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world
this
morning**

Drama on Eros

**I'LL SHOOT, WARNS BANDIT
AS THE SHOPPERS SCATTER**



After the chase... a Jaguar is abandoned in Piccadilly

PICCADILLY GUN CHASE

By
SIDNEY WILLIAMS

A JEWEL bandit held police at bay with a gun on the steps of the Eros statue in Piccadilly Circus yesterday.

Crowds scattered as the man, with a leather holster round his waist, waved his pistol at the police and shouted: "Stand back! Stand back or I'll shoot!"

While he kept the police covered, his three accomplices on the run from a jewellery raid escaped in the crowd of shoppers.

Then the gunman ran into Haymarket with the police at his heels. He waved down a taxi, pushed his pistol through the window and ordered the cabbie to drive him away.

FINAL ACT

Before he could get into the taxi the police were closing on him. So he ran on and tried to get into a car which had stopped at traffic lights.

Again the police almost caught up with him. This time the gunman charged past women shoppers and tried to mingle with the crowds.

Then onlookers saw the final act of the drama. Station-Sergeant John Lane and P-c Thomas Everitt—both of West End Central police station—leaped on an armed man and held him. "I'll come quietly," he said.

Tourists were buying coloured postcards in Piccadilly Circus when the gunman faced police on the steps of Eros.

DUCKED

Postcard-seller Peter Byrne, aged 22, said: "I heard someone shout 'Look up!' and I saw a man standing on the statue steps pointing a gun."

"I ducked down because he looked as if he meant business. But most of the people around just thought he was a nut case."

Just before the Piccadilly Circus drama the bandits' Jaguar getaway car, which had been chased for two miles from the scene of the jewel raid, knocked down and seriously injured an elderly woman.

The drama began at 3.55 p.m. in the fashionable shop of Christopher Sewell—"jeweller to the nobility"—in Davies Street, Mayfair.

Three armed men went into the shop. One of them baited a salesman with a chair-leg while the other two smashed a showcase and grabbed jewellery—worth only £100 at the most.

Leaving the salesman bleeding on the floor, the bandits ran out to their Jaguar, with a fourth man at the wheel.

SWERVED

Outside Simpson's in Piccadilly, the Jaguar swerved on to the pavement to avoid a traffic jam. It knocked down 69-year-old Mrs. Eida Belling of Queen's Court, Bayswater, who was taken to hospital.

The car stopped and the bandits jumped out. The chase continued—on foot—into Piccadilly Circus for the climax around Eros.

Flashbacks: Ten days ago bandits in a Jaguar made a £30,000 grab in Burlington Arcade. In July last year a man was shot and wounded in an attempted hold-up at Sewell's.



In happier times—Fiona and husband

Fiona, girl
with all
the riches

Model and her millionaire part

From JACK GEE
PARIS, Wednesday

FIONA CAMPBELL-WALTER, the top British model who married multi-millionaire Baron Heinrich Thyssen, is asking a divorce.

The break-up, after eight years of marriage was revealed today by court officials at Lugano, Switzerland, where the couple lived in a lakeside villa.

A court spokesman said that 32-year-old Fiona and her 44-year-old husband had tried a reconciliation—in accordance with Swiss law. But their parting was final.

NO DATE

The grounds for Fiona's divorce suit were not disclosed. No date has been set for any court action.

Handsome Baron Thyssen, a naturalised Swiss, is heir to a £25million German steel fortune.

Fiona, daughter of Rear-Admiral Keith Campbell-Walter, married the Baron at Lugano in September, 1956.

The baron—married twice before—said at the time: "This marriage will last."

His second wife was also a British model, Nina Dyer. They parted



NINA DYER
Former wife

after 10 months. Nina collected £1million in a divorce settlement.

Nina is now married to Prince Sadruddin, brother of the Aga Khan. Baron Thyssen is reported to have met her several times in Paris recently.

CHILDREN

Today Baron Thyssen left his Lugano villa—which houses his £7million art collection—and flew to Germany in a private plane.

A member of his household said: "We don't know where the baroness is. We haven't seen her for some time."

Baron Thyssen and Fiona have a six-year-old daughter, Francesca, and a son, Lorne, aged 14 months.

The baron has a 14-year-old son by his first marriage, to Princess Therese de Lippe.

RACE ACES BOYCOTT BEAUTY CONTEST

By BARRIE GILL
Motoring Correspondent

MORE than a dozen top racing drivers last night boycotted a contest to find Miss Motor Racing of 1964—because they objected to being ordered to attend.

The drivers—including world champion Jim Clark and former champions Graham Hill and Phil Hill—should have been judging the contest as a publicity event for Saturday's British Grand Prix at Brands Hatch, Kent.

Condition

But they discovered they were not being invited to a beauty competition at Brands Hatch. They were expected to go as a condition of their entry in the race.

The men who run the racing teams had made an agreement with the Royal Automobile Club, the race organisers, that the drivers would be there.

The drivers claim they were not consulted. They held an emergency meeting and decided to stay away.

Under a clause in race entry rules the drivers stand to lose up to £50 of their starting money because they broke the agreement.

'Belligerent'

Swedish star Jo Bonnier, president of the Grand Prix Drivers' Association, said: "The organisers handled the matter in what we regard as a high-handed and belligerent manner."

"Had we received a proper invitation we should have been delighted to go along."

An RAC spokesman said: "We expected the drivers would be only too pleased to help publicise the race."

Minutes before the beauty contest started, organisers had to find new judges, including racing team bosses Colin Chapman, Jack Brabham and John Cooper.

They chose Janette Lister, of Cheltenham Gloucestershire, as the winner.

Fuel crews join airport strike

Fuel tanker crews who refuel aircraft at London Airport decided yesterday to join tomorrow's 24-hour strike by airport workers.

The men are protesting about an Aviation Ministry rule making them park their cars at the edge of the airport and finish their journeys to work by bus.

Trials man dies

Motor-cycle trials rider David Clegg, aged 24, of Clayton-Le-Moors, Lancashire, was killed yesterday when his car was in collision with a lorry at Aldridge, Staffordshire. Clegg had recently been picked to ride for England.

TODAY'S WEATHER

SUNNY, showers later. **Midday temp:** 18 deg. C (64 F). **Outlook:** sunny periods, cool. **Lights:** 9.46 p.m.—4.25 a.m. **High water** London Bridge: 2.42 p.m. **Yesterday's temp:** Kew: max. 20 deg. C (68 F); min. 14 deg. C (58 F). **Warmest:** Lowestoft, 21 deg. C (70 F). **Colest:** Sile, Benbecula, 11 deg. C (52 F). **Rainiest:** Falmouth, 0.83in. **Sunniest:** Aberdeen Airport, 13hrs. **Moon:** new tonight.

Channel ferry grounded

The cross-Channel steamer *Aromanches* ran aground in a gale outside Newhaven harbour, Sussex, yesterday with 750 French children aboard.

The steamer was trapped for three hours. She refloated on the next tide.

BOAC ordered: You must buy British VC-10s

By HAROLD HUTCHINSON, Political Correspondent

BOAC are to be told to fly British. This, it is understood, is the position the Government will announce in the Commons next week.

It will mean that most, if not all, of the 30 Super VC-10 jetliners originally ordered by BOAC will have to be taken up by the airline.

BOAC's chairman, Sir Giles Guthrie, under orders from the Air Minister, Mr. Julian Amery, to run the airline as a commercial undertaking, wanted to cancel most of the VC-10s and use American Boeings.

His case was that the American planes were cheaper to operate.

On this the experts are

divided, and nobody can really tell until the Super VC-10s are in use.

But the Government have been forced to reject the whole argument that a great prestige national airline must save relatively small sums at the cost of wrecking a big section of the British aircraft industry.

Obvious

It has always been obvious that for a British State airline to cancel a firm order for British jets and buy American would do world-wide damage to British engineering prestige.

Yet the argument has been allowed to go on in public for weeks.

Even now, although the decision to buy British has been taken in principle, discussion is

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Paddy risks life for a fiver

A £5 note slipped from Victor Callaghan's hand yesterday and fell on the electric track at an Underground station.

He jumped down after the fiver just as a train roared in.

Three coaches passed over him before the train stopped and the current was switched off at Chalk Farm.

Bruised

Stationmaster Leonard Hodgkins climbed under the train and found Victor sitting in the safety pit between the rails.

He was bruised and dirty, but happily clutching his fiver.

Said Victor, a 38-year-old Irish labourer: "Sure it's nothing." And he strode off, refusing treatment.

Kenyatta wins Round One

By MICHAEL LAKE
Commonwealth Correspondent

AFRICAN leaders at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London won the first round yesterday in their fight to turn the spotlight on Southern Rhodesia's racial crisis.

Kenya's Premier, Mr. Jomo Kenyatta, told Sir Alec Douglas-Home that Southern Rhodesia should have top priority.

As other African leaders interrupted to support Mr. Kenyatta, Sir Alec quickly agreed that a debate on colonial affairs, in-

cluding Southern Rhodesia, should be given priority. The Rhodesia question will now be debated tomorrow.

The Africans want Britain to intervene in Southern Rhodesia and call a constitutional conference to hasten the African majority to power over the ruling

white minority. Later yesterday, in a foreign affairs debate, Mr. Kenyatta called on the Commonwealth to unite against apartheid and stop evading the question of economic sanctions against South Africa.

This was a direct blow at British policy, which is against sanctions.

The foreign affairs debate centred on Malaysia, where 7,000 British troops are helping Malaysia to fight Indonesian aggression.

● Violence in Piccadilly. From the steps of Eros a jewel robber defies police with a gun. But after a chase down Haymarket police bring him down (this page).

Bishop's son in yacht mystery

HERALD REPORTER

TWO Oxford undergraduates were feared drowned last night after their yacht was found upside down off Dover.

One of the missing students is 22-year-old Charles Guy, son of the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Rev. Basil Tudor Guy. Charles sailed from Chichester on Sunday in the yacht *Jonquil* with Robert Vinten, also aged 22.

The two friends were in their second year at Oxford University and lodged together in Oxford.

Helicopters

Charles was studying theology, and planned to enter the Church of England.

Two men found the *Jonquil* lying on the foreshore near Shakespeare Cliff, Dover, yesterday.

Shortly afterwards a water-proof bag was washed up. Inside it were articles with the name of Robert Vinten and an address at Totteridge, Herts.

RAF helicopters searched the Channel for the students after the yacht was pulled ashore. A dinghy bearing the name *Jonquil* was also found.

The search had to be called off last night because of darkness, but police said it would resume at dawn.

Bad day

BOAC will get the VC-10 after all. But it's a bad day for Mr. Amery (this page and Voice of the Herald, P.6).

Success

The Commonwealth Conference opens, and on the first day's play the Africans succeed in pushing Rhodesia high up the agenda (this page).

War at sea

Hands off our ships, Britannia tells the impudent Americans (P.2).

Special

One of London's more specialised gatherings, 2,000 entomologists (bug-hunters to you) in the Albert Hall (P.3).

Corn

Scripts for home movies are the latest idea. Corny ones, of course. But then so are the movies, except to those taking part (P.6).

Upheld

Six 30-year sentences in the Great Train Robbery are upheld (P.7).

Wan smile

A quarrel among building societies. No doubt it will cause their high-interest-paying clients a wan smile (In the City, P.8).

Sport

Christy O'Connor, of Ireland, and Jean Garraide, of France, share the lead at the end of the first round in the British Open golf championship at St. Andrews. But a gale-force wind is the real master of the day (back page).

