

The Passing Scene

Clark Takes On New Blue Cheer

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JOE CLARK was walking through Morris Arboretum, which is a park in Chestnut Hill, looking at azalea bushes with his wife. A robin hopped across the grass.

"Hi robin," Joe Clark said. It was Saturday noon. The sky had not yet gotten cloudy and the air was warm and had a fresh, sweet smell from all the growing in the park.

Joe Clark, in a blue shirt, blue sport coat, blue slacks, orange polka dot bow tie and worn white tennis sneakers, walked quickly up the side of a little hill. His wife, Iris, had trouble keeping up.

"Welcome sweet springtime, we greet thee with song," Joe Clark said.

Then he looked at his watch. In less than two hours he was supposed to give a speech to the International Association of Machinists, Philadelphia Lodge 159, at 3901 Kensington ave.

"Imagine. Thirty-nine-one Kensington on a day like this," Joe Clark said. "Well, I asked for it. No one is making me do it. Come on Iris, we'd better get going."

It is an amazing thing. You spend 12 years in the United States Senate, worrying about the problems of Greece and Iraq and Vietnam and starving children in Mississippi, and then along comes primary day and some guy named John Dent almost ends your political career.

THE trouble is, in 12 years you can do at least one thing to offend almost everyone.

From the beginning they called you a snob.

The snob thing had been with you a long time and by itself you could have taken care of it. You had before. But now you are a hypocrite too, they say. First, the war people go against you because you are against the war. Then you lose the peace people because you support Lyndon Johnson.

Then Johnson drops out and you are stuck in a corner by yourself and coming through the door is this young, hungry guy named Schweiker. A man with good looks and Republican money behind him, and he is out to get you and he is a tough guy to fight against because he has no beliefs, no attitudes, no feelings that you can point to and say, "Look."

He comes in a bright new package, like detergent. And that is how they are selling him. Not as a politician, not as a man with a brain. As New Blue Cheer.

And that is why you are in trouble. You are 66 years old and you are running out of friends.

JOE CLARK got behind the wheel of the dark blue 1964 Buick Special that his wife owned before he married her, and he drove to the Cherokee Apartments behind Chestnut Hill Academy, where they stay now when they are in Philadelphia. His big house stayed with his second wife in the divorce.

"It's a hovel," Iris Clark said. "I hope you won't look around too closely. We've had it since February and I don't think we've spent six nights inside. But it's an address. It's a Philadelphia address."

Joe Clark changed into a suit for his speech to the machinists and came into the kitchen and mixed a shaker full of frozen daiquiris. His wife made bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches.

Joe Clark dragged chairs out onto a little patio that faces woods behind the apartment.

"Why do you think you're in such bad shape?" Joe Clark was asked.

"I don't know," he said. "Actually, I question whether it's actually that bad. I don't want to sound cocky or arrogant but I think money was a big thing in the primary. I spent \$12,000. The best estimates I have are that Dent spent five times that much. I know, for one thing, he spent \$12,500 on billboards alone."

Eventually the conversation got back to the race Joe Clark is starting to run.

"Of course supporting Johnson was hypocritical," Joe Clark said. "But one of the things you have to do in politics is decide how hypocritical you're willing to be. I was willing to be that hypocritical in order to get re-elected."

"If I hadn't, they would have pulled away every bit of the organization support I have. I wouldn't have had a chance. I'm glad he's not running, though. It was embarrassing enough to have to do it but it would have been a lot worse to be stuck with defending him through a whole campaign."

"How nasty do you think Schweiker's likely to get?" Any man with two divorces on his record has to think about this.

"I think he'll get as nasty as he thinks he can get away with being. My own guess is that he'll probably go too far."

AND 45 minutes later he was standing in a second-floor union hall with the Frankford El rattling past outside the open window, drowning out his words. And he was telling the machinists how he had an 80 percent pro-labor voting record in the last session of Congress and how this Schweiker was only 40 percent in the House, and they sat, chewing on cigars, wearing neckties and cardigan sweaters, and they were heavy, the way all union officers seem to be, and their world and the world of Joe Clark were as different as any two worlds could be.

But he is a Democrat and his labor record has been good, and now he was telling them, "It's been six years since I've asked you to do anything for me. In that time I've done a lot for you, and now it's time for me to ask your help again."

And they stood up for him three times, when he came in and when he finished talking and when he left, and he came down the stairs and stood on the sidewalk under the El and said, "Gee, they were really enthusiastic, weren't they? That surprised me. That went really well."

And it was only April and the election was more than six months away but already the arboretums were behind Joe Clark and hundreds of union halls and auditoriums and radio and television stations and street corners were ahead.

