



FACTS

By John Reynolds

PUT A COPY of this in the There's - Really - Nothing-to-It file, will you, Miss Flock-hadle?

I may want to refer to it from time to time.

It may be good medicine when I have a particularly blue day.

And at the same time it may serve to settle me should I get to feeling a little uppity for some remote reason or other.

In one of his Clippings Columns in Editor and Publisher, which is the newspaper man's bible among the trade journals, Ray Erwin calls upon columnists the country over to band themselves into a permanent Columnists Circle "to increase interest in, improve the work of, gain acceptance for and stimulate comradeship among the fraternity of local and non-syndicated columnists."

Actually, what I think Erwin was proposing was a kind of mutual defense pact that would protect the aforementioned from at least some of the misapprehensions which seem sometimes to be shared by readers, editors and the people to whom we get introduced at parties.

As Erwin suggested in his Clippings Column, it might be well, therefore, for columnists in the aforementioned group to brief their readers just a little—in their own defense.

The following Q-and-A bit might sound a good deal like the one Erwin used, but then I think the experience must fit the likes of us in Terra Ceia or Toronto, in Boise or Bida.

Q. Where do you get all that stuff you write about?

A. Failing with other means, I resort to plagiarism.

Q. Is writing that column all you do?

A. Opinions to the contrary notwithstanding, it ain't.

Q. When do you write your column?

A. At night, at home and in the breakfast nook.

Q. If you write your column at night, what do you do in the daytime?

A. Like I said—, Oh well, next question.

Q. How come you never used that stuff I called in to your secretary?

A. What stuff? And what secretary?

Q. How come you write about your kids so much?

A. They are the closest source of material at hand.

Q. Wouldn't you like to be syndicated?

A. Would a man dying of thirst like a drink of water?

Q. Do people get mad at you?

A. Yah, I once got called a dirty warmonger when I wrote a column praising the national guard.

Q. Are you on an expense account?

A. A what?

Q. Are you ever late getting a column written?

A. Yah, today, for instance.

Q. How come?

A. The light was out in the breakfast nook last night.

Pups Look Alike -- And No Wonder

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)—A housewife made the perfect Christmas gift when she presented her newborn children a puppy to replace the one they recently lost. The pup she obtained from the local SPCA shelter looked precisely like the one that went astray several weeks ago, and, as a matter of fact, it was.

Traffic Toll Forecast for New Year's Weekend: 420

(Photo on Picture Page.) CHICAGO (AP)—Experts who forecast an all-time high traffic toll for the Christmas holidays now predict a record for the New Year weekend.

The National Safety Council Wednesday estimated that 420 Americans will be killed on streets and roads during the three-day New Year celebration—unless there is a sharp improvement in the driving habits that shocked the nation last weekend.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (INS)—Governor Stratton said Wednesday he may call out national guardsmen to patrol state highways during the New Year weekend in an effort to prevent another high accident toll.

The troops would travel in military vehicles and would be empowered to arrest careless or negligent drivers.

Stratton said he was appalled by the Illinois toll of 40 highway fatalities over the Christmas weekend.

The council predicted 560 motor vehicle fatalities for the three-day Christmas holiday. The number added up to 609.

The record for traffic deaths during a New Year holiday is 407. It was set during a four-day period at the end of 1952 and the start of 1953.

The cold figures force us to the conclusion that 420 will die, Ned H. Dearborn, council president, said. "But we hope the terrible lesson of the Christmas hol-

Fight Looms Over Federal Aid to Segregated Schools

By James Marlow. WASHINGTON (AP)—Don't be surprised if the federal aid to education is blocked in congress by a fight to prevent money for states which maintain racial segregation in public schools.

Many Democrats and Republicans say they favor federal money for new school buildings. But the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will do its best to have something to say about it.

This is the NAACP's position: 1. When government money for educational purposes is given to states which do not comply with the supreme court's decision of May, 1954, to end segregation, then the government is in effect helping support segregation.

2. Therefore, if a federal-aid law is passed, the NAACP wants a ban on funds to such states as Mississippi, which it says "defy the court."

