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I only wish one thing for next year. That my 1973 car be a post-war model.

Personally, I always prefer a Diet-Type Speech. A Diet-Type Speech. That's where the front is as close as possible to the end.

I'll tell you what started me giving short speeches. One time I was giving a real long one and I heard these two fellas talking in the front row. One nudged the other and said, "Do you figure he's heading for the finish?" And his friend answered, "Only if he makes a U-turn!"

As Boris Spassky said to his manager, "Dum-dum! I told you I wanted to play Eddie Fisher!"

I just found out what started all the trouble in Iceland. Bobby Fischer keeps saying, "I am the greatest chess player in the world!" And the Russians always answer, "Boris Spassky! Boris Spassky!" Well, they don't actually say "Boris Spassky". What they say is his initials.

Fischer and Spassky, the Paris Peace Talks, and couples who go to drive-in movies, have one thing in common. One wrong move can ruin everything.

Yesterday a crook held up a bank and told the teller to put \$10,000 into a brown paper bag. Well, we can put a stop to that. All we have to do is register brown paper bags.

I live in a very religious neighborhood. One time I said to a priest, "Is it true that in this neighborhood, if you carry a cross, you never have to worry?" He said, "Yes. But it all depends on how fast you carry it!"

Now there's a new horror movie called IT CAME FROM MIAMI BEACH. It's about a delegate who's 200 feet tall, weighs 50,000 pounds, and swallows everything!

A delegate claimed that some of the best thinkers in the country were at the Republican Convention. The best thinkers in the country. The Democrats can't decide if he's lying or lisping.

The problem with the Republicans is, they're carrying moderation to extremes.

Silence is the best diet against fat lips.

It really was a very exciting convention. Looked like the finals for the Olympic Yawning Team.

The average Republican delegate was a little on the older side. It's the first time I ever saw anybody take No-Doz to make it to lunch!

It's really a shame. There was one dirty old man at the convention and even he was over the hill. I heard a girl saying to him, "Oh, you're only interested in one thing." Then she had to tell him what it was.

A lot of people are surprised at that new organization called Democrats for Nixon. Not me. Democrats want change. Democrats want reform. Democrats want to bring order out of chaos. Before you can bring order out of chaos, you need chaos. That's why Democrats are for Nixon!

Spiro Agnew is getting a little closer to President Nixon. You can tell. He hasn't been invited to the White House for dinner but he was given kitchen privileges.

The Democratic Party may not be biodegradable but it certainly self-destructs.

A Democrat explained to me why they spend so much time fighting among themselves. It's the only way they can find a worthy opponent.

The Democrats are the party of Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, John Kennedy, Harry Truman, and George McGovern. And four out of five ain't bad!

George McGovern says he can beat the Republicans in November. He must be suffering from Delirium Trumans.

They say that Senator McGovern has the cleanest mind in Washington. Why not? Look how often he changes it.

He changes his stand from day to day,
As he runs to run the government.
It really is hard, I'm sorry to say,
Figuring out what McGovern meant.

I don't mind Senator McGovern picking Sargent Shriver because of his relationship with the Kennedys. But don't you think that's going too far --- calling Teddy his Vice-President-in-law?

Sargent Shriver is really out there campaigning. When you're Number Who?, you try harder.

They say the stock market is going to break 1000 and I believe it. It broke me. It broke my neighbor. It broke my uncle.

I won't say how I've done in the stock market but my wife says we're the only family on our street with a breadloser.

If absence makes the heart grow fonder,
Make us love you more, Jane Fonda!

I was reading about a world-famous diamond that has a curse on it. I think it's the one the Yankees are playing on.

MATERIAL FOR
BUSINESS SPEAKERS

I had a wonderful thing happen today. A cop was chasing a pickpocket yelling, "Stop thief!" And three of my competitors turned around.

I'll say one thing for our competitors: They know a good thing when they see it. That's why they're always writing for our catalog.