"I almost didn't do it," Joe Clark said. "I almost decided not to run again. It was a close philosophic decision. But I made it and no matter how tough it gets I'm not looking back."

And then he got into a car and rode down to his office in Center City where he spent the rest of the afternoon, not sipping daiquiris, not looking at birds and flowers or walking with his wife as he would have liked to do, but making telephone calls to thank everyone who helped him in the primary and to congratulate different people who had won.

Six months is a very short time in politics when you know that your next defeat will be your last.

Byberry Shifting to Community Care

Patient traffic at Byberry isn't a one-way street any more. A new concept in the continuing treatment of patients just discharged from State institutions puts the mental health spotlight on Philadelphia this month.

Early in April the State Department of Public Welfare, along with Philadelphia State Hospital (Byberry), set in motion a program which combines Federal, State and local agencies in treating former mental patients.

The goal is to cut down hospital readmissions caused by difficulty in adjusting to normal life.

Mrs. Nahoma Tucker, director of the new "Socialization unit," housed at the West Philadelphia Consortium of Philadelphia General Hospital, has been organizing a staff of 20 social workers and case workers to work with former mental patients in West Philadelphia.

Members will help ex-patients make the transition. They will work with the State hospital staff to find housing for people who stay there only because they have nowhere else to go. Many patients cannot return to families. Their concept of the city has changed since they entered the hospital. Their skills have rusted or become obsolete.

Socialization units will try to find better housing than mere rented rooms. They will help former patients find and use community resources and help in structuring leisure hours.

The unit will be a handy place to provide help when trouble recurs, rather than compel a disturbed person to travel to the city outskirts to find help.

Eventually there will be units like Mrs. Tucker's all over the city. They will work with 12 community mental health centers — seven already functioning.

They will not only bring formerly disturbed people back into the community but aim to awak-

en the community to its responsibility to help these persons adjust.

Back in the John F. Kennedy Administration the President began a move to shift mental treatment from secluded warehouse-like State hospitals to local treatment centers.

In 1963 a law was passed to dispense Federal grants for construction of community health centers. Each was to serve 75,000 to 200,000 persons.

These centers would provide 24-hour service, short-term stays, after-care, education and consultation.

The seven centers were fully developed in Philadelphia — a

major hub for mental health progress with its five major teaching hospitals.

In 1966 Byberry got a new superintendent, Dr. Daniel Blain, a nationally known psychiatrist who has greatly encouraged locally based treatment. The patient population at Byberry has dropped from 6100 to 4850 in 18 months.

A hospital tour by Gov. Raymond P. Shafer last October spurred a move to empty two hospital buildings with 1000 patients because of inappropriate facilities in the light of psychiatric advances.

The entire hospital popula-

tion was reorganized into housing that coincided with city areas, so that discharged patients could be referred to the nearest community mental health center.

The days when Byberry stood aloof from society are gone. Recent developments show custodial care only develops another disease, sometimes as bad as mental illness itself — institutionalitis.

Said Mrs. Tucker: "We are delighted with the program, and we're going to make it work."

With community support, all indications read "Go."

N. J. Hospitals Seek Antidotes For Riot Sprays

The New Jersey Hospital Association advised all hospitals in the State on Sunday to ask local police departments what chemical spray they are using to incapacitate unruly suspects and to find an antidote.

Noting that a dozen imitations of chemical Mace have appeared on the market, Jack W. Owen, the association's executive director, said the spray comes in varying chemistry and requires different antidotes.

Mace has been hailed for its effectiveness in dealing with riot situations, incapacitating unruly mobs.

Owens sent out the alert after a physician and two nurses became dizzy and ill treating a spray victim in a Paterson hospital.

BASE MAY VARY

Paterson police used a spray on a man who apparently went berserk. Droplets on the man's clothing caused smarting of the eyes and dizziness to personnel in Barnet Memorial Hospital.

A quick investigation and meeting with officials of General Ordnance Equipment Corp., the Pittsburgh-based firm that manufactures Mace, disclosed that the Paterson police had used one of the imitative products and not the original formula.

While Mace is in a water base, the Paterson preparation was in an oil base, Owens said. Owens said he first learned of the numerous brands at the meeting.

OVERDOSE 'IMPOSSIBLE'

E. John Keller, vice president for marketing of the George F. Cake Co., distributors of Mace in New Jersey, said the only antidote required is cold water and baking soda splashed on the face and fresh air. The baking soda is optional, he added, and said that even without treatment the effects of Mace disappear within 30 minutes.

Thomas Boyle, sales manager for General Ordnance, said an overdose is impossible.

Too much Mace is less debilitating than a small dose because the amount tends to flush the target area and interfere with the chemical's vaporization, which is what incapacitates the victim, he said.

