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Congress Tries The Paul Revere Role

THE fact that social snubs of an admiral and his wife very nearly became national issues last week is not so weird as it seems. As a matter of fact, it is not weird at all. It's wonder-

came national isseems. As a matter of fact, it is not weird at all. It's wonderful to be a series of the control of the contro

NEXT to chimpanzees and Los Angeles Dodgers, the suburbanite seems to be the funniest creature in America today.

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At some point, probably the point at which TV situation writers and aspiring young novelists felt the pangs of plot starvation, the suburban resident became a caricature. Even when crudely fashioned, the caricature amuses. For the subject himself, the suburbantic, watches the TV program that spoofs him and buys the books that examine the impact on his id of life behind the lamp in the picture window.

There is nothing very new about his. American life is full of caricatures—the hayseed farmer, the city slicker, the baby-kissing politico. And there is nothing regrettable about it except the tendency in some quarters to take the caricature seriously and thus mistake it for the original. Not really serious, but still with a hint of irritation, the Charleston.

"Le"s take a look today at a day in the life of a young businessman living in a new subdivision. He awakes and walks into the bathroom to shave his "hidden beard" with an electric razor. While he brushes his teeth with toth-paste containing chicrophyll he glances at the 21-inch TV screen in the living room. "His wife who is wearing lipstick that

Pity The Straw Man In The Suburbs

other congressional explosion followed, and in the same pattern as that involving the Rickovers. Again the rub was not so much in the immediate event as in the intellectual attitude behind it. The scientists making the study are merely facing the fact that in three to friev exars the Soviet stands to have the capacity to discharge hundreds of inter-continental missiles against a nation that has no defense against them now and very likely will not have then unless the Rickover spirit becomes the country's spirit.

In the Congress there is grief and

spirit.

In the Congress there is grief and outrage that even a thought—much less a study—of American surrender should have recommended tiself to the military establishment. The Soviet having poured its energies into missiles while the U. S. built long-range hombers, surrender is a possible eventuality. But, save Congress, to hell with eventualities. Why has this preposterous thing happened, and what can be done to eliminate surrender as a possibility. The Rickover promotion notwithstanding, Congress cannot operate the military establishment, dietate the attitudes of the administration, or shout away the weaknesses of U.S. defenses.

It can, however, at its own political

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It can, however, at its own political risk, attempt to shake the nation by the scruff of its neck into a pained awareness of the gloomy facts of Sowiet power. To its credit, particularly to the Senate's credit, the effort is being made.

There was in that body's debate the other day (described elsewhere on this page by Joseph Alsop) no illusion that our grapefurti satellites and our moon rocket have altered the Soviet lead in killing power. And there was no illusion that the Soviet will not use that power—one way or another—to try to gain its ends.

For this particular lack, the nation

For this particular lack, the nation should be grateful.

Surrender Study Shocks Senate Into A Great Debate

WASHINGTON

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THE SENATE put on a pretty
remarkable show the other
day—a show that was at once
fresh - crawing, wonderfully encouraging and deeply moving.
The show began with an eerle
debate on what must surely be
the most evit measure ever conthe most evit measure ever conmove the state of the Military
Appropriations Bill by Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, forbidding
the Defense Department to spend
any of its appropriated funds on
plans for the surrender of the
United States.
The occasion of the amendment



LITTLE OPTIMISM

But what made the debate so cerie was the simple fact that no one, on either side of the aislet really tried to defy the grin facts that had impelled the RAND scientists to make their grins study. The side of the side

scientists to make their hideous calculations. It was a speech that every thoughtful American ought to read and ponder. It's theme was simple.

DEALING IN FACTS

"We must realize," said Kennedy bleakly, "that the nuclear deterrent ratio during 1906-84 will in all likelihood be weighted very heavily against us."

Kennedy dealt in facts — much more detailed and hard facts than senators like Symington and Jackson of Wasimgton have been able to deal in, because they are saffed information, and Kennedy is not thus impeded. He showed the gradual weakening of the American nuclear deterrent, the

rapid gain in Soviet nuclear strik-ing power during the so-called that there was no years of the "sap." He described which an aroused the "missile lag" in the period when present American deleter could not overcom-publicate will consecte an immense strictly in missile-power to to TO THE TASK'

"The Soviets," he remarked with bitterness, "will be as aware of their advantage during the years of the gap as we are . . .

BOLD CALL

d a n g e r, confidently forecasting that there was no future danger which an aroused and mobilized American people would not and could not overcome.



'We Sympathize With Native Aspirations In The Middle East'



People's Platform

UNIVAC As Matchmaker Can't Touch A Rumble Seat

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PALAMOS, Spain

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NOTHING TO IT

Should United Appeal

Give Funds To Needy?

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Editors, The News:

It will soon be time once again for the annual appeal of the United Appeal did me in June with the sheen of work a long time. This he has been out of work a long time. The he has been done with the sheen of work and the fore you knew it you were match. The worder how long the public with the pub

LIVING IN LISTED

He positively cannot leer and say: "You remember, Mama, it was the Eliki Cub outling, and old Charlte Hawkins—not it was Zwie Meeklins. I can see it now, plain as day—old Zwie come up and said: 'You seen the new schednarm Twenty-three skildoo, and oh you killi".

