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This is a collection of cartoons created during 1981 with some in 1982 while still living and working in Durban.

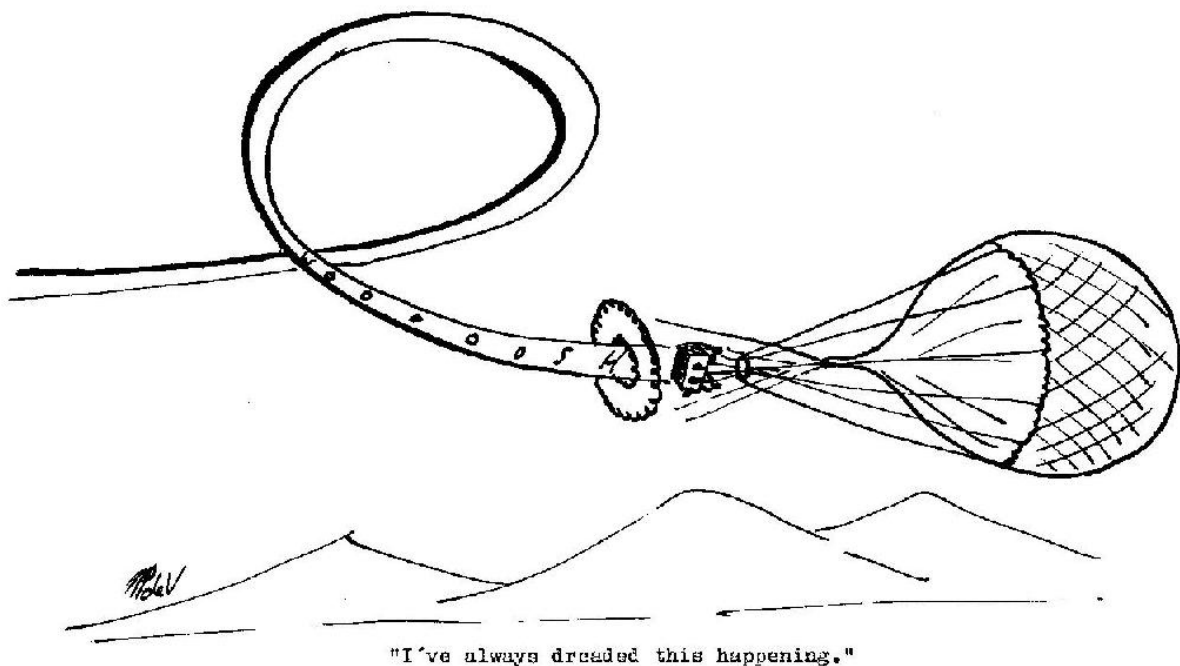
Most of them are aviation oriented with considerably less weather related. Two were created at the time of an Air India Boeing 707-337C aircraft hijacked at Mahe Island, Seychelles, by mercenaries in a failed coup d'état on the 26th November 1981. The aircraft landed during the battle at the airport. It was supposed to return to Bombay (now Mumbai), India. The hijackers ordered the flight crew to fly the aircraft to Durban after the release of passengers. One of the hijackers was reported to be an amateur photographer. I met the captain of the aircraft giving him a weather briefing for his return flight.

One cartoon refers to the VFW-Fokker 614 (or VFW 614) was a twin-engined jetliner designed with the jet engines above the wings. It entered service in 1975. It was not a success.

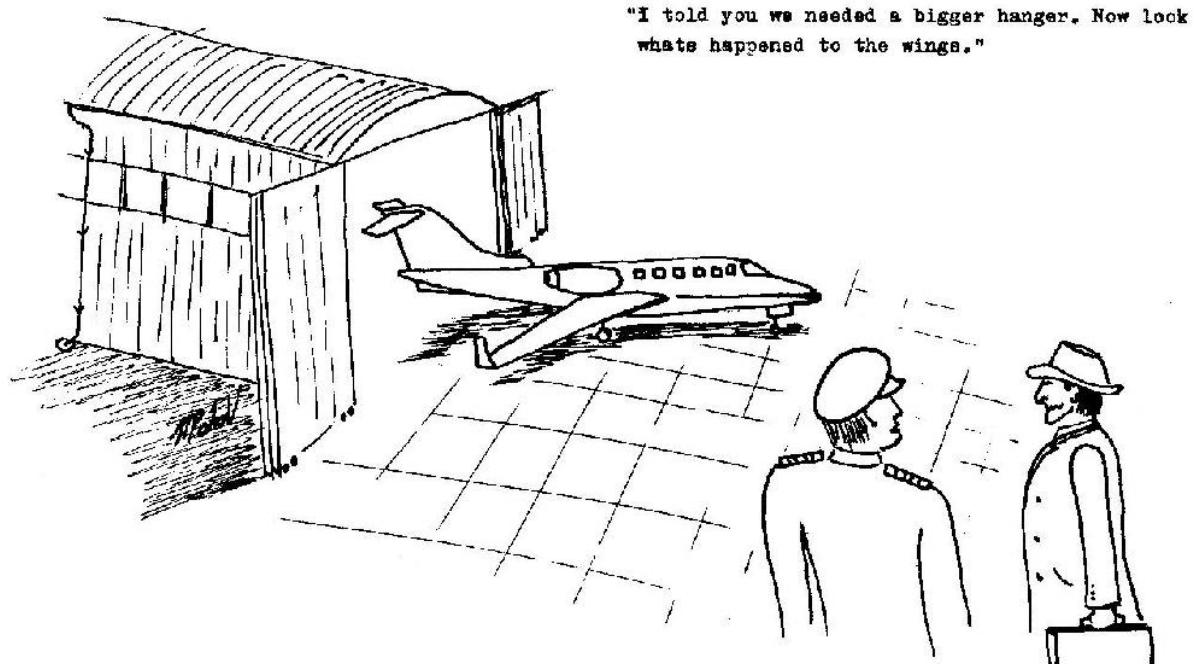
A small number, under the miscellaneous header refer to the airport environment and working conditions, such as the addition of road humps to slow traffic, staff transport and salary. As well as a colleague who had a heart operation.

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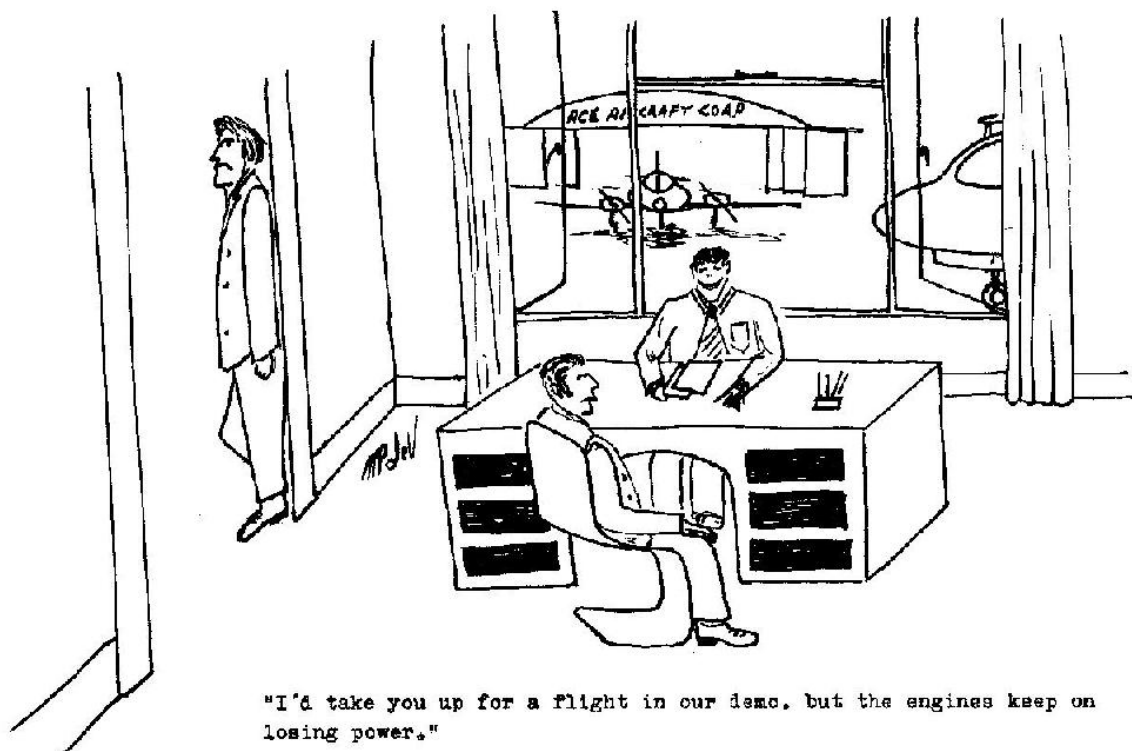
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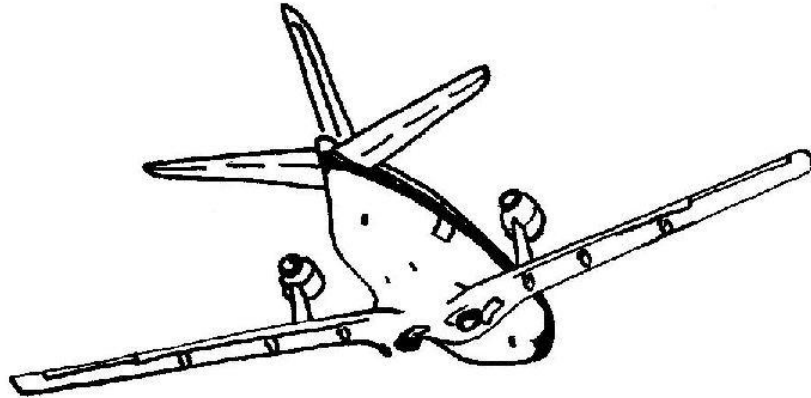


