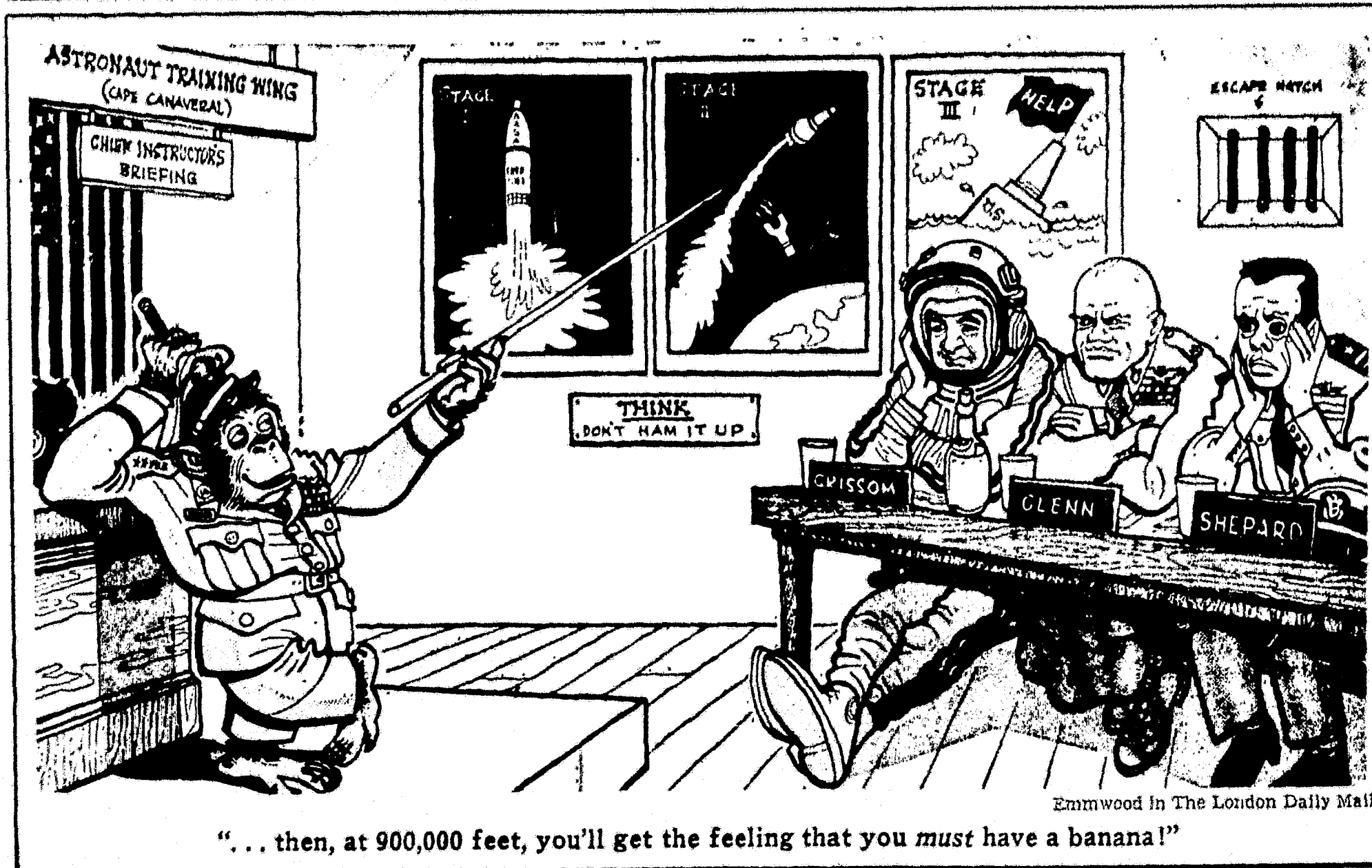


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AT ABOUT THIS TIME IN LENT MANY GET THE FEELING THEY MUST HAVE A FEW EXTRA MINUTES OF SLEEP. THEY TAKE THEM AND THAT'S THE LAST OF THEIR LENTEN RESOLUTIONS. WHAT'S NEEDED IS A NEW ROCKET TO BOOST THESE SACK-HOUNDS OFF THEIR PADS.

