

'Self-Correcting Typewriter Ribbon' Comes To Aid Of Secretarial Goofs

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U. S. Patent Office issued a patent this week for a "self-correcting typewriter ribbon." It was described as the answer to a secretary's prayer.

A secretary I know put one on her typewriter and it worked fine. The ribbon hasn't made a mistake yet.

Now if only someone will invent a self-correcting secretary.

the world will be a better place in which to dictate.

Actually, the "self-correcting" label is a bit of a misnomer. The ribbon was not designed to correct its own mistakes but to make it easier for a secretary to correct hers.

William Wolowitz, a local man who invented it, has high hopes that it will become a commercial success. He conceded, however, that it is not a "panacea."

Still Slight Problem

In other words, the ribbon will not solve the problem of a secretary who can't spell "panacea." She will still need a dictionary. Or a smart office boy.

The fact that Wolowitz's invention is not the final answer to typing errors was demonstrated in a press release that I received from the Spellright Corp., which markets the ribbon.

Whoever typed the release goofed up the patent number. Made it 314447 instead of 3114447.

Had the secretary who typed the release caught the mistake at the time, she could have corrected it with the ribbon, which has an inked strip for typing and a chalked strip for erasing.

Here Is Procedure

The procedure is as follows: Backspace to the first 4 and strike the key again with the ribbon in the chalk position. That would erase it. Then backspace again and hit the figure 1 with the ribbon in the ink position.

That done, the secretary would finish typing the release. Or perhaps take a coffee break.

Eventually, Wolowitz predicted, it will not be necessary to operate the ribbon shift lever to correct mistakes. He feels that typewriters of the future should have an "error key" that would change the ribbon position automatically.

He feels that way because he also has invented an error key. At present, the erasure part of the ribbon is white. Therefore, it only works on white paper. But Wolowitz said plans are afoot to produce it in pastel shades, which will make it possible to rectify colorful mistakes.

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ROLLING ALONG — With cap pulled down tightly over her ears, Josie the Penguin skims along on her new pair of roller skates. The talented bird, who lives at Marineland of the Pacific at Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif., tried out the ball bearing method of transportation and found it to her liking. Usually she just waddles. — UPI Telephoto

Holdup Artist Even Fooled Wife Into Believing He Was Teacher

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (UPI) — Bail of \$50,000 was set today for a 26-year-old man who allegedly was staging holdups while his wife thought he was teaching school.

It was the third time in 13 months Winoski had held up the office, police said.

Police said they found about \$4,000 of the money taken from the holdup in the trunk of his car.

A plea of innocent was entered in district court on behalf of Frank Winoski Jr. of Holyoke, who never completed college but convinced friends and relatives he was a grammar school teacher.

He was arrested on three counts of armed robbery. Judge Charles D. Sloan continued the case to Dec. 27.

Winoski was arrested as the polite, toy-gun bandit who allegedly netted more than \$18,000. Deputy Chief John Lyons said the arrest of Winoski, described by neighbors as a devoted husband and father, apparently solved a batch of holdups in western Massachusetts and Connecticut during the past year.

He was arrested Wednesday night at his home and charged with the \$6,100 armed robbery of the Westinghouse Electric Company credit union office here. He was held in \$50,000 bail.

Spokesmen for both churches said there probably would be a meeting next month in the Holy Land between the Pope and Athenagoras I, who together lead about 683 million Christians — more than two thirds of the world's total.

The historic confrontation of the Roman Catholic pontiff and Athenagoras would mark the first meeting of leaders of the two churches since the split in 1054 A.D.

A spokesman at Athenagoras' headquarters in Istanbul, Turkey, said the bearded patriarch would not make a final decision until the other patriarchs of the church had been sounded out.

This cast some doubt on the announcement Wednesday by Theodosios VI, Greek Orthodox patriarch of Antioch, that Athenagoras would meet Pope Paul in Jerusalem "at a time when all the heads of the Christian faiths look forward to Christian unity."

Athenagoras, 77, is the spiritual leader of the divided Eastern Orthodox Church, but he lacks the authority to enforce a decision affecting the whole church.

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A recent letter from him reads, "I think my overall on two jacks even outdoes the ordinary weak Malowan overall, but the opponents were vulnerable and I thought we might find some cheap save in clubs against their almost certain game. Anyhow they bid merrily ahead to six spades and my overall did produce a club lead from my partner. Had he opened a heart South would probably have let the lead run around to his queen, but my club overall produced a club lead."

"South won with dummy's ace and dropped his king under it while I signalled as strongly as possible by playing my jack. South attacked trumps. I played the ten of clubs on the second trump and the deuce on the third trick which my partner won with the queen. I really wanted a club continuation but my partner ignored my violent signals and led a heart. This gave South a chance to play low from dummy and make the hand, but South preferred to try for a reasonable diamond break. He rose with the ace and went after the diamond suit. My five diamonds to the jack-king kept him from getting three discards and he had to go down."

Handsome Socialist Mayor May Challenge De Gaulle

PARIS (UPI) — A handsome Socialist mayor who favors Western unity is expected to be President Charles de Gaulle's leading opponent in the next French presidential elections.

Gaston Defferre, 33, the mayor of Marseilles and a member of the National Assembly, announced Wednesday night he is willing to represent the French left against De Gaulle.

The next national elections must be held within 18 months. At present, no one is being given much chance of defeating De

Gaulle, unbeaten in a series of elections and referendum votes since 1958.

A Socialist-party congress in February is expected to approve Defferre's candidacy. There has been speculation that other left-of-center parties also might adopt him to present a united front when De Gaulle makes his expected bid for a second seven-year term.

As a candidate, Defferre would give French voters a real choice of issues. The mayor, a war hero and successful urban administrator, opposes De Gaulle's go-it-alone policies in Europe, favors European and Atlantic unity and is hostile to De Gaulle's concept of an independent French nuclear force.

In addition, Defferre's Socialists follow the U.S. policy of negotiations with Russia in opposition to De Gaulle's hard-line anti-Communist stand.

A Defferre victory would bring the French government considerably closer to American thinking as it stands today, according to political observers here.

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