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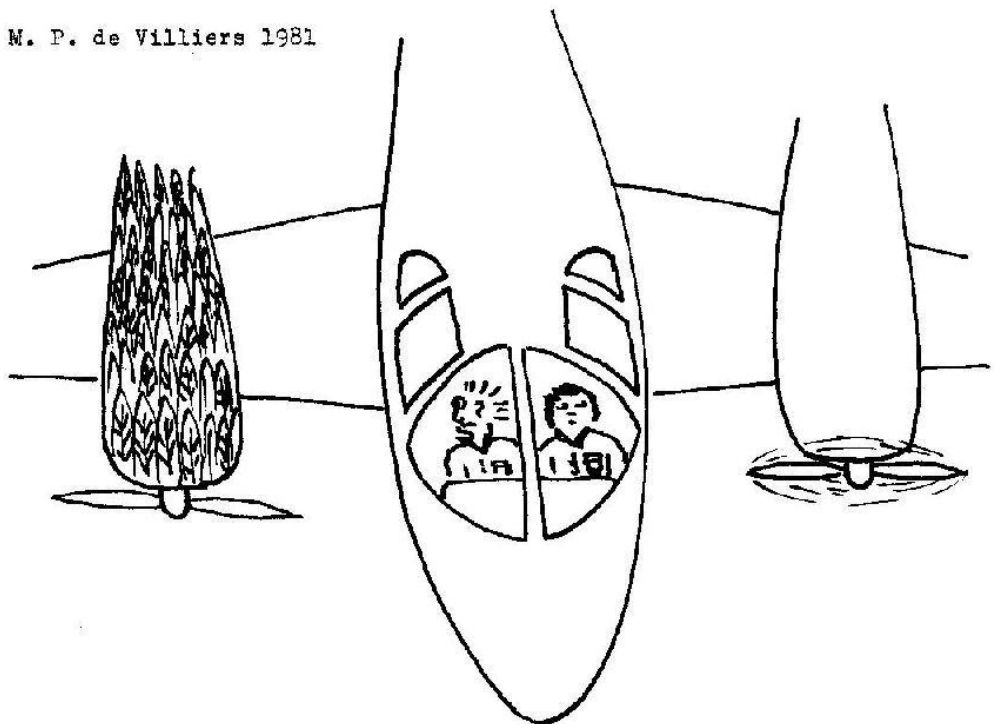
"I'd take you up for a flight in our demo, but the engines keep on
losing power."

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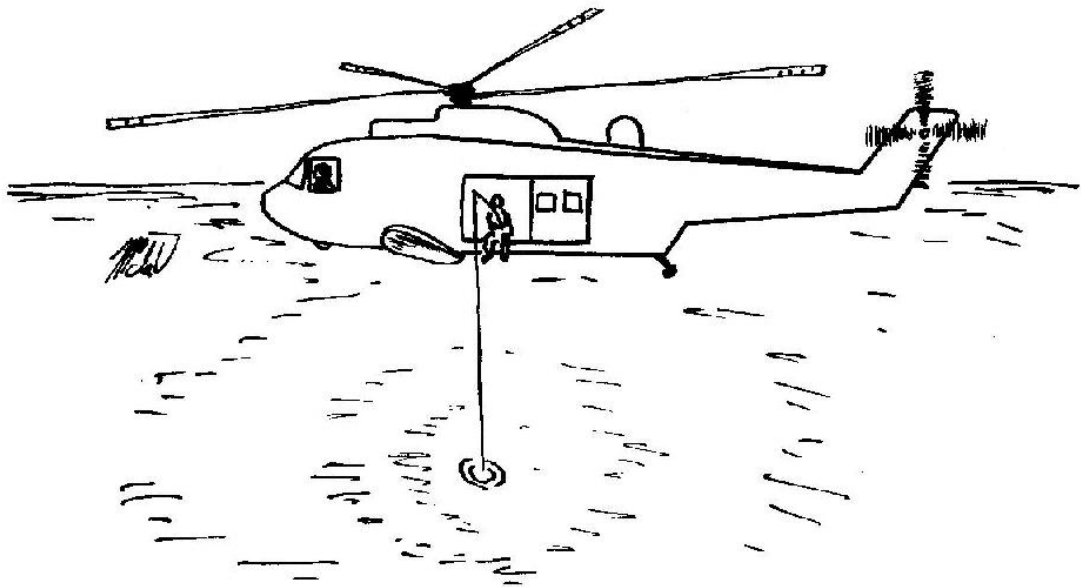
"Ahhh captain, wernt the engines below the wings before take off?"

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"Are you crazy? Thats not how you feather an engine!"