- **NEED A BOOST?** Try a Retreat this week-end at St Joseph Hall here on the campus. Call Extension 348, or stop at 116 Dillon to make arrangements.
- **"THE MAJORITY** of students who box do so with the prime purpose of outscoring their opponent, and if a knockdown occurs, it would be incidental and not the sole objective of the bout as is the case when a knockdown occurs in other contact sports." This explanation by Dominic Napolitano calls to mind that only thirteen days remain before the bell sounds for the opening round of this year's Bengal Bouts. Tickets are \$1.00 and are available at the Knights of Columbus office in Walsh Hall between three and five each afternoon and from your Hall representative.
- **FRIDAY AND SATURDAY** of this week offer more than the ordinary fare in the area of religious and cultural events. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues in the Lady Chapel tomorrow and Friday afternoon. Friday is the First Friday of the month. Friday, also, marks the opening of the Symposium: "The Responsibility of the American University Toward World Understanding and Cooperation." The N.D. Invitational Debate Tournament begins on Friday, too. So be sure to check the University Calendar for the times of these events.
- **THE SECOND TALK** in this year's Marriage Institute for Seniors is entitled: "SANCTITY, SANITY, AND SEX." Speaker: Father Arthur Meloche of Windsor, Ontario. Always one of the most popular speakers in the series, Father Meloche speaks in Washington Hall, TONIGHT, at 7:30 P.M.
- **IN YOUR CHARITY.** Please pray for the following. Deceased: Great-aunt of Neil Drozeski of Dillon; mother of Helen Novak; father of Walter Heeney, Off-Campus; grandfather of Ed Barton of Dillon. Ill: Grandfather of Cal Cook, Off-Campus; father of Jack Lofy of Alumni; aunt of Jim Wysocki of Fisher.

Bengal Plea

Archbishop's House
Ramna, Dacca, Pakistan

DEAR NOTRE DAME STUDENT BODY:

No Notre Dame man ever completely leaves the campus. Wherever he may find himself, he keeps returning for the bits of mind and heart he left behind. Few owe her more memories than this "exile." Graduation, and a return four years later for priestly ordination in Sacred Heart Church. Twenty years later, consecration as Bishop of Dacca, Pakistan, in the same church. Before that, induction as a member of the Notre Dame Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. You should not wonder at the closeness I feel.

The winds that storm across the lakes blow hot here in Bengal. Their coming brings mingled memories of March, Fighting Irish, the fieldhouse, hardy lads vieing in a small roped square, the world's most vocal student body cheering the victors. And, rightly, the losers. Each has taken the challenge and personally proved himself a man.

The specific reference is, of course, to the annual Bengal Bouts. Everyone on campus recognizes the name. I wonder how many know just what the purpose of the Bouts is. Beyond this, I wonder how many know what this program means to a small, but solid, group of Notre Dame men on the other side of the world, who are carrying on the traditions of Notre Dame in their purest form.

I wish I could conduct you and the whole student body on a complete tour of the Bengal missions here in Pakistan. I believe your enthusiasm for the Bouts and for the Bengal missionaries of Holy Cross would know a blessed closeness and intensity never before felt.

I could open our mission records to show you the tens of thousands of Christians in a territory famous for its difficulty of conversion. I could show you the statistics from 25 established mission centers and high schools, seven orphanages and foundling homes. All this and much more manned by a personnel of more than 200 priests, brothers and sisters, over 90 of whom are members of Holy Cross.

I would take you across Dacca City to see our new Notre Dame College. Less than ten years old, it is now in a new building completed three years ago, and has a registration of 400. In another section of Dacca I would show you Holy Family Hospital, the finest equipped and staffed in eastern Pakistan. It is administered by the American Medical Mission Sisters, who have another fine hospital in our mission at Mymensingh.

Then we would go on to Jalchatra, in the fabled Madhupur Forest to inspect Our Lady of Mercy Leprosarium. It is small and inadequate compared to the numbers of lepers in this region, thousands of them. But the care given by the Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross is the best the field of medicine knows.

From here we would swing outward on a tour of the Garo "hill missions." It is largely jungle country, the way of life primitive. From half a dozen main centers you would find the priests caring for numerous surrounding villages, the Brothers administering village schools and building projects, the Sisters dispensing mercy through small hospitals and medical dispensaries.

This is a jet-swift view of the work. But it might give you some idea of the enormous missionary enterprise you and your fellow workers and students share in through your Bengal Bouts and other mission help. A little band of Holy Cross missionaries "wrought a miracle in the Indiana wilderness," which is today Notre Dame. Another band is sweating in a spiritual wilderness where the miracle being wrought is perhaps not so famous, but is every bit as impressive to those of us who see it coming true.

From a Notre Dame man in Bengal to the Notre Dame men at school today, the assurance of the gratitude of all the missionaries of Holy Cross — Notre Dame men — for the success you will make of the Bengal Bouts this year.

Gratefully in Our Lady,

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