

Boozer's Diet Leads to Chaos

The first bread riots occurred in Brooklyn Heights, Sioux Falls and Chula Vista. Initially Communist agitators were blamed. But subsequent studies placed the responsibility where it properly belonged: on a popular booklet called "The Drinking Man's Diet."

On the surface, the new diet seemed no more strange than the scores which had preceded it. A typical lunch, for example, consisted of a dry Martini, steak Bernaise, asparagus Hollandaise, a Roquefort salad and a bottle of Chateaufort du Pape.

As the popularity of the new fad spread, so did social unrest. For it was the most flagrant example of a failing shared by virtually all new diets severely limiting what a person might eat—only rich people could afford them.

The situation would probably have resolved itself peacefully had it not been for the brilliant young demagogue, George Wallace (Fats) McCarthy. Sensing political profit in this unrest, Fats made a brief study of American dietary habits and came up with a startling discovery which he unveiled at the now historic press conference which launched his spectacular career.

"As you know, gentlemen," he told the reporters, "poor people eat flour, beans, and other starchy staples. Gradually, with perseverance, they work their way up the economic ladder to hamburgers, french fries, and chocolate eclairs. Eventually, a fortunate few realize the American dream and achieve a state of affluence where they can afford the rarest viands from all over the world. At which point, of course, they go a diet."

"Consequently, an amazing cultural phenomenon has occurred. We have become the first society in history in which poor people are fatter than rich people!"

Fats' remarks caused a brief flurry and were then forgotten. But as the rich grew skinnier and the poor grew fatter, his influence spread. "Do you realize," he cried from a thousand rostrums, "that 80 million Americans go to bed each night overweight? Do you know that more than one-third of this Nation is poorly clothed, poorly housed and much too fat? Is this social justice?"

The first bread riots followed, with the rotund rioters shouting: "Take the bread out of the mouths of our children! Diet wafers for all!" The Communists did try to seize control of the movement under the slogan, "Arise ye prisoners of a high caloric intake." But as they had no fat Communists with which to infiltrate, they failed.

Local police began to arrest all those more than eight pounds overweight for "protective custody." Fats retaliated by threatening a "Waddle on Washington." Revolution seemed imminent. But at the off-year elections a new Congress was voted in that weighed 2.3 tons more than the old Congress. It replaced the statue of Lincoln with one of William Howard Taft and revamped the list of surplus foods distributed to the needy, eliminating lard and beans in favor of celery stalks, Metrecal and Melba toast.

At long last, the President was able to announce total victory in his War on Poverty. "For no American," as he proudly put it, "is now consuming more than 1000 calories a day."

The nation, now in the last day—dreaming stages of starvation, was fortunately saved by an Omaha chiropractor who discovered that a diet of lard and beans prevent gray hair.

Smokers to Pay State for Habit

Most Californians who abruptly quit smoking cigarettes a year ago have apparently resumed the habit, State Controller Alan Cranston gloomily deduced today.

Which means Californians will burn up about 50 billion cigarettes this year, he said. Cranston, a determined non-smoker himself, noted the following:

In February, 1964, just after the Surgeon-General's report on the severe health hazards of smoking, the State's cigarette tax revenue dropped 30 per cent—to \$4,398,786.

But a year later, in February, 1965, the State collected \$5,586,005—almost as

much as the \$5,637,658 it reaped in February, 1963.

The figures indicate that most of last year's sudden abstainers are once again puffing away as hard as ever," Cranston observed.

He granted, however, that a population increase of nearly one-half million in California since February, 1964, is probably a significant factor in the cigarette tax revenue increase, too.

With the State collecting three cents a pack as tax, this means some 2½ billion packs—or some 50 billion cigarettes in all—will be consumed this year by Californians, Cranston estimated.

COUNT MARCO SAYS

Divorce: A Two-Armed Bandit

Why are most divorcees like slot machines? Because both are bandits, but a divorcee is a two-armed bandit, whereas the slot machine has only one arm.

Of the two, the slot machine is the more honorable. At least when a man puts money into one he has a chance of getting something in return, and he may even hit a jackpot and go home a winner.

But a Slot-Machine Sadie just keeps on taking, and her unfortunate victim stands no chance of ever getting a nickel's worth of anything back on his investment. The game is rigged.

In fact, so crooked a game is alimony that Sadie changes

the odds right in the middle of the game and demands even more winnings.

The dictionary contains a better word to use in place of alimony: "embezzlement," which according to that good book, means "to take by fraud for one's own use." After all, it was you who originally agreed to love, honor and, in a few rare cases, obey. In return, he agreed to support you.

Another word explained in the book is "fraud": "a person who deceives or is not what he pretends to be; tricks, cheats." And if that isn't a divorcee by another name, then I don't know one.

If the dictionary represents

the language of the land, why is its full meaning and intent, along with its interpretation, not accepted by the courts of law?

