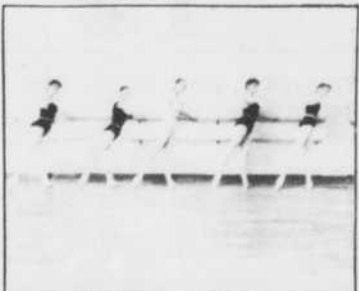


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## Handyman taken into police custody over mercury poisoned mayonnaise

SAN BRUNO, Calif. (AP) — A 29-year-old man who turned in a jar of mayonnaise contaminated with mercury probably put the substance in it himself and also injected it into oranges in another community, police said Tuesday.

Kenneth Oliver Mason, a part-time handyman from Redwood City, was taken into custody Monday night and committed to Peninsula Hospital for a psychiatric examination, Lt. James Rego said.

"Based on circumstantial evidence, statements by Mason and certain physical evidence, police believe that the man who turned in the mayonnaise was the person who contaminated it in the first place," Rego said.

Mason also is believed to have injected the type of mercury found in thermometers into oranges at a Millbrae grocery store, according to Rego.

Police declined to speculate

on a motive.

No charges have been filed in the case, and evidence was being turned over to the San Mateo County district attorney's office, Rego said.

Mason was questioned for several hours Monday after bringing the jar of Best Foods mayonnaise to police in this San Francisco Peninsula community. He told police he bought the jar Jan. 6 in a Lucky's market and then noticed silvery swirls and nodules.

Tests revealed the jar con-

tained 23.23 grams of mercury, Rego said.

On Sunday, police in neighboring Millbrae began investigating mercury contamination when a man turned in a peeled orange containing a silvery substance.

Tests confirmed the presence of .62 grams of mercury in the orange, which had been purchased at a Millbrae Safeway market Jan. 12. Police declined to release the purchaser's name.

## NOW leader is indicted for 1965 tire iron murder

GRETNA, La. (AP) — Ginny Foat, president of the National Organization for Women's California chapter, was indicted here Tuesday on a charge of murdering an Argentine busin-

essman 17 years ago.

The indictment said Virginia Galluzzo, the maiden name Foat then used, clubbed M'ttyo to death with a tire iron after luring him from the French Quarter bar to a robbery in 1965.

The indictment came after the Jefferson Parish grand jury heard testimony by detectives handling the case and by an ex-husband to Foat, Nevada state prisoner John Sidote.

The district attorney had rejected a defense request Tuesday that a preliminary hearing be held for Foat before the grand jury considered the case.

Foat, 41, is being held on a fugitive warrant in California.

Meanwhile, a colleague of Foat's in Los Angeles said the NOW leader's arrest may have been triggered by a checking of her Louisiana background in anticipation of a City Hall appointment.

Foat was arrested last Tuesday at suburban Burbank airport on the fugitive warrant. She is being held without bail at Sybil Brand Institute.

## Those hot rocks falling to earth ain't cute E.T.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nuclear reactor from a Soviet spy satellite is plummeting toward Earth at an increasing rate, the Defense Department reported Tuesday.

Pentagon officials said the 1,000-pound reactor portion of the satellite was in an orbit that dipped to within 122 miles of Earth's surface at 8:17 a.m. PST Tuesday.

That was about four miles lower than the low point recorded at 11 p.m. PST Monday, after the reactor section had dropped nearly two miles in the previous 24-hour period.

The Pentagon estimates that the remains of Soviet Cosmos 1402 will hit Earth late this month.

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