

## Italian Bandit To Face Court

NAPLES (AP)—Italy's "Terror of Vesuvius," another self-styled Robin Hood, will go on trial this summer with 44 members of his band of murderers, kidnapers and thieves. The case is expected to be one of the country's most colorful trials.

Not since Mussolini wiped out the notorious Sicilian Mafia in 1932 has so much villainy been represented in a single court case.

Giuseppe La Marca is the handsome, black-haired desperado who ranged the slopes of Vesuvius, taunted the police with daring escapades and boasted he was Robin Hood in person.

Except for a few instances in which he robbed the rich and actually helped the poor, La Marca confined himself to plain robbery, blackmail, murder and kidnapping for ransom.

A special hall has been prepared in the Naples assizes courtroom for the mass trial. The district attorney announced that he has 121 volumes of evidence against the Neapolitan bandit, who has been in jail for more than a year.

La Marca was captured first shortly after the Allied armies entered Naples but managed to escape and built up a new band of criminals armed with war equipment picked up from the battle-scarred countryside.

Last year La Marca tried to escape again. He got a gun smuggled in by friends, walked into the warden's office to be questioned about his behavior and his claims that he was ill, shot the warden and a guard. He almost got out before overpowered by other guards.

La Marca's best method for getting cash was seizing rich landowners for ransoms.

## Injured Miners Receive Care

OAKLAND, Cal.—(AP)—Thirty-eight paralyzed coal miners have arrived from the east after the longest rail movement of injured civilians in the United States.

They all had a goal—The slim hope that someday, someday, as one put it, they can get off their backs and "walk, walk, walk—then some more walking."

None was older than 40. The men have been taken to Permanente Hospital. After preliminary treatment they will go to the Kaiser Institute at Vallejo, where 24 other miners are already undergoing rehabilitation.

All of them were injured in mine accidents. Their spines were either severed or so badly damaged that the lower halves of their bodies are completely paralyzed.

For periods as far back as 14 years they have lived on their backs, some of them untreated in backwoods cabins of the coal belt in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, they told interviewers.

Their program of hope is paid for by the welfare and retirement fund of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers of America.

## 'Disgrace' of Twins Causes Divorce

SAGA, Japan.—(AP)—The merciless killing of one of twin babies and divorcing of the "animal-like" wife who brought such a disgrace to the husband's family was disclosed by police in this still province of Kyushu.

Police reported that the aged mother of the husband, fearing that the birth of twins would become known and bring shame to the household, suffocated one of the twin girls. In connivance with her son, she secretly buried the corpse in the ancestral tomb.

Then, police said, the old woman began a campaign which finally forced her son to divorce his otherwise "faultless wife" for fear that she would again give birth to twins.

Japanese of the old school still consider twins or other multiple births in the same class with a litter of dogs or pigs and often give away all but one of the babies born.

Superstition popular among Buddhist Japanese holds that twins are the reincarnated forms of men and women who died in double suicide pacts. Twins are doomed to unhappy lives and early death, many Japanese believe, unless they are separated and never allowed to see each other.

## Manila Bay Islands Now Defense Zone

MANILA (AP)—The island fortress of Corregidor and six other islands in Manila Bay have been declared a Philippine national defense zone.

A proclamation by President Elpidio Quirino orders that the islands shall be used as storehouses for ammunition reserves. All civilians living on the islands will be moved out during the next two years.

Waters near Corregidor and the other islands now are off limits to all ships except those of the Philippine naval patrol. The skyways directly above the entrance to the bay have been declared off limits to all aircraft except those of the Philippine air force.

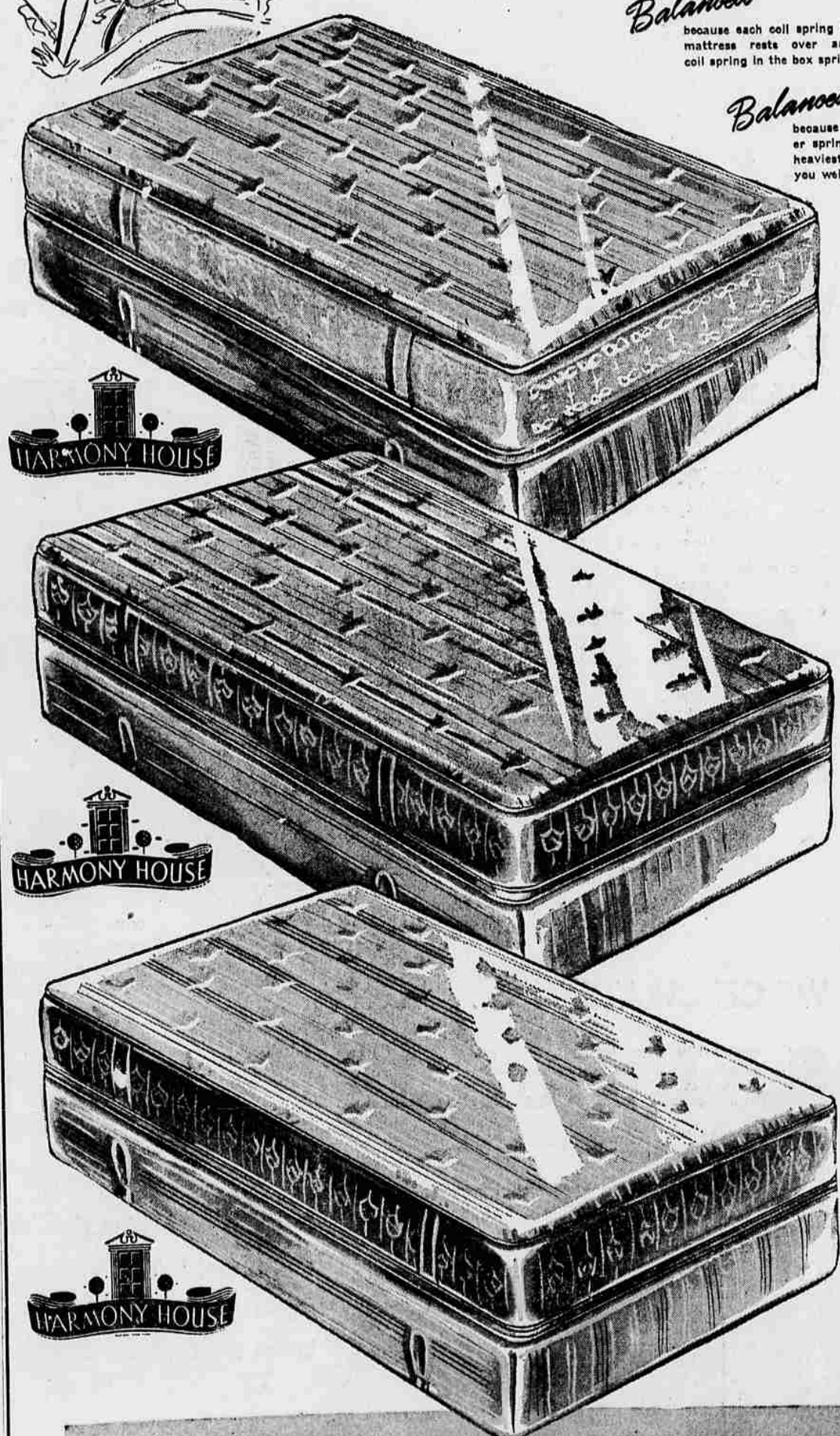
All civilian visitors to the islands, including sightseers, will be required to present passes signed by a national defense official.

Quirino's proclamation explained that "in view of their strategic location for defense purposes, it is necessary to make Corregidor and said islands and rocks a national defense zone."

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