Chanticleer

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Britain's Atlantic Battle

A BILL is being rushed through Parliament to strengthen Britain's shipowners against American attempts to dominate world shipping. It is, in effect, a "Hands-off-British-shipping" warning to the United States.

The Bill forbids British traders to comply with American Maritime Commission orders "which infringe British jurisdiction." It is the latest move in the long dispute over attempts by the commission to dictate the freight rates on goods carried to and from the U.S. in British ships.

Americans have been demanding shipowners' trade secrets and ordering them to change existing contracts under the threat of fines. Behind the row is the American inability to compete in freight rates with Europe. If the Americans could force British shipowners to charge higher freight rates they could probably exclude many British exports, which would have become too expensive.

The new British law will compel traders to tell Whitehall of demands for information and will force them to obey the British Government's instructions about them.

CONCERNED

People who break this law will be liable to fines of up to £1,000.

Ninety-five per cent. of Britain's exports are carried by sea, and Mr. Ernest Marples, the Transport Minister, told the Commons yesterday: "The

Government have become increasingly concerned about attempts made by the U.S. Maritime Commission to apply to shipping of any flag the same sort of regulations as they apply under their domestic law to U.S. shipping.

"If we did nothing in this situation to maintain our authority it might be thought to go by default."

In resisting the Americans, Britain is acting with her "maritime allies" who are equally affected—Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Holland, Norway and Sweden.

Telegrams were sent to them by Mr. Marples yesterday, telling them of the Bill.

The Bill also gives the Government the right to order anybody not to pass commercial information to foreign governments.

If, despite the Bill, an American court seek to punish a British firm for producing documents, Britain is prepared to take the matter to the International Court.

RACE-HATE BOMB BLAST

NEW YORK, Wednesday
WHITE extremists bombed a house in McComb, Mississippi, where 10 civil rights workers were sleeping early today. Two civil rights workers were slightly hurt.

FRANKFURT Captain Alfred Svenson, the U.S. army officer expelled by East Germany, was found guilty of desertion and larceny. He will be sentenced today.

CAPETOWN Police claimed to have found large quantities of explosives and other equipment for making time bombs and photographs of "sabotage targets."

LOS ANGELES Singer Peggy Lee, aged 42, started divorce proceedings against her fourth husband, band-leader Jack del Rio, aged 39, whom she married four months ago.

PARIS Jewellery worth £36,000 was snatched by three gunmen who raided shops in the vestibule of the luxury Ritz Hotel. This was the sixth raid on the hotel in three years.

Frigate row turns into a farce

By TREVOR WILLIAMS
Political Reporter

TORY attacks on the Labour Party over the frigates-for-France affair took a farcical turn last night.

Several Conservative M.P.s tabled a resolution for the Parliamentary agenda approving "the growing practice of prominent members and supporters of the Labour Party of visiting and holidaymaking in Spain."

It goes on to urge that they should "influence their Party's leadership in favour of expanding trade" with Spain.

Such urging is hardly necessary. Mr. Wilson has said that Labour's policy is "Trade, yes; arms, no."

Tribunal

Labour M.P.s, headed by Mr. Stephen Swingle (Newcastle-under-Lyme), also put down a resolution. This asks for a tribunal to investigate the "premature disclosure" of a document on the Spanish deal. This document, it is said, was circulated to selected Press officers of the Defence Ministry and the Foreign Office.



Wilson backs trade and aid

LABOUR leader Harold Wilson said last night that economically the Commonwealth had much more of a future than people had believed in recent years.

He said on the BBC that he did not accept the view that Commonwealth trade must continue to decline.

And he added: "But equally, I think the Commonwealth has a very important future politically because, after all, as we have all said, this is the greatest multiracial association in a world where race problems are becoming more and more important."

"I'd like to see us speaking more with one voice in some of the big issues, for example in the United Nations."

Both needed

Mr. Wilson, who was being interviewed by Richard Gould-Adams in the programme 10 O'Clock, was asked if he thought it was the political side which was going to hold the Commonwealth together, and not the economic.

He replied: "I think we need both. I believe that if we can make more of a reality of the economic side, if we can increase the proportion of our trade with one another instead of seeing it decline year after year as it has for the last 10 or 12 years, this will have a very important political effect."

"Also, of course, if we can improve technical assistance, aid and development, this will have political effects as well. But I do agree that a purely economic link would soon become sterile."

BOAC told 'Buy British'

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still going on about just how many of the 30 planes BOAC should actually take or will actually need.

Consideration is being given, for example, to allowing the cancellation of a few of the airlines and switching a few to RAF Transport Command.

Mixed

But if that is done it seems certain that the Services will then require fewer of the Bel-fasts being built by Short Brothers and VC-10 fleet. Government-owned.

The RAF have already ordered 11 of the standard version VC-10 and could obviously order more if they wanted them.

It will be three or four years before the full BOAC fleet of super long-range VC-10s is delivered, and in the meantime the airline will operate a mixed Boeing and VC-10 fleet.

Six standard VC-10s are already operating successfully on the African routes.

In the Commons yesterday Mr. Amery described the VC-10 as "an extremely fine aircraft and outstanding in long-range jets."

But he evaded questions because the Government's final decisions have not been reached. He said he hoped to make a formal statement on the whole subject shortly.

Mr. Amery was asked if he would help BOAC to meet any losses that might be incurred by buying British.

Directive

The Minister said: "I stand by the directive I gave Sir Giles Guthrie in which I asked him to run the Corporation on a commercial basis, but said that if for any reason the Government wished to depart from commercial terms they would have to accept responsibility for doing so."

The fact is the Government always had to accept the responsibility for the cost of BOAC, who now have an accumulated deficit of £30-million.

Mr. John Stonehouse, Labour MP for Wednesday, said that a Select Committee report confirmed that a former BOAC chairman said he was under strong pressure to order VC-10s because of the Minister's insistence in protecting the British Aircraft Corporation.

Mr. Stonehouse added: "As this scandal is likely to out-Ferranti Ferranti, the House will require a far fuller account of the relations between BOAC and the Minister on this subject."

Mr. Amery, asked about the inquiry into the Ferranti profit on Bloodhound missiles, said he would not guarantee that a report would be ready before the Commons rose for the summer recess.

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BRUSH-UP FOR A DANCER

IN the most unlikely places, and at the oddest times, a woman will suddenly dive into her handbag and produce a lipstick or a comb.

Like this girl from the Women's Royal Army Corps, who is to dance to the music of the North

Irish Brigade band at the Royal Tournament.

Yesterday's tournament preview at Ears Court was just the occasion for a "brush-up." The comb came out—

and Corporal Ian Ryan, of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, provided his drum as a mirror.

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£80m rail offer by Marples

By ROBIN PAGE
Parliamentary Reporter

TRANSPORT Minister Ernest Marples suggested last night that the Government might be prepared to give British Railways £80million if the National Union of Railwaymen withdraw their objections to the proposed scheme for fast liner freight trains.

Liner trains—express goods trains—are a vital part of Dr. Beeching's railway modernisation plan.

But, said Mr. Marples in the Commons, the NUR have opposed the proposal that private road hauliers must be allowed to take goods for these liners to and from railway stations.

If the union withdrew their objections he would be prepared to give the railways the cash they need for capital development.

A WAIT?

They have in mind something nearer 30s. a week—equal to nearly 12 per cent.

If an acceptable immediate rise were granted, they would be willing to wait for the all-round pay review until next year, when one is due in any case.

Mr. Ron Smith, leader of the Union of Post Office Workers, said after yesterday's talks he could not recommend the present offer to his members.

The union's executive will consider the position today and another meeting with the Postmaster-General may be arranged tomorrow.

Ford strike ends

Five thousand Ford workers last night ended their strike which paralysed the firm's Halewood, Liverpool, factory for four days. Union and management officials will discuss the men's grievance over production schedules.

Price jump

The new agreement covers the super-Concord.

This was designed to replace the original version when many potential buyers said they would rather wait for the bigger, faster, longer-range air-

POSTMEN REJECT 9s 6d PAY RISE

By KEITH MASON: Industrial Reporter

THE long argument over postmen's pay which nearly caused a one-day strike last spring hit a new snag yesterday. Postmen's leaders and Post Office chiefs could not agree on the size of an interim rise before a full-scale review of pay is held.

At a meeting with union leaders yesterday Mr. Reginald Bevins, the Postmaster-General, offered an immediate 4 per cent. rise—equal to about 9s. 6d. a week—backdated to January 1 and a speedy review of pay in the light of what is paid in comparable jobs.

Any rises resulting from this review would also be backdated to January 1. Mr. Bevins said that this review could be completed within two months.

U Thant backs K's plan

HERALD REPORTER
NEW YORK, Wednesday

RUSSIA'S proposal for a permanent United Nations' peace-keeping force was hailed today by U Thant, UN Secretary-General, as a "hopeful augury" for future talks on the subject.

He said at a Press conference that the Russian plan would stimulate discussion on the UN's peace activities.

In their memorandum on the matter, Russia hinted that she might be willing to co-operate on UN peace work provided the Security Council, where she has the veto, have the last word on all activities.

IN WASHINGTON, State Department officials were encouraged by the Russian move and hoped it would result in Soviet co-operation with the UN on an unprecedented scale.

Small way

Said the Minister: "This would start in a small way—worth £6million to £7million—and it could go up to £70million or £80million."

"But if the NUR say certain parts of the road haulage system may not use the liner trains, I cannot be expected to invest large sums of the taxpayers' money in a project which would be artificially restricted."

Mr. Ernest Popplewell (Lab., Newcastle W.) said Mr. Marples' own deeds were largely responsible for the railwaymen's attitude.

Inquiry

He commented: "The Minister should remove the ban he has imposed on the railway workshops which keeps them from tendering for making railway wagons."

Mr. Ray Guter, speaking from the Labour front bench contrasted the Minister's insistence that the railways should pay their own way with the fact that road hauliers now pay less than half the costs of roads.

Mr. Marples agreed that road hauliers might have to pay more for their licences if an inquiry now going on shows they are not paying their share of road costs.

Both needed

Mr. Wilson, who was being interviewed by Richard Gould-Adams in the programme 10 O'Clock, was asked if he thought it was the political side which was going to hold the Commonwealth together, and not the economic.

He replied: "I think we need both. I believe that if we can make more of a reality of the economic side, if we can increase the proportion of our trade with one another instead of seeing it decline year after year as it has for the last 10 or 12 years, this will have a very important political effect."

"Also, of course, if we can improve technical assistance, aid and development, this will have political effects as well. But I do agree that a purely economic link would soon become sterile."

YOU HAVE ONLY TO WATCH AN ENTOMOLOGIST GENTLY OPENING UP AN ALBERT HALL HAM ROLL TO KNOW THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE SCIENTIFIC DOWN TO THEIR FINGER NAILS

THE NURSE sent along by the St. John Ambulance Brigade thought at first that it must be something to do with the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference.

And, certainly, there was about it all the flavour of a summit. The sense of confrontation. The air of world opinion.

Except that the 2,000 experts gathered with high purpose in London's Albert Hall yesterday had come from across the world to discuss not politics, but bugs.

BODYGUARD

It was probably, however, too much to expect that the mild-looking men and women who met for the four-yearly congress of entomologists could keep out of politics completely.

Somebody told Nationalist China about the meetings and Red China got very upset.

They sent an attache (with bodyguard) to tell the congress secretary that in view of this dastardly action they intended to boycott the affair.