Mississippi not only has not begun to integrate its public schools, but its voters have approved a constitutional amendment to permit abolition of public schools if that step is needed to continue segregation.

Support from Powell. The NAACP will have some support in congress. Just how much is not clear. Most Southern Democrats will certainly vote against a federal-aid bill with the amendment urged by the NAACP.

Last year a federal-aid bill was left high and dry in congress, after a fight over such an amendment.

Rep. Powell (D-N. Y.) proposed it. It was killed, but not be-

fore Powell had a flat fight with Rep. Bailey (D. W. Va.). In the end, the house never did vote on the bill itself.

Powell, one of those the NAACP is depending on to lead the fight in congress, says he will offer a similar amendment in 1955.

Other Bana. But the NAACP will probably want congress to ban other kinds of federal aid for schools in states which are not integrating.

The government gives money to land grant colleges, for vocational schools, and to school districts overworked because of government activity in the area.

Money for those purposes is handed out by the department of health, education and welfare.

Clarence Mitchell, director of the NAACP's Washington bureau, recently wrote Dr. Herold C. Hunt, department undersecretary, that he "assumed" the department would not continue to give money to states continuing school segregation.

Up to District Judges. Hunt reminded Mitchell that the supreme court left it up to federal district judges to see that the high court's ban on segregation is carried out in their jurisdictions.

So, Hunt said, before the department considered withholding school aid money, there would have to be a "determination" by a federal judge that a particular state or school district was not complying with the supreme court's ruling.

Mitchell said Tuesday that, in view of Hunt's reply, it is up to congress to write into legislation a ban on the use of federal money for schools in states which defy the court.

Step Toward Vaccine Told Cancer Told

By Edwin Diamond. ATLANTA (INS)—A California biologist Wednesday reported he had isolated and produced a blood substance to block the division of cells.

The work was immediately hailed as having far-reaching implications for cancer control.

Dr. Albert Tyler, of California Institute of Technology's Kerkhoff laboratories in Pasadena, said he and his co-workers had stopped the egg cell division of sea urchins with an injection of antisera (a blood solution containing antibodies). Sea urchins are of the star-fish family.

Line of Attack. Since the rapid, uncontrolled division of "bad" cells is the prime characteristic of human cancer, the work offers a valuable line of attack on cancer.

Dr. Tyler's experiments were reported at the 122nd annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Biologists and other scientists who heard his presentation were strong in their praise.

The California work, Dr. Tyler explained, is based on his "auto-antibody concept." The concept is similar to the principle of the Salk anti-polio vaccine and suggests the development of a "vaccine for cancer."

Two Systems. Dr. Tyler holds that the normal cell contains two systems in a complementary or "jigsaw puzzle" state. One of these systems is the disease-causer or antigen. The other is the disease-fighter or antibody.

Using cell substances from the gelatinous (jelly-like coat) of the sea urchin egg, Dr. Tyler was able to "induce the production of antibodies that block cell division."

He proved this by injecting the cell substance into rabbits and chickens and producing an antisera from their blood. The antisera injected back into the sea-urchin egg, blocked cell division.

And it did this "at whatever stage in early development the injection is introduced . . . by treatments as short as 15 minutes."

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U.S. Now Claims World's Largest Cave, in Kentucky

ATLANTA (AP)—Explorers Tuesday announced discovery of the world's largest cave—a 32-mile maze of passageways and cavernous rooms—near Cave City, Ky., 100 miles south of Louisville.

It may actually prove to be 60 miles in total length when all passageways are mapped. Until now, the largest known cave system was the 24-mile Holloch Cave in Switzerland.

The announcement was made to the American Association for the Advancement of Science by members of the National Speleological society.

Collins Cave Nucleus. The king-sized cave is the Floyd Collins Crystal Cave, now found to be the nucleus of a great system of interconnecting caves.

It was in one of its narrow passageways, nearly 30 years ago, that Floyd Collins, a daring explorer, became pinned by debris. His life ebbed away before rescuers, drilling down from the top of the cave, could reach him.

