



POOL COOL—Polar bears at the Rome, Italy, zoo enjoy a romp in the pool under sweltering summer sun. Among zoo's chief attractions they're the envy of perspiring visitors.

Former Truman Officer After N. Y. Governorship

NEW YORK (AP)—Averell Harriman, former mutual security administrator and wealthy heir to a railroad fortune, has entered the race for the Democratic governor nomination.

He announced on a television program yesterday he "will be proud to accept and take my coat off and fight for the principles I believe in."

He said he does not intend to organize a campaign such as friends are conducting for Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr.

New Commander Called To Head 44th Division

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP)—Maj. Gen. George Honnen arrived here today, en route to take over as U. S. commander in Russian-surrounded Berlin.

He succeeds Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Timberman, who leaves early next month for a new assignment with the 44th Infantry Division at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Honnen, a West Pointer, has been chief of the budget division in the office of the Army comptroller in Washington for the past two years. Now 56, he is a native of Philadelphia, Pa.

BIRTHS

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OSBORNE—To Mr. and Mrs. Eula Osborne, Myrtle Creek, July 20, a son, David Theodore, weight six pounds thirteen and one-half ounces.

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Drought Creating Ducks Which Cannot Swim

DENTON, Ga. (AP)—A pair of ducks that can't swim are living evidence of the drought in this area.

When they had reached the age of eight weeks without ever seeing a puddle big enough to paddle in, their owner, Eddie Williams, 6, decided it was high time they got a chance to do what's supposed to come naturally to all ducks.

He filled a tub with water, tossed them in and stood by to watch. And a good thing he did, too. Eddie barely saved them from drowning. Now they apparently consider water a death-trap for dryland ducks and won't go near the dangerous stuff.

JAPAN TO SELL SHIPS
TOKYO (AP)—A high ranking Japanese official announced that Japan will sell 40 million dollars worth of ships, steel rope and wire, and diesel engines to Russia for payment in raw materials.



BLOOD BRIGADE FOR EDDIE—More than 600 residents of Middletown, O., have formed a blood brigade to provide transfusions for Eddie Phillips, 6, who has been hemorrhaging since a tonsillectomy almost two weeks ago. Eddie is shown with Ed Sullivan, newspaper columnist and TV star last year when Sullivan was in Middletown.

McKay Gives Approval For Soil Conservation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Interior McKay has announced approval of a 20-year program calling for expenditure of 250 million dollars for soil conservation work on 273 million acres of public and Indian lands.

The new program, subject to provision of funds in future years by Congress, has been placed under direct supervision of Orme Lewis, assistant secretary for public land. No details of the program were announced. It would begin in 1955.

Astor Receives Divorce From Wife In Mexico

EL PASO, Tex. (AP)—John Jacob Astor, worth a fortune in Manhattan real estate, has received an uncontested Mexican divorce from his second wife.

The divorce was granted by proxy over the weekend in Juarez, just across the Rio Grande from here. Grounds were listed as incompatibility of character.

Their daughter, Mary Jacqueline, 5, will remain with her mother, the former Gertrude Gretsch.

An Astor spokesman in New York said Astor pledged adequate provision for maintenance of the daughter.



LIVE NECKPIECE—Kafupe, bush baby mascot, perches on collar of Miss Terry Fisher, Northern Rhodesia javelin thrower in British Empire Games at Vancouver, B. C.

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