No, I'm only kidding. We have very fine upstanding competitors. The reason they're upstanding is they just had their furniture repossessed.

My brother-in-law has the best anti-perspirant of them all --- unemployment.

My brother-in-law is a self-made man. The only trouble is, he didn't put in any working parts.

He isn't the most dynamic salesman we've ever had. In fact, last week he was in the hospital for a very delicate operation. He had something removed from his backside --- a chair.

Have you seen our latest sales figures? They have to be the biggest letdown since Raquel Welch burned her bra.

The boss just told us we're going to have a Fire Sale. Anyone who doesn't make a sale is going to get fired!

My boss is all heart. He really is. He's the one who tried to buy the lifebelt concession on the Titanic.

You remember the boss. He's the one who believes that work is the only way to repair a coffee break.

I didn't say he was a windbag. I just said I wouldn't let anyone try Acupuncture on him.

Personally, I couldn't take Acupuncture. I'm too squeamish. I need gas just to have my eyeglasses adjusted.

I wish they wouldn't say I'm in public relations. So are those girls on Eighth Avenue.

Insurance is a lot like wearing a hospital gown. You're never covered as much as you think you are.

I don't know why they say President Nixon is against the small businessman. Nixon has created an economic climate in which it's easy to have a successful small business. All you have to do is start off with a successful large business.

My secretary's a little on the slow side. For instance, she can only do 30 words a minute. Not typing --- reading!

I had to stop bringing my secretary to conventions. It was too embarrassing. Who orders beer on the rocks?

I'm so tired of being so handsome, attractive and irresistible to girls -- I may just get the world's first bald transplant.

MATERIAL FOR SPEAKERS AND TOASTMASTERS I have a ten minute talk and a twenty minute talk. It's the same talk. I lose my place a lot.

(TAKE OFF YOUR WATCH AND PUT IT ON THE SPEAKER'S STAND)
Don't let that reassure you. It's a sundial.

Please excuse me if I'm a little nervous tonight. I've been to many speeches as a member of the audience, but this is the first time I've ever stood up here --- on the windward side.

SMALL AUDIENCE: I haven't seen anything this empty since I looked in the suggestion box at the Kremlin.

WHEN YOU DROP YOUR PAPERS: I've heard of a speech falling flat, but this is ridiculous!

AFTER A DEAD MICROPHONE IS REPAIRED: I'm glad you fixed that. For a while there I was beginning to feel like Marcel Marceau.

INTERMISSION: Now be sure to get back early, because after the break I'm going to do my Jane Fonda imitation. I'm going to brush my teeth with gunpowder and shoot off my mouth.

REBUTTAL: I couldn't swallow that if it came with an olive!

DRUNK: Sir, when you leave would you mind taking the freight elevator? That's what we use for something that's loaded.

I can see it was a very successful Cocktail Hour. As a non-drinker, I feel like the night watchman at Forest Lawn. I just stand around and watch everybody get stiff!

We have a very modest outgoing chairman but I happen to know that, during his term of office, he sat through dozens of debates. He sat through scores of planning sessions. And he sat through hundreds of meetings. In fact, one time I asked him, "If I was picked to be the next chairman, what preparation would I need?" He said, "H!"

HECKLER: Sir, I know this is an open meeting -- but that means guests, not mouths.

HECKLER: It's been such a pleasure talking to you, I'd like to invite you to spend the weekend at our summer place --- if you don't mind sleeping in the cellar. One more thing --- it's a houseboat.

CLOSING: And so in closing, let me leave you with the words of that famous horticulturist, Luther Burbank, who said: "Never look down on a lily. Tomorrow that lily may be looking down on you!"

ADJOURNMENT: And now, in the immortal words of Brigadier General George Armstrong Custer: "Let's get the Hell out of here!"

SMALL RESPONSE: I've gotten bigger laughs from the stockholder's meeting at Penn Central.