



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.

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 Buda.

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

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.

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.

Step Toward Vaccine Told. ATLANTA (INS) - A California biologist Wednesday reported he had isolated and produced a blood substance to block the division of cells.

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.

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.

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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 - his "most trusted guerrilla leader" in the war against Japan.

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.

Authorized 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.

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New Year's Eve Dance at the Swisher Pavilion. Includes buffet dinner, dancing, and fireworks.

WEDDING DANCE

Wedding Dance at the Swisher Pavilion. Includes dancing, refreshments, and a DJ.

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