

Cuba's Bearded Beatnik Brothers

The nightmare of Cuban-American relations should wake the One Worlders and Foreign Aiders from their fond dreams of "peace insurance" bought with cash.

No nation ever did more for another country—and for as long a time—as the United States has done for Cuba. She owes her very existence and independence to us.

After the Spanish-American War, the United States, under the Platt Amendment, obligated herself to come to Cuba's defense, if her independence was threatened. Our Government has loaned Cuba millions of dollars to stabilize her currency and prosperity. American firms have invested billions to build up her plantations and mines.

Our Government has paid more than the world price for Cuba's sugar. This is a direct subsidy from every American dining room. As sugar production is one-quarter of her national income, and 78% of her exports, Cuba would have lived a beggar's life without our constant help.

But, as the Spanish proverb says, "Eaten bread is soon forgotten."

Despite fifty years of "foreign aid," two bearded beatnik brothers have now set up a dictatorship as absolute as Batista's. They propose to confiscate American investments and threaten to bring Communism to our front door—all with the apparent support of a majority of the Cuban people.

Foreign aid as "peace insurance" is more of a slogan than a fact.

UNDER THE COSTIGAN ACT of 1935.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Michigan's U. S. Senators Hart and McNamara expect their Republican opponents to label them as "prodigal spenders". But they justify their spending by saying that "... there are obligations that are necessary to meet." Well, gentlemen, go ahead and justify. But the fact does remain that you are big spenders ... you only hope that enough voters in your State will agree with you. (And yet, even though a majority does agree with you, what will have happened? Only that you won re-election ... even though you still remain prodigal Big Spenders.)

Wide spread re-appearance of "Nazi swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on various parts of our earth, including the United States, reveals the fact that portions of the Hitler-hate-sadism is still existent in the thoughts of some. It is being stated in high governmental places that the work has been inspired by Communists, with Moscow doing the directing. Let us pray that this current evidence is put down whenever and wherever it shows its ugly head.

Senator John Kennedy, self-proclaimed aspirant to win a lease on the White House, recently said: "I do not agree with those who think that all we have to do is to dismiss Mr. Benson and get a new Secretary of Agriculture. This problem is bigger and deeper than one man." Right you are, Senator ... bigger even than a certain Massachusetts Senator!

We hope that both major parties, during the coming election campaigns, will present capable, honest, dedicated candidates for the November 1960 election—and that the vast majority of voters everywhere will have the intelligence to use their franchise in the common defense of human freedom—freedom that is menaced on so many sides by antagonist nations.

Most people try to place their valuable material possessions out of the reach of burglars and thieves. Comparatively few U.S. citizens fail to place their personal liberty and freedom where demagogic politicians can't break through and steal 'em ... yet liberty and freedom are one's only fundamental protections.

A French efficiency expert has released his findings, over a period of 25 years, on the subject: How long does the average husband have to wait for his wife? Answer: about six months waiting for his wife to dress, meet him for dinner, and similar feminine agenda.

Experts on the subject advise you not to get excited about this "electronic cooking" method. First, the devices will cost as much as several regular stoves; second, 'tis reported that you can't brown victuals with them; third, meat comes out dry and tough, and less appetizing.

One of the dullest of persons is he who doesn't know very much of what he is saying ... it seems that his tongue is far removed from his mental processes.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

There's one dish I shy away from whenever I eat out.

It's pie or cake ala mode.

It's not that I don't like this dessert. I like either one very much. I like pie separately. Cake by itself is a tasty treat, too.

And ice cream! It's a dessert I'll eat anytime another kind of dessert escapes me, my wife, or our hostess.

And put pie together with ice cream! What other way to wind up a delicious meal?

WHAT KEEPS ME from ordering this tempting dish when I eat out? Simply because most restaurants don't know the proper way to serve this wonderful combination!

A waiter or hostess, would not think of putting your coffee cup at the left side of your table setting. Nor would the salad or butter plate go to your right.

Yet hundreds of thousands of times a day pie or cake ala mode is served with the ice cream on the right side of the plate!

IT'S PROPER PLACE, of course, is right on top of the pie!

Or on the left side. But certainly not on the right!

The reason it shouldn't go on the right side of the plate is this: it makes things too messy when you try to eat OVER the scoop of ice cream and cut into and pick up a forkful of pie.

Your hand and fork soon get messy by

bumping into the yet-uneaten ice cream.

(I have seen few right-handed eaters take the trouble to MOVE the ice cream to its proper position on the left side of the plate.)

NOW IF THE SCOOP of ice cream is placed atop the pie, it will be treated in one of two ways by most pie ala mode:

If soft enough, the ice cream will be forked down and spread over the entire piece of pie.

If the scoop still is too hard, it will be rolled off the pie onto the left side of the plate where it has a firmer base for cutting off a forkful.

OF COURSE, MY COMMENTS relate to right-handed eaters. Southpaws prefer their ice cream on the right side of the plate—where it is out of the way of THEIR fingers.

