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Stance. And Roosevelt, Churchill, and President Kennedy. Why couldn't they have lived forever?

Q: What makes you laugh?

A: Practical jokes. I don't do so many now, but when I have very stuffy people to dinner I sometimes put out a dribble glass. It's a trick glass that lets wine dribble down their chins when they drink. They don't know why, and they get so embarrassed.

I used to delight in inviting very important people to dinner, getting an actor friend to serve them, pretending to be an insulting waiter. He'd slam down plates, throw coats on the floor, drop food on the guests. I always spoiled everything by breaking out into hysterical laughter before the end!

Q: What makes you cry?

A: I usually cry when I have been insulted. You'd be surprised how often that can happen. There's always one person at a cocktail party who's out to get you. But I think basically you can only be made to really cry by someone you love.

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Q: Are you still filming as much as you once did?

A: No. I do only about one film a year. Finding the right script is practically impossible. And I don't like movie working hours. They don't make any sense. It's not human to have to start work at 6:30 a.m.

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Q: What can you tell us about Bette Davis that would surprise most people?

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A: People seem to have the impression I've everything done for me, and just float about in gold lame. Really, I'm very domestic. I wash the dishes just the same as anybody else. I do mending. I adore cooking. My main interest is my home. I live in Westport, Conn., near New York. It's a typical Yankee house in white wood with about three acres. Gardening I really enjoy.

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Q: What's the biggest lesson you've learned in your years as a top star?

A: Ingrid Bergman said it best. She said the only hope for a woman with a career such as ours is to have a constitution like an ox, and a short memory. In other words you've got to stay healthy, and forget all the setbacks.

I've had more than my share of heartbreaking moments. But I've had enormous success and three marvelous children. I'm a lucky woman.

Food Is in Grave Danger From Use of New DDT-Type Chemicals

By Congressman William Fitts Ryan (D.-N.Y.)

When is it going to stop? Still another extremely dangerous industrial chemical — polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB — has cropped up to threaten our health and environment. During the last few months, there has been a growing contamination of our food by PCB.

As a result, I have had to introduce a bill (H.R. 10085) to totally ban the distribution of PCB in interstate commerce because PCB, like its chemical cousin, DDT, is extremely dangerous to animal life and highly persistent in the environment.

But it's ridiculous to have to introduce a bill every time another family of dangerous chemicals turns up to threaten us. There are government agencies, including the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), whose job it is to police potentially dangerous chemicals such as PCB.

The trouble is, they haven't been doing the job. PCB is just another example.

The potential danger of PCB has been known for some time. My office has been investigating the PCB problem for two years.

During that time, I have tried to get federal agencies to take necessary action to guarantee the health and safety of the public and to prevent the following incidents of recent months:

- Holly Farms, the nation's largest poultry producer, slaughtered 77,000 broilers after discovering high concentration of PCB in the fowl.
- Although FDA officials seized 75,000 fresh eggs in Norfolk, Va., it allowed another 60,000 with virtually identical levels of PCB to go on sale in Washington, D.C.
- National By-Products, Inc., of Mason City, Ill., was forced to recall 43 tons of rendered meat meal because of high levels of PCB.
- The Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) ordered off the market more than 160,000 pounds of processed frozen eggs because lab tests showed high levels of PCB.
- In New York State, 146,000 chickens were slaughtered after Campbell Soup Co. discovered PCB contamination of poultry in that area.

While it is true that the FDA and the USDA did take action when high levels of PCB were discovered, it was after-the-fact action. They tried to close the barn door after the horse had fled.

This is not good enough. It's not fair — and certainly not safe — that we should have to wait with bated breath, hoping they will catch contaminated food before it is on the market and has poisoned us.

If we are going to stem the tide of growing chemical contamination of our food and environment, it is going to take forceful preventive action on the part of the federal bureaucracy, not the after-the-fact approach which characterizes these agencies.

Emotionally Disturbed Doctors Resist Psychiatric Treatment, Says Expert

A physician is in double trouble when he needs psychiatric help, says Dr. Manuel M. Pearson of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

The situation creates great problems both for the sick doctor and for the doctor who tries to help him, Pearson told fellow psychiatrists at a seminar in Belle Mead, N.J.

"The patient-doctor tends to deny emotional disturbances and is very resistive to referral for psychiatric help," he said. Blaming the attitude on "false pride, guilt or a sense of shame about being sick and hospitalized."

And the doctors whose job it is to help them, he said, "may deny the existence of illness in their colleague, feeling that they ought not to intrude, consider it to be the job of his wife or family, or avoid the responsibility altogether."

He called this "the doctor's inhumanity to doctors."

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