Pa will have to say: "You re-

In The Suburbs been handed to a stage attendant and a young woman in tights is demonstrating exercises designed to slim the rear portion of the human anatomy . . . isn't progress grand? Just think of our poor grandparents (who had to eat their own cooking and converse with themselves) . . . and when morning came . . . had no opportunity to view a chimpanzee or a dancer doing pushups." Now admittedly suburbanites have a great deal in common, including abnormally large investments in grass seed. But common interests have not really resulted in that uniformity of attitude that serves as a horrendous straw man for the social critics. It takes more than close quarters to stiffe individualism; they may in fact provide a salutary irritant for the individualistic impulse. The suburbanite, in time, will become the exurbanite dwelling among the flora and fauna farther out from town, or he may return to the city. At any rate, it's unlikely suburban life is sapping his individualistic juices. If one wants to be nostalgic, of course, it's easy to think of old granddaddy as a self-reliant cuts who shucked corn and the artifices of the world about him down to the kernels of truth and reality view a chimpance after breakfast, in the sometimes stuck his stockinged foot and the artifices of the world about him to support the sometimes stuck his stockinged for the support to the letter by the conditions of modern life. Certainly there is little evidence that human nature has been changed for the better by the conditions of modern life. But meither is there anything to suggest that it has been changed for the worse—the illusory caricature of the suburbanite notwithstanding. From The Richmond Times-Dispatch FOR TASTIER LOLLIPOPS

VICUNA coats, deep freezers and free hotel rooms are for the top echelon of influence wielders. However, we are concerned more with the sticky little business of seeking influence at a lower level.

room. "His wife who is wearing lipstick that won't smear or come off after kissing, turned on the set and went back to bed for another 15 minutes of sleep, She had been up until 1 am. watching a horror film of the early '30s, starring Boris Karloff and including half a dozen furniture commercials. Dave Garroway's program is on the morning TV . . . Kokomo, the pet chimpanzee, has just

level.

What we have in mind is the giving of suckers to our offspring at visits to banks, doctors, barbers, lee cream parlors, shoe stores and — shades of Ma. Goloring!—even the Internal Revenue Service. At the last-anmed it wasn't official, but during the annual April shaking down of the customers one of the lady clerks dished out candy to keep the moppets quiet while their parents were wrestling with Uncle Sam's minions.

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It's a sweet racket, putting our kids in a sort of lollipop letharpy, and it's doubtful if it can be ended without much wailing and crying. We are apparently stuck with it.

Appetities have been lost, car seats made sticky and pretty dresses stuck up in the above-mentioned process. And doesn't anybody make a sucker with a high melting point? Our glove compartment is becoming a mass of colored sugar and small sticks.

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wish the influence seekers would get a better product—some of those supposed goodies taste pretty bad. Bribe our kids all you like, but please give us something that we can purioin from them and

Research into money in this country so far has been warped and misdirected by the academic, statistical approach. Everybody wants to count it.—Dallas Morning News.

If there's anything that makes us think freedom of speech is a mistake, it's listening.—ORLANDO SENTINEL.

In one house, the parents became painfully aware that they were in a dis-ciplinary rut when their 2-year-old son, upon being asked his name, replied "Kevin No No."—MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMI-TAR.

Politicians row over which party gets credit for public improvements. But there's never any question about who pays for them.—LAUREL (MISS.) LEADER-CALL

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON THE hand has now become quicker than-the-eye in lobbying before Congress. That's the tactic adopted by the U. S. Chember of Commerce in secretly lobbying against passage of the Kennedy-Ives labor reform bill.

Ives labor reform bill.

Most congressmen don't know that the flood of letters they are receiving against the bill of the flood of letters they are receiving against the U.S. Chamber one of the U.S. Chamber, but are the highest of the U.S. Chamber, just across Lafayette Park from the White House, don't want it inears that they are opposed to labor reform. They have been loudly endorsing the Senate investigation of labor racketering. Therefore it would look but to oppose a bill aimed at cleaning up racketering.

Just the same they want to defeat the Kennedy-Ives bill, largely because it would require business to report all mon-ey above \$5.000 spent on labor relations and they would not be able to hire such secret operators as Nathan Shefferman who showered Dave Beck with expensive birts and handkershifes and got pretty much what he wanted out of the Team-sters,

Secret Campaign Attacks Labor Bill

Gates argued that the Navy's rester of flag officers might be too limited to re-lain fickover, as a vice admiral.

"We've heard that before, but I se-riously doubt that the Navy can't find room for a man with such outstanding lalents," shot back Anderson, "You can, if you strain a little."

A lot of interesting money is pouring into the Florida Democratic primary compain to try to block ex-Senator Claude Pepper from staging a comeback. Latest anti-Pepper centilution is from Arthur Vining Davis, once head of the Aluminum Corporation and one of the wealthest men in America.