A Short Story With a Moral

Once upon a time there was a big, warm wonderful country. It had towering mountains and shining rivers and fruitful plains and lots and lots of very nice people. It was truly a wonderful country. And what it wanted most of all was to be loved.

Like many countries, it had been a bit of a bully at times while growing up. It had picked on smaller countries and pushed weaker people around and even, on occasion, broken its promises. But now that it was full-grown, it didn't want to grow any more. And now that it was rich and powerful, it didn't want to push anybody around any more. It just wanted to be loved.

Probably no country ever cared more what other countries thought of it. In order to be loved, it did all sorts of nice things. It gave poorer countries lots of money. It gave weaker people lots of help. Above all, it was a very moral country. It never told lies and it always kept its promises. Which is very important if you wish to be loved.

Oddly enough, it was loved. Oh, some older countries said laughingly that it was a little naive and unsophisticated. And some younger countries said enviously it was a little vain and insensitive. But most people thought it was truly a pretty won-derful country. And to many it represented, in quite a real sense, the hope of a better world.

But, of course, now that the wonderful country was rich and strong and full-grown, it had to go out and deal with other countries as an equal. It found that other countries sometimes told lies. And sometimes broke their promises. And were always trying to push you around. In fact, it was kind of a dogeat-dog world.

At first, the wonderful country said this was awful. It would, it said, devote itself to making this a better world by "winning the battle for men's minds." It would teach people to be good by its shining example. And it would never tell lies, break promises or push people around. Because that was the best way to make a better world.

But this proved very difficult. And pretty soon, as the wonderful country grew older, it began telling lies. Like: "That wasn't our spy plane flying over your country." And it began to break its promises. Like: "We pledge never to interfere in the affairs of our neighbors." And it began to push people around. At first, because it still wanted to be loved, the

nderful country tried to justify what it did. "Golly," it said, "sometimes even we have to lie a little and cheat a little, but it's in a good cause. And when we send our soldiers into other countries, we're doing it for their sakes, not for ours."

But this proved difficult, too. And it became clear the wonderful country would have to choose between being loved and pushing people around. It did. It said: "What's so great about being loved? Who gives a fig what others think? It's a dog-eat-dog world and we've got to be hard-nosed realists and act in our own self-interest." Which worked fine. Because when you act in your own self-interest, you can lie and cheat and push people around all

Moreover, with its shining rivers and fruitful plains and nice people, it was still a wonderful country. Of course, it wasn't the hope of the world any

Moral: If you have a neighbor who says he doesn't give a fig what other people think of him, count your silverware.

Catch Basins Authorized

The sum of \$5,500 for new storm basins along the folcatch basins along streets in portions of the Palos Verdes Peninsula area has been authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

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END SEMINAR . . . Noting successful conclusion of a Real Estate Seminar at the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors headquarters, 22833 S. Arlington Ave., are (from left) Robert Vorhis, George Harbour, President Albert Z. England, and Committee Chairman David Dawes. The seminar featured speakers on such subjects as finance and real estate law.



POSITIONS OPEN...Job-hunting is a popular side-line at El Camino College these days. Miss Carol Woods surveys listings posted by the campus place-ment office. Employers may register jobs by tele-phone FA 1-1121 or DA 4-6631, ext. 251.

City Project Featured

In Seminar at Capital

The downtown redevelopment project of Torrance was one of the features of a national community development management seminar held in Washington, D. C.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the seminar highlight ed reports of successful local improvement projects accomplished by local businessi leaders with local governmental cooperation; without federal or state aid.

Pictures and a word report describing the downtown Torrance project—which includes atreet improvements, additional parking both on street and off, and area beautification—were supplied by the Torrance Chamber of the Torrance Torrance Torrance of the Torrance Torrance of the Torrance T

only to women who enter the market in dresses.

What a sight it would be to my sore eyes to see those American horrors being bar-red from all those bargains, gnashing their teeth as they watch the women who are in-tent on being women walk

off as contribution to charity.

I might even consent to make a person appearance and give a special award to the woman who looks most like a woman.

On the other hand, I would also select the "Pig Who Went to Market," and throw her a prize—an outsized, undercooked ham. Thus, everyone would win in the end.

Now, brave marketers, it's up to you. Who cares enough?

