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Ike Best Answer To Katzenjammers

THE rattle-dazzle road trip of Krushchev & Bulganin, the Kremlin's Katzenjammer Kids, has produced distinctly different reactions in the U.S. and England. The British have been hotly indignant. One press officer was so riled the Foreign Office put him under wraps to cool off. But prior to the joint U.S.-Portuguese statement this week the State Department had said only that Krushchev's demagoguery was apt to be self-defeating.

The reaction of the British, former colonizers of India and Burma, and thus the most specific target of the Russians, is understandable on those grounds. But it also suggests the British are more concerned with the fear that the Russians are succeeding with their crude appeal to the masses.

Our Own Cure For Collegiate Rioting

THERE is something absolutely uncanny about the transmission of fads among children who are too old to be juvenile delinquents and too young to have any clearly discernible sense of values. That division of society carefully referred to as the "college set" is particularly vulnerable to fadism—whether it be swallowing goldfish or the hoisting of 300-pound heifers to the roofs of dormitories.

This season's campus fad is rioting. While it is not as dirty as heifer-hoisting, it requires approximately the same mental capacity. And it produces a more satisfying din.

Tippecanoe And DeSapio Too

IT WAS just a slip of the tongue, but Estes Kefauver referred to Averell Harriman at Chicago's Democratic whirling as "Governor Harrison."

It did not exactly have Democratic conferees flailing helplessly in their chairs from laughter but it did point up the need for some good, old-fashioned slang-ing in U. S. politics.

Recent attempts to produce genuine spinetingers have seemed pretty pale when compared to past triumphs. We've had to get along in the 20th century with the weak tea of "A Chicken in Every Pot," "Had Enough," "The Republican," "Time For A Change" and "Happy Days Are Here Again."

GONE WITH THE GONDOLAS

WELL, it was forecast the day a smug-looking British family first paraded past Bunymede in a punt with an outboard motor. From that point on the Thames to Cambridge's lovely mile of River Cam is not far as a plane flies. And what in the way of miscalled progress can happen under the Cam's rippling looking bridges can happen anywhere, even in Venice itself.

And it has. Yes, they are motorizing gondolas, a fact which would have inspired Gilbert and Sullivan to write dirges instead of those gay tunes that open one of their most famous operettas.

And that's good, gondoliers! Beware, you drivers of Victorias on the Alps, more than ever a vagary now that the gondolier will have to keep his song in time with a put-put-put of a gasoline engine.

When one considers the success of demagogues, even in this country, it is not so easy to believe that the Indians and Burmese will see through Krushchev's ballyhoo and reject it.

Two things are clear. The Kremlin vaudevillians are drawing good crowds and where crowds gather nostrums can be sold. Secondly, no matter how ridiculous it is, there is the only show in town, Far East that would carry him, not only to India and Burma, but to as many nations as he possibly could visit. It would be the most eloquent way possible for the U.S. to express its sympathy and friendship for the millions who mean to be free if they can find the way.

The President could do no more effective thing for the sake of world peace than to go visiting, leisurely and generally, in the great lands where the name of the U.S. once was a phase of affection and of liberty.

Axle-Bender

THE city, we read recently, has formed a crew of sidewalk inspectors whose purpose it is to find cracked sidewalks and to negotiate with property owners for repairs. If an inspector can be spared from this vast search we hope the city will call him to look at the distressed pavement on the South Church Street railroad overpass. The trouble there started as a crack, but to a motorist going 20 m.p.h. it is an axle-bending chasm.

Anger In The East

I AM almost certain the Arabs don't care much for us these days. I think we have mediated overmuch in the Middle East. And I remind me of a time when the Cairo Arabs got so sore at the Americans that they forgot to hate the British. Forgetting to hate the British takes a lot of good. If you are an Arab.

This is for you, if you are thinking of all about the arms race in the Middle East. A friend of mine, an Australian, named Peter, went ashore with a group in Port Said to spend a few hours buying the usual junk and possibly to contract dysentery if his luck held. Peter and his group were set upon by a tiny Arab.

This goes right down to recent types when Sherman Adams called the Democrats "sadists" and we had the shock of hearing a U.S. senator accuse the whole party of treason.

Alas, the slogan-makers are all thumbs, they have lost their artistry. There are among us politicians who can stroke a platitude and make it purr like an epigram. But the masters of the political catchword have all gone to work for Lever Brothers.

Jack: Dad what are ancestors? Dad: Well, my boy, I am one of your ancestors. Your grandfather is another. Jack: Then why do people brag about them? —LAMAR (Mo.) DESMART.

It's difficult to understand why, when a youngster's bare feet finally get tumbled to the pebbles and clods, pine cones and briars, nature issues her annual edict for him to put on shoes.—CHAPEL HILL WEEKLY.

Coach's Plea: Preserve Junior High Athletics

CHARLOTTE (People's Platform) The question of discontinuation of junior high school athletics in Charlotte has concerned me a great deal.

First, as a parent of two boys and as a citizen of Charlotte and second, as a coach and teacher of physical education, I would like to openly express my opinion on this subject.

DEFINITE NEED The theory of an extensive intramural program for all students in the field of interschool sports, which means participation for a limited number, sounds ideal to the average parent and educator.

I have always favored a program that would interest and benefit the less-skilled boy, but not a program that would kill what interest he has by matching him against the more highly skilled athletes.

It is true that in this sport an individual would improve by competing against players better than himself. On the other hand, many low skilled boys would develop inferiority complexes and eventually drop out because they have been completely dominated by the more highly skilled players.