Frankly, nobody missed them.

Sixty-five countries sent delegates, including Russia (nearly 30) and the United States (more than 300).

As one American explained, the United States probably has more bugs than anybody else.

Ninety per cent. of the delegates are concerned with agri-

Story by
MARGARET JONES

cultural and medical entomology — helping to fight diseases among men, animals and crops.

They smile tolerantly at their brand image—the eccentric who goes around the countryside chasing butterflies with a large net.

After all, they agreed agreeably, some of them do that sort of thing. Just as some spend their days painstakingly putting pins through dead butterflies and giving them Latin tags.

For the next week delegates will be meeting in small groups to discuss the bug world.

The meetings, one knows now, will be amicable and scientific. (You have only to watch an entomologist gently opening up an Albert Hall buffet ham roll and inspecting the contents to see that these people are scientific down to their finger nails.)

COSY CHAT

Minutes after yesterday's opening, four professors settled down at the congress headquarters at Imperial College to a cosy chat about locusts. There were two Russians, one Briton and one Turk.

Nearby a group of Americans were wondering how they could get round all the seminars "because we are interested in just about everything."

A couple from Yugoslavia who work with bees were

The summit where they iron out the bugs

busy buying up books on Beetles of the British Isles and Land and Water Bugs.

And some delegates were peering through glass at lines of pinned insects labelled "aggressive social wasps," "less aggressive wasps," "extremely docile social wasps" and "solitary vespid wasps."

I asked Dr. Paul Freeman, secretary of the congress, how the entomologist regards the insect world.

"Not emotionally," he said. "They don't really worry, you

know, whether they are alive or dead."

There were plenty of jobs for entomologists these days, he said. In fact it was one of the best branches of biology to specialise in.

But newly-developed countries are now producing their own experts on bugs which means that many British entomologists are returning home.

As far as one could tell, few delegates actually took any samples to the congress, although one or two carried suspicious looking haversacks over their shoulders.

Still, the B3C provided some real live specimens of British grasshoppers with tape recordings of their "songs." A fair young man from the

B3C sat alone listening to the sandpaper sound of chorithippus vagans, the aeroplane engine sound of omocestus viridulus and a "song" that sounded like a big smacking kiss from platycleis denticulata.

Yes, he said, if you sat there long enough—as he had—you soon learned to identify them.

The grasshoppers were all in cases. And they looked a great deal more innocent than they sounded.

Just in case anything did go wrong at the congress, the nurse from the St. John Ambulance Brigade was ready with an antiseptic for bites and stings.

Although why she thought she might need it at the Commonwealth conference I never did find out.



PICTURE: LEN BLANDFORD

Brazil's Dyrce Larcombe . . . no butterflies, no net

FOR ONCE, POLITICS JUST DON'T MATTER
ALTHOUGH RED CHINA WENT OFF IN A HUFF



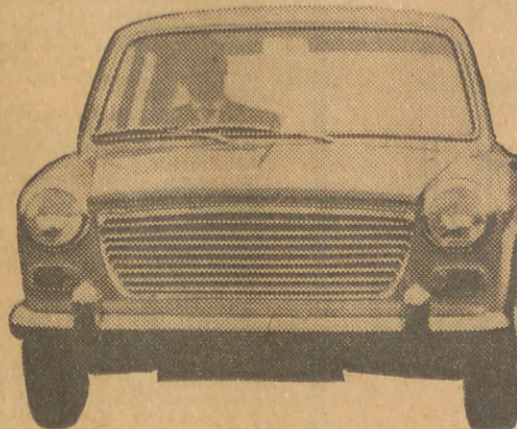
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THE WOMAN'S VIEW IN YOUR LETTERS

EDITED BY AMY LANDRETH

OFF THE CUFF

MY fiance and I always wanted to be married in church. But we wanted to be married as privately as possible with only the essential witnesses, and nobody else. We then planned to slip away on our honeymoon. Our day.

Mother was horrified when she heard of it. "If you have a church wedding," she declared, "you must have a reception afterwards."

I gave way in the end. I did not want my marriage to make anyone unhappy. So now we are to have a reception that will be a grand get-together of relatives who detest one another. Our day? Not any more. It's Mother's.—Wistful, Hull.

Topless

WHEN we were at Blackpool this week, the rumour went around that two girls in topless swimsuits were going in to bathe on the South Shore. We hurried along, just in time to see a young mother with toddler twins, aged about two, going for a paddle in their pants! Served us right.—Mrs. G. Fogarty, Rotherham.

Night shops

ONE of the things I most enjoyed in my holiday at the Belgian seaside was being able to go shopping every evening after dinner. It was lovely to see the shops ablaze with light and assistants who served as though they enjoyed

MOTHER'S WEDDING DAY —WHEN IT SHOULD BE MINE

COFFEE BREAK

doing it.—Mrs. Eve Tedding, Portal Close, Norwood, London.

WHILE my father was gardening, his friend's four-year-old boy would pluck the flower heads even after being told not to. Father explained to him that this made God angry.

The boy was deeply impressed by this and went off to play. Suddenly there was a cry. The boy had fallen and hurt his knee.

"How did you come to fall?" my father asked. "I didn't fall," the boy tearfully protested. "God pushed me." —Mrs. Lilian Stead, Curdify Road, Bargoed, Glam.

Your tips

If your husband sleeps right through the ringing of an alarm clock, put the clock and a few teaspoons on a plate. What a clatter! —Mrs. H. L., Birmingham.

In summer strip the beds in the morning, and make them in the evening. You will

What is your story, your viewpoint, your helpful hint, your grumble? Send it to Coffee Break, Daily Herald, 2-12, Endell Street, London, W.C.2. A guinea is paid for every Coffee Break letter published.

have a cooler bed, and a more restful night.—Mrs. M. G., Maidenhead, Berks.

I WISH... self-service stores would supply baskets made of polythene instead of wire. Then my stockings would not get laddered.—Miss A. G. Jones, Erw Wladys, Glencroft, Denbigh.

THIS WEEK we've seen Princess Margaret dressed for a costume ball. Princess Margaret falling off her water skis. Princess Margaret meeting the Beatles. But what I'd like to see is Princess Margaret the happy young mum. What about a nice picture of little Lady Sarah, Tony? —H. Gray, Crowborough, Sussex.

Why all the fuss about those pretty frauleins?

WHAT NONSENSE all this fuss is about beautiful German girls. Even the BBC is singing their praises now (Panorama, Monday).

I have just come back from a holiday in the Rhineland.

I am not anti-German, but my impression is that though you see blondes with lovely sun-tan complexions the majority have dreadful figures and over-eat.

They wear mannish hats, clumpy shoes. British girls can beat them any day.

Mrs. Violet Marshall, Fishponds, Bristol

Well, the girl on the right looks beautiful enough. And she's German. True, they are not all so pretty, but their latest fashions rival ours (the girl is wearing separates in Arnel by Becker of Munich.) Sorry Mrs. Marshall, but you're wrong.—Amy Landreth.



BOOKS Gossip of a queen

QUEEN VICTORIA has turned into a symbol of stuffiness, moral indignation, and pious widowhood.

It is unfair to her extraordinary vigour, plain-spokenness, and individual courage.

Dearest Child: Letters between Queen Victoria and the Princess Royal, 1858-1861, edited by Roger Fulford (Evens, 42s.), consists of private letters full of gossip, harsh personal opinions, regrets about the characters of future kings and other shameless female outpourings.

The good Queen could be very snappish about the position of a married woman: "If you have hereafter (as I had constantly for the first two years of my marriage) aches and sufferings and miseries and plagues—which you must struggle against—and enjoyments etc. to give up—constant precautions to take, you will feel the yoke of a married woman!"

She can say very firmly: "I think our sex a most unenviable one."

Victoria was remarkably free from prejudice in favour of her dear son Bertie, and at the time of these letters could even be critical of Albert, "dear Papa." Her views on literature were steadily futile and she was deeply dogmatic about draughts and illness generally.

She wrote to the Princess

Royal: "We are both sadly grieved to hear of your being quite laid up and according to approved German fashion in bed. I have no doubt that the dreadful fatigue and excitement as well as exposure to great heat and draughts have brought this on. I fear you are very susceptible to cold — which everyone seems to get abroad."

"The 'dearest child' to whom she wrote could be as snappish as her mother. Making allowances for the Prince of Orange, the Princess Royal wrote: "It is not his fault that he is plain. Besides he has got nice blue eyes and white teeth, good hair and complexion and I think something frank about him."

HIS HABITS "I cannot help thinking that his bad, loose habits come from bad company and from never having associated with people of his own rank."

Victoria wouldn't stand for that. Straight away she wrote: "The 'white teeth' I fear cannot be his own, as he had had once when we saw him three years ago. Poor boy, great allowances must of course be made for him."

It must have been very painful to have great allowances made for one by the late Queen Victoria. But nobody could read these letters of hers without feeling respect for her and a certain affection.

HAROLD WILSON IN MINIATURE

A BOOK just out contains more details about Harold Wilson's childhood background and career than anything else yet published. And that is the best that I can say for it.

The style of Harold Wilson, the Authentic Portrait (Hodder, 16s.) is so ludicrously inappropriate to the subject that at times it reminded me of Cranford. The author, Mr. Leslie Smith, has produced a study of Wilson that defeats its purpose and diminishes the very real stature of the man.

I am sorry to say this because Mr. Smith has done a lot of work and has got a great deal of his material from Wilson himself, his remarkable and gifted father and his closest colleagues. But Mr. Smith has given no idea of the man Wilson is now; extraordinarily clever, kind but also formidable, sophisticated but also simple, calculating but capable of risking his career for his beliefs.

The real Wilson is a very much more impressive man than appears in this book.

Harold Hutchinson

CRIME SHELF

VOTE X FOR TREASON, by Brian Cleeve (Collins, 13s. 6d.).

An extreme Right-wing group plan to blackmail the Government into giving them positions of power from which they can take over the country. Their instruments: the New Party (Keep Britain White, dog delinquents, cripple the trade unions), and a threat to bring on a financial crisis that will topple the Government anyway.

Couldn't happen? Maybe not. But Brian Cleeve, with a degree of political sophistication rare in crime writers, makes you believe it could. His hero is an IRA gunman, released from jail to act as undercover man for British intelligence in the New Party, and Cleeve makes even this plausible.

Good Buchanan thriller, with non-pretentious philosophy about violence thrown in.

FLIGHT OF A WITCH, by Ellis Peters (Crime Club, 15s.); Bewitching 18-year-old vanishes on a Witch Hill, returns five days later claiming she's been away only two hours. But she is wearing a ring stolen from a jeweller murdered in Birmingham during her disappearing act. Even the police can't believe the lovely creature had anything to do with it. A fine, meaty mystery, with bags of forgivable melodrama.

ONE HOUR TO KILL, by George Harmon Cox (Hammond, 13s. 6d.); Trinidad setting for multiple-suspect-type murder of bitch-wife. This American author is, as usual, intrigued by the West Indies and British justice, and conveys his feelings well. Machine-made but colourful.

UNEASY LIES THE DEAD, by M. E. Chabier (Boardman, 12s. 6d.); Three seven-year-old murders, one new one, and a missing gangster insured for a million dollars, interest insurance sleuth Milo March. And us, if we like technical polish on light entertainment, I do.

APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH, by Charles Berling (Hale, 10s. 6d.); One day an author isn't murdered. But not yet, chums, not yet.