A dose of Mace causes watery eyes, weakness, and constricted breathing. Mace's active ingredient is less than one percent of CN, the active ingredient of tear gas.

USED IN 250 AREAS

General Ordnance has kept secret the inert ingredients but the firm said the formula will be released this summer after their patent is granted.

Keller said more than 250 police departments in New Jersey are equipped with Mace, including Cherry Hill, Trenton, Newark, Atlantic City and Lakewood.

While Philadelphia does not have Mace in its arsenal, it is used by the Pennsylvania State Police, Pittsburgh and several Delaware Valley municipalities.

Keller said Mace has a corner on the spray market, with 80 percent of the sales.

Crash Victim, 81, Dies of Seizure

An 81-year-old man who was discharged from Frankford Hospital after an automobile accident late Sunday was found dead 2½ hours later in his North Philadelphia home, apparently the victim of a heart attack.

The man was identified as Leopold Syres, of 1226 N. 6th st. He was a passenger in an automobile involved in a three-car collision at Castor ave. and Orthodox st. in the Northeast.

The victim was taken to the hospital, treated for abrasions of the forehead and neck and discharged. A member of his family found him dead in his bed at 1:25 A. M. Monday. Police and the Medical Examiner's office were investigating.

4 Injured Fleeing Blazing Jetliner In Crash-Landing at Pomona Field



The Archbishop Carroll "twin high schools" one for boys and one for girls, were dedicated Sunday in Radnor. Heading the ceremonial procession (from left) are: John Cardinal Krol, the Most Rev.

Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, Kathy Kelly and Mary Berns. Girls are student-president and vice president, respectively. Archdiocese has built eight high schools since 1961.

Crewmen Escape as Fuel Goes Up

Four crewmen aboard a DC-8 passenger airliner on a training flight were injured early Sunday when their jet crashed and burst into flames during an emergency landing on a foam-covered strip near Pomona, N. J.

The four men escaped from the twisted wreckage of the \$6 million Capitol International Airways liner just seconds before its fuel tanks exploded on the runway at the Federal Naval Aviation and Facilities Experimental Station about 20 miles west of Atlantic City.

ONE BADLY HURT

Most seriously hurt in the crash was the flight instructor, Thomas Luce, 42, of 135 Hazelwood circle, Willingboro, N. J. He is in Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point with several broken ribs and a cracked vertebra in his lower back. His condition was listed as serious.

Also admitted was the pilot, Charles Donohue, 40, of 7 Marlboro lane, Glen Mills, who was in fair condition with back injuries and cuts of the feet, legs and elbows.

Treated for cuts and released from Shore Memorial were the flight engineer, John John, 45, of the Schoolside Apartments, New Castle, Del., and the fourth crew member, Carl Lewis, 37, 2625 Bardell dr., Wilmington.

FOAM ON RUNWAY

The airliner was on a routine shakedown training mission from the Greater Wilmington Airport when it developed trouble and made the emergency landing at the base shortly before 6:30 A. M.

NAFES crews spread billows of foam across the runway but the plane crashed during the landing, keeled over and caught on fire.

Witnesses said they heard seven explosions after the plane crashed. A Capitol Airways spokesman said the cause of the accident had not been determined. An investigating team was dispatched from Wilmington to comb the charred wreckage and interview the crew.

Edwin Shoop, public affairs officer, at Pomona, said it was believed the explosions and fire were caused by fuel being thrown against hot engine parts during the jarred landing. "This is what normally occurs in such a mishap," he said.

GEAR FOUND IN DITCH

Shoop said one side of the landing gear was found in the ditch and that other smaller parts were left scattered behind the plane. He said it was not known whether the landing gear collapsed causing the plane to swerve out of control.

When full the plane would carry 130 passengers. Capitol Airways, based in Nashville, Tenn., is not a regularly scheduled passenger airline. It provides planes for charter flights and carries freight.

Wenonah Man Killed, Pilot Hurt in Crash

A passenger was killed and the pilot injured seriously when a single-engine light plane struck trees during a landing approach Sunday at the Cross Keys Airport in Monroe township, Gloucester county, N. J.

Lee Ward, 32, a free-lance photographer, of 11 N. Lincoln ave., Wenonah, was pronounced

dead at Underwood Memorial Hospital, Woodbury of head injuries.

The pilot and owner of the craft, Dr. Sidney Powell, 52, of North Shore dr., Timberlakes, Monroe township, was in serious condition at Edgewood Hospital, Berlin, with head injuries and fractures of the legs.

Investigators said Dr. Powell apparently misjudged his approach and struck the trees, which rise about 46 feet at the edge of the runway.

Dogs! Move Over

Snake Touted As One of Man's Better Friends

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Fifteen herpetologists were at the Aquarama Sunday afternoon trying to convince a curious crowd that while snakes might look dangerous they're really friendly.