The dictionary plainly states that one who deceives is not honorable, and dishonor is usually repaid with a jail sentence instead of cash.

Can any of you truthfully give me one good reason why a woman who no longer renders services originally contracted for should be paid?

If you, through your own choice, desire to live under a separate roof, then you and you alone should be the one to pay for it—without any help from him.



FASHIONS AND TRAVEL . . . Girl Scout Troop 532 will present a luncheon and fashion show tomorrow at the Torrance Recreation Center. Lunch will be served at noon, to be followed by a showing of new spring fashions from a local store. Proceeds will be used to send Debbie Lifton (far right) to the Girl Scout National Round-up in Farragut, Idaho, this summer. Discussing plans for the trip with Debbie are alternates (from left) Nickie McIntire and Janet Lemen. Tickets may be obtained by telephoning FA 8-1254 or FA 8-1907. (Press-Herald Photo)



THE CHAMPS . . . The Squires, a local teen band, won the 1964-65 band competition over 15 other entries during the finals at The Grand, a teenage dance spot sponsored by the Torrance Police Officers' Association. Accepting the trophy from Sam Levy is Paul Donovan. Others pictured are (back row, from left) Officers Frank Sois and Jim Papp, Edie Weidenkopf, Cassie Keane, and Officer Bob Dunn. In front are, from left, Nelson Donovan, Pat Gilliam, and Harvey Fernandez.

Your Second Front Page

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Ann Landers Says

Speak Up, Mom, and Correct the Bungle



Dear Ann Landers: I am ashamed of my own son. Several months ago he married a very fine girl. She is teaching school to help put her young husband through his last year of college. This girl is trying to keep house and teach, too. It's not easy.

All my son thinks about is his homework. I've seen him sit at his desk and not even move while she struggled to get through the door with a load of laundry. He is too engrossed in his books to help this girl carry the groceries upstairs to their apartment.

If dinner isn't ready on the dot he is impatient and critical. The minute he is finished eating he goes to his homework and doesn't offer to dry the dishes or carry out the garbage.

I know you are against mother-in-law interference, but I hate to see this girl treated so shabbily. Please tell me if I am justified in speaking out.—SILENT BUT SAD

Dear Sad: Not only are you justified in speaking out, but you have an obligation to finish the job you apparently bungled when your boy was growing up. Clearly, this can't be described as mother-in-law interference because you aren't dealing with an in-law—but your own son. Speak to him privately—not in the presence of his wife—or you might create additional problems for

her. And it sounds as if she has more than she can handle now.

Dear Ann Landers: The children in my husband's family were not born with silver spoons in their mouths, but poker chips.

Every year for the past 10 we have all gathered in my in-law's home for the major holidays. It's always the same story. No grace is said before meals, and there is no conversation at the table. It's, "Quick, let's eat and get it over with." Then, "Your

deal, deuces wild. Ante up. You're shy a blue."

This year we gave up beautiful church services and dinner with my folks so we could drag four small children to look at a deck of cards. I always get a terrific headache from the yelling and the cigar smoke. After an hour of trying to read in the next room and attempting to keep the kids from entering the house from its foundation I suggested to my husband that we leave. He said, "I'm in no hurry." My husband agrees that it is smoky and noisy over there but he also says he enjoys being with his family and that I should be a good sport. Frankly I am fed up. Is there an answer.—HEAD-ED FOR A SHOWDOWN

Dear Head: What is your chief beef? Do you resent going to your in-laws for all major holidays or do you resent the poker games?

I will support your position if it is Number One. Holidays should be alternated between the in-laws. If it's the poker games you object to, I'm with your husband. You are not going to elevate his family's tastes, so stop knocking the clan or they will get the impression you are stuckup.

Confidential to CANT UNDERSTAND WOMEN: This no man could understand. She was not trying to ditch you. A stand-up eirde and sit-down shoes could shorten any woman's evening.

As two-year is an equivalent as we appear, get along in good for Ann Landers' booklet "Dating Do's and Don'ts," including with your name on the cover and a long, self-addressed return envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. C-1965, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate.

Display on Atom Visits South High

Southern California Edison Co.'s nuclear trailer exhibit, under the supervision of field representative Robert E. Bristow, visited the South High campus last Tuesday and Wednesday.

During the two-day visit, all science students were given an opportunity to view the seven specially constructed exhibits.

Exhibits include a comparison of atomic energy and combustion energy, a graphic story of Uranium 235, a display on fission, the uses of radiation in medicine, industry, and agriculture nuclear heat in marine vessels, and the operation of a nuclear reactor.

Scouts Hold Fashion Show

Girl Scout Troops 1470, 1488 and 24707, all of the South Torrance Neighborhood, held a fashion show in the Torrance High auditorium Tuesday.

Funds raised by the fashion show will be used to send Sandra Piets, senior representative, to the Girl Scout Senior Round-up in Idaho this summer.