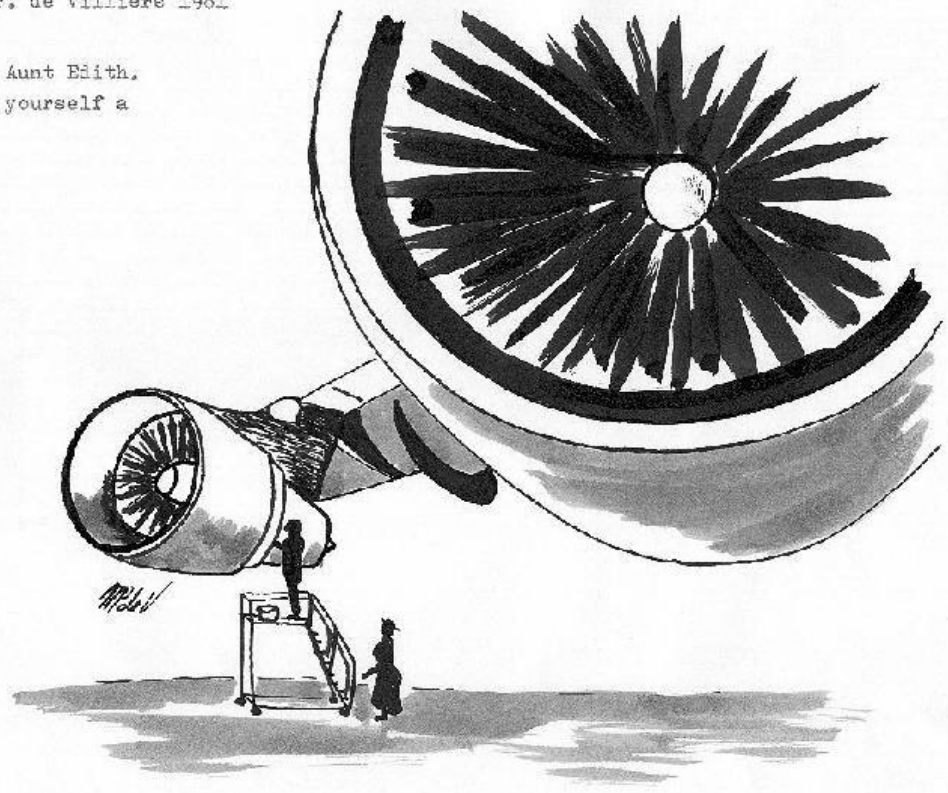
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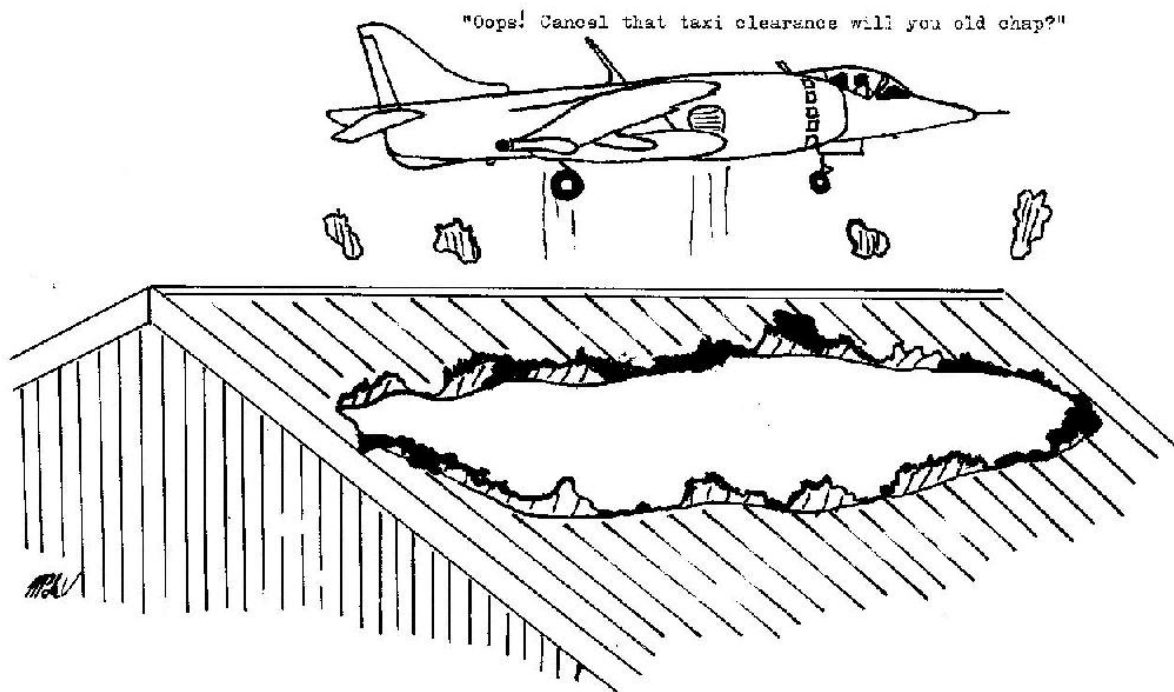
"Why can't the O.C. play golf like everyone else?"

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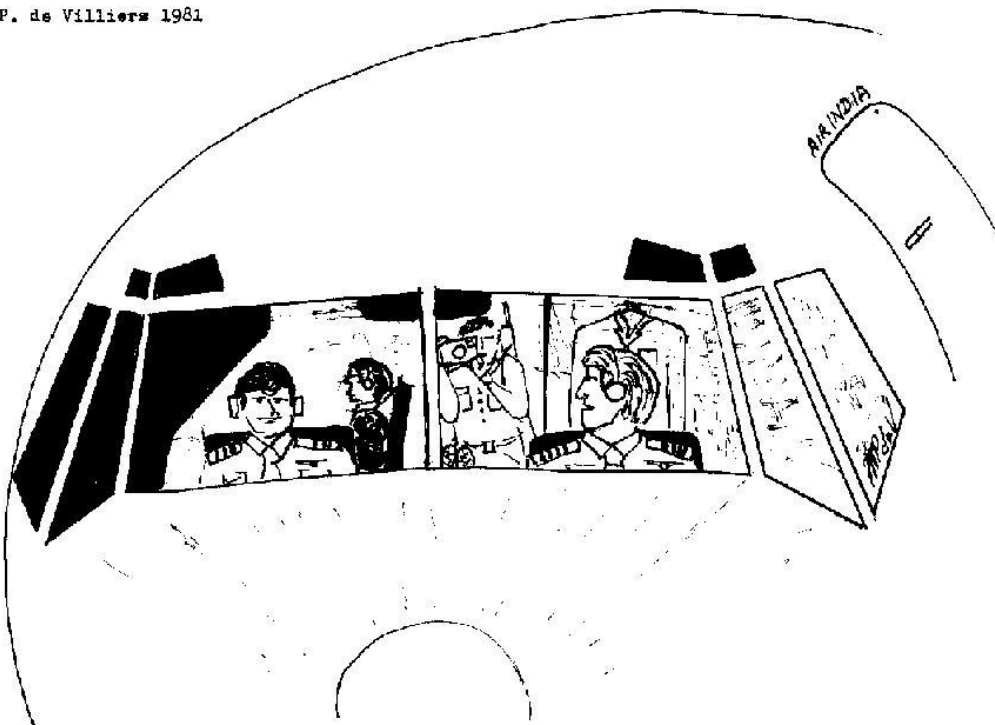
"This cant go on Aunt Edith.
Its time you got yourself a
food mixer."



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"Do you want postcard size or A4?" (Press photographer is alleged to be hijacker - News item)

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"News must be scarce at the moment."
(Press photographer is alleged to be hijacker - News item)

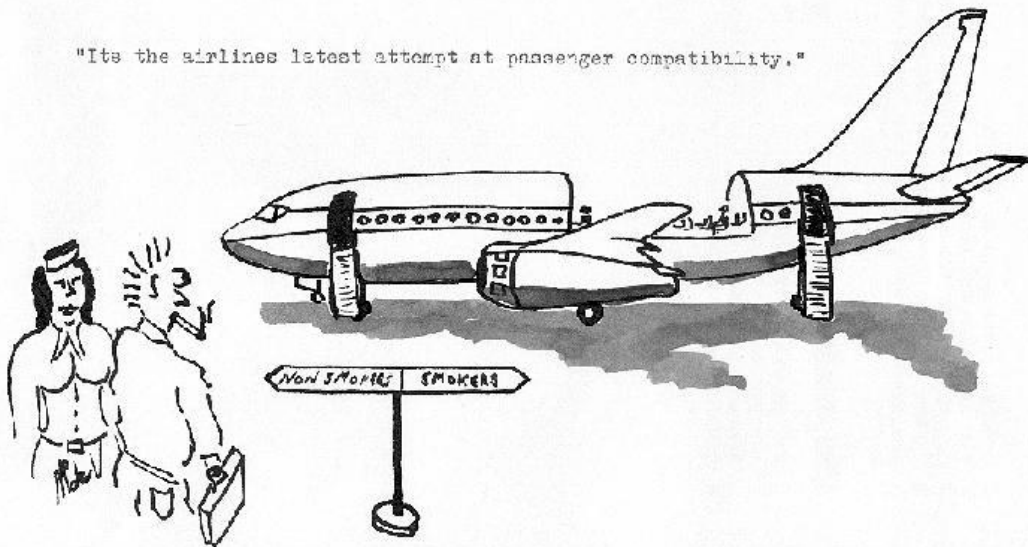
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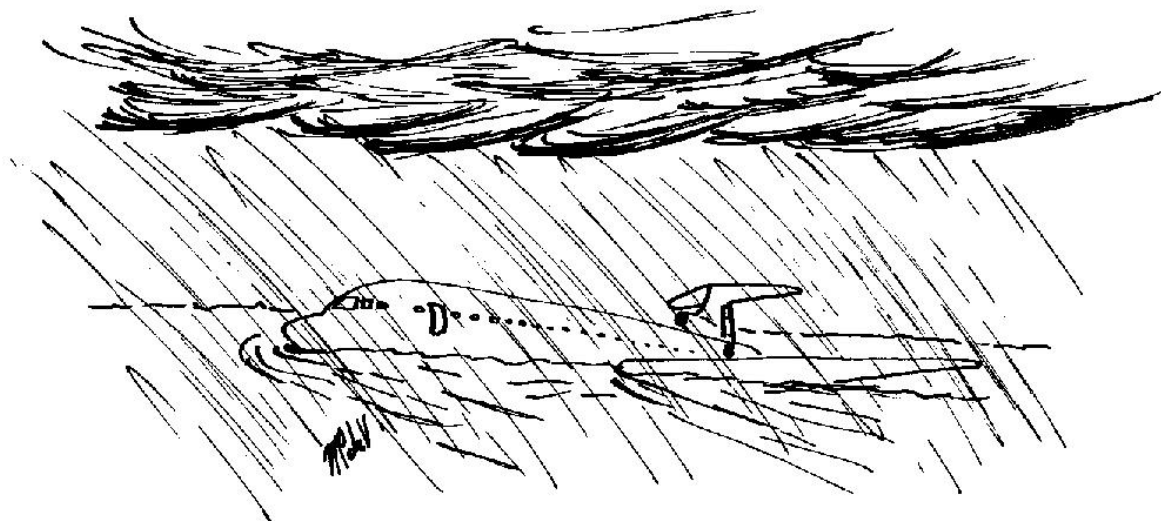
"You want me to land WHERE!?"

