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ANSWERS TO CARNIVAL QUESTIONS

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Q. When was common law marriage introduced into the United States? C. T. Y.

A. Under the old Canon law, marriage was simply an agreement between a man and a woman to become husband and wife. In 1653, however, the Council of Trent decreed that thereafter a ceremony by a priest in the presence of witnesses was necessary to validate a marriage. This decree was not adopted in England and the old Canon law remained in force and was carried over into the American colonies. Common law marriage was subsequently banned in England.

Q. Did a United States submarine enter Tokyo Bay before the end of the war? L. McC.

A. The Navy Department says that United States submarines entered the approaches to Tokyo Bay (Sagami Wan) before the war ended, but none entered the bay proper. One submarine rescued a pilot on the surface of the bay. The minefields, strong currents and shallow water made submarine entry into Tokyo Bay impracticable.

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