Peter Phillips

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TAURUS (April 21-May 20): Go full steam ahead and show that you're with it.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Achievements can be remarkably good, even if they cause temperamental opposition.
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Advertisement for Hector play-pen. Includes illustrations of a child and a dog, and text: "My sister keeps pushing monkey-nuts... through the bars of my play-pen... She thinks this is very funny... but I can't see the joke."



Artist faces mural storm in tin hat

By DAVID CROSBY

ARTIST Tony Hollaway put on a pair of dirty overalls and a tin helmet last night when he met 50 angry people to defend one of his abstract murals.

For the 50 were so annoyed about the mural—on a new block of flats in Millwall, Isle of Dogs, where they live—that he feared they might start throwing things at him.

Mr. Hollaway's mural is an abstract in driftwood and paint. London County Council paid him £109 for it.

'WASTE OF MONEY'

But the residents of the flats in Manchester Road, Millwall, don't like it. They want it pulled down.

Last night they held a protest meeting and invited 36-year-old Mr. Hollaway to state his case. He heard his work described as "hideous," "a heap of rubbish," and "a waste of money."

Mr. Hollaway, a former art teacher, of Hester Road, Battersea, said afterwards:

Back from a meeting with Teasy

"I tried to explain to them that they were getting a work of art very cheaply. But they just jeered at me.

"It was easier teaching kids art, than this lot of bigoted adults."

Mr. Hollaway, who used driftwood fished out of the River Thames for his Isle of Dogs work, has created 60 murals for London County Council in the six years he has been employed as their design consultant.

He said: "This is the first time anybody has called a protest meeting about my work.

"Really, I am delighted. It is refreshing to see these people taking an interest in modern art even if they don't like it."

'RUBBISH'

Mr. Bernard Le Mare, a senior LCC architect, appealed to the residents at the meeting to take another look at the mural.

He told them: "You may laugh at it now, but perhaps you will grow to like it. People used to laugh at Henry Moore's work."

Mr. Richard Winter, a 60-year-old painter and architect, of Nelson Road, Greenwich, disagreed.

The tenants cheered as he said: "It is a load of rubbish." The residents passed a resolution demanding that the LCC take down the mural immediately.



Marples 'blitz' bans 35 lorries

Ministry of Transport inspectors stopped and tested lorries at six checkpoints in Leeds yesterday—the first part of Mr. Marples' clamp-down on defects in heavy vehicles.

During the six-hour check 396 lorries were tested, 35 banned from the road and 115 given 10 days to have faults repaired.

Cultivator death

A rotary cultivator overturned in a nursery greenhouse yesterday and killed its operator, 58-year-old Mr. Arthur Gardner, of Hazelwood Gardens, Brentwood, Essex, by pinning him against a wall.

received the Papal blessing—with thousands of others at the Pope's weekly public audience in St. Peter's.

Afterwards the 53-year-old Mayfair socialite said: "I feel I have now finished my spiritual mission. I have learned to forgive and forget, to be forgiven and to be tolerant."

He explained that during his "wonderful" spiritual retreat in North Africa he spent part of the time meditating in a monastery and seven weeks with nomads and wise men.

Between the end of his period of meditation and his pilgrimage to Rome, Raymond spent a week's holiday at fashionable Venice Lido.

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DON'T BACK THIS BEATLE HORSE!

BEATLE fans were warned yesterday not to back the race-horse bought by Paul McCartney when it runs on Saturday.

The warning was given by Lieut.-Colonel Wilfred Lyde, who trains the horse, Drake's Drum.

Paul bought Drake's Drum for £1,500 as a birthday present for his father this week.

And in a television interview on Tuesday Paul said: "Don't forget—Drake's Drum, Saturday, at Chester."

Future

That worried Colonel Lyde, who had visions of thousands of fans backing the horse.

He said: "The horse has been in my stables for only two weeks, which hasn't given me time to do much."

"I wouldn't advise anyone to back Drake's Drum on Saturday, although I think it will win in the future."

And last night Paul had second thoughts. He said: "I don't advise anyone to put money on my father's horse this week. We don't think it has much chance."

Mother accuses son of theft

A mother who had asked police to arrest her son conducted her own case for the prosecution when he appeared at Wimbledon juvenile court yesterday.

The boy, aged 16, admitted stealing 8s. 6d. from his mother to buy cigarettes. He was put on probation.

Steel boom

Britain's steel exports averaged 291,000 tons a month during the first five months of this year—9 per cent. up on the same period in 1963.

Teachers hit and kicked our boys, say parents

By ARTHUR OSMAN

PARENTS have been promised a full-scale inquiry into allegations that their sons have been kicked, punched and hit with a rope by schoolmasters.

The charges are made against the staff at Riland Bedford High School in Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

Mr. Alan Mason, a sales representative, whose 12-year-old son Stephen is one of the school's 500 pupils, collected evidence from parents and boys and sent a written complaint to the local education authority.

Mr. Mason says boys were

pulled from desks by their hair, knocked about the head, hit with a rope tipped with a leather ball, and given "judo blows" in the ribs.

He also claims they were forced to squat on their heels and were kicked when they fell over.

A TWITCH

Yesterday Mr. Mason's son was kept away from school on doctor's orders.

At his home in Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Mr. Mason said the boy had developed a nervous twitch after being repeatedly hit. He added: "Stephen is

terrified of going to school." Mrs. Helen Chorley, of Maple Road, Sutton Coldfield, said her 11-year-old son Charles was frightened of going to school.

She told me: "I know of boys being hit in the ribs and being made to stand with their arms raised for long periods. I am livid."

The headmaster, Mr. John McGinn, said: "I have had these allegations reported to me and the education officer has called for an inquiry."

From my own investigations I am satisfied the allegations are completely unfounded."

GIRLS MAY GO WEST AGAIN

AMERICA'S ban on British secretaries taking jobs in New York may soon be lifted—thanks to a lone battle by businesswoman Mrs. Margery Hurst.

Mrs. Hurst, who runs a London secretarial agency, hurried to New York as soon as she heard that girls seeking jobs there would not be granted immigration visas.

She spent nearly three hours talking to a Department of

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Labour official. And the Americans agreed to think again about the ban.

Blonde Mrs. Hurst said when she arrived back in London yesterday: "It seems the Americans objected to British secretaries because their salaries, they thought, 'under-cut' American salaries. They didn't realise

that the British girls were getting salaries as temporaries and not as fully established secretaries."

The two-week-old ban applies only to New York, where secretaries can earn up to £50 a week. The average weekly wage for British girls there is £27 10s.

Mrs. Hurst's Brook Street Bureau—which she started with a £50 overdraft 19 years ago—has 270 more British girls ready to go to New York. They are only waiting for their visas.

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REWARD FOR BUS HERO

A WAGE-SNATCH gang escaping with £1,200 dropped the money and fled when Mr. R. A. Punter drove his No. 76 bus at them in Stamford Road, Hackney.

The bus rammed one of the getaway cars and yesterday Mr. Punter was given a £70 reward by the firm whose money he saved.

Handcuffed man on train girl charge

By WILLIAM DOLBY

FARMWORKER Derek Pye, father of three children, was accused yesterday of the murder on a train of 15-year-old Yvonne Laker.

'Save these lives' wives demand

WIVES demanded action yesterday in a bid to save the lives of seven women every day.

They call for mass tests to be made under the National Health Service to help fight a "killer" disease.

All married women should be able to have the tests—for cancer of the womb—decided delegates to the Bristol conference of the National Association of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. R. French of Ipswich, Suffolk, said there were 40 centres in England and Scotland providing the tests—known as "smear" tests. This was not enough.

The disease could be cured if it was detected early, and the mass tests could save the lives of 2,500 women a year, she declared.

Symptoms

A Ministry of Health spokesman said last night: "We intend to make tests available for every woman as soon as we can."

He added: "At the moment, they are available only to women who might have symptoms of the disease. We haven't enough trained pathologists to carry out tests for every woman in the country."

Two in every five deaths in England and Wales during 1963 were due to heart disease or cancer, says the Registrar-General's report, published yesterday.

The illegitimate birth rate was 69 per 1,000 births, compared with an average of 56 for the previous five years.

ROSEBUDS

He spoke only once—when the magistrates' clerk asked whether he was unemployed. Pye said he was.

Detective-Sergeant William Durrant told the court that after numerous inquiries he and Detective-Inspector Cyril Holdaway saw Pye at Aldershot police station on Tuesday. He was taken to Basingstoke and charged with the murder.

Pye was remanded in custody until Tuesday.

Yvonne was buried yesterday at New Milton, Hampshire, where she boarded the train to go back to convent school after staying the week-end with her grandparents. On the coffin was a single wreath of rosebuds.

Voice of
the Herald



TIME
TO GO,
MR. AMERY

THE British aircraft industry and Britain's airlines are in a state of middle.

Last November Sir Giles Guthrie was appointed Chairman of BOAC with a clear mandate: run the airline at a profit.

This after years when BOAC never knew whether they were in business for profit or for the prestige of the aircraft industry.

Ridiculous

Already Mr. Amery, the Aviation Minister, has had second thoughts. The Cabinet appear to have decided that they will keep the VC 10s flying, even if they do cost more to run than the Boeings which Sir Giles wants.

Every country in the world subsidises its airlines and its aircraft industry in one way or another.

It was ridiculous of Mr. Amery ever to pretend that BOAC could be run as a purely commercial concern. And clearly Britain's major airline cannot turn its back on British planes.

Quite rightly the Government have co-operated with France on the Concord project for a supersonic jet airliner.

International co-operation is the only way in which countries the size of Britain and France can hope to stay in the air at economic rates in the supersonic age.

Uncertain

That Britain's share of the Concord costs is now going to be £60 millions above the original estimate only shows how enormous are the uncertainties and risks in the flying business.

To grapple with these risks and maintain public confidence Britain needs a Minister of Aviation who knows where he is going. Mr. Stop-Go Amery does not.

The sooner he is replaced the better.

DEE WELLS

Would you bring up baby like this?



Glass-box baby Sara Franklin of Hampstead, with parents.

GIVING HOME MOVIES THAT EXTRA TOUCH OF BOREDOM..

by ARTHUR EPERON

ONCE you (and your neighbours) have become bored with your home-movie shots of Baby Chewing Toes and Girl Chewing Cold Sea, do you despair of ever using your cine-camera outfit again?

Many people do—unless they buy long-range lenses and other expensive equipment and start filming such epics as *The Secret Life Of The Willow-Warbler*.

But Geoffrey Marsh, a 20-year-old Southampton journalist, believes he can save the growing band of home-cine buyers—around 5,000 new ones a week—from eventual boredom with family-album shots.

He has written a series of film scripts, complete with directions and camera angles, which cast the whole family in a story.

"It costs 25s. 4d. to shoot four minutes of film," says this eager young man. "Four minutes of the family gaping at the camera is not worth the money. It is much more fun if the family can make a story-film."

PEEPING

So far he has produced six scripts. A top camera company is offering to buy them to give away with their cine-sets and the Americans are interested.

Frankly, I think the neighbours will be just as bored with the family as actors as they are with the "takes" of the family on the beach. For the scripts are appallingly corny.

Take, for instance, *The Night We Had Burglars*. People watching TV tend to leave their upstairs rooms unguarded, so, as the story goes—

When she hears that her neighbour's house was burgled the night before, the heroine of our story decides she must take drastic steps to catch the crook red-handed. But things don't turn out just the way she planned...

Know what happens? While she and Dad wait upstairs to catch the burglar, the burglar steals the TV set.