If the ice cream cannot be properly served atop the pie, then the law of averages says to put it on the left side of the plate. Left-handers will just have to put up with it, as they do with other things like drinking fountains and handshaking.

SO DO YOUR PART to eliminate improper serving of pie ala mode. Keep your fork handle and fingers unsticky.

Make your waiter or waitress take the plate back to the kitchen and start over if the ice cream is presented on the wrong side.

You would do so if they served your coffee to you in a saucer!



NATURE NOW

by Lydia King Frehse
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Hibernation Is Over For Mourning Cloak

Walking in the late February or early March woods, one sometimes sees a lone butterfly drifting about on a vagrant breeze. This is almost certain to be the well-known mourning cloak (*Xanessa antiope*).

There is a legend that the mourning cloak was once a beautiful princess, who deeply desired the companionship of her people but was forbidden to leave the palace. So she donned a black velvet cape and moved about inconspicuously. But someone saw the hem of her pearl-embroidered gown protruding from her cape. As a punishment for her behavior, she was turned into the mourning cloak butterfly.

THIS LEGEND arises from the coloration of the insect with dark velvety wings bordered with deep green. Just inside the margin is a line of jewel-like dots, purple in color. The insect's wings are the dull shade of dead leaves.

The morning of one of the few butterflies which hibernates over winter. It hides under debris or bark on a tree trunk and comes out briefly during warm days in late winter or early spring. It is always a delightful surprise to see a butterfly so early in the season. This insect is widely dispersed over the temperate regions of the world. In England it is called the "Gamberwell Beauty".

The life history follows the pattern of its kind from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to the adult form. The eggs are laid in masses encircling the twigs of willow poplar, or elm. They are fitted together in a compact mass of light brown barrel-shaped structures too small to be noticed by the casual observer. The emergence of the first generation takes place in June or July.

The second generation appears in late September, flies about until frost and hibernates for the winter. The eggs hatch into black hairy caterpillars with a row of

orange-red spots. They proceed to gorge themselves on the leaves of the tree which they occupy.

During the destructive stage of the insect during which the caterpillar gorges, by several moults until it is mature. It then encloses itself in a chrysalis hanging head downward from some convenient object within whose dark interior the active larva enters the pupal or quiescent stage.

During the following days, the magical change from caterpillar to butterfly is slowly accomplished. Nothing is added; nothing is subtracted. The self same protoplasm is changed to a creamy substance and slowly reassembled into the shape of a gorgeous flying insect, complete with every internal organ, painted wing, slender body and antennae. The latter are organs of smell as well as feeling and differ from the feathery ones of the moth in that they are wire-like and tipped with a knob.

SCIENTISTS HAVE PROVED that some species of butterflies including the mourning cloak taste with their front feet. Their sensilla are supposed to be 200 times greater than that of the human tongue. When the feet of a butterfly touch the floor, the tongue concealed under the mouth parts automatically unrolls.

It has very little information on the seasonal movements of the mourning cloak. The Way Tern reports counting 25 in the course of a 15-mile autumn drive on Long Island. They were headed northward following the same path of the migrating monarchs. He suggests that such flight is a possible migration from their summer home to more favorable hibernating areas.

How many of these frail wings would reach their destination and how many would lie winnowed and dead along some roadside or lake shore?

Look for the mourning cloak on your next walk in the woods.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
March 4, 1910

"The address of The Legalized Saloon in the U.P. church Sunday afternoon last by Mrs. B. L. Calkins, president of the Michigan WCTU, was a masterpiece in keen logic, tremendous earnestness and kindly spirit. We wish every voter in Birmingham could have heard it. She showed how the saloon oppresses the weak, weakens the strong and deceives the good, honest voter."

"The Village Improvement society will hold an exhibition of women's work on Friday and Saturday at the home of Miss M. Baldwin and Mrs. Mary Cooper."

"Either we must provide school room for our children or we must request people with children not to move into our town. Nothing will depreciate our property faster than lack of schoolroom. Surely those whose children have been educated here cannot refuse like privilege to others."

30 YEARS AGO
March 5, 1930

"In five precincts Monday, Birmingham's electors will go to the polls to elect a village president, four members of the village commissioners, in addition, voters will decide whether to issue \$50,000 in bonds to pay for land for the civic site acquired by condemnation proceedings four years ago."

"Due to an inadequate water supply, members of the Birmingham Fire Department were unable to check the flames which raged to the ground the home of Constantin Szarkick, one-half mile north of Maple road on Crooks road early Sunday morning."

15 YEARS AGO
March 1, 1945

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THE GARDENER'S CORNER

The Answers to Your Gardening Questions
by Bob

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
How long is it safe to leave a shrub unplanted after it is delivered?

BOB'S ANSWER:
Almost all shrubs should be planted immediately. In fact the hole should be ready when the shrub arrives. The exception is the shrub with a ball of earth around its roots. If this earth is dry, stand the plant in water for a day before planting.

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