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"Its the airlines latest attempt at passenger compatibility."

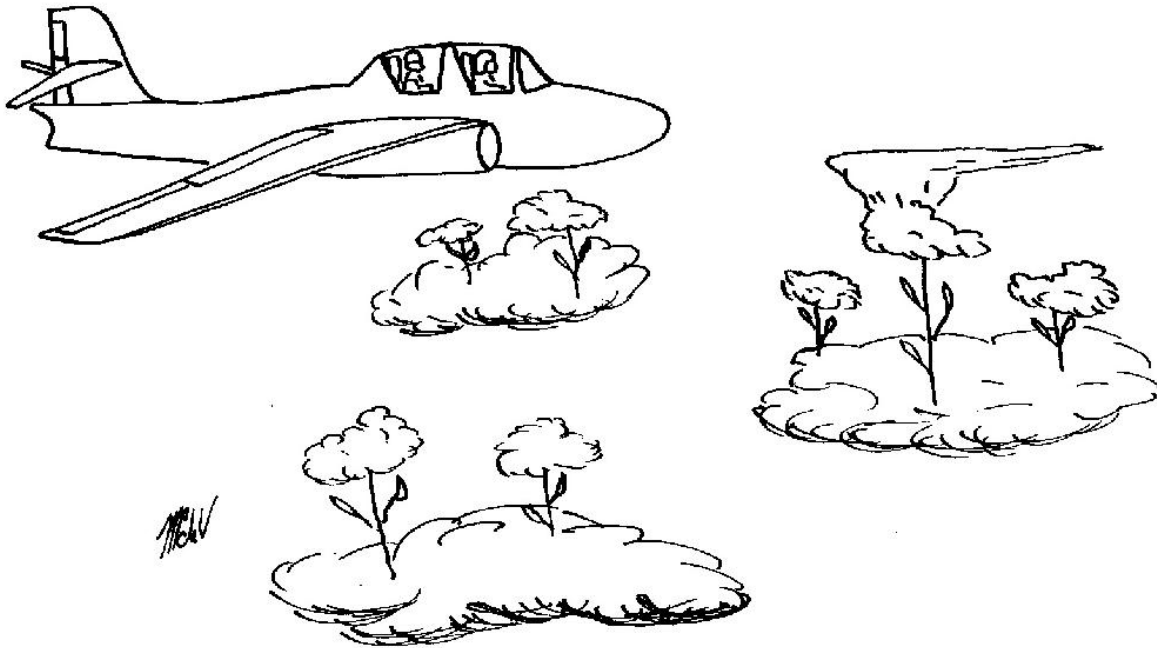


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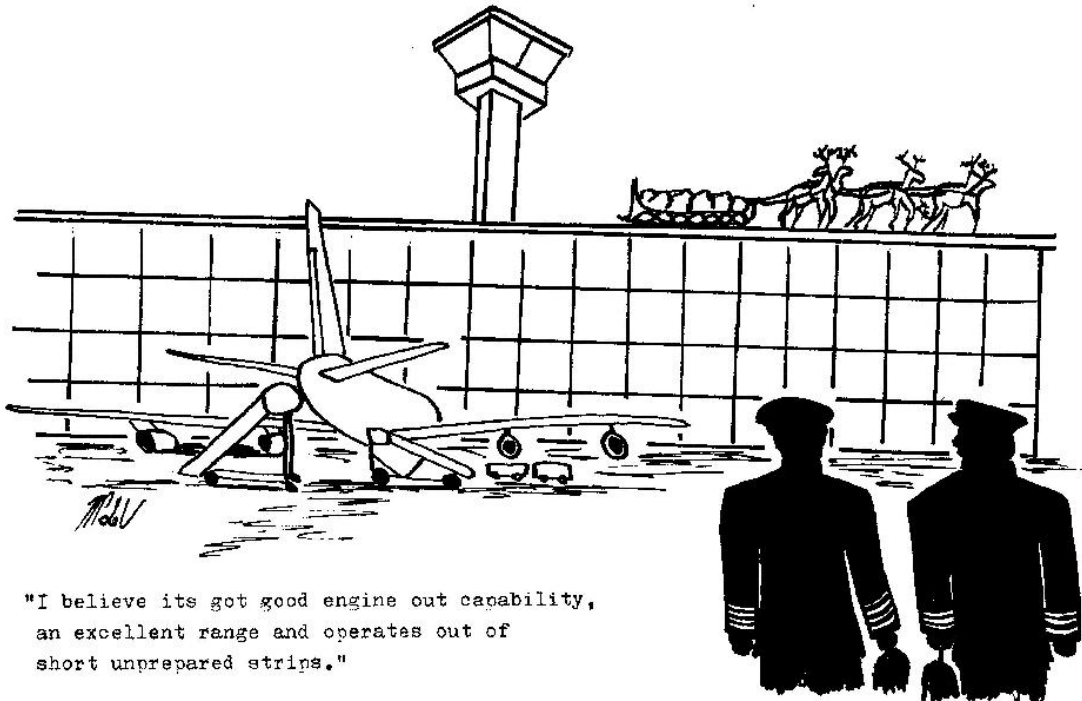
".... Ahhh tower, confirm runway water depth four inches?"

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"This cloud seeding is not working out quite as planned."

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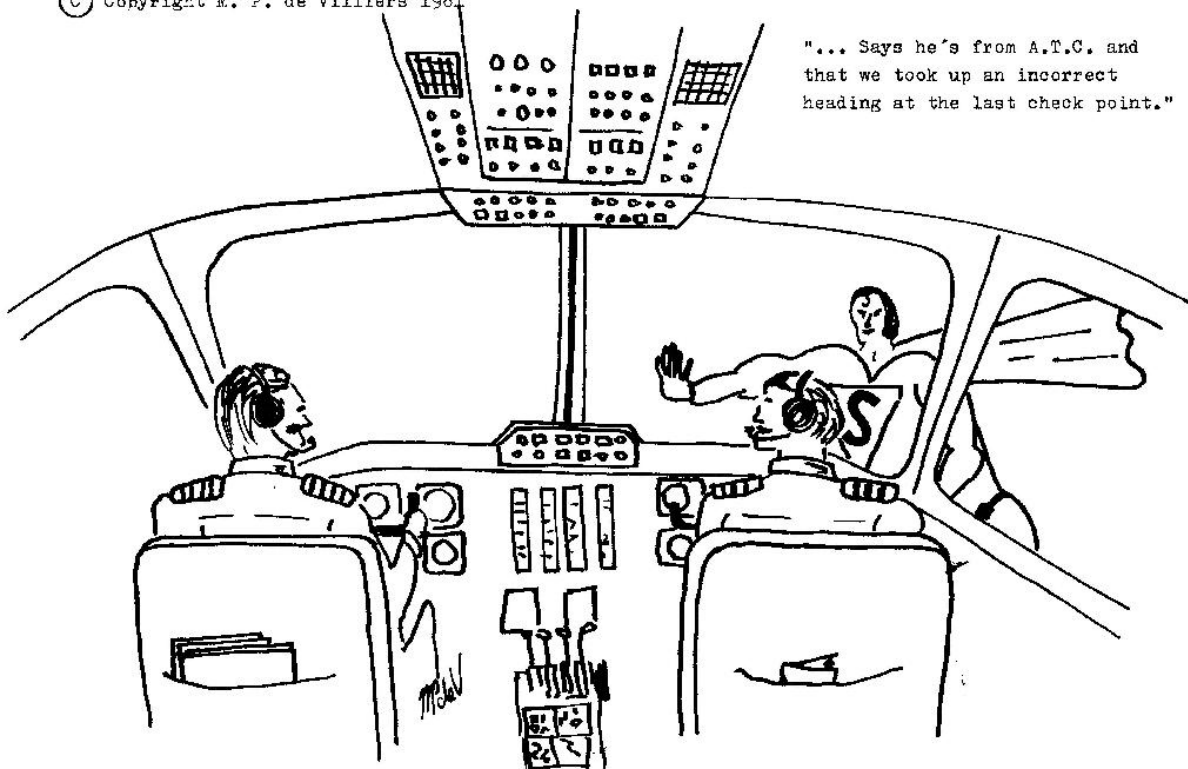
"I believe its got good engine out capability,
an excellent range and operates out of
short unprepared strips."

