

DENNIS THE MENACE



"... AN' IF THE NEIGHBORS GET REALLY SORE AT YA, TAKE A NAP. THEN YA CAN'T BE DISTURBED."

Cape Canaveral Citizens Speak Special Language

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI)—Someday perhaps 10,000 years from now, an archaeologist is going to unearth the ancient ruins of Cape Canaveral and wonder just what language the inhabitants spoke. A lot of the current inhabitants are wondering the same thing.

A language barrier has grown up between this spaceport and the remainder of the United States. The barrier is clearly defined by the Banana River, which separates Cape Canaveral from the U.S. mainland.

On the mainland side, English is still the going thing. But the spoken and written word at Canaveral is a hodgepodge of English, scientific jargon, test pilot slang, Madison Avenueism, corrupted idiom and verbal innovations ginned up to fit the occasion.

An example: "The launch sent the three-stage vehicle, a second-generation configuration, on a nominal trajectory . . . the command module programmed, staged and optimized its attitude in the automatic mode—all well within defined parameters."

Southern Missile-ese
They call it "missile-ese" or "Pentagon-ese with a Southern accent" of simply "Canaveral-ese." English teachers are appalled. Outsiders, lacking a handy-dandy guide to space-talk, are bewildered. Children are delighted, especially when they find out their parents have no idea what they are talking about.

Canaveral-ese seems to recognize no particular rules, except that the more obscure a word is and the more syllables it has, the better.

New President

COTTAGE GROVE (UPI)—Dr. James M. Whitely of Portland was elected president of the Oregon Division of the American Cancer Society at the close of the organization's annual two-day meeting here Friday.

Controversial Figures Put On 'Administrative Leave'

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The State Department Saturday placed two officials on "administrative leave" after a Senate subcommittee charged they had given misinformation about wiretapping in the controversial case of State Department Security Officer Otto Otepka.

The two placed on leave are John F. Reilly, deputy assistant secretary of state for security, and Elmer Dewey Hill, one of his division chiefs.

The action came as a member of the international security subcommittee, Sen. Roman Hruska (R-Nev.), said the State Department "at a minimum" should consider firing Reilly, Hill and David I. Bellis for first denying and then acknowl-

edging that Otepka's telephone had been tapped with.

Otepka, formerly chief of the division of evaluations under Reilly, was fired from the department earlier last week on charges that he leaked classified information on personnel security to Senate subcommittee Counsel J. G. Sourwine.

State Department officials said leave for Reilly and Hill, arranged by "mutual consent," would begin Tuesday. Monday is a government holiday.

They will remain on leave "while we are looking into" the affair, officials added.

Playing Of 'Dixie' At Grid Games Stirs Controversy In Capital

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Should "Dixie" be played at the Washington Redskins football games in the nation's capital?

That question started a paper Civil War all of its own here last week.

The Washington Evening Star said in an editorial that the song was "one bit of tradition—like the flying of the Confederate flag—that we can get along without . . ."

The editorial writer, however, apparently forgot that the District of Columbia was carved

out of the Southland itself. It is surrounded by Virginia and Maryland. Transients from all parts of the nation come and go with each administration but the old-time natives consider themselves southerners.

The Star Friday printed the first installment of letters reacting to the editorial. One bluntly asked: "What in hell is wrong with this idiot?" Another suggested the author take ear

plugs to the games "or better stay home if he is so childishly selfish."

One writer said he suspected the author "must be an import from the North." Another called it "a new low in editorial policy" while one complainer went even further and said it was "rock bottom."

A lady signed her letter, "an American woman," insisted "Dixie" was a simple, inoffensive folk song—just a good, rousing tune.

"If we southerners stand a little taller when we hear 'Dixie,' it is because we honor the brave men, both black and

white, who once marched in gray homespun to its lilting air," she said.

Only a 16-year-old boy, agreed with the Star's editorial. He said he always boomed when the band played "Dixie" at the redskin games.

"The playing of Dixie is a symbol of defiance toward the United States," he said. "I also feel that no group should be allowed to march up and down the

field carrying the Confederate flag. This happened between halves of the Redskin-Giant game.

"Washington, D.C. is the capital of the United States and only one flag should be flown here, and certainly a song against the United States should not be played," he said.

A member of the D.C. Civil War Centennial Commission said he thought the question should be answered by Abraham Lincoln. On April 10, 1865, Lincoln was being serenaded by

the 14th Regiment and Quarter-

master hands. He said then: "I have always thought 'Dixie' one of the best tunes I have ever heard. Our adversaries over the way attempted to appropriate it."

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