

People In The News

# Exhausting Problem, Rewarding Solution



The same day that General Motors announced it was recalling 2.4 million automobiles because of possible exhaust fume leakage, an inspector at G.M.'s Fisher body plant in St. Louis received \$10,000 for a 1966 suggestion to eliminate such leakage.

A company spokesman said the award to Edward A. Gregory was timed to coincide with the recall announcement.

Gregory, 52, a soldering inspector presently on sick leave because of migraine headaches, complained several years ago that he was being moved off the inspec-

## A Millionaire Pastor



The Rev. Erik Krugager, 59, of Tjaereborg, Denmark, is a millionaire. In a business suit and dark glasses, looking every inch the business executive, he runs a fleet of 17 aircraft as part of a travel business he founded 19 years ago.

But he also renders unto God, and Sunday finds him in his full Lutheran regalia outside his tiny Tjaereborg church.



Sold! Fur \$2,700



A new kind of mink called Kojah was auctioned in New York and each pelt in the lot of 49 brought a record price — \$2,700. The former world record for a single pelt sold at an auction was \$1,100 for black willow mink.

The Dallas specialty store Neiman-Marcus bought the lot, and Barbara Janssen models the furs. They will be made into a single coat expected to cost about \$125,000. A store official said he had no specific customer in mind.

# 'Aquanaut Was Too Exhausted To Make Dive'

SAN DIEGO (UPI)—The dive that claimed the life of Sealab III aquanaut Berry M. Cannon on the floor of the Pacific "should never have been made," the leader of the four-man team told a Navy investigation board.

"We were pushed to the point where mistakes were inevitable," aquanaut Robert A. Barth testified last night. "We were worked too hard and too long."

The fatal dive was the second in 12 hours for the team. The men were trying to seal helium leaks in the troubled yellow capsule 610 feet below the surface off San Clemente Island.

**Poisoning**  
Cannon died of carbon dioxide poisoning as he and the other three aquanauts were swimming from a transport capsule to the laboratory-habitat Feb. 17. They were to spend 12 days in the 70-foot long chamber to test man's ability to live and work in the ocean depths.

The Navy had admitted that one of the diving rigs used by the team had a canister empty of the chemicals used to absorb exhaled carbon dioxide from the recycled air. But officials said it was not known which of the aquanauts used the faulty rig.

Barth testified the team was exhausted after the first dive to investigate the leaks. He experienced difficulty in breathing during the first dive in the 49-degree water.

"I personally felt I could have handled the second dive but I wasn't sure of Berry," Barth said. "When he returned from the first dive to repair the leak he looked weak and was incoherent."

**Incoherent**  
Barth said he told the two other members of the team, Richard Blackburn and John F. Reaves, he felt he was going to "pass out" after the first dive. Reaves and Blackburn testified Barth was incoherent when he returned to the transfer capsule from the dive.

Barth said Capt. Walter Mazzone, diving operations officer for the Sealab project, told the team it was their decision on whether to make the second dive.

Cannon was swimming to the capsule during the second dive when he was stricken while dangling at the end of an umbilical cord attaching him to the transfer capsule.



WITH SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT, two attendants on the queen's float wave to the estimated 275,000 onlookers at Saturday night's Chinese New Year parade in San Francisco. Susan Lee, left, and Mimi Chu were helping ring in the new Year of the Cock, symbolized by the papier-mache rooster above them.

## Turks Panic As Severe Quakes Hit

ISTANBUL, Turkey (UPI)—Severe earthquakes hit western Turkey early today, spreading panic in several big towns and damaging buildings.

Official reports made no mention of casualties.

The shocks were felt around 3 a.m. City dwellers rushed into the streets and remained there through most of the night. In most places the shocks lasted around eight seconds. Their intensity was not immediately reported.

Main cities which felt the shocks included Istanbul, Izmir, Manisa and Balikesir. The shocks were strong in the region of the Dardanelles Straits and in some country areas.

## Rowdies Hurt 70 At SF's Chinese Parade

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Eight police officers were among the injured in the Saturday night melee, in which rowdy youths erupted in a day night melee, in which bottles, several fire bombs and rocks were thrown.

Only six Orientals were involved in the disturbance, said Police Chief Thomas Cahill.

**Fresno Chamber Float Wins Prize**  
Fresno marched off with one of the top honors in San Francisco's Chinese New Year Parade when the County and City Chamber of Commerce's 30-foot-long float was judged "Best Commercial entry with a Chinese Motif."

Designed by veteran Sam Naman, the float featured a huge rooster — symbol of this "Year of the Rooster" in the Chinese calendar — which crowed at the signal of a herald with a gilded horn. Background music was played on a tape recorder.

record-breaking crowd at the Chinese New Year's parade and some 70 persons needed hospitalization.

## Imposter Heart Specialist Is Caught---4 Patients Die

SANTA ANA (UPI)—Armed with fake college degrees, Robert Erwin Brown, 33, moved from his job as laborer in Birmingham, Ala., up to the position of aircraft engineer, then became a doctor of medicine and finally a heart specialist.

He might have got the idea from the exploits of Ferdinand Waldo Demara Jr., the "great imposter" who posed as priest, surgeon, law student, Latin teacher and prison warden.

But there was a difference between the two masqueraders. Demara carried out his roles so successfully that the fame that accompanied his accomplishments proved his undoing.

During the month Brown posed as Dr. Glenn L. Foster, heart specialist, at the internal medical clinic in nearby Fullerton, he treated 87 patients. Four of them died.