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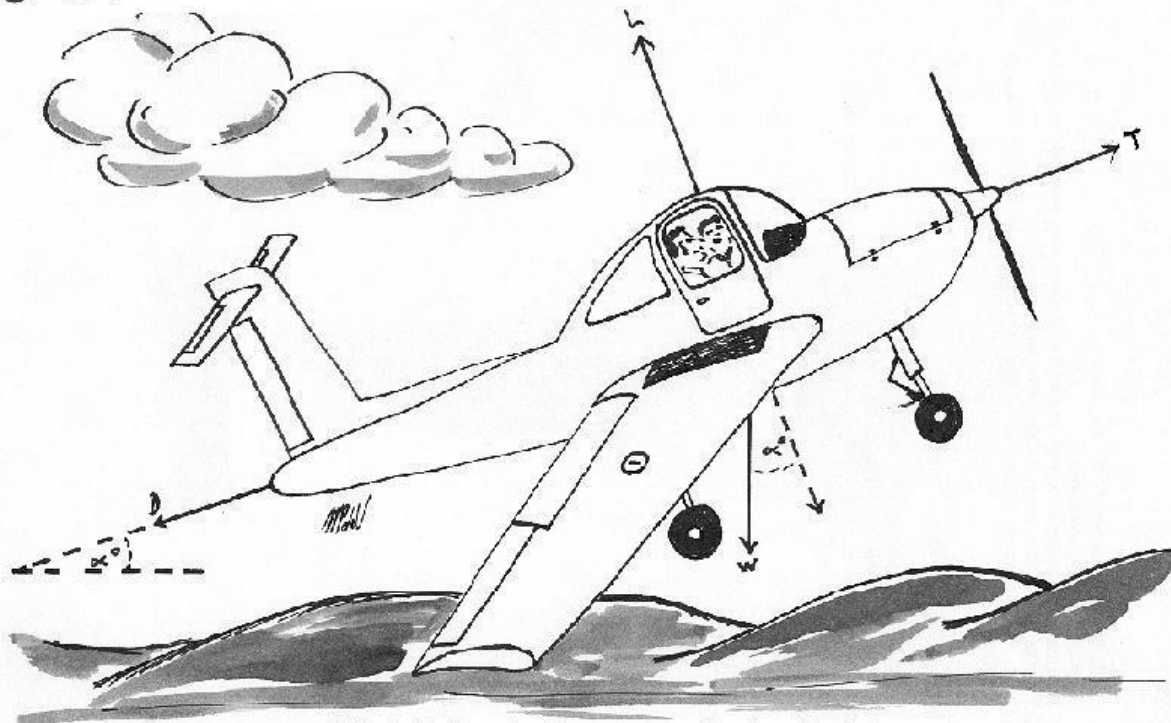
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"... Says he's from A.T.C. and
that we took up an incorrect
heading at the last check point."

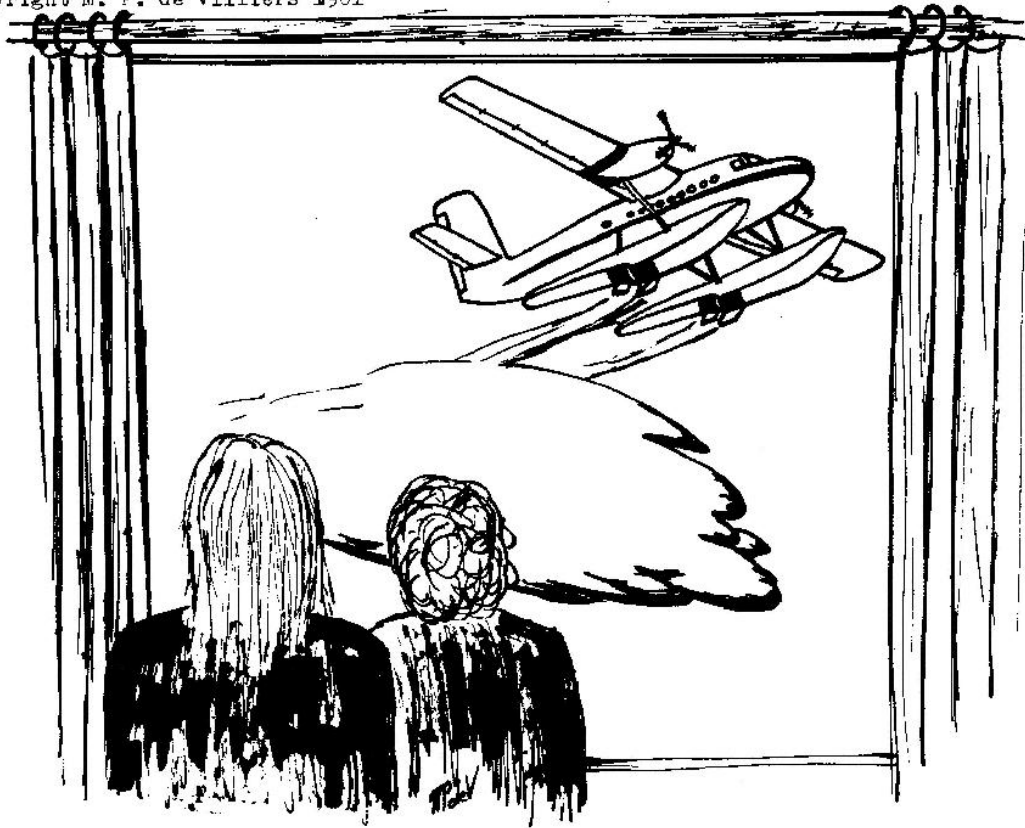


"Confirm you wish to file a V.P.R. flight plan?"



"That's the first time I've seen it explained so clearly."

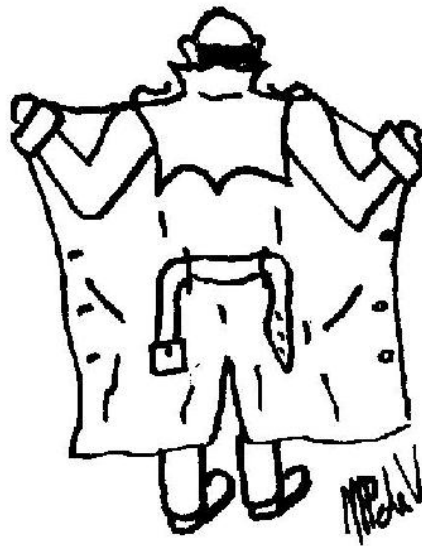
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"Its the only way I can get him to water the lawn."