You know? You've been peeping.

Geoffrey smiles and admits the scripts are corny. And the situations: Dad holding his hands up in anguish as precocious junior bullies him just like Mum does; Dad trying to snooze on the lawn and being found jobs to do.

SELLING

But Geoffrey says people love playing at acting, even if they can't cope with subtle dramatic situations. He's right you know. There is a shy but persistent film actor in all of us.

Already after a month his scripts are selling fast at a guinea a time.

But I think confident young Geoffrey has forgotten something. He may soon be getting the Joneses' productions of his scripts with notes saying: "Don't you think Our Jenny is as good as Sophia Loren or Hayley Mills? Kindly arrange a film contract for her."

Then I shall take a film of Geoffrey raising his hands in horror.

LETTERS

SELF-HELP PATIENTS

THE £50 million a year cost of lost working days is not all the cost of people with hidden illnesses who do not consult their doctors in time.

In addition, many millions a year are spent on patent medicines by people who prefer to prescribe for themselves rather than go to a doctor.

W. L. WILTSHIRE, Thornton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

UNTIL we have many more doctors it is useless to tell people to get medical advice for minor ailments because they may become serious.

I haven't the heart to take my petty pains to my doctor. He is so obviously tired from overwork that he himself is in danger of serious illness.

H. G. Wolverhampton.

Giving notice

PETER MOSTYN says (Monday) that notice given under the Contracts of Employment Act must run from the end of the current week or month. Guidance notes to the Act, published by the Ministry of Labour, say: "So far as the Act is concerned, notice can be given on any day," providing that a contract of employment does not state otherwise.

GEORGE H. LOWTHIAN, General Secretary, Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers, London.

MAYBE it had to come. Anyhow, it's here. The NEW! EASY! ECONOMICAL way to go glug-glug down the brain-drain without pulling the stopper.

No passport required. No travel. Without the old-fashioned bother of becoming a top-drawer scientist, you, too, can lose your wits to America.

All—positively all—you have to do, is have a baby. Buy a glass, germ-free, air-conditioned, partly sound-proof box. Put the baby in the box (which is an American idea). And put the boxed baby where psychologists—a team of psychologists, that is—can watch it. And you're in!

The box makers claim that the filtered air, fewer disturbing noises and an even temperature make baby happier and healthier.

Bastion

It is extraordinary. Honestly, I would have bet that it couldn't happen here. Florida, yes. But not here. Not in this little island bastion of near-sanity. Not in these few square miles so thickly populated with sensible mother cats, kindly old grannies, and happy fat babies that are never off their indulgent mums' laps.

But now that the box is here,

think back. Think back to the 1920s... '30s. And to what some doctors and psychologists were then saying. Don't breast feed. Don't pick your baby up when he cries. Don't give in to his whims. Don't spoil him. Don't feed him, except at four-hour intervals.

Don't... don't! The list of forbidden things was as long as the Ganges. And twice as nasty.

Mother cats and grannies thought the instinct-denying rules were mad, and bad. It was the anxious young mothers who didn't know. Who, trustingly, believed the new dogma the stainless steel minds had evolved. And who followed the rules.

Bewildered

As a result, a lot of hungry, soaking wet, cold, bewildered babies were fed on a clockwork schedule, and left to cry. A lot of pseudo-scientific nonsense was spread about crying being good exercise for the lungs. And about not giving in, not letting a baby get to think he was boss.

Since then, total change. The paediatricians and psychologists, once so certain that their new ideas were the way, the truth, and the light, have ditched the lot. And admitted outright that they were dead wrong.

What they say now is what mother cats and grannies have always said, and what no-one needs a Ph.D. in psychology to work out.

That a crying baby cries because he needs something. That all babies need to be cuddled and rocked. That a baby should eat whenever he is hungry. That his bottom should be made warm and dry whenever it is

cold and wet. And that he should feel loved, not abandoned.

But now, unfortunately, just when common sense looked like coming into its own again, someone had to go and invent THE BABY BOX. Which seems to set us all back 30 years.

A baby needs contact. More even than grown-ups need it, he needs it. He needs to be said "hello" to. Constantly. He needs to be picked up, carted about the house. Plunked down on the living room floor. On the sofa. On people's laps.

How else is he to discover that moquette on the sofa feels different from a glass ashtray? Or that he can reach out and pick up a spoon if his mother holds him close enough to it? And that cats scratch if you grab their tails?

A baby needs to be included. To feel that he's someone. That he's part of things. To know that if there's fun being had, that he's having his share of it—even if his share is only a rusk, while everyone else has strawberries and cream.

Build-up

A baby even needs germs. Ordinary germs are a part of ordinary life. If a baby doesn't gradually absorb his share and build up resistance to other people's, he is as vulnerable as a snail without a shell.

A baby needs to learn. From the moment he is born, he is eager to. Sounds and smells, textures and distances, happiness and fear—these are very complicated things. But, given a chance, a baby will know a great deal about them by the time

he is a year old. Only this time we are told not what we shouldn't do, but what we should do.

Which is—it seems—to keep our babies in the box. Taking them out only to feed, cuddle, change and play with them.

I cannot decide who is crazier. The psychologists. Or the few parents who will fall for this idea.

But I feel sure that anyone so foolish as to fall for it will be getting for his baby a one-package deal of everything a baby doesn't need. And will also be depriving his baby of everything a baby does need.

Banana

A baby needs noise. Watch a baby's face when he hears the family cat miaow. When he hears his tea-time banana being mashed in a saucer. When he hears his mother's voice in the next room.

The only way a baby learns is by being with people and watching and listening. A baby who is sound-proofed away from all noises, from early-morning birds and all house noises, must surely lead an isolated, lonely, in-turned life.

Deprive him of this. Isolate him in a glass, plastic, platinum, or lapis lazuli cage, and you're asking for trouble.

I am sure that as far as most mothers are concerned, my original bet is right. That the baby-cage is too insane an idea to catch on here.

But I have another bet, too. That this latest madness is not the last madness we'll see in the baby world.

Henry Fielding

FIRST-KNOW YOUR CURRENCY

THERE seems to be no way of teaching American tourists the difference between a penny and a pound.

I happened to be sitting yesterday in a pleasant bar called the Round Table, just off Charing Cross Road, when an American ordered a half of beer.

"Ten and a half," said the barman, and the American counted out 10s. 6d.

"No," said the barman, "tenpence ha'penny." And the American just took back the excess without a word.

It didn't seem to matter one way or the other.

Not all barmen take the trouble to point out the difference.



THE EX-KING AND THE GOLFERS

EX-KING Leopold of the Belgians, who fills in time now that he is unemployed watching golf, was naturally up at St. Andrew's yesterday for the Open championship.

A policeman was going to move his car on—"You can't park here, we're waiting for Leopold."

It was a perfectly natural thing for the sergeant to do, the King said afterwards. "We had never met."

I suppose it is getting like that now. I thought my picture was symbolic of life for an ex-king. A seat on the grass, behind some spectators. His wife, Princess Lilliane, standing by patiently. Not much doing,

jazz or swing of its age. But he didn't think we would go on playing the hits of the sixties in the way we do the hits of his time.

Still, I shouldn't talk about "his time" as if he were out of the game. He formed a band three years ago and has brought them over to play here. Nobody in it is over 32.

"I keep young," said Herman, "by keeping young people all around me."

Poor Queen Anne

YOUNG John Loveys Jervoise, the 28-year-old squire of Herriard, near Basingstoke, is breezing through tradition in the roughshod way you might expect from a former cowboy.

A few years ago Jervoise inherited a fortune and a 5,000-acre estate from an elderly cousin. Now he proposes to pull down the house, a 40-room Queen Anne mansion, and build a modern place on the site.

Lots of opposition from devoted people who want to see Herriard House preserved. After all, it has been standing since 1704.

But the cowboy rides on. To comply with local wishes he will save many of the beauties of the old house and build them into the new.

But Queen Anne, friends, will be dead.

THE general manager of the Co-operative Permanent Building Society was asked at a lunch in London yesterday about mortgages for women. "We are," he said, "always prepared to make advances to women."

HOW TO CHARM A DEBTOR

LETTERS in the Financial Times suggest that litigation for the recovery of debts is getting too expensive and chancy to make it worth the risk.

This may be the reason behind the more subtle approach of the professional debt collectors. And why they are being used more and more instead of legal proceedings.

Recently (nothing personal, I assure you) my attention was drawn to the new technique.

The letter I was shown took a slightly hurt tone: "We are somewhat surprised that we have not heard from you concerning this account." This is usually more effective than bashing somebody's door.

If the mild letter doesn't work (and the determined debtor never answers letters or even callers) the tone gets tougher

and they begin using formal devices like the recorded delivery service.

It was not really surprising to find a charming motherly woman, full of sympathy, with a warm north country accent, turning out to be a debt collector.

She is Mrs. Mary Keogh, in charge of the debt collecting for Professional and Trade Services. She could charm the pearl-out of an oyster.

Said her job needs the joint genius of an ambassador and a psychologist. She listens to both sides of the story and confesses she is more than sometimes on the side of the debtor.

She regards her difficulties with tired amusement: "If all the people who write to me saying they are in hospital really were, every bed would have two patients in it."

She can tell the honest ones. They take the trouble to write or call. The bad ones ignore all approaches.

TREATS

What most debtors need is help to get out of their difficulties, she says. They welcome any plan to pay back small weekly amounts—five or 10 bob a week marked on a payment card.

Even for debts running into hundreds, collectors will accept a pound or two a week.

The last resort, and then only with the consent of the creditor, is to threaten proceed-

ings. That shakes the most hardened debtor.

Mrs. Keogh thinks it is a tragedy that we have no defaulters' register.

MOIRA LISTER, who opened in The First Fish at the Savoy Theatre last night, is a great friend of the Laird of Invercauld. He sent her, instead of flowers, a vast Scotch salmon.

Easy catch

CAN one bet on cricket? Indeed one can.

Beware of the man who strolls up and suggests that he is daring enough to forecast within three the score of each individual member of a team.

In spite of Damon Runyon's sage advice that nothing in life is more than three to one, cricket fans leap to offer handsome odds against this.

The proposition does, after all, seem impossible.

The catch is that the fellow will forecast a score of three for each player.

This means that every man who scores six or under wins for him. It only needs one, at ten to one to make him break even. And if two players do badly, he's well in pocket.

Just examine the morning's scoreboards. And watch it.

Young Woody

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Mother in-law is a winner

HE'S a man with 53,000 reasons for giving his mother-in-law a grateful kiss.

While she was spending a holiday at his home, he let her fill in his football pools coupon "just for fun." She had beginner's luck—and won £53,120.

"Even when I checked it and saw she had won, I did not think it would be more than a few shillings," said Charles Collins, a £13-a-week, Maidstone, Kent, bus driver, yesterday.

UNDECIDED

His mother-in-law, Mrs. Hannah Shaw, who is visiting Britain from South Africa, said: "We have not decided what to do with the money. We have not even decided how we shall share it."

Mr. Collins, of Hedley Street, Maidstone, intends to go on driving buses.

"But I shall think about a new house, and I would like to give my three youngsters the best education I can," he said.

Picture by CHRIS BARHAM.



