

**Siamese Bandits Steal Gold Worth \$2,000,000**

BANGKOK, Siam, May 13.—(AP)—The criminal investigation division announced between 20 and 30 armed bandits yesterday stole an international gold shipment valued at \$2,000,000.

The shipment was en route to Macao from India on a KLM (Dutch) plane that stopped at Bangkok overnight. The bandits, disguised as Siamese police and soldiers, halted a truck carrying 120,000 grams of gold to the customs house for safe keeping. Nine guards were killed. Police later recovered \$200,000 worth of the gold. A sergeant driving through a park came across a group of men in a truck dividing gold from three boxes. They fled in a nearby car leaving the boxes containing the metal. Still missing are 35 boxes.

**Need for Power Brings Support For Draft Plan**

By JAMES THRASHER  
As things look now we are going to have selective service without universal military training. At least a leading House Republican says that his branch of Congress has made up its mind and that the majority would prefer no draft at all to the Senate-proposed combination of draft and UMT.

found quite a number of clergymen and educators in its ranks, along with a good many mothers. The men who really hold the reins in the House have bottled up the UMT bill even if it meant playing the party-line game to do so.

**Student Airmen Hurt in Crashes**

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 12.—(AP)—Two student pilots survived crashes which started as practice landings northwest of here but one was in serious condition today.

They were brought to a hospital here. Hospital attendants said today Mason suffered severe face cuts, probable jaw fracture and possibly other injuries. His condition was called serious but apparently not critical. MacComber is to be released from the hospital tomorrow.

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**From where I sit... by Joe Marsh**



**Jeb Had the Folks in Stitches!**

At the Friday Night Social, Jeb Crowell had the audience in stitches—doing a take-off on the blustering character who belittles everybody and everything that isn't from his own home town.

In our town, for instance: Some folks like band concerts, others don't—dinner, others serve beer with dinner, others, buttermilk—and as for politics, there's plenty of healthy disagreement.

But when it comes to denying folks the right to think or act as they choose... no, we're like you—we don't believe in it, whether it goes for serving beer, or speaking one's mind on public affairs.

Well, we can laugh at that sort of character because from where I sit, Americans are just the opposite. We like to boast a bit perhaps, about the paist job on the new barn, or the missus' style of cooking—but we aren't intolerant of people who don't think or act exactly the same way we do.

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**Two Reasons Cited**  
Why, then, does a limited draft bill find so much support? It is more drastic in that it requires two years continuous service. It will take wage earners and some married men and college students. It will start inductions at 19, which doesn't sidestep all the objections to UMT's accent on youth.

There seem to be two principal reasons. And in all fairness the non-political one should be put first. Since the passage of the ERP legislation, the tempo of congressional activity has stepped up. Threatening events in Europe seemed to convince all but the most reluctant members that it was time to strengthen ourselves, as well as our neighbors across the Atlantic.

**Korea's First Vote Costs 500 Lives**  
SEOUL, May 12.—(AP)—The first free election in this 4,000-year old nation cost nearly 500 lives. But, despite bombings, sabotage and threats of violence, some 7,000,000 South Koreans voted Monday, U. S. occupation officials reported proudly. The 200 national assemblymen they elected will set up Korea's first democratic government.

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