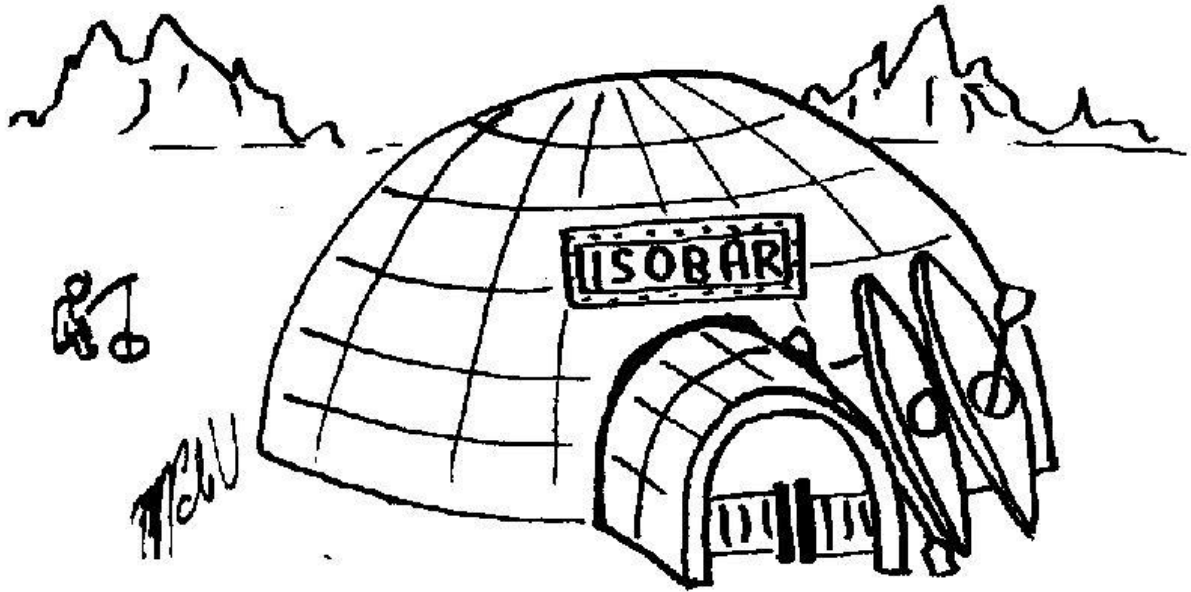
WEATHER

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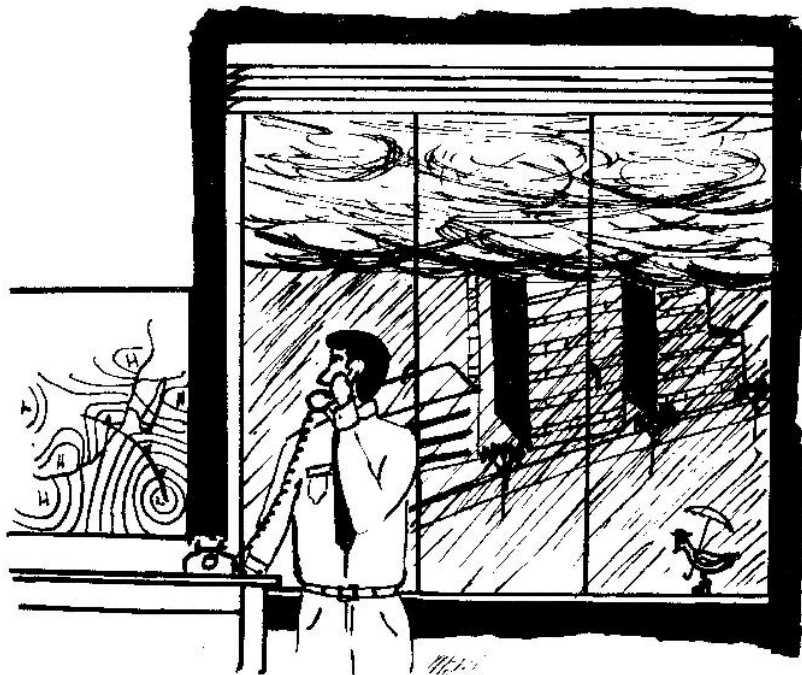


A cold front

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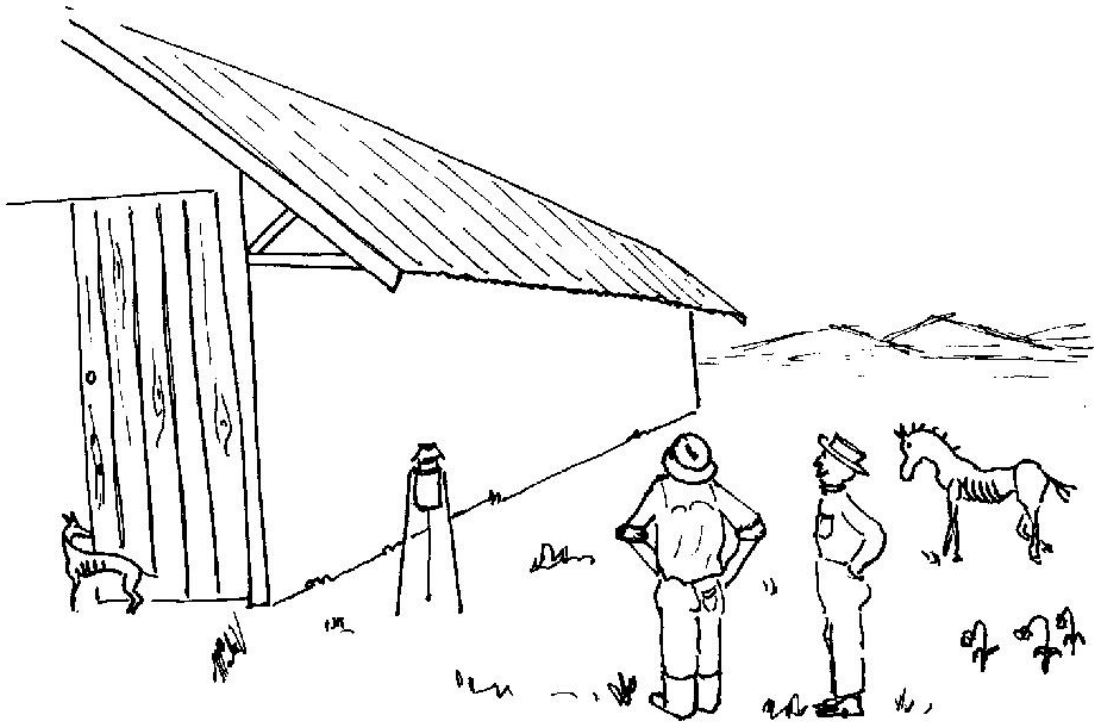


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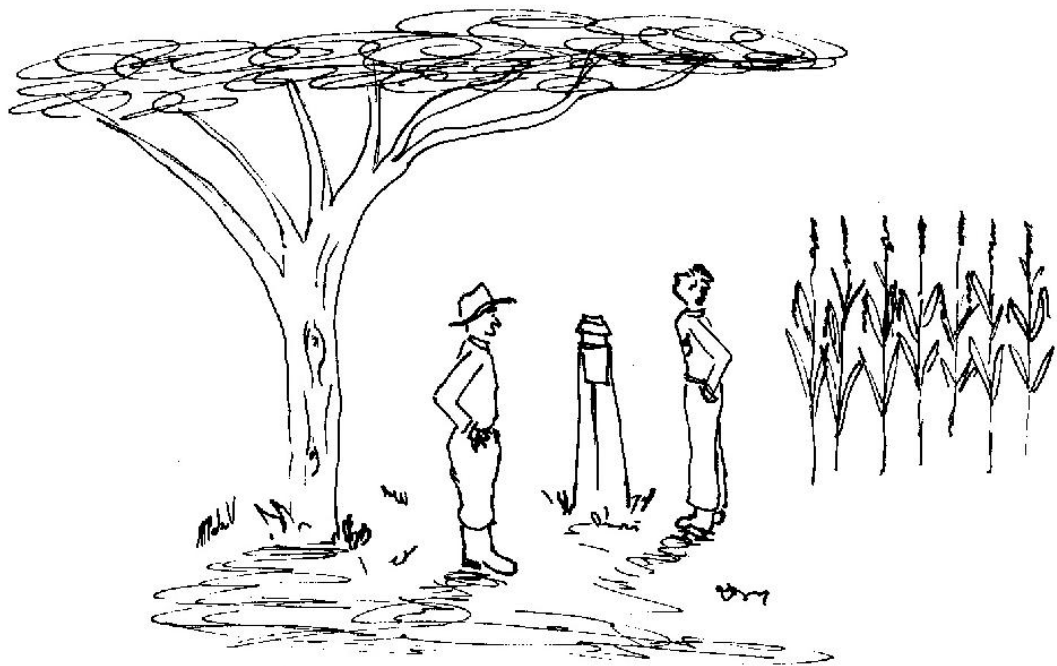
"No I dont think it will be suitable weather for a picnic this afternoon."