A grateful kiss from Charles Collins for his mother-in-law

Back behind bars until 1984 [AT THE VERY EARLIEST]

By DON CASSELL

THE 30-year sentences passed on six of the Great Train Robbery bandits were upheld yesterday in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

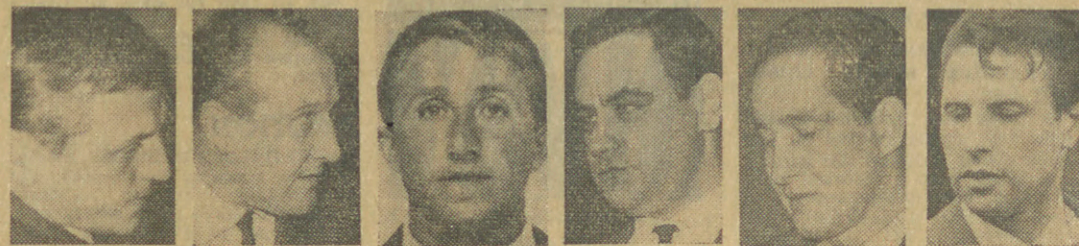
The men went back to jail knowing they would not see the outside world again until 1984 at the earliest—and that takes into account the one-third remission they can expect for good conduct.

Through streets bristling with rush-hour crowds, the prisoners left the Law Courts in the Strand knowing they would return to a different world . . . a different London of the future.

'FEROCIOUS'

With them they took the secret of the whereabouts of £150,000 each is believed to have hidden—their share of the £2,500,000 stolen from the Glasgow-Euston travelling post office last year.

Mr. Justice Lawton, one of the appeal judges, pointed out



WELCH WISBEY JAMES HUSSEY BIGGS WILSON
THIRTY-YEAR MAIL RAIDERS LOSE APPEAL

that the law must stop people enjoying the proceeds of crime.

He asked: "How many men who work all their lives doing an honest day's work might think, 'Hmm, Fifteen years jail for £150,000. I don't mind taking the chance.'"

"And even if I am caught, my wife and children can live in Bermuda in complete comfort. In ten years—with remission—I will be out, and can join them."

Mr. P. Elwyn-Jones, Q.C. counsel for one of the sentenced men, argued: "Ferocious sentences may increase the ferocity of our crime."

He added: "Ten years behind bars is the most a man can stand. After that he is destroyed

as a person. But the appeal judges decided—

THE JURY at Aylesbury Assizes were right to convict the six men on the sole evidence that finger and palm prints belonging to them were found at Leatherslade Farm, the robbers' hide-out.

THE JUDGE who tried the case was right to give them 30-year sentences which were "neither wrong in principle nor excessive."

NECESSARY

The six who lost their appeals against conviction and sentences for conspiracy to rob and robbery are: Charles Wilson, aged 31, bookmaker, of Crescent Lane, Clapham, London; Ronald Arthur Biggs, 34, carpenter, of Alpine

Road, Redhill, Surrey; Roy "The Wessol" James, 28, racing driver of Sloane Avenue, Chelsea; James Hussey, 30, painter, of Dog Kennel Hill, East Dulwich; Thomas Wisbey, 33, bookmaker, of Ayton House, Camberwell; and Robert Welch, 34, club owner, of Benyon Road, Islington.

They heard the presiding judge, Mr. Justice Fenton Atkinson, comment: "Severely deterrent sentences are necessary to demonstrate to others who might be tempted to follow them into lawlessness of this kind that the punishment will be heavy."

Today the court will continue hearing the appeal of 34-year-old Douglas Gordon Goody, hairdresser, of Comondale, Putney, also serving 30 years, and will hear new appeals by three others who were given lesser terms.

Wife's party night worries a judge

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A DIVORCE COURT judge asked for help yesterday with two legal problems which arose over the night an attractive wife spent at a party.

The wife, who is involved in a divorce action, was seduced at the party without her knowledge while under the influence of drink or drugs.

In court, Mr. Justice Rees was asked to decide if this constituted adultery and if the wife should ask for the court's discretion over the incident.

He decided to refer both points to the Queen's Proctor, the guardian of the marriage laws, for consideration.

Stay-at-home

The wife's counsel, Mr. Eric Crowther, submitted there could have been no adultery because the sexual intercourse had not been voluntary.

But the judge said it might amount to voluntary intoxication and not excuse what happened afterwards.

The husband, said Mr. Crowther, agreed that his wife was a good mother, the stay-at-home type who did not normally drink and never took drugs.

Far from being flirtatious, she did not seek the company of other men and had an aversion to sexual intercourse.

Mr. Crowther added: "Is Your Lordship entitled on those facts to say that this woman must have known something of this sort was going to happen?"

The case was adjourned until the autumn.

Perry Mason is top TV show

Talks began yesterday between ITV chiefs and the Association of Cine and TV Technicians, who called the six-day stoppage which blacked out ITV screens.

Because of the strike, the BBC had nine programmes in the Top Ten in the London area last week, according to T.A.M., the audience research organisation. Perry Mason, on Saturday, had the biggest audience.

Yacht four saved

Police and boatmen who linked arms to form a 60ft. human chain in the sea rescued three men and a woman from a French yacht driven ashore at Brighton by high winds yesterday. The rescued four were taken to hospital.

Jail birds

Twelve budgetriggers are being given to the aviary at London's Pentonville jail by RSPCA officials who recently lectured to prisoners on animal care.

Race star Chris mustn't drive

RACING driver Chris Amon drove an A.C. Cobra at 180 m.p.h. at Le Mans this year. He is one of the best young drivers in the world.

But he cannot get insurance companies to cover him for private motoring.

Chris, a 20-year-old New Zealander, owns two Jaguars and a Mini-Cooper. He is ninth in the world racing drivers' championship. Yet six insurance



LAURENCE IS SAVED—ON A ROOFTOP

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Laurence Delaney (above) climbed on to the roof of his school, 50ft. above ground, yesterday.

He ran from firemen who went to the rescue, but was caught after a chase among the chimney stacks and carried down a turntable ladder.

Last night Laurence said he climbed to the roof to get away from other boys at the school, Woolmore Primary, Isle of Dogs.

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His father, Mr. Michael Delaney, aged 52, of Council Buildings, Millwall, said that other boys had been "picking on" Laurence.

The escapade has made Laurence something of a hero with his schoolmates. One said: "No-one else would dare to go up to the roof."

And Laurence has a new ambition after the fire brigade rescue: "I want to be a fireman," he said. "They're smashing."

Actor robbed

Seventy-year-old actor Basil Sydney—he was the first TV Mairag—was beaten up by two men outside his home in Cintra Park, Crystal Palace, London, yesterday and robbed of £3 and his wrist watch.

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companies have turned down his application for policies to drive his Mini.

And he has given up hope of insuring his Jaguars.

The reason the insurance firms give is that Chris is too young to be in charge of such powerful cars.

Chris, who lives in Ditton

Our Critics Brilliant, but be honest!

TV by Dennis Potter

INTERTEL'S American-made documentary on ITV last night, *The New Italian*, was prefaced with the worn, wet words "A project for international understanding through TV."

A sympathetic look was taken at the problems of the Southern Italians, festering in squalid hill-top villages where "every new baby is one too many."

Some beautifully composed scenes showed the bright sun biting sharp shadows into the wasted landscape, a climatic conspiracy to make the poverty seem more tolerable.

Lacking

But the commentary made no mention of the bigotry of the Roman Catholic Church in the Italian South. Projects for international understanding dare not be too honest.

Facts were thrown out aplenty and illustrated brilliantly in this film. But somehow the commentary lacked the vigour and urgency which only total honesty could have given it.

THEY'RE JUST ANGLING FOR A LAUGH

THEATRE by David Nathan

THE FIRST FISH, the comedy by Frank Tarloff at the Savoy Theatre, swims around for a couple of hours in some very shallow water without creating more than a minor ripple or two.

It concerns an American matron with a spineless husband who decides the only way to inject some verve into him is by arranging that he makes a conquest of a young and beautiful girl.

DEBATE

She hires a call-girl for the job and hubby regains his vitality, his confidence and even his business acumen.

Moirá Lister as the wife gets nicely flustered and embarrassed at her first meeting with the hired hand, Suzanne Lloyd. Ronan O'Casey transforms effectively from mouse to man.

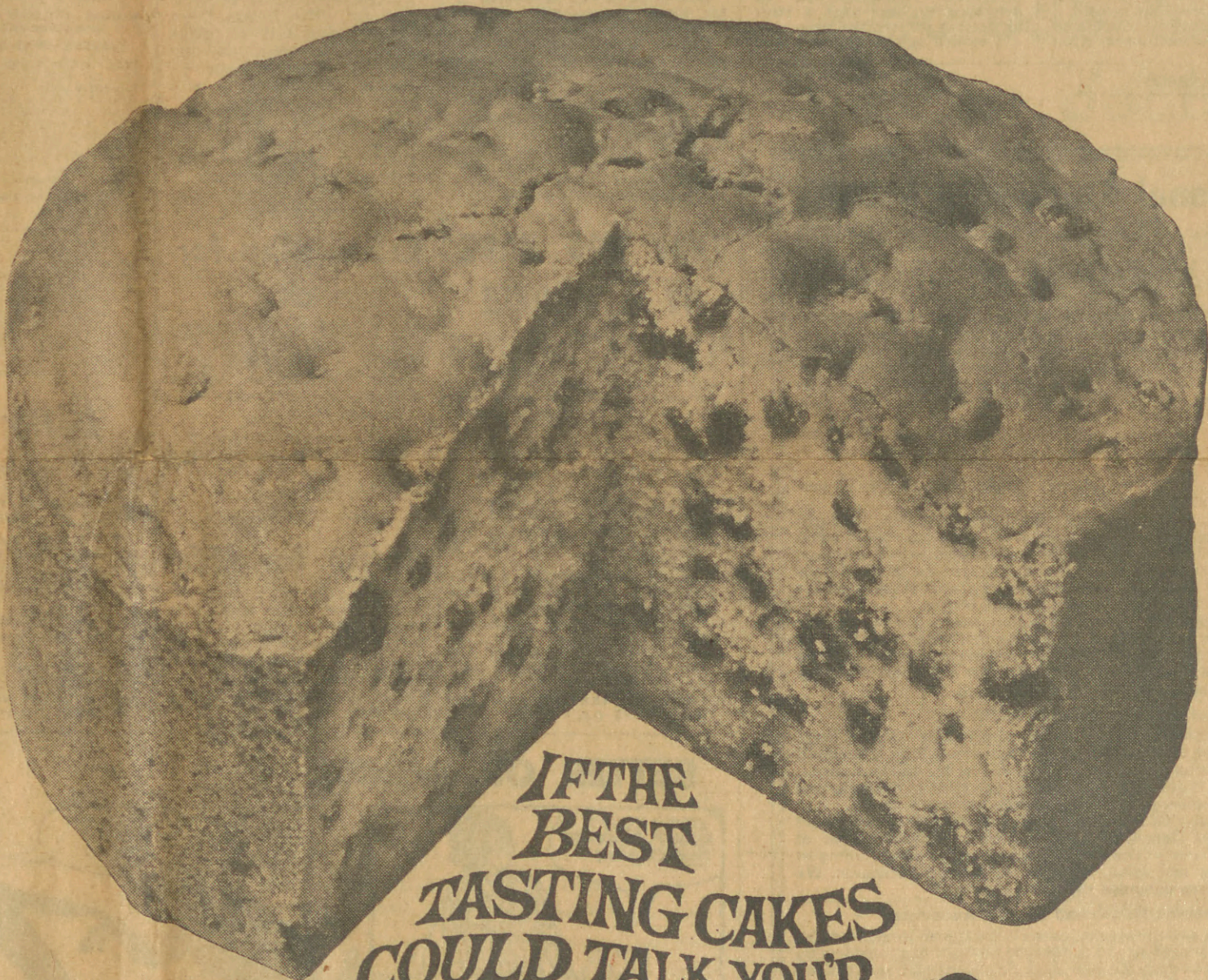
Early scenes in particular stretch minor matters to breaking point and the whole thing winds up as a debate on the necessity or otherwise of extra-marital sex.

