like a kewpie doll is so thoroughly looked up that you can't reach her.

The real tragedy is that the youngster will in all probability be looked up, too. It's unfortunate that children are available to anyone who is biologically able to produce them.

Dear Ann Landers: Ten years ago I was divorced and remarried. My present wife is a fine person and we get along well together. At the time of the divorce Charlotte and I thought it would be best to move away—far away—so I took a job in another part of the world.

Now, after all these years we are back in the old home town and this is what I am writing about. I saw my ex-wife for the first time in 10 years. She looks more beautiful than ever. Everyone in the community has a lot of respect for the way she has conducted herself since the divorce. She is still single.

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Venezuela Chieftain Changed Man

By JAMES R. WHELAN
CARACAS, Venezuela (UPI)—Romulo Betancourt is a symbol of changing times.

Once, nearly 10 years ago, Betancourt was snuffed at by the U.S. State Department as a "radical leftist."

Now 55 and approaching the end of his term as president of Venezuela, he has won the acclaim of the United States.

When he was received at the White House last Feb. 19 President Kennedy told him: "You represent all that we admire in a political leader."

Years ago Betancourt flirted with Marxism, but when he went to Washington Kennedy called him the "number one enemy of international communism in this hemisphere."

The United States, impressed with the reforms he has achieved in always explosive Venezuela, now is reported considering him as the man needed to help bolster the sagging Alliance For Progress program once his term expires next March.

Nothing of Future
Betancourt has said nothing

Grand Jury Hits United Fruit Co.

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A federal grand jury indictment was on file today charging United Fruit Co. with seeking to monopolize the multi-million dollar banana market in seven western states.

Since 1960, the indictment charged, United Fruit Co. had attempted to eliminate competition in the West by flooding the market and coercing clients to refrain from buying from another importing firm, Standard-Elec.

The seven states listed were California, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Nevada and Montana.

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about post-presidential ambitions (under the constitution he would not even be eligible to run for another 10 years) beyond expressing the wish to take an extended vacation and do some writing. But he long has been an open and fervent admirer of the alliance and had launched Venezuela on a major social and economic reforms envisioned by the alliance before President Kennedy announced the program.

Betancourt's time in government so far has been a succession of crises. The real triumph is that he—and elective democracy—ever got this far.

No elected president of Venezuela ever has lasted so long. In four and a half years, he has had to:

Oregon Given Safety Plaque

SALEM (UPI)—A National Safety Council plaque was presented to the Governor's Committee on Farm Safety here Wednesday.

Oregon is one of six states in the nation getting an award for its farm safety program. The presentation was made by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Displayed at the presentation was a new safety emblem which has been designed to warn motorists of slow-moving vehicles. It consists of a large white triangle with a red border.

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—Ride out the disintegration of a three-party coalition when the second largest partner in his government left the party in a squabble over Cuba policy.

—Endured Party Splits
—Endure two splits within his own party.

—Battle, continuing subversion and violence, at first largely from the rightist remnants of the Perez Jimenez clique, but lately

from the Communists with vocal and active support of Fidel Castro.

—Survive at least two attempts on his life, one of which nearly succeeded and left his hands and face scarred for life.

Perhaps even more remarkable than the mere fact of survival is what Betancourt has been able to accomplish despite the pressures on him. He has steered the country through a severe economic recession into a clear recovery.

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