



DOG APES MAN—All dressed up like a very important person, Italo, the performing pup, takes his little pet dog for a walk on the stage of a Parisian music hall. Italo is one of a troupe of dogs taught to satirize humans by Italian dog trainer Mario Malta, currently appearing in Paris. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Rene Henry.)



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HEIRESS WEDS MAN SHE JILTED—Heiress Silvia Gould (right) and Lieut. Comdr. Ernest Hoefler Jr. (left) were married in a secret ceremony at Roxbury, N. Y., two months after the 31-year-old Miss Gould had jilted the Navy officer on the eve of an elaborately planned ceremony because he refused to give up the Navy for her millions. Hoefler wouldn't reveal the terms of their reconciliation, but said "I'm still in the Navy."

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BOBBY-TRAP DEALS DEATH TO HERMIT INVENTOR

PORTLAND, Dec. 22. — (AP) — The body of an eccentric inventor was found Tuesday in a small woods cabin which the man had rigged with a doorway booby-trap.
Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff H. Christoffersen said Fred Stern may have fallen a victim to his own invention. The deputy described Stern as a hermit-like character.
The booby-trap involved a shotgun in a floor pit and aimed at the door. A rat trap was found under a loose board at the doorway, set to release the gun trigger by a wire.
Christoffersen used a pole to deflect the gun muzzle and then found the shell had been discharged. He said Stern may have been wounded by the device and staggered to a cot to die alone.

JAP WORKERS ON STRIKE

TOKYO, Dec. 22. — (AP) — Some 43,000 railroad workers Wednesday began a 24-hour work stoppage in a wage dispute. The strike paralyzed privately owned rail lines in nine prefectures.
When cooked, a pound of raisins weighs two pounds.

Margaret Truman's Personality Given More Praise Than Her Voice

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. — (AP) — A packed Carnegie hall audience gave Margaret Truman an enthusiastic ovation last night, and the music critics though she was wonderful.
But they didn't think her voice was quite as pleasing as she was. The president's daughter, making her New York debut was accompanied by Frank Black's orchestra.
A soprano, Miss Truman sang several Christmas songs including "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Also on the program: "America" and a puccini aria, "O Mio Babbino Caro."
The critics praised Miss Truman for her poise and personality. But some didn't think much of her singing voice.
Said Virgil Thomson of the New York Herald Tribune: "Miss Truman herself presents surely a greater personal than musical distinction."
Commenting on her good looks, he said few artists "have Miss Truman's physical advantages, and almost none other has her dignity."
Robert Roleman, of the New York Daily Mirror, said Miss Truman "has poise and an ingratiating manner," but "you can't expect her to be a Melba right off."
"We only wish," he added, "we

Margaret Truman Gets GOP Invitation—To Sing

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22. — (AP) — Margaret Truman, the president's daughter, has been invited here by the — Republicans.
Joseph Holt, president of the California Young Republicans said yesterday he has telegraphed Miss Truman an invitation to sing at a gathering of the group here Jan. 15.
Holt, 25-year-old bachelor insurance salesman, was asked if he were angling for a date with Miss Truman.
"My only romance at the moment," he replied, "is to get rid of her father's taxes." Holt's invitation came after Miss Truman remarked to newsmen that Republicans "are not barred" as romantic possibilities for her.
ELEPHANT EXPENSIVE
HAMBURG — (AP) — Nelly, a fugitive elephant from a German circus, took an expensive stroll through the streets of Hamburg recently. She bowled over a candy stand and ate ten pounds of chocolates. Then she topped off her meal with razor blades, a hair brush, and a bar of soap plucked with her trunk from the pocket of a petrified by-stander.

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