It is a pity that it isn't funnier.

Road, Sutton, spends about nine months of the year in Britain. "I have never had an accident," he said. "I can get cover for my cars in New Zealand."

His manager, fellow New Zealander Bruce Abernethy, said: "I have been trying to insure cars for Chris, but it is impossible."

Chris is reckoned one of the safest drivers on the track by other drivers. Yet the insurance companies treat him like a harum-scarum kid."



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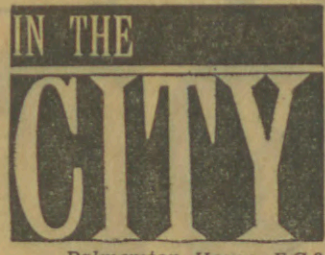
HOME RATES UP? NO, SAY CO-OP

By GEORGE MCCARTHY
City Editor

IT is always fun when building society chiefs fall out. I hope the 2,500,000 people who are buying houses on the never-never share in the laughs. A week ago I reported here that Mr. Hubert Newton, of the Leek and Moorlands Society, was prophesying that if interest rates were to change, the movement would be upwards. Mr. Newton made it fairly clear that he thought the rates would go up by one-quarter per cent in the autumn. But yesterday Mr. J. H. Simpson, general manager of the Co-operative Permanent, had other views. He pointedly disagreed with Mr. Newton and said he did not think the rates would have to be adjusted later in the year. He did not hesitate to throw a punch at the rival expert. "Until there is more evidence that changes are likely," he said, "I suggest that speculation on variations in building society rates is unwarmed."

THE FACTS

ORDINARY chaps who have to go on paying monthly sums to building societies may not be amused, but they should know certain basic facts. Although building societies do not follow the ups and downs of Bank rate, they are obviously affected in the long run by the general price of money. So if all interest rates go higher, house-buyers will eventually have to pay more. Building societies cannot lend if they do not attract money from



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investors and nowadays there are many rivals for that money. If the societies are forced to pay more, they will have to charge more to the home-owners. One thing more. Another Labour Government would be keen to bring down interest rates. But Labour Ministers, despite their inclinations, might not be able to achieve their ends quickly. So it is a good argument, all round. Meanwhile, the Co-operative Permanent go on flourishing. Their assets have risen in the past six months by nearly £20-million to more than £331-million.

NICE BISCUIT

CANADIAN millionaire Sir Garfield Weston, who masterminds the great bakery and biscuit group of Associated British Foods, is raising the reward he hands to shareholders. A year ago he paid 25 p.c. Now, with a final of 18½ p.c., this year's total goes up to 28½ p.c.

TEA FIGHT

SHAREHOLDERS of a tea-producing company called Cragmore Holdings will be delighted to hear that a rival bidder has entered the lists. A month ago a take-over offer

arrived from bankers Samuel Montagu. They were ready to pay 68s. in cash for each 21 Cragmore share. But last night Brooke Bond stepped in. They offer 75s. in cash.

CAUTION

SIR DALLAS BERNARD, master of booming Courtaulds, was reasonably restrained yesterday when he talked to shareholders. He reported that trading profits so far this year are just ahead of those in the same period a year ago. Demand for all products continues to be high. All the same, he thought it prudent to remember that after last year's doubled profits there could be some reaction. But the man-made fibre business is still pushing ahead.

RUMOUR DENIED

UP by 2s. to 21s. 9d. went the price of the 5s. shares of Pressed Steel yesterday. The big rumour was that these, the largest of all car-body makers, were about to be taken over by British Motor Corporation or the Rootes Group. "The story was denied. 'Nobody here has any knowledge of such negotiations,'" said Mr. Alex Abel Smith, the Pressed Steel chairman.

All the same, the shares lost only 1s. from their peak and ended 1s. up at 20s. 9d. It was a dullish day on the stock market, with most of the leading issues losing ground. There were exceptions. The John Bloom shares, improved, with English and Overseas up 1s. 3d. to 12s. 6d. and Rolls Razor 6d. better at 10s. 6d.

Shareholders who have faith in Mr. Bloom are steadily refusing to sell their shares. Glacier Metal jumped 6s. 3d. after the take-over bid from Associated Engineering, and Wilkinson Sword Ordinary, so recently down to 48s. 6d., were 55s.—a rise of 2s. and an advance of 1s. on the original price. General Electric jumped to 85s. in after-hours trading. It did urge all my readers to buy them when the price was a modest 34s.

THAT DOG RACE — BY A BOOKIE

MR. MARK LANE, boss of the bookmaking business that bears its name—betting shops and a property company—talked yesterday about the great betting coup at the dogs in Dagenham. He said the situation of the disputed bets is so complicated that it will probably be months before it can be sorted out. But his shareholders need have no worry. Whatever the legal outcome, Mr. Lane explained, the trading position will not be greatly affected. Bookies go on flourishing. For the first half of this year, Mark Lane profits are up by 75 p.c. Mr. Lane plans to pay an interim dividend of 10 p.c., against 6½ p.c., although the capital has been increased by a one-for-four bonus. Dividend for the whole of last year was 25 p.c.

PETROL UP AT 20,000 GARAGES

By KEITH DEVES

ABOUT 20,000 British garages yesterday began charging an extra halfpenny a gallon for all grades of petrol.

They are the garages controlled by the Shell-BP group and their subsidiary, National Benzole. Petrofina, the Belgian-controlled group announced last night that the 2,000 British garages selling Fina petrol would start charging the extra 1d. from today.

The Blue Star chain of about 250 garages began charging the extra halfpenny on all grades yesterday. The 200 Lex garages are expected to follow suit today.

FREE

Both groups sell mainly Regent petrol. But a Regent spokesman said last night: "We have not given any instructions or recommendations to our garages. They are free to do as they like."

Esso and the affiliated Cleveland company have not recommended any price increase, but garages have been selling their medium grade of petrol at a halfpenny more than other brands.

CLAIM

Oil companies could dictate to garages what prices petrol is sold for. The Resale Price Maintenance Bill to make price enforcement on any product illegal, except by special permission, is still going through Parliament. But a spokesman for the oil companies claimed last night that no prices had been enforced for many years.

£15m. plan for a city

A £15million development scheme for the centre of Nottingham—including a hotel, theatre, 700 homes and a traffic-free shopping area—was announced yesterday. It will be built around Nottingham Victoria station, which is scheduled to close under the Beeching plan.

Boffin for U.S.

British radio astronomer Dr. Cyril Hazard, who worked at Jodrell Bank before going to Sydney University, Australia, in 1961, has joined the Centre for Radiophysics and Space Research at America's Cornell University.



NO CHANGE FOR MIDDLESEX

THOUGH the County of Middlesex will cease to exist under the New Greater London Plan from April, 1965, Middlesex CCC will continue to use its name, and to draw its players from its traditional area. The club said yesterday that to mark the end of an era, the chairman of London and Middlesex County Councils have been invited to the centenary dinner at Grosvenor House on July 20.

COUNTY SCOREBOARD... First Day

LEICESTER v AUSTRALIANS Leicester (11.30-8.30) — LEICESTER have scored 311 for 5. LEICESTER—First Innings Hallam b Foster 39 Booth c Simpson b Veivers 22 Cross c Simpson b Veivers 53 Inman c Veivers b McKenna 47 Jayasinghe c Simpson b Veivers 20 Birkenshaw not out 68 Van Geloven c McKenna b Veivers 5 Birch b McKenna 27 Smith not out 21 Extras 9 Total (7 wks.) 311 Wkts.: 48, 75, 155, 171, 184, 194, 259.	NOTTS v HAMPSHIRE Workop (11.30-7) — NOTTS, 9 wks. in hand, are 279 behind. HAMPSHIRE—First Innings Marshall c Winfield b Forbes 0 Keith c Millman b Taylor 23 Horizon c Winfield b Gillhouley 92 Livingstone c Gillhouley 78 Ingleby-Mackenzie c-b 23 Hill (M.) b Taylor 0 Gray c Taylor b Gillhouley 0 Staines c Rhodes b Forbes 34 Timmins c Winfield b Davidson 7 Shackleton not out 5 White b Forbes 3 Extras 12 Total 279 Wkts.: 0, 48, 193, 203, 216, 232, 254, 256, 273.	GLAMORGAN v YORKSHIRE Swansea (11-7) — YORKSHIRE have scored 216 for 7. YORKSHIRE—First Innings Booth c Slade b Presdee 83 Sharpe c Lewis (A. R.) 70 Pudgett c Jones (E.) 0 Presdee 27 Close b Presdee 0 Hampshire c Jones (E.) 1 Slade 1 Hillworth not out 24 Baltersstone lbw b Shephard 0 Binks c Slade b Waller 1 Truman not out 0 Extras 10. Total (7 wks.) 216 Wkts.: 138, 146, 166, 189, 208, 210, 215.	WARWICK v SCOTLAND Birmingham (12-7) — SCOTLAND, 8 wks. in hand, are 298 behind. WARWICK—First Innings Barber c Allan b Webster 23 Richardson c Allan b Webster 62 Isadulla c Young b Allan 30 Jameson c Wilson b Allan 99 Amis c Brown b Allan 51 Bridges lbw b Barr 10 Mence not out 18 Wright not out 15 Extras 18. Total (7 wks.) 304 Wkts.: 3, 25, 35, 138, 235, 272, 272. Bowling: Hogan 18-5-68-0; Webster 14-15-42; Wilson 18-4-58-0; Barr 28-4-97-2; Allan 18-4-51-3.
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Billy Wright sits it out

BILLY WRIGHT looks like spending the next three months on the sidelines, coaching Arsenal instead of training with the team. The Arsenal boss went down with jaundice after the club's South African tour, lost 14 stone and has not been out for a month. "This is the worst illness I've ever had," he said yesterday. "I'm hoping next week the doctor will allow me out to get down to Highbury again, but it may be another few months before I can train with the lads again." Scottish international wing-half

BIRKENSHAW LEADS RUN RIOT Dazed Aussies take a hammering

THE Aussies won't be feeling quite so happy this morning. A bread-and-butter Leicestershire side took them apart with almost a casual ease yesterday—so soon after the glory of Headingley.

Leicester, still firmly embedded at 311 for 7, are straining to rub it in today. And if they produce the same flying start again the Aussies will be in big trouble. They certainly looked a jaded lot yesterday. Leicester hammered 141 for the loss of two wickets before lunch—and the pattern was set. Maurice Hallam (39) and Brian Booth (22) began it all with an opening partnership of 48. Then

CRICKET, ROUND-UP

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big hitters Graham Cross (53) and Clive Inman (47) hammered over 78 runs in 74 minutes for the third wicket. And still the runs came. Jack Birkenshaw joined in with two sixes in his 65. What's more, he is still there to torment the Aussies this morning. Only Tom Veivers salvaged any dignity. He captured four wickets for 61 runs in 28 overs.

Poor Bill Alley. He put Essex in on a placid wicket at Westchiff. Gordon Barker and Mike Bear put on 70 at a run a minute before the despairing Somerset bowlers broke through. Mike Hall dug out Barker—but Bear rattled up 85 before he was run out. Essex were 212-8 at close.

