



(NEA Telephoto)
Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan waves to crowds at Convention Hall, Philadelphia, as his appearance sets off a mild demonstration by Michigan delegation.

Perhaps Ghosts of Dead Were Present at War Spoils Auction

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK—(P)—Ghosts have no daylight voices.
And so there is no way to say what ghosts were present in the crowds that last week attended one of the weirdest auctions in history.
It was a sale that reversed the dictum that in war the spoils belong to the victors. It was a sale to see that some of the spoils of World War II went to the victims.
Up for auction was a small portion of many tons of Nazi loot seized in Germany and Austria and brought here. It will be sold over a period of months and the proceeds used to resettle and rehabilitate European displaced persons.
The first batch of loot put on the block last week contained 828 lots and brought \$188,435. This was 20 per cent more than its value as estimated in advance.
It consisted of jewelry, expensive household wares and artistic bric-a-brac that couldn't be identified and returned to the original owners. Many long since had been put to death, at Dachau and Buchenwald.
In the minds of successful bidders as the auctioneer's hammer

Larceny in Everyone According to Ohioan

KENT, Ohio —(AP)—John H. Given, Kent State University sociology instructor, declares "most of us have enough larceny in our systems to give aid and comfort to the convicted criminal."
Given has prepared a check list by which anyone may grade himself.
It includes such questions as: "do you run from the scene of an accident rather than serve as state's evidence in carrying out the letter of the law?" and, "do you wink at sharp business practices in which someone gets cheated because he wasn't as clever as the other fellow?"
"The kid who holds up a tavern," he says, "is usually less criminal than the contractor who cheats GIs on cheaply constructed homes. It is the pillar of society with a streak of larceny in his make-up that does more damage to the community than the out-and-out crook."

Relief Supplies Rushed to Ruins

FUKUI, Japan — (P)—Relief supplies poured Wednesday into a 55-mile-long strip of western Japan laid waste by a great earth-

quake that crumpled this city of 80,000 and left in ruins a score or more other towns.
Military government, granting that many bodies may never be found, stuck to an estimate of 3155 dead and 7250 seriously injured throughout the area.
(Occupation headquarters in

Tokyo, however, on the basis of American medical workers' reports from the scene, put the recovered dead at 56, seriously injured at 1800 and slightly injured at 4000. It obviously did not include the 200 children reported by military government officers to

have been crushed to death in a movie theater.
(Kyodo News Agency reported from Fukui that police estimated total casualties would exceed 13,000 — 4070 dead and 8948 injured in Fukui prefecture and 39 dead and 180 injured in Ishikawa prefecture to the north.

Chance Unites Brothers After 31 Years Apart

BLACKSTONE, Va. —(AP)— E. C. O'Neal, a local hardware merchant, made out a receipt to a purchaser.
The man who had made the purchase left the store, but soon came back.
"This name on the receipt," said, "could it be that you are my brother . . . ?"
The stranger identified himself as W. H. O'Neal, of San Francisco, Cal. The brothers had not seen each other since they were children 31 years ago.

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