The 32 miles of passages and rooms criss-cross, with the deepest of them being no more than 200 feet under the surface of the ridge where the caves are located, said Brother G. Nicholas, FSC, Cumberland, Md., vice-president for research of the NSS.

Mapped by Society. He has been one of 100 members of the society who have been exploring and mapping the cave system. The passageways are all within an area of probably four to five square miles, he said.

Some passages are so narrow the explorers had to crawl for a quarter mile on their stomachs. At other points, the cave opens up into chambers 50 feet high and 100 feet wide, said Brother Nicholas. The cave system was all formed by water eroding limestone.

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Malay Truce Discussed by British, Reds

BALING, Malaya (UP)—Chin Peng, 34, young but veteran leader of the Communist guerrillas in Malaya, bowed to British military pressure Wednesday and sat down with government leaders to discuss ending the eight-year-old war.

The glum-looking Chin was once a British war hero—"most trusted guerrilla leader" in the war against Japan. He emerged from his jungle hideout Wednesday for the first time in years and entered this small north Malayan village escorted by British troops.

Chin, secretary general of the Malayan Community Party, and his lieutenants, Chen Tien and Abdul Rashid bin Mahideen, headed the Communist delegation. They met with David Marshall, chief minister of Singapore, and Engku Abdul Rahman, chief minister of the Federation of Malaya.

In Guarded School. The talks began in a heavily-guarded schoolhouse in this village by the Siamese border. The principals, including Sir Cheng Lock, Tan, head of the Malayan Chinese Association, posed for pictures 15 minutes and then sat down for a three-hour session.

If the talks are successful, they will end one of the bitterest and oldest struggles between the Communists and the Free World since the end of World War II. The fighting in the jungles has been long and vicious and both sides have indicated they are tired of it.

The meeting opened with a barrage of propaganda broadcasts from Communist China which depicted the meeting as a victory for Communism. But the Malayan government made it clear it considered the meeting the result of the Reds' losing battle against British military forces.

Statement Hit. Authoritative sources said Rahman announced he would "give Chin Peng hell" for issuing a statement on the eve of the meeting saying the talks would fail unless the Reds were allowed to work together with all political parties in achieving Malayan independence from Britain.

The meeting had been postponed many times because of Communist insistence they be treated as equals. Rahman emphasized he has no intention of treating the Reds as equals and said such treatment would imply recognition of them.

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SALES OF FT. DODGE RAIL LINE VOTING STOCK AUTHORIZED. WASHINGTON (AP)—An arrangement under which the voting stock of the Fort Dodge, Moines and Southern Railway will be sold for \$67,215 has been authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission said the purchase will be made by the newly-organized Des Moines and Central Iowa Railway Company. This firm has been formed by a New York group headed by Murray M. Salzberg.

Both companies are former interurban electric lines. The ICC authorized directors of the Fort Dodge board for Salzberg, Meyer P. Gross and Morris H. Snerson, all of New York.

It also authorized sale and issuance by the Des Moines and Central Iowa of 20,000 additional shares of \$25-a-share common stock.

The Des Moines and Central Iowa now has an authorized 17,142 shares of common stock, of which 15,474 are outstanding.

Proceeds of the new stock will be used toward purchase of the \$4,977 1/2 shares of the Fort Dodge line stock.

Present directors of the Fort Dodge line are Arthur P. Wheelock, Des Moines, president; Allen Whitfield, secretary; Will Sargent, R. B. Lamb and K. B. Neemer, all of Des Moines; Henry Gundling, Cedar Rapids; and M. A. Hallam, Philadelphia, Pa.

Whitfield said no change is contemplated in officers or managers of the Fort Dodge line.

Waverly Decides On Scholarship

WAVERLY (AP)—A scholarship fund has been established with the \$10,000 grant received by this northeast Iowa community for its citizens' action in locating a home for a Negro air force captain and his family.

The civic area committee of the Waverly Chamber of Commerce announced Tuesday it has voted to establish the scholarship with the money received from the Fund for the Republic.

The committee said the money would be invested and the interest used to provide a scholarship of about \$300 each year to a Waverly high school senior for the study of civil liberties and human rights.

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