WILLETT SPARKS SURREY

MIKE WILLETT brightened up a day blighted by morning rain, stodgy Surrey batting and negative Derbyshire seam bowling at the Oval. Two sparkling hours saw Willett score an undeviated 73 and set Surrey nicely poised at 205 for four after an early lunch and a late start. Surrey soon lost John Edrich, the first of three victims by wicket-keeper Bob Taylor off Brian Jackson. Then the innings leaped into chanceless boredom on an almost deserted ground. Mickey Stewart and Ken Barrington refused to go for shots—and Derbyshire's seamers refused to encourage them. Skipper Charlie Lee persisted in pace for 55 overs before off-spinner Eddie Smith broke the deadlock. Stewart scored 49 before he, too, fell to Jackson—and Barrington was No. 3 to be picked up by Taylor, after scratching around for 100 minutes for 31.

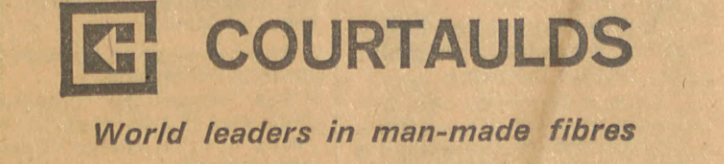
COMPANY STATEMENT

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Net tangible assets	£262 m. £239 m.

Sir Dallas Bernard, Chairman of Courtaulds Limited, addressed stockholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting yesterday in London. "In the past twelve months," he said, "we have invested and planned to invest more than £70 million in fibres and related activities. Our direct exports from the United Kingdom increased by more than 50%." On current prospects, he said "So far this year, demand for all our products has been satisfactory, and trading profits for the first quarter are just ahead of those for the last quarter of the preceding financial year."

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Courtaulds have more than 100 factories in 25 countries. Their main interests are fibres and textiles, chemicals, woodpulp, packaging films, paint, plastics and engineering.



BETTER OR WORSE



BARLEY BOTTOM



FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE



THE RUSSIANS GAVE NO DETAILS OF HOW THEIR DRUGS WORK, BUT SAID THEY HAD PROVED EFFECTIVE IN TESTS ON MICE, SUBJECTED TO WHAT WOULD NORMALLY BE LETHAL RADIATION.

WESTERN SCIENTISTS ARE SCPTICAL ABOUT SUCH REPORTS — BUT ARE IMPRESSED BY THE REMARKABLE "OUTER SPACE RADIATION PREDICTION SERVICE" WHICH RUSSIA USES BEFORE AND DURING SPACE FLIGHTS.

COMPANY STATEMENT

National Employers' Mutual GENERAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Statement by the Chairman, Sir Stanley Bell, O.B.E., J.P., on the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1963. The year 1963 was a year of contrasts. On the one hand our premium income showed the largest increase of any year in the Association's history with a substantial addition to its assets. On the other hand it was a most difficult year due to the exceptional number of claims arising from freak weather conditions and I am sorry to have to report a deficit on the year's operations. The premium income for the year increased by £1,414,917 to £11,900,704 and the assets by £1,573,397 to a total of £17,729,853. The deficit for the year was £135,965 compared with a surplus of £408,662 in 1962. In my statement last year I gave a warning that the abnormal conditions in the United Kingdom would have a marked effect on the 1963 results. This has indeed proved to be true and much of the deterioration in the fire and motor results can be directly attributed to the abnormal number of claims made upon the Association in January, February and March. I am glad to say that up to date there is, this year, an improvement on last year. I am hopeful that better results will be forthcoming in 1964 although despite the mild winter that has just passed, the underwriters of both fire and motor insurance are still confronted with many difficulties. Employers' Liability Account (U.K.) Despite the effect of unemployment, which reduced wage returns and therefore our premiums, we nevertheless achieved a slight increase in premium income over the previous year. There is severe competition for this class of business and we are, therefore, well satisfied with the year's results. As a service to our members we maintain an Accident Prevention Department available to policyholders free of charge. Expert advice is gladly given on the safeguarding of machinery and other methods to reduce accidents. We welcome any enquiries about this service. Fire, Accident, Marine and General Accounts As is now well known, fire losses in the United Kingdom show no signs of abating and in 1963 the position was considerably worsened by the large number of claims arising from frost and floods in the first three months. Hurricane Flora in the Caribbean added to our difficulties with the result that an underwriting loss was sustained in 1963. However, these exceptional events are to be expected from time to time and emphasise the need for adequate insurance protection. I am bound to say that quite apart from bad weather, fire claims in general show no sign of improvement. The increase in premium rates made in 1963 was most necessary and in my opinion further increases are inevitable unless the experience improves. In the Accident Account our results were less favourable and there was a loss for the year of £15,532. The Marine Department has had a satisfactory year and we expect steady progress will be made in the future. In the General Insurance Account the sum of £73,272 has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account. This account contains a large proportion of overseas business, the results of which improved in 1963 and this trend has continued in the early months of this year. Motor Account As I have already stated, the 1963 winter in the United Kingdom had a serious impact on this account. With the mild winter this year the results are already greatly improved but unhappily there is evidence that the number of accidents is increasing steadily both at home and overseas and the extra premiums receivable from the recent rating increases may well prove inadequate. Overseas We continue to expand in many countries overseas and the additional premium income, after reinsurance, from these territories, was £594,958 in 1963. In total our overseas business was 42% of our whole premium income. Life Assurance Our wholly owned subsidiary, the National Employers' Life Assurance Company Ltd., made quite exceptional progress in 1963 with new business sums assured exceeding £40,000,000. It is already clear that we can expect a continuing expansion in the current year. Jubilee This is the fiftieth year of the Association's existence. It was founded on the 26th June, 1914. In fifty years it has grown steadily, increasing not only in size but in strength with adequate reserves to provide security for its policyholders.

PROGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Premium Income	Assets	Premium Income	Assets
£	£	£	£
1914 490	64	1944 1,427,844	3,470,086
1924 214,867	193,908	1954 4,555,295	7,703,254
1934 984,551	1,249,657	1963 11,900,704	17,729,853

Old Course causes Open golf chaos—but O'Connor cruises happily home

TOP O'CONNOR

CHRISTY

Christy O'Connor... a round to remember.

First day AN Irishman, Christy O'Connor, and a Frenchman, Jean Garaialde, lead the way into the second round of the breezy, blustery Open golf championship over the all-conquering Old Course at St. Andrews.

An Englishman, Harry Westman, and an Australian, Bruce Devlin, are breathing down their necks—just one stroke behind on the 72 mark.

What no Yanks? The leading American challenger, on a day in which 60-mile-an-hour gusts defied even their ruthless efficiency, is golden boy TONY LEMA, the ex-marine from California.

He could battle once again from "the Hall of Montezuma" to the shores of Tripoli without finding an enemy as tough as these two scolding allies—the mighty Old Course and the fierce gale-force winds.

Lema paid homage to their power when he struggled, battered and buffeted, off the last green to say: "It's a real tough old son of a gun."

But Lema is a fighter, too, and his gallant 73 keeps him within happy striking distance of the leaders.

But this could and should have been CHRISTY O'CONNOR and Ireland's day. He came near to taming the Old Course.

There was little hint of any fireworks in his outward hair of 37.

By DOUGLAS RITCHIE

Then came the explosion. He rammed in single putts on the next four greens. When he reached the 14th tee, he was three under four.

But with glory in his grasp, O'Connor showed the weakness of the mere mortal which is fatal on this course.

JEAN GARAIALDE, French champion and Canada Cup star, played sound and sober golf into the teeth of the gale on his outward half.

Then the 29-year-old quiet man from Versailles scorched home in 34 slick shots.

Old slaw horse HARRY WESTMAN fought like a true English lionheart. He was hitting his shots a mile—wind or no wind.

He attacked every hole, but got few breaks. Still, as Harry said after his 72: "That will do me out there."

But champion Charles was in good company. The mighty really felt. They were not pushed there were all but blown out of the Open.

JACK NICKLAUS, bookies' favourite, hallowed to a 76 and then admitted: "I'm happy with that. These are the worst conditions I have ever experienced."

PETER THOMSON, of Australia, four times winner of the Open, sagged badly with a 79. He took 38 putts in his round and later explained: "I just had no answer to the wind."

KEL NAGLE, his Aussie pal and last winner of the Open when it was played over the Old Course three years ago, came home in 77.

But the biggest blow-up of all came from the new Master golfer, COBIE LEGRANGE. The 21-year-old Springbok, who led two old qualifiers last week-end at a sunny St. Andrews, staggered in with a fantastic 86 to his name!

Last night, with the threat of even tougher conditions today, the Old Course rose into gusty triumph. IT IS STILL THE MASTER.

County scoreboard—Page 8

- 71—C. O'Connor (Royal Dublin), J. Garaialde (France), 72—H. Westman (S.A.), D. Sewall (Wentworth), C. Cunningham (Bathurst), F. Phillips (Australia), K. Clark (Australia), S. Scott (Roehampton), K. Fisher (Australia), T. Hatton (Australia), M. Soto (Spain), M. Leader (Sherrington), N. Macdonald (Hampshire), D. Dunlop (Australia), 73—D. Thomson (Australia), 74—D. Thomson (Australia), 75—D. Thomson (Australia), 76—D. Thomson (Australia), 77—D. Thomson (Australia), 78—D. Thomson (Australia), 79—D. Thomson (Australia), 80—D. Thomson (Australia), 81—D. Thomson (Australia), 82—D. Thomson (Australia), 83—D. Thomson (Australia), 84—D. Thomson (Australia), 85—D. Thomson (Australia), 86—D. Thomson (Australia), 87—D. Thomson (Australia), 88—D. Thomson (Australia), 89—D. Thomson (Australia), 90—D. Thomson (Australia), 91—D. Thomson (Australia), 92—D. Thomson (Australia), 93—D. Thomson (Australia), 94—D. Thomson (Australia), 95—D. Thomson (Australia), 96—D. Thomson (Australia), 97—D. Thomson (Australia), 98—D. Thomson (Australia), 99—D. Thomson (Australia), 100—D. Thomson (Australia).

Simpson hopes lost in the mountains

TOM SIMPSON, battling against the kind of sudden exhaustion which nearly put Jacques Anquetil out of the race two days earlier, lost his last Tour de France hopes in the Pyrenees yesterday.

While the soaring Spaniard, Federico Bahamontes, was setting a killing pace over the last four peaks, the suffering Simpson toiled along, at one time more than half an hour down.

Near the end he recovered slightly to pull back some of the time, finishing 25min. 10sec. down, but still with more than half the lead behind him.

Just failed Bahamontes just failed in his overnight bid that he would be the new race leader at Pau, where the stage finished.

Sure enough he came in on his own, nearly two minutes ahead of the field, but he still left him 35 1/2 mins. behind.

SIXTEENTH STAGE (Luchen-Pau, 123 miles) — 1. G. G. Desmet (Belg.), 2. J. Anquetil (Fr.); 3. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 4. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 5. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 6. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 7. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 8. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 9. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 10. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 11. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 12. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 13. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 14. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 15. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 16. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 17. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 18. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 19. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 20. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 21. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 22. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 23. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 24. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 25. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 26. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 27. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 28. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 29. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 30. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 31. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 32. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 33. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 34. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 35. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 36. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 37. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 38. G. G. Desmet (Belg.); 39. R. Poulidor (Fr.); 40. G. G. 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