**Autopsy Sited**  
Today Brown was in jail, charged with violating the state business and professional code. An autopsy will be performed on one of his patients, William Noel, 75, Fullerton, who died Feb. 21, to determine if Brown might have contributed to his death.

Police said they might exhume the bodies of two of Brown's other patients to perform autopsies.

Brown will appear Wednesday in superior court for a preliminary hearing. The district attorney's office will try to prove he was guilty of 15 to 20 violations of the professional code by posing as a physician.

Brown began treating heart patients at the clinic Jan. 13. A month later a nurse began to suspect the "doctor" while he was treating Noel. She called police.

Authorities said Brown apparently entered his world of make-believe sometime after he graduated from Woodlawn High School in Birmingham in 1955. For a time, he worked for Hayes Inter-

national, an aircraft firm, as a laborer.

In May 1968 he returned to apply for a position as an engineer. He claimed in the interim he had graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, obtained masters' degrees in electronic engineering and business administration from UCLA and the University of Southern California.

**'Finest' Engineer**  
"He was one of the finest engineers who ever worked for us," said a Hayes official of Brown.

Mike Perry, who is a bonafide engineer for Hayes, said "I never had any reason to suspect him as a phony. I do remember he was an expert at picking brains. He could ask hundreds of little questions and later you'd realize you'd given him a complete course in a subject."

But Brown found it more difficult to pick the brains of the physicians at the Miami Heart Institute.

Brown was laid off his job at Hayes in November 1968 and heard about an opportunity at the Miami facility where doctors obtained a \$250,000 grant for research into myocardial shock units.

With forged letters from the University of Alabama medical school, Brown got the job. He only worked there five days before another staff member mentioned the bright young newcomer to a colleague in Birmingham. He had never heard of Dr. Robert E. Brown.

"He vanished an hour after we started checking on him," said Jan Miller, administrative secretary at the Miami institute. "We were too embarrassed to file charges against him after he disappeared."

A month later, Brown answered the medical journal ad for the position at the Fullerton clinic. He posed as Dr. Foster, who graduated from Loma Linda Medical school near here and is on the faculty at the University of Alabama medical school.

# UC Faculty Leaders Start Drifting Away To The East

By Robert Rheinhold  
New York Times news service

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — When Professor Henry Rosovsky taught at the University of California, he thrilled each morning to gaze on the vivid blue panorama of the San Francisco Bay that spread beneath his hillside home near the Berkeley campus.

A refugee from Hitler's Europe, he came to California in 1938 with a certain ideological commitment to free public education—a concept brought to its highest fruition by that state, with its 14 state colleges and 65 junior colleges.

At Berkeley, the jewel of that system, Rosovsky thrived. He rose to international eminence in his field, Japanese economic history, raised a family and drank deeply in the good life of California. "It was glorious," he says.

It was glorious, too, for Berkeley. By tempting professors with a sunny climate and the vast opportunities of a progressive and rapidly growing system, it attracted so many leading scholars that it was able to rival Harvard for the top position in American higher education.

**Seven Years**  
But after seven years, Rosovsky packed up his Israeli-born wife and three children and headed back East to Harvard, thus forming the vanguard of a growing number of distinguished scholars who are giving up the sunny California to trudge through the snow and slush of Cambridge, New Haven or Princeton.

A decade or so ago, California strove to equal the established Eastern universities by recruiting many of the academic "stars" — the small prestigious hand of elite at the top of the field.

Today, many of these 100 scholars — particularly the social scientists — are drifting back East and Berkeley, having snared so many at first, is suffering the most.

This drift may not be heavy enough to threaten Berkeley's over-all standing, but many observers feel that the pendulum in American education is beginning to swing back or, as one prominent Berkeley scholar packing his bags for the Ivy League put it, "the land mass is tipping."

In addition to Rosovsky, recent departures include such eminent economists as Harvey Leibenstein of Harvard, Walter Galenson of Cornell, Tibor Scitovsky of Yale and Arthur M. Ross of Michigan.

**In Sociology**  
In sociology, Berkeley has lost Seymour Martin Lipset to Harvard, Lewis Feuer to Toronto, Erving Goffman to Penn-

sylvania and William Petersen to Ohio State.

Others are Jacob J. Finklestein, the authority on ancient Near Eastern literature at Yale, and Mason Haire, psychologist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Many others, equally distinguished, are even now tending their resignations at Berkeley to join Harvard, Yale, Princeton and other Eastern institutions this September.

According to its own statistics, Berkeley has lost an average of 24 senior professors a year since the campus was struck by the "free speech" student uprising in 1964 — not an exceptionally high figure for an institution with over 1,000 tenured faculty members and 28,000 students.

**React Quickly**  
Berkeley's pre-eminence in many areas, especially the hard sciences and engineering, remains unchallenged. But the social scientists have reacted more quickly to California's changing scene.

Like Rosovsky of Harvard, most who have left or are leaving take pains to stress their fondness and respect for Berkeley. But for many, their personal decisions to leave were greatly influenced by a complex of problems that became so onerous that, as Haire of MIT puts it, "Berkeley quit being a good place to work."

Dr. William Bouwsma, vice chancellor for academic affairs, says:

"Berkeley is still pretty attractive — particularly for younger faculty."

**To Harvard**  
However, the vice chancellor, a noted historian, will soon resign his Berkeley post to join Harvard.

Of more long-range significance to a university, however, is its ability to recruit, particularly from the elite band of "stars." Here, too, Berkeley is having unaccustomed trouble.

Sources in the political science department indicate, for example, that one offer in 1968 is being accepted, whereas it seldom took more than one or two offers to fill a faculty vacancy in the past.

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