Coast Guard Seamanship Class Set

Flotilla 65 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will begin a free 12-week course in basic seamanship Friday evening at the administration building, 1035 Valley Blvd., Hermosa Beach.

The course, which will meet each Friday at 8 p.m., will include instructions in seamanship, rules of the sea, aids to navigation, equipment requirements, navigation and piloting, and safety precautions.

Students who satisfactorily complete the course will be awarded a U.S. Coast Guard certificate of completion. Contact: M. W. Tielien, 11th Coast Guard District, 902 Pine St., Long Beach 2.

'The Squires' Win Annual Grand Band Competition

One of the most popular dance spots in town was the scene of a recent battle, and the incident occurred under the watchful—nay, encouraging—eyes of the Torrance Police Officers' Association. Some of the officers reported minor injuries—mostly headaches and ringing eardrums, as five teen bands turned against each other in the finals of an annual band competition.

Emerging victorious were The Squires, composed of six area musicians. The 1964-65 champions topped The Reveres, The Telstarts, The Wild Ones, and Becky and the Montclairs to claim the trophy.

Competition was held at "The Grand," a teen dance spot sponsored by the Torrance Police Officers' Association. Officers devote their own off-duty time to supervision of the teenagers who fill The Grand during week-end evenings.

Members of the Squires are Nelson Donovan, a Redondo Union High student who plays lead guitar; Paul Donovan, an El Camino College student, on the rhythm guitar; Harvey Fernandez, a Redondo High graduate, Pat Gilliam, the drummer, who attends North High, and vocalists Cassie Keane and Edie Weidenkopf, both of Bishop Montgomery High School. Their music ranges from the soft melody of "Over the Rainbow" to the modern and noisy "Beatle" sound.

Sam Levy, a pioneer Torrance businessman, presented the trophy to the band members. Levy donated funds to assist the Police Officers' Association in the remodeling of The Grand.

The one-time theater is now a large, open dance floor with a lounge and canteen. The bands who performed in this year's competition play for the Grand dances. Det. Joe Capriotti, who is in charge of hiring the young musicians, says the Grand provides a supervised place for the teenagers. "What else is there for them to do?" he asks.

Program on Retirement Continues

The fourth in a series of programs on "Pre-Retirement Planning" will be presented tomorrow evening at the Torrance Recreation Center. Dr. A. D. Kreams and Mrs. Elsie Russell, will participate in the panel discussion on "The Medical and Nutritional Aspects of Retirement." Dr. Leo F. Cain, president of the Palos Verdes State College, will moderate the program.

Mrs. Russell is a public health nutritionist for the Los Angeles County Health Department. The programs are presented by the Torrance Committee on Aging and are held each Thursday evening from 7:30 until 9 o'clock. There is no charge for admission.

Landscaping Work Slated On Freeway

Allocation of up to \$450,000 by the State Division of Highways for landscaping of the San Diego Freeway in the Torrance area has been announced. The work will be done under a contract to be awarded after bids are opened April 29.

The project includes planting 1,305 trees, 10,832 shrubs, and 811,500 ice plants as a ground cover. The section of the freeway included in the work is located between Artesia Boulevard in Torrance and El Segundo Boulevard in Hawthorne.

Assembly of God Members Sunday To Welcome New Members

New members of the congregation will be received during morning worship services Sunday at the Harbor City Assembly of God Church. The Rev. Robert Pruett, pastor, will speak on "Committal or Cowardice—Which?" Music for the occasion will be provided by soloist Alex Clark and the church choir. Services begin at 11 a.m. at the church, 1032 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.

A Penny for Your Thoughts

By HAL FISHER

Are you smoking as you read this? Take a look at that pack of cigarettes. Do you see anything different? If Luther Terry, Surgeon General of the United States, gets his way you soon will. Surgeon General Terry recently proposed to the Senate Commerce Committee that a label should be placed on every pack of cigarette warning of their danger to health. Two bills requiring such labels are now pending in Congress. The Pennies Photographer asked several ladies this week: "Do you think warning labels on cigarette packs are a good idea?"

Kay Strother, 2506 W. 180th St. "I doubt if such labels will have any effect. By now almost everybody knows without a label that smoking is dangerous. I think smoking habits will be the same with or without warnings on the pack."

Joyce Robertson, 60 Silver Saddle Rd. "That's a very good idea! I don't believe it will have much of an effect on present smokers but I may be very effective with the younger generation who are just starting to smoke. I favor the proposal."

Sally Kesselman, 21605 Vicky Ave. "People can be told about the danger in smoking and ignore the warning but I think it would have a different effect if they saw a warning every time they picked up a pack. It would be a good way to discourage heavy smoking. It could prevent young people from starting."

Martha Scarborough, 2216 Arlington Ave. "I think warning labels should be put on cigarette packs. It would result in a constant reminder to smokers that they are taking a chance with their health. It might help people who want to cut down or quit altogether."

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