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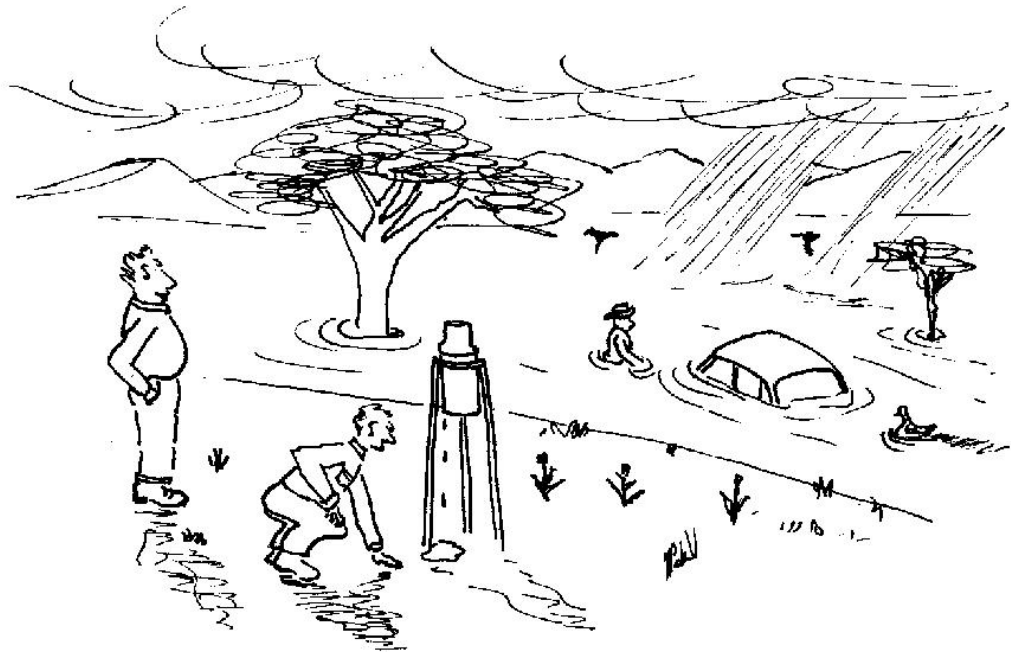


"I cant understand it man. The rainfall records are good, but jus look around you."

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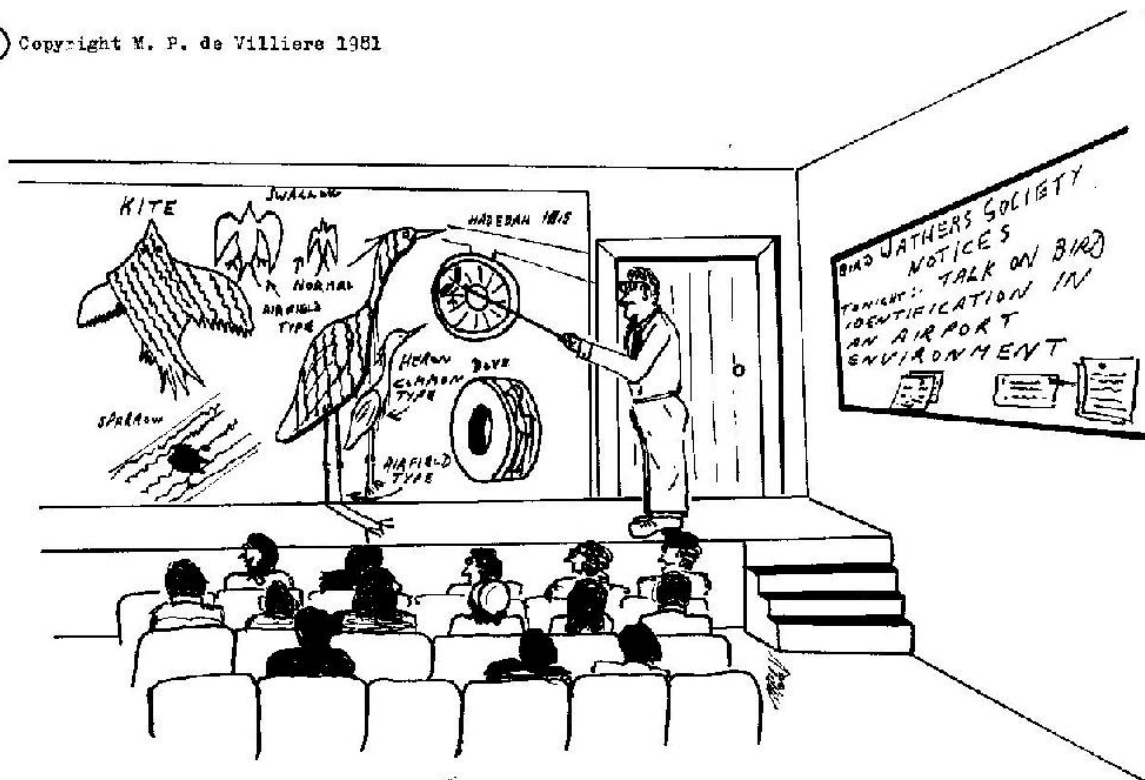
"This raingauge is useless. My crops are good but the records show a drought."

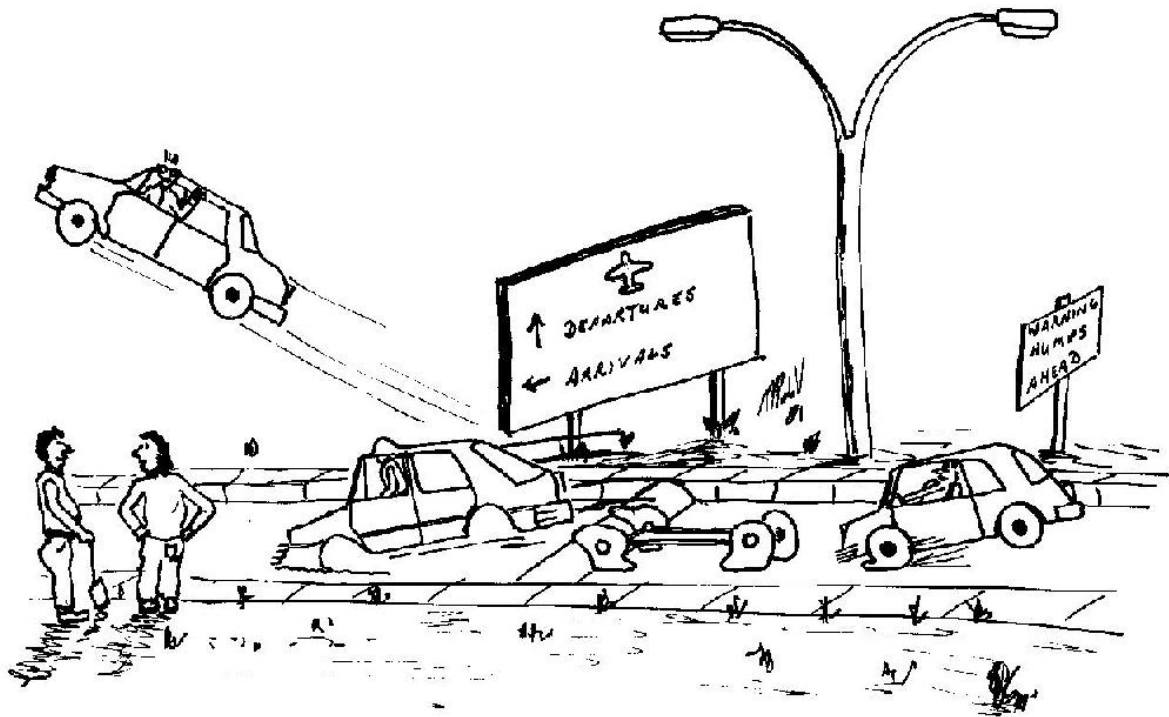


"Floods: Rubbish. Its just poor drainage, thats all."

