



COOL BATH FOR NUDE — The fleeing nude was washed down by firemen who attempted to preserve the work of art when they responded to a fire at drayage company loading yard in San Francisco Wednesday. The painting was one of crate full of Italian art treasures which arrived by ship from Italy. Blaze broke out in padding material in the crate. (UPI Telephoto).

Authorities Await Action On Suit For Legal Abortion

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI)—Medical authorities today awaited action on a suit to determine the legality of an abortion recommended for an expectant mother who took tranquilizers that doctors fear might deform her unborn child.

Thirteen Alaska Fires Controlled

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI)—A spokesman at the Bureau of Land Management's fire control center here said Wednesday 13 forest fires were still burning in the state but that all were under control.

The spokesman credited heavy rains in the past 18 hours with being the crucial factor in slowing the fires. He said fire crews were taking advantage of the wet weather to begin mop-up operations.

Nine of the fires still smoldering were in Western Alaska where the blazes destroyed a total of 21,150 acres in six days.

The other four fires were located in the northern interior.

Joss Named Chairman

SALEM (UPI) — The Oregon Civil Service Commission Wednesday re-elected Philip A. Joss, Portland attorney, chairman.

nix television personality who is hostess for the "Romper Room" daily children's show, was held in abeyance while legal clarification and determination of the medical need of the operation was sought.

Named defendants in the suit were the Arizona attorney general and the Maricopa County attorney. The suit challenges the legality of the Arizona abortion laws and seeks to obtain an exact definition of these statutes.

The operation was recommended after a drug the woman took, thalidomide, was found to cause deformities in children. Mrs. Finkbine, the mother of four children, took a tranquilizer containing the substance early in her pregnancy — the most dangerous time, according to doctors.

Stephen Morris, Good Samaritan Hospital administrator, said the court action was taken to obtain an interpretation of Arizona laws as to the legality of an abortion under such circumstances.

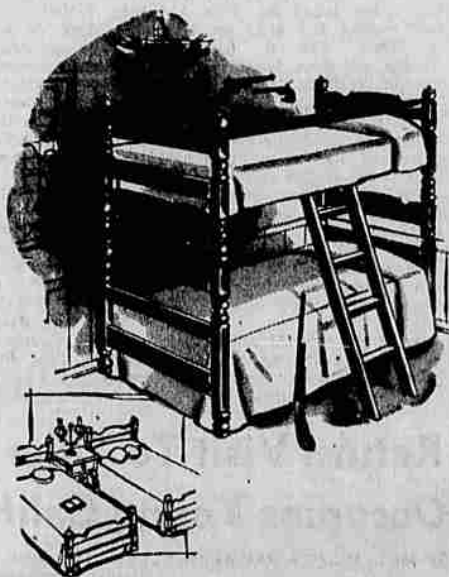
Morris said the hospital insisted on further medical and legal determination to see if care "should be and can be given to the woman." He said legal aspects of the case prompted the suit.

"Under the proper medical recommendations," said Morris, "and if it is within the legality of the laws of Arizona, we will want to make our facilities available to this woman."

Mrs. Finkbine obtained the tranquilizers from her husband who got them for her in Europe. They were removed from the European market when it was determined they caused deformities in children.



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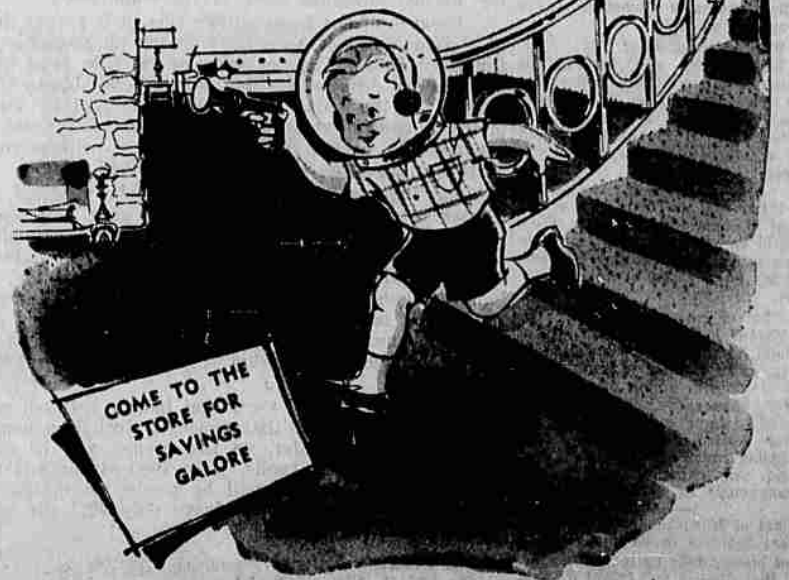
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