A Penny for your

Thoughts

By HAL FISHER

a satisfaction in serving."





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itate to encourage others do the same work."

Orientation Meet Held By JA Advisers

Junior Achievement was the subject of an orientation the subject of an orientation meeting attended by 100 volunteer adult advisers at the Los Angeles Division of North American Aviation. Adviser teams from local firms are composed of three businessmen per JA company, who assume guidance in management, sales, and production.

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Firms represented by adviser teams included Standard Oil, Aerospace Corp., Nortronics, American Airlines, Mattel, Inc., Ralph's Markets, Pacific Telephone, Honeywell, Inc., Harvey Aluminum, and Garrett Corp.

Aluminum, and Garrett Corp.
Hughes Aircraft, TRW/
Space Tech. Labs, North
American Aviation, Starkist
Foods, Great Western Savings, Continental Airlines,
Mobil Oil Co., National Cash
Register, Pittsburgh Plate
Glass, Southern California
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Ann Landers Says

Letter Helps Young Mother Leave Child

JUNE 27, 1965

you are, would make anyone a nervous wreek. I hope you'll do something about it for your health and safety's sake as well as for his.

A 22-year-old who reacts to frustration and anger in an infantile manner needs professional help. Insist that he go to his physician and ask for guidance or "all this" could could que up in a morgue.

my heart.
I pray that the couple who

thank her from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you fer those words a wasted him to have the happy, normal life I could end up in a morgue.

Thank you fer those words I'make other glish was the says he loves me and two marriage. Thank you fer those words I'make other glish was the problem stronger, too. Dear Ann Landers: I am work if a divise her to join the program.

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Dear Help: If you must hit the man over the head to get him to marry you, what good is that mar-riage?

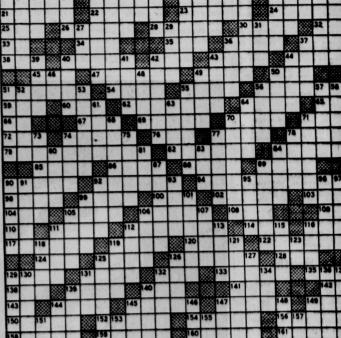
riage?
My advice is to accept invitations from the others. If Clayton doesn't beg you to set a date within three months, try to forget him because he will NEVER marry you. He'll just keep you tied up so nobody else can.

Too many starry-eyed lovers do not know the difference, Do you? Send for ANN LANDERS booklet, "Before You Marry—Is it Love OR Sex.", enclosing with your request cased, stamped 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.

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COUNT MARCO

Open Doors to 'Dressed' Only

Breathes there a grocer with soul so dead who never to himself hath said, "No woman improperly dressed shall have one of my bar-

I have a wonderful sugges-ion that, if put into effect, would have remarkable and beautifying results.

If a college and an Air Force base can do it, then why not a business establish-ment like a shopping center, or even one store in a shopor even one store in a shopping center?

It took a man—the president of an Eastern college, Dumont F. Kenny—to decree with finality, "From now on, hair curiers and hair clips are out, whether or not covered by a scarf

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Girls at Queensborough
College in New York State
are forbidden to appear on
campus or in class "wearing
shorts, toreador pants, blue
jeans, denims, dungarees or
slacks, whether or not covered by a coat."

What a blow this is going
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rather go around month af ter month in the same old sloppy, smelly attire than take the time or effort to wash and iron a simple frock.

The commanding officers of several Air Force bases have taken my complaints to heart and forbidden the wives of their men to make a mockery and cattle ranch out of the compounds. No slacks, jeans or other trous-ers permitted on the bases.

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Now, let's clean up that other great public eyesore, the shopping center.

I can't for the life of me understand why dress shops exist in those cow pastures—many of the women who mill around in them apparently have never seen a dress, let alone bought one.

This is my solution: The largest supermarket in each shopping center should hold special sales at really reduced prices on certain in-demand items such as coffee, butter,

prices on certain in-demand items such as coffee, butter, bread and frozen dinners. Such unusual bargains

water the women who are intent on being women walk
through the electric doors to
pick over the bargains.

There might be a few
broken windows, but what
are they, compared to restoring so many broken females
to womanhood once again?
The loss to the market, both
in price reduction and physical damage, might be written
off as contribution to charity.