



"Humphrey is practicing up on sneers—he just read that auto dealers may have to demonstrate cars to sell before the end of the year!"

Inland Port Second to New York

By HASKIN

A reader can get the answer to any question by writing to Long Beach Press-Telegram Information Bureau, 318 Eye St., E., Washington 2, D. C. Please include three (3) cents for return postage.

Q. WHAT PORT ranks next to New York in volume of cargo handled? C. N. D.

A. The port of Duluth-Superior ranks second. New York is an ocean port while Duluth (Minn.) and Superior (Wis.) together form the leading inland port in the United States. The harbor is a joint one.

Q. Are birds subject to accidents? M. C. K.

A. Observers have stated that birds survive many accidents. Numerous specimens have shown healed wounds and some have been found with twigs or bark embedded in their bodies.

Q. How large must letters be in order that a person flying at height of 2000 feet can read them? L. C. R.

A. For the purpose of marking the names of towns so that they can be read by fliers, it has been found that a 10-foot sign is visible from about 2000 feet and a 20-foot sign from 7000 feet. For air markers letters 10 to 20 feet high usually are recommended.

Q. Is it possible for an enlistment man in the Army or Navy to take an examination and be appointed to West Point or Annapolis? A. C. C.

A. It is possible for an enlistment man in the armed forces to take entrance examinations and be appointed to the Military Academy or the Naval Academy.

Q. Could a person skate on a glass surface with ice skates? M. N.

A. Technically, one does not skate on ice but rather upon a thin film of water which is melted from the ice by the pressure of the skates. Since no film whatever could exist between glass and the skate runner, and also since the glass is at least as hard as the blade, the skater could not get a "bite" with his blades with which to push himself forward.



"Go quietly through the next number, girls, so you don't wake up the critics, they're all asleep!"

THOSE RUSSIAN CLAIMS

Tom Swift's Real Name Must Have Been Swiftski

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) Russian scientist marches steadily on. There has been nothing like it since Tom Swift, whose real name, by the way, was Swiftski. Tom was actually born on a Siberian steppe, stolen from his peasant parents by gypsies and brought here as a boy and sold by the gypsies to the General Electric Corporation.

Soviet Russia, it turns out, is even more of an inventor's heaven than a worker's paradise. Every few weeks Tass, the official government news agency, discovers a forgotten Russian scientist who really is responsible for some basic invention claimed by the capitalistic western world.

The latest is Comrade Pavel Schilling, who Tass says put together a telephone 44 years before Alexander Graham Bell built his first Ameche. Comrade Schilling, who must have hid

light under a czarist bushel, is also credited with making the first submarine cable and inventing the original system for stringing telegraph wires on poles.

One thing is sure: Somebody is stringing somebody.

Other wonders previously claimed for Soviet scientists are the invention of the radio, the electric light, the airplane, the parachute, the transformer, and structural steel. They also are held to have discovered penicillin and the electrical nature of lightning.

This theory makes Johnny-comelatelys of Marconi, Thom-

AUNT HET



That woman columnist says women yearn for their first sweethearts, but that's silly. What they yearn for is to be as young as they were in sweetheartin' days.

Let's Explore Your Mind

By ALBERT EDWARD WIGGAM, D. Sc.

WE (Republicans) ought to remember that it is just possible that with all our mistakes, we were right—and part of the voters (last November) were wrong. —Rep. John M. Vorys (R.) of Ohio.

World peace can be guaranteed only if this nation possesses so powerful a force for retaliation that no aggressor will dare attack us. —Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, commander, Strategic Air Command.

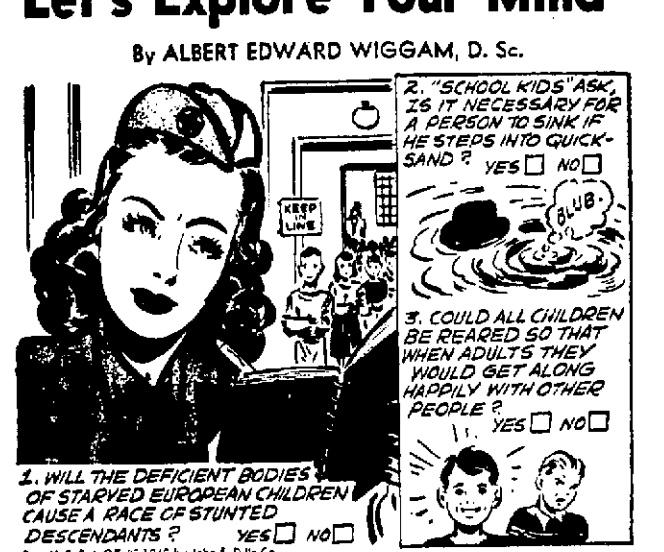
As time goes on it shouldn't be too difficult to prove that basketball, which some folks think originated in 1891 in Springfield, Mass., actually was first played with goat bladders on the banks of the Volga in the 14th Century. There is also some evidence that Frank Merriwell (real name Merriwellovitch) was hired by Yale from a Moscow high school to beat Princeton with his famous "jump ball." Or was it his son, Dick Merriwellovitch, who invented the "jump ball" pitch? History is getting so fuzzy.