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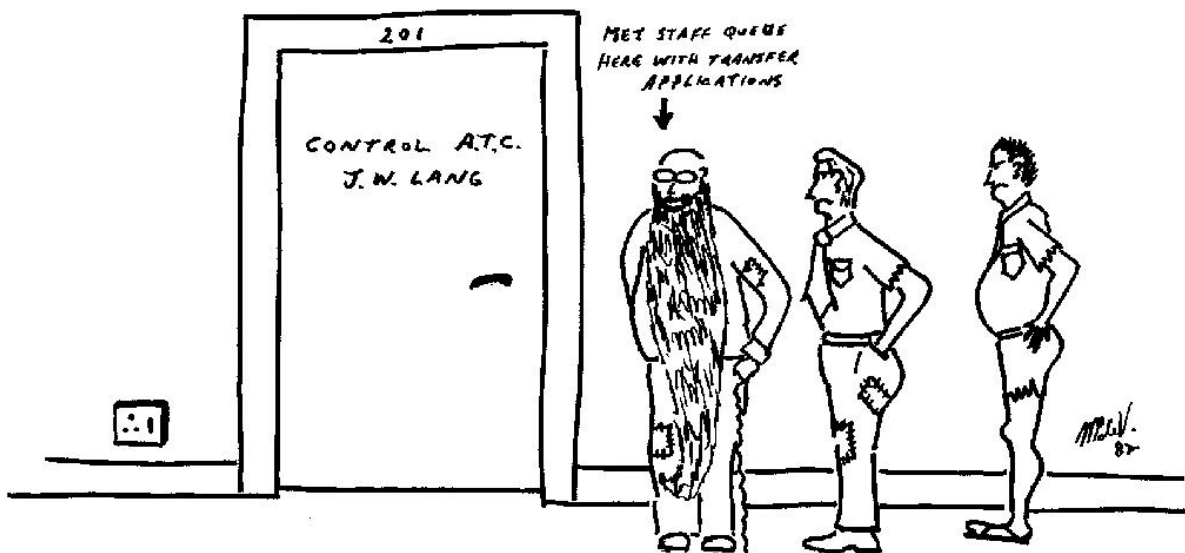
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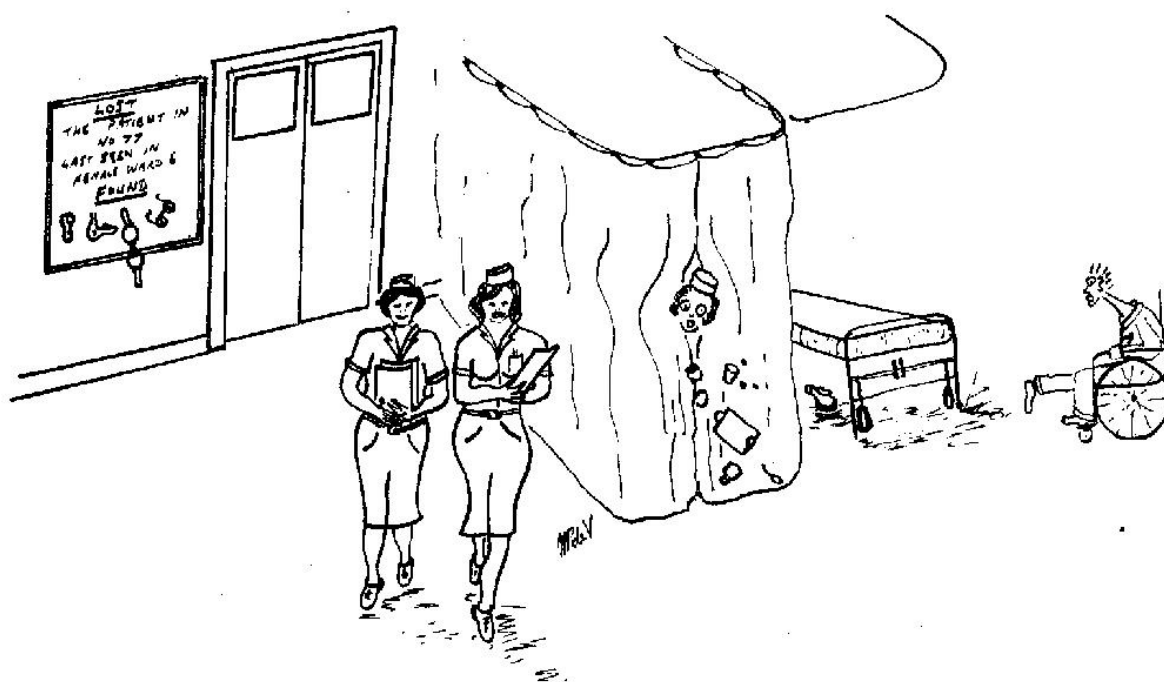
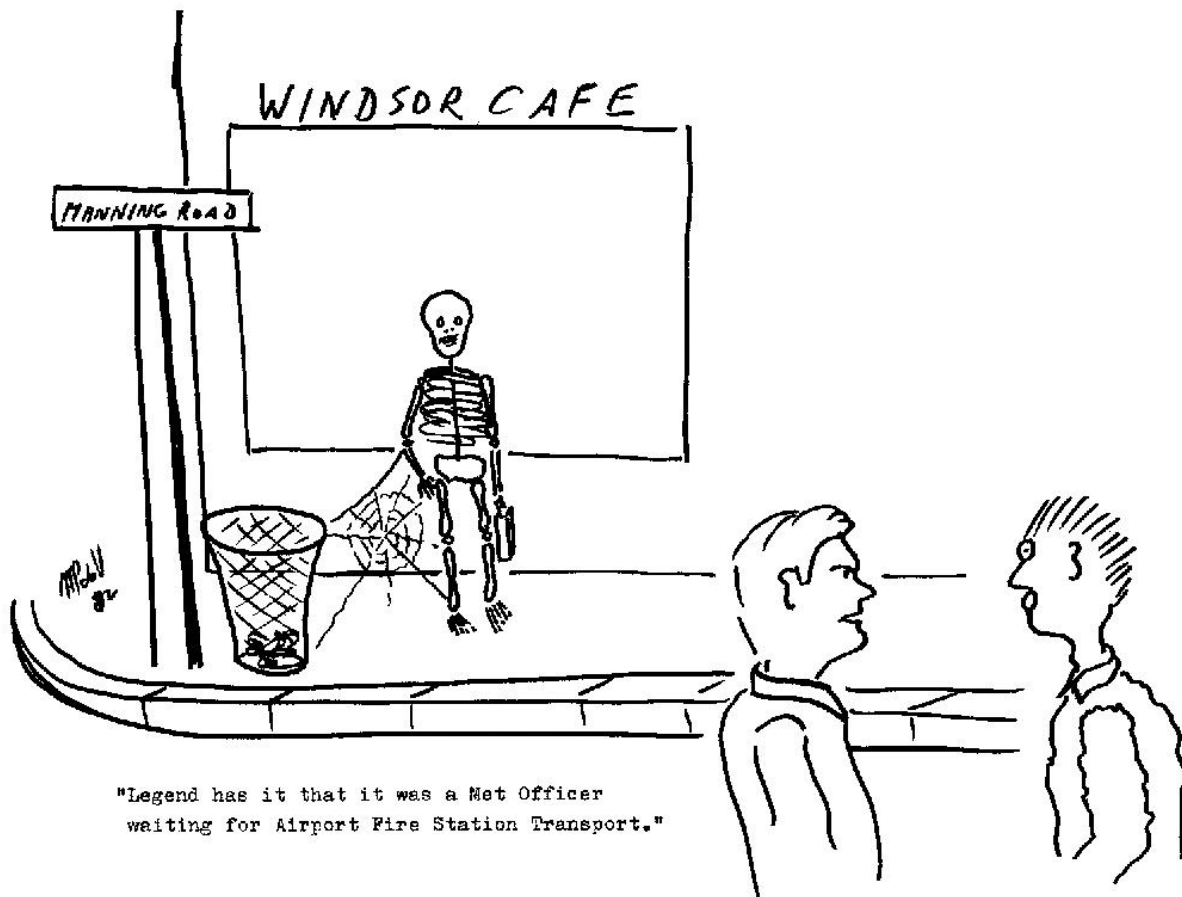




"Works well dont it?"

(Road humps have been installed at Louis Botha Airport)







".... of course it could do with a coat of paint."