

ADELINE DALEY

Boy, Did You Make a Mistake!

Maybe I ought to re-read some of the congratulatory messages manufacturers include with the Instruction Booklet that comes with the appliances you purchase.

"You bought wisely," they are happy to inform you, which I must admit is a lot more comforting to read than, "Boy, did YOU make a mistake! We sell this particular model because our brother-in-law is in the repair business." In looking back at some of the purchases we've made, and not confining it to appliances necessarily, I often wonder if this is what I actually read:

"Congratulations! You are now the proud owner of one of the most outstanding six-cylinder lemons ever put out by the automobile industry. At no extra cost to you, millions were spent in developing an engine guaranteed to eat up more gasoline and oil than all competitive models on the market.

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"Happy Motoring!"

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To YOU who have chosen a wrist watch of discriminating taste, our gratitude! May we add that this watch has been a longtime favorite of the June graduate. Please notice the easy-to-read dial — Micky Mouse's little hand denotes hours and the big hand, minutes.

HELLO LITTLE Fellers and Gals!

Here are your new Kolor Krayons which will bring you hours of Koloring fun. Unlike other crayons which can be removed from the walls with carbon tetrachloride and other cleaning compounds, Mommy will have to sandblast the many pictures you will draw on the walls. Happy Koloring!

Hahn Calls for Division Of Charities Department

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn will demand a complete overhaul of the Department of Charities "as soon as possible, because this department has mushroomed beyond all reasonable management control."

Hahn, who called for the overhaul several months ago, said he is "tired of waiting for the Chief Administrative Officer to report on that proposal to separate the functions of welfare and hospital administration."

He has now asked the County Counsel to prepare amendments to the Administrative Code to streamline the giant Charities Department and make it more efficient.

THE PRESENT Department of Charities, administered by Superintendent of Charities William Barr, has a budget of \$521,428,589 and 20,830 employees, Hahn noted.

It spends almost one-half of the entire county budget. "It is mandatory that there be a division of authority," Hahn said. "It is too big for one man, even though William Barr is an efficient administrator."

Hahn's plan is as follows:

- A Department of Hospitals to administer not only General Hospital but all other county hospitals. It would be headed by Barr.
- A Department of Public Assistance to administer the entire welfare program, including strict supervision of all social workers.
- A Department of Adoptions.
- The present Bureau of Resources and Collections be transferred to the Auditor's Office. This bureau is responsible for billing and receiving payments from citizens using county hospitals.

"THE BUREAU'S function is bookkeeping and accounting and its system needs upgrading. Something is basically wrong when patients have to wait sometimes months for their bills. In private hospitals patients are given their bill as they are discharged," Hahn said.

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