I have experienced in teaching junior high physical education that the highly skilled boys often dominate the play. Boys will naturally stand on the floor and never handle the ball in a basketball game.

'This Has Got To Be Decided By Us Germans'



Anger In The East

You Don't Say 'Scram' To An Arab

BY ROBERT C. RUARK

"You don't tell me 'scram,' dam' bloody American!" the Arab screamed. Peter, as I mentioned, is a New-Breasted Aussie. "You don't say 'scram' me, bloody American!"

The Arab, named Peter, was a very mild mannered, but he also has been reading about the white folks getting kicked to death in Morocco. He didn't like the look of the crowd.

"So what do you want me to say instead of 'scram'?" he asked in his soft Melbourne voice. "Yes say excuse me, pardon me, please. I don't want you work for me," the Arab said. "Or..." And he gestured at the encroaching crowd.

Peter is the kind of man who loses few wars foolishly. He had two girls and another fellow with him, and the worse from North Africa were still fresh in his mind.

"Excuse me, Pardon me. Please. I don't want your services. Right?"

DOMINATION Do a high junior high sports and the uncontrolled athlete will dominate the intramural program. Your boy or mine might have the low skills and would drop out or develop an inferiority complex.

It is easy without looking farther to criticize those who have the responsibility of making a decision of this nature. Financing of school sports which cannot support themselves is a tremendous undertaking. The average citizen does not realize that all junior and senior high teams of Charlotte must pay their own expenses or go in debt.

How many businesses could survive year after year if their liabilities were greater than their assets? Until the school authorities and the citizens of Charlotte who believe there is an educational value in competitive sports get together and work out a method of financing athletics, there is no reason for us as interested citizens to criticize those confronted with this decision.

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High Standards This would be little away from school control of intramural participants. They would participate when they liked and have no training rules or regulations. Many boys have been guided

from delinquency by being a part of a team that requires high standards in order to participate. I would like to give one example of what would happen to our varsity athletic programs if all junior high sports were abolished.

There would be no place in the intramural program for basketball facilities and the danger hazards would impel the adoption of softball. What could be expected in the way of baseball players on the high school level if they have played only softball until reaching the 9th grade?

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Those Who Give Will Be Rewarded

TODAY we meet happy people on the street because they have the spirit of Christmas in their faces, some planning on going home to be with loved ones and grandchildren. Those are the happiest days of our lives—being with those we love.

It is a great joy, whose birthday it is and of him being born in a manger and bring peace and happiness to the world. And I see who so many are showing the Christmas spirit by sharing with those who love.

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The program is not unlike minor league baseball teams which feed talent into the majors. Youngsters come into junior high school and learn the fundamentals of football, basketball, etc. It is there that they first show any flashes of talent.

In Every Race, Good And Bad

Editorial, The News: I AM writing on People's Platform for the first time. I have heard so much about the racial and segregation problem adjustment on his fellow man. With him it makes no difference whether you are guilty or not. You had better have money for a few minutes on radio commercials. As if that justice? So how can a person respect the Supreme Court's law and have this kind of people serving us?

Now I have nothing against the colored people for I have worked with them a great deal in my work. As for the side, and have even been invited to their homes at dinner time. But I have also seen those that thought they could push the white man off the sidewalk so they could walk by.

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Rapa women want babies but are thwarted in this ambition by lack of male collaboration.

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There are six women to every man on Rapa. Of the 330 inhabitants 300 are women. And complain "Anna, the men are tired." Fresh talent is needed. . . . Anna assures her prospects that they will not be expected to work on Rapa. The women will do that for them. Life will be most pleasant for them, their every wish will be gratified. She promises, as an extra bonus, that they will even be "tired." Fresh talent is needed. . . . One is reminded of the Amazons and their annual importation of males to perpetuate the race. The only essential difference between the two tales is that the Rapa story is true.

The subject of Rapa's running, however, will not even come up during his visit with the GOP chairman. The subject reported to the President on party finances by the Dewey forces to stop a build-up for any other candidates would give Dewey more time to get

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Hall Didn't Ask The Big Question

WASHINGTON THERE'S more than meets the eye behind Leonard Hall's cheerful optimism that President Eisenhower will run again. The bald, bald Republican national chairman took his cue, not from Ike but from New York's Tom Dewey.

Backstage Drama Here are the behind-the-scenes developments: —This column can report positively that I did not even discuss a second term with Ike at Gettysburg Hall had talked about it earlier, however with Dewey.

also consulted with Dewey about Ike's re-election. They agreed to come as close to declaring him in the race as they could without making the announcement for him. The President did not indicate to them he would run. They convinced him, however, that they will have been pushing his legislative program through Congress unless he gave hints of remaining open for another four years.

Level Best Hall did his level best to convince GOP national committeemen meeting in Chicago last week that Ike would be the party's candidate again in 1956. Significantly, this idea was given impetus behind closed doors by another Deweyite,

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Mrs. Charles Weis of New York. In charge of arrangements for the Republican convention, she advised her husband to plan on a short convention with only one nomination—Eisenhower.

Dewey's Secret Hand —Some committeemen didn't swallow the Eisenhower propaganda, notably ex-National Chairman Guy Gabrielson and ex-Kansas Sen. Harry Darby. They spread the word that it was time to expect Ike to run again. Privately, some suspected the whole idea might be a holding action by the Dewey forces to stop a build-up for any other candidates which would give Dewey more time to get

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his own machine rolling—if Ike should decide the last minute to retire. Pre-Arranged It was pre-arranged with Adams, Brownell and Dewey what Hall should say in his press conference with the President. The plan was to suggest Ike would run again but to pull off any formal announcement until March.

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