

QUIZ

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In today's headline, there's the irony - of an anniversary. The third anniversary of the day - when Charles Van Doren filed his application to appear on a quiz show. Which led him - to fame and fortune on the television feature "Twenty One". Fame and fortune - but let's make it three F's. Fame, fortune and fear.

In his testimony, today, before a Senate Investigating committee, Van Doren said that - from the very beginning, he was apprehensive. Learning - that the quiz would be fixed. He says he asked the producer - ~~xx~~ to let him appear honestly. Let him answer questions - out of his own fund of knowledge. But was told - that this was impossible.

So he accepted, and his TV appearances were - one hundred percent rigged. He was given questions and answers in advance - and a regular script. ~~With~~ show business - and all. Which only increased - his apprehension. He says

he was, in his own ^{wo} ~~ow~~ _^ rds - "deeply troubled by the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ arrangement."

His fear could only increase - when success mushroomed in a fantastic way. Charles Van Doren becoming - the quiz-whiz of the nation. With winnings - that finally went up to ~~one-hundred-and-twenty-nine-thousand~~ dollars.

He says he wanted to stop the farce, but the producers wouldn't let him go, ~~Until~~, finally - he was able to persuade ~~me~~ them. But, they said - he'd have to get knocked off "Twenty One" in a dramatic way. Which happened, when he was beaten - by a lady.

Good to be out. But the fake was still something - to haunt him. When he went on to a genuine television career - at fifty thousand dollars a year, with NBC.

Then came the day of horror - when the quiz show scandal broke. With disclosures of rigging - made by Herbert Stemple, ~~Whom~~ Van Doren had knocked off Twenty One - by

Whereupon
prearrangement. Van Doren announced that he was shocked -
and protested his own innocence.

From then on, life became increasingly - a nightmare
of terror for the son of an illustrious literary family.

Called before a Grand Jury, ~~to which~~ he denied everything.


Then a further blow, when NBC told him - he must
send a telegram to the Senate investigators, ~~Denying~~ - the
fix. He sent the telegram - knowing he'd be suspended from
his television job if he didn't.

Next, he heard the Senatorial group would subpoena
him to testify. ~~And~~ ^{they} fear - made him disappear! He said -
he went wandering ~~as~~ around in New England, not knowing what
to do. He couldn't sleep. ~~But then ~~realized~~ he realized he'd~~
And he knew he would
have to go to Washington and testify.

But - testify to what? He said he didn't tell even
his own lawyer - the truth about the fix. His mind made
up - only when he got a letter. A fan letter - from an

unknown woman, who advised him, earnestly and simply -
to tell the truth.

So, today, in Washington he told the truth - with
heart-searching candor. On the ~~mid~~ third anniversary -
of his quiz show application, ~~it~~ which had led him - to
those three F's. Fame, fortune and fear.



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today.

Later in the day, Van Doren lost his job at Columbia University - where he has ~~been~~ been teaching. The Trustees of the University accepting his resignation.

ADD QUIZ

Two other witnesses told the investigators today - that they had rehearsed questions and answers in ~~advance~~ advance. Then, when the quiz show was on the air, the questions asked them - were ones they had already answered. They said they were coached by Miss Shirley Bernstein - sister of the well known symphony conductor - Leonard Bernstein.

CUBA

In Cuba, the great land and air search ^{indeed} turns into a mystery. The hunt for Cuban army ~~XXXX~~ commander, Major Camilo Cienfuegos - who disappeared five days ago, while on a flight in a light plane - with two companions.

The supposition was that he had crashed somewhere in the mountains - and Premier Fidel Castro led the search for his army commander, a hero - in the Castro revolution, Major Cienfuegos - well known to Americans down there, as a moderate in the Castro revolutionary regime.

Today - still no sign of airplane wreckage. Although the island has been combed - by the ground-air search. ^{Now} The feeling of mystery ^{is} growing. Nobody - saying it out loud. But there are surmises - that the commander of the Cuban army may have, perhaps - flown out of Cuba. Taking refuge - in some other country. Possibly - another defector from the Castro revolution.

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CRASH

At Dayton, Ohio, today, a parachute came drifting down to earth. Bringing down - the pilot of an Air Force jet fighter, that had crashed.

Major James Bradbury - had stuck with his plane, until the last moment. The jet - having flamed out and lost all power. Coming down fast. At a thousand feet, utterly out of control. The pilot pulled his ejection cord - and out he went.

When his parachute landed, he was picked up and taken in an auto that was near the scene, where the plane had crashed. It had struck a house - the house in flames.

Major Bradbury cried out: "My God, I hope nobody was home."

Tragic hope. The jet, smashing into the house - had killed two children. Their mother - severely burned.

Two children of the family, luckily were away in school.

COOPER UNION

In New York, today - a procession of distinguished academic figures. Eminent professors - in a ceremony honoring the hundredth anniversary of one of the humblest of educational institutions. Cooper Union - where schooling is free. Education - for the poor. Humble, yes - but Cooper Union has turned out more than one distinguished figure in American cultural life.

Founded, in Eighteen Fifty Nine - by the millionaire philanthropist, Peter Cooper, who decimated his wealth - to the education of the "working class". And, what he called - "respectable females."

Typical of the Victorian era of the Nineteenth Century with its emphasis on - "respectable females."

STUDENT

Here's news of an odd exploit! At Nottingham, England, a new record set - for shaking hands. We've had flagpole sitting, goldfish swallowing - and other forms of atrocious nonsense. Now - a champion hand-shaker. A student, attending Nottingham University - who, in one day, shook the hands of nine thousand people. Going along the street - shaking and shaking. His exploit - requiring ten hours and ten minutes.

So he broke the record, and you may ask - who set the previous record? And why?

The previous record for hand-shaking was set by Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States; who, in one day in Nineteen Seven, shook hands with - eight thousand, five hundred and thirty people. Simply as a matter of politics.

WIFE

Over in France, in the royal town of Versailles, Roger Bouvet - has a big lump on his head. Roger Bouvet hit himself on the cranium - with a rock. Bounced a dornick on his own noggin. Doing deliberately. So he could show - the swollen bump on his coco, to his wife.

Madame, it seems, was always wrangling with her Roger about money. Which is a way that wives have in France - and also in other countries - maybe; so I'm told. Hubby had seventy thousand francs, about a hundred and forty dollars - that he wanted to keep for himself. So he pretended - he'd been robbed. A brutal robber, hitting him over the head - and making off with the cash.

To make the story realistic - he raised that bump on his head. Pounding his noggin - with a rock.

But the truth got out. So, today, Roger Bouvet was faced - with not only an unfuriated wife. But also by the jendarmes. Charged - with faking a robbery. Ah, Roget Bouvet.