

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

"Why would a 13-year-old boy who is obviously alert, intelligent, deeply religious, cold bloodedly shoot and kill his best friend?"

That is the question Dave Cohen, reporter for the Klamath Falls Herald and News, posed in his report of the confession of Bernice B. Kurtz of Henley to the murder of his eleven-year-old companion on a week-end runaway cabin gives no answer but quotes the boy as saying it was just a spur of the moment sort of thing.

However it had the preliminaries of the burglary of a residence by the pair with the theft of eight guns and ammunition and the stealing of the truck of the younger boy's father for a trip to Idaho.

The inspiration for this fling at crime with its tragic ending did not come from sources after blamed for juvenile murders.

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## Rift Appears as Result of Civil Rights Issue, Attack on President

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—The political honeymoon between Senators Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger is over.

The two Oregon Democrats, while voting differently on more and more major issues, had maintained a close personal relationship until the past two weeks when they fell to squabbling like disenchanted lovers.

Morse blamed Neuberger for helping to launch a snide attack on me and with taking an indirect slap at me. Neuberger said he has become disappointed in Morse and disillusioned with politics because of the whole affair.

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The Weather Today's forecast: Early morning cloudiness. Otherwise sunny. High 83-85. Low 50-52. (Complete report page 2)

## 41 U.S. Youths Off To China

MOSCOW, Aug. 14 (AP)—Forty-one young Americans departed for Communist China today despite a stern warning by the United States government not to go.

At the train pulled out of Yaroslavl Station, Dan O'Connell of Chicago said "We have six days aboard before we reach the Red Chinese border and there are some here who may change their minds and get off."

The U. S. State Department warned them yesterday their passports would be taken away when they returned to the United States from Red China. It said the group was aiding communist propaganda.

Most of the Americans tricked at the station. A crowd of 1,000 Russians gathered around as the train prepared to leave.

A tagging Russian band blared out one tune after another as the crowd shouted peace and friendship.

Thirty-two of the group signed a statement which read "We, the undersigned Americans traveling to China at the invitation of the Red Chinese government having received a statement signed by Acting Secretary of State Christian Herter wish at this time to reaffirm our belief in the right of U. S. citizens to travel and we want again to state that our exercise of this right is consistent with loyalty to our country."

We hold widely divergent political views. We reject the notion that we are a tool of Communist propaganda. We look forward with Mr. Dulles to the day when the peoples of China and the peoples of America can resume their long history of cooperation and friendship. We believe we are acting consistently with this expression of hope.

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## Egg-a-Day Achievement Ended by Hen

FLEMINGTON, N.J., Aug. 14 (AP)—A game little champion gave it the old college try today but failed.

For 284 days in a row Meg O'Day had sat down on her nest, laid an egg and arose with a cackle. Just like clockwork.

This morning the Lethorn sat down on schedule and sat and sat. Then she climbed down. No egg.

Her 284-day egg-a-day achievement is touted by Rutgers University as the national, state and maybe even a world record.

Rutgers officials sponsoring the Hunterdon County egg laying test here had hoped Meg could keep it up for a full 365 days at least.

"I suppose that, under the rules, we'll have to allow her until midnight," a Rutgers spokesman said. "But it's rather doubtful she'll produce. We're all shook up about it."

The egg-laying test started last Oct. 1 and is designed in study the effect of breeding and feeding on laying. Since that date 318 days ago, Meg had laid 317 eggs up to today, missing only one previous day.

Meg was entered in the competition by her owners, Stern Brothers hatchery in South Vineland.

## No Minor Matter

PORTLAND, Aug. 14 (AP)—Sheriff's deputies today investigated a report that the pet of a woman were bothering several of her neighbors.

Deputies said the pet consisted of eight goats, five dogs, one horse and 53 parakeets.

# Ike Warns of Special Session, But Solons Chop Foreign Aid

## Boxcar Quota to Take Effect

Oregon's emergency transportation committee asked Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan Wednesday to place western Oregon lumber shippers on a quota system in order to lessen effects of the shortage of box cars.

Morgan said he would today place into effect the quota system among lumber shippers on Southern Pacific railroad lines in the western part of the state.

It means that when there is a car shortage a certain percentage each shipper will have his quota cut by that percentage.

The committee, holding its first meeting here today after traveling through the state, said the shortage of box cars in Oregon so that the shortage could be turned into a surplus.

The report was made by Clifford W. Ferguson, supervisor of rail transportation under Morgan. Ferguson added that the shortage in southwest Oregon is much greater than in other parts.

The committee also voted to urge the Southern Pacific to restore its reservoir of box cars in Oregon so that the shortage could be turned into a surplus.

Several industries such as trades and services.

Slowness of construction trades is indicated, an expert from the Salem Labor Temple showing that some 70 area carpenters plus numerous laborers currently are idle.

Specialized craftsmen like plumbers and sheet metal workers are not hurting as much.

Roesler said number of employees in food processing industries and agricultural pursuits totaled about 8,200 at end of July—"about comparable" to last year.

"One indication of the times," observed Roesler, "is the greater number of housewives looking for full-time work."

That means a lot of breadwinners either are out of work or else getting only part-time jobs.

Students Miss Jobs

Reduced opportunities all along the line have left a higher-than-usual number of students without summer jobs.

"Sorry, nothing today," has rung in teen-agers' ears more frequently than at any time in recent years.

"We're lucky in this area, however," said Roesler, "in that we have canneries and crop work to take care of a good deal of the student demand."

There has been a noticeable tightening of jobs generally since July of 1956, according to the Salem office manager, with little turnover and few replacements hired.

The slow situation in logging, lumbering and construction inflicts a particular hardship on workers in these lines since summertime is normally their peak earning period—offsetting lean winter months.

## Portland Gas Prices Drop

PORTLAND, Aug. 14 (AP)—The price of gasoline was down to 29.9 cents a gallon for regular grade at many Portland service stations today as price cutting continued.

The price a week ago was 32.6.

Service station operators reported oil companies were absorbing the price drop, according to the Oregon Journal.

Last weekend one major company cut its price and other large companies followed suit, the newspaper reported.

## Old Sol, Clouds On Forecast; Fair Day Seen at Coast

Today's forecast from the U. S. Weather Bureau reads cloudiness early this morning followed by sunshine this afternoon and Friday. Mercury at McNary Field is expected to rise between 83 and 85, sinking to 50 to 52 this evening.

The State Forestry Department's weather bureau sees low fire danger today in the valley, with lowest humidity 35 per cent.

Northern Oregon beaches will have fair weather today, except for low morning clouds, according to the bureau. Beach winds will range from 5 to 18 miles an hour, all westerly.

## A-Test Postponed

ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nev., Aug. 14 (AP)—The 12th shot of the atomic test series was postponed today for the 17th time.