"Snakes are man's friend," insisted Melvin L. Skaroff, an attorney and president of the Philadelphia Herpetological Society. The society is presenting its second annual show at the Aquarama, 3300 S. Broad st.

SPONSOR 50 EXHIBITS

Skaroff and 14 society members had put up 50 exhibits to help people overcome their wariness of snakes, lizards and reptiles in general. They also want to prevent the annihilation of reptiles.

Snakes seem to be holding their own against mankind, but Skaroff was really worried about the "bog turtle."

"Their habitats are drying up," Skaroff said of the bog turtle. In fact, bog turtles are getting so scarce the society couldn't even find one for the exhibit.

However, Frances A. Velay, of 4701 Pine st., had her turtle, Panaphil, on hand.

DIET PRODUCES GIANT

Panaphil, Miss Velay explained, had the undistinguished origin of being a quarter turtle bought in a five and dime store. By feeding her turtle a special blend of seaweed and vitamins, Miss Velay's pet assumed the gargantuan weight of four and a half pounds.

But of all the reptile fanciers who came to the show Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Couch, of 130 E. Street rd., Johnsville, took four ribbons from the herpetological judges.

A Couch pet which proved a favorite was Bashaar, an 8½-foot python weighing 23 pounds.

Mrs. Couch said Bashaar was in prize-winning form because she exercises him everyday—by carrying him in her arms.

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PHILADELPHIA Group 10, Civil Air Patrol, will conduct orientation meetings at Civil Defense Control Centers in four regions of the city beginning May 6 and continuing for three consecutive Mondays.

The sessions will serve to acquaint Civil Defense staffs and volunteers with procedures and activities of the CAP in the event of emergencies.

The first meeting will be in Region 1, 4300 Ford rd. On May 13 it will be in Region 4, Fox Chase School, Rhawn and Ridgeway sts. The third session, May 20, will be in Region 3, Germantown Town Hall, Germantown ave. and Haines st., and the last, May 27, will be in Region 2, Childs School, 17th and Tasker sts.

PENNY PARTY: The auxiliary of Forsyth-Oldham-Griffith Post, American Legion, will conduct a penny party Monday night in the post home, Jenkintown and Church rds., Cheltenham, to raise funds for a party for Vietnam veterans in June. Betty Clair and Margaret Costello are co-chairmen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton S. Steigner, of 82 E. Springer st., celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Lapalamento, of 1142 Gertrude st., celebrated their 59th on Friday. Dr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Bowman, of 1233 S. 58th st., observe their 50th on Monday. They have three daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

DEADLINE: The deadline for tickets to the annual banquet of the Delaware Valley Automobile Dealers Association was Wednesday. The banquet will be held May 5 at The Doral, caterers at Bustleton ave. and

Patient Injured In Plunge From Railroad Bridge

A 50-year-old neurological patient was critically injured Sunday night when he plunged 30 feet from a railroad bridge at 34th st. and Girard ave. and landed on a car passing on the Schuylkill Expressway.

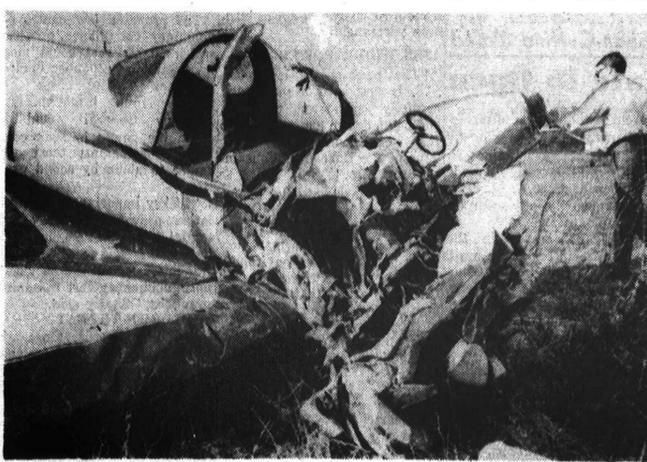
A woman mental patient was killed six hours earlier when she was struck by a train on the same bridge.

Adam Arnette, identified by the University Hospital wrist band he was wearing, was reported in critical condition in Presbyterian Hospital with multiple fractures. His address was not immediately known.

Police said he jumped or fell from the bridge shortly before 9 P. M., hitting a westbound car.

Shortly before 3 P. M. Marjorie Thomas, 42, of Girard ave. near 15th, a mental patient on a pass from the State Hospital at Byberry, stood on the tracks with her hands in the air as a southbound Penn Central train approached.

Police listed the death as a suicide.



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