A big question is raised by the fact Russia claims to have invented electric lights, telephones and radios but did so little with them for so many years. Is there a Communist plot behind this?

If Russia invented the machine age, why did it come to flower in the western world? Are the Russians inventing these gadgets and exporting them to us in the secret hope we will destroy ourselves with the worries of a mechanized life?

Maybe that is the hidden aim of Soviet scientists. Perhaps they are trying to get us to fret ourselves to death with things majigs. Who knows but even now in some laboratory in the trials a corps of trained scientists is working to perfect a shoelace that will snap in two every morning just as a man starts off to work?

Certainly they aren't interested in building a better mousetrap so the world will beat a path to Russia's door. Ivan doesn't want to open that door.



1. WILL THE DEFICIENT BODIES OF STARVED EUROPEAN CHILDREN CAUSE A RACE OF STUNTED DESCENDANTS? YES NO

Answer to Question No. 1 No. Fortunately this starvation affects only the bodies but not the germ cells from which the next generation will be born. The germ cells are carried in appropriate organs like coins in your pocket. What happens to you does not change the coins. As one great biologist said, "You can kill the individual but you cannot appreciably alter the sacred stream of heredity."

Answer to Question No. 2 No. The Scientific American says he will sink until he has displaced an amount of sand equal to his body's weight. Then, if he does not struggle, he will sink no farther. Struggling in quicksand is probably due to the old inherited fear of all animals, including even new-born babies, of feeling unsupported. So, if you ever get into quicksand, stand still until help comes—sometimes the best way when you are in moral quicksands.

Answer to Question No. 3 Yes, probably so. At least psychologist Gardner Murphy advances six "good hypotheses" (good bets) that seem worth trying. 1. Give them warm human relations in childhood. 2. Give them intimate contacts with a wide variety of people. 3. Give them a feeling of security, and freedom from fear. 4. Teach them by word and example tolerance for people different from themselves. 5. Do not exert stern, rigid authority over them. 6. Give them practice in human relations through stories, games, parties and work projects.

POOR PA



Sen. Soaper Says: BASEBALL is that slavery de luxe in which Legree pays for the X-rays if the serf doesn't feel that he can get in there and throw a five-ounce ball.

The Senate, in Washington, is to consider a bill for the relief of distressed owners of gold mines. These are the new '49ers. And the rush this time is east. (North American Newspaper Alliance.)

Assault on Religion

THE COMMUNIST RULERS behind the Iron Curtain continue their efforts to stamp out independent thought by arresting 15 ministers of the Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Pentecostal churches. The ministers have been held in a Bulgarian prison since December.

Revelation of their whereabouts was made simultaneously with an announcement that all had confessed to charges of spying and black market operation.

The U. S. State Department well expresses the American reaction to the announcement. The State Department calls the accusations "fantastic" and says similarity between the arrests of the ministers and the recent trial of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary, "strikingly emphasizes the concerted nature of this continuing Communist assault on religious liberties in eastern Europe."

The Bulgarian Protestants represented only a small fraction of the people. There are fewer than 10,000 Protestants in the country. The national church is Greek Orthodox, with more than 5,000,000 members. While Cardinal Mindszenty represented the major faith in Hungary and could be considered a factor in temporal as well as spiritual affairs, this could not be said of the Bulgarian Protestants. This tends to show that the Communists can not tolerate even a small religious group that may dissent from their creed of materialism.

Totalitarianism cannot safely permit even a few men to remain free and to continue contact with the outside world. The disagreement is between the Communist concept that the state is all-important and the Christian credo that the individual comes first. As Pope Pius XII said, all believers in human dignity and freedom are opposed to communism. —Chicago Sun-Times.

RADIO PROGRAMS — TODAY AND TOMORROW

Table with columns for radio stations: KLAC, KFI, KPNC, KECA, KHJ, KFWB, KNX, KFOX, KFAC, KGER. Includes frequencies and program times.

The following programs are compiled from reports provided by the broadcasters. No responsibility assumed for last-minute changes which sometimes are made.

TONIGHT

5 P. M. KLAC-Red Henry. KFI-Peter and Paul. KPNC-News. KECA-News. KHJ-News. KFWB-News. KNX-News. KFOX-News. KFAC-News. KGER-News.

DIAL-LITES

6:00-KFI-Thrift makes an unaccustomed appearance in the Tavern when Archie joins the Christmas club at the bank. His righteously soon fades and temptation sets in as he watches the hangers-on "Eddie" and "Miss Duffy" squander their surplus in such questionable pursuits as playing the races and buying sidewalk jewelry.

TOMORROW

7 A. M. KLAC-Haynes at 7. KFI-News. KPNC-News. KECA-News. KHJ-News. KFWB-News. KNX-News. KFOX-News. KFAC-News. KGER-News.

TELEVISION SCHEDULE

7:30 A. M. KTLA-Chan. 5. KFI-TV-Chan. 9. 8:00 A. M. KTLA-News. KFI-TV-News. KPNC-TV-News. KECA-TV-News. KHJ-TV-News. KFWB-TV-News. KNX-TV-News. KFOX-TV-News. KFAC-TV-News. KGER-TV-News.

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