

We've Been WONDERING

- WHY after meeting their idol for a brief moment some years ago in another town, those good souls got upset because the swingin' singer didn't recognize them when they caught his Strip show? Please be kind, folks--put yourselves in his place. He probably has met a zillion fans since you.
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- WHY those who complain that they believe a certain establishment is dispensing horse meat for human consumption, don't take a sample to the health folks for testing? Or maybe a little tasting.
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- WHY that handsome barkeep tries to win the favor of every female customer he serves, but never bothers to mention that he has already been spoken for? (Careful, ole buddy, you are tampering with TNT).
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- WHY Dagwood is so anxious to have it known that Henry Bass took the window route leaving a platter full of golden brown pork chops. Could it be that Dagwood took a dim view of Henry eating what he paid for.
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- WHY Mr. "Over 40" (you know who) Moron seems to have the idea that making time with 14 and 15-year-olds is a real big thing? We have news for you, bub--if certain folks find out, you will be making little things out of big things, and believe me, baby, you will make some boss time.
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- WHY the sequences of 12-13-23-25-26-37-38-30, and 55-57-59-61-64-66-70-72, are supposed to be lucky for persons born in August, September and October.
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- WHY someone doesn't get it thru to Ike Rome that musicians and most entertainers, when visiting other clubs, love the exposure of being asked to sit in... Music, like medicine, has to be practised, practised, and practised. As a rule, getting to the top is no accident--hard work is the formula.
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- WHY that certain popular service station owner didn't call or send a note of thanks to Lionel Denby for rescuing his 250-lb. carcass from the clutches of Mr. John Barleycorn who really had him down for the count. (No sweat, podner, we know you're alright--just a lil reminder).
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- WHY that certain humanitarian-professional doesn't stop evading the most important problem concerning his pet enterprise and call a meeting of those involved so that he can really recognize and solve same--quote: a house divided cannot stand--unquote.
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- WHY Tony (Big Apple) Scott doesn't check the source of rumors before jumping to conclusions. Often times those who claim to be in the know only have a nodding acquaintance with those who really know.
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- WHY Jim Anderson, with one of the nicest swimming pools in Bonanza Village, doesn't own a pair of swim trunks. (Could it be that anything but a birthday suit is cumbersome... Hm Hm Hm m m m.
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HENRY 'P.' (for 'Puzzled')

NY Building Trades Union Under Fire

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Herbert Hill, NAACP director for labor program, has called for a "moratorium on all public construction in New York" until Negroes are admitted freely into the building trades union.

Making the statement in response to a report of the New York City Commission on Human Rights--which concluded that "a pattern of exclusion continues to exist" in the unions, Hill said:

"The immunity of the building trades unions from the enforcement of anti-discrimination laws must be ended once and for all, and Negro workers must be permitted to enter into skilled craft construction occupations as journeymen and apprentices."

"The city administration must do more than merely deplore union discrimination. Action, cutting off construction, is now required."

HE NOTED that the federal government recently announced it had ceased all construction on federal projects in Cleveland (Ohio) until racial discrimination by unions and contractors is eliminated.

The continued expenditure of public tax money to subsidize racial discrimination "is unconscionable, immoral, and in violation of federal, state, and municipal civil rights laws and executive orders," he noted.

BILL TO BALANCE C.D. POPULATION

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--The House of Representatives will soon take up a bill drafted by Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.) and Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) that upholds the "one man, one vote" principle. The Senate voted 42-38 to approve the bill. "I am now going to work to gain approval by the House for the Senate substitute proposal which I had introduced as a separate bill," said Rep. Conyers, hailing the Senate for its action on behalf of voting equality for all Americans. The bill would require all Congressional districts to come close to having the same population.

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IT'S ALL PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--The myth that Americans on welfare are lazy, shiftless ne'er do wells was exploded in a speech by Joseph A. Califano, Jr., top special assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Califano said that a recent study revealed that of the seven million Americans on welfare, only some 50,000 males are "capable of being given job skills and training that will make them self-sufficient."

"We have recently completed a preliminary study of the welfare programs supported by the federal government to answer a very simple question: How many persons capable of working are on welfare?"

"Some would say millions. But analysis disclosed that, over the next few years, out of the 7.3 million Americans on welfare, only 50,000 males may be capable of getting off--even if every program, public and private, were adequately staffed and efficiently run.

"OF THE 7.3 million citizens on welfare: -- 2.1 million, mostly women, are 65 or over, with a median age of 72.

-- 700,000 are either blind or so severely handicapped that their work potential, if any, is extremely limited.

-- 3.5 million are children whose parents cannot support them.

-- The remaining million are the parents of those children: about 900,000 mothers and 150,000 fathers.

"Two-thirds of the 150,000 fathers on welfare are incapacitated. Only some 50,000 are capable of being given job skills and training that will make them self-sufficient."

CALIFANO SAID several problems were raised by the study:

1. How to reach, how to motivate this proportionately small target of 50,000 fathers?
2. How to educate the American people to recognize and accept this target.
3. Should 200,000-300,000 mothers on welfare be taken from their minor children and put to work, using child-care centers and special training programs?
4. How to correct the mistakes that put the 900,000 mothers and 3.5 million children on welfare?
5. What can be done to help the hundreds of thousands of impoverished Americans who aren't on federally supported welfare programs?

Picket Line Boycotted

MIAMI - (NPI)--Local leaders have come up with an effective answer to George C. Wallace: Stay home. Instead of picketing his address at the Everglades Hotel, the civil rights leaders boycotted the picket line. "Why should we create a forum for Wallace?" asked the Rev. Theodore R. Gibson, rector, Christ Episcopal Church. SCLC and NAACP joined in boycotting a proposed protest picket line, which they felt would merely draw more attention to the former Alabama governor.

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