

### W. C. Fields' Body Subject of Battle

HOLLYWOOD — (U.P.) — The widow and the business manager of the late W. C. Fields, clashed Thursday over whether the comedian's body should be entombed or cremated.

Mrs. Magda Michael, executrix of the estate, filed a superior court petition Wednesday accusing Mrs. Harriet V. Fields of disregarding a provision in his will. She quoted the will as saying: "I direct my executrix to have my body placed in an inexpensive coffin, taken to a cemetery and cremated."

Fields died Christmas Day, 1946. Mrs. Michael said the widow ordered his body placed in a crypt.

Sheep may die from a disease akin to pneumonia if exposed to cloudy or rainy weather for several days after being shorn.



### Queuille Asks Strike Control

PARIS — (U.P.) — Premier Henri Queuille summoned his provincial high command to Paris Thursday for orders on preventing possible labor violence in the strike of 350,000 coal miners.

The provincial high command, made up of "super prefects," is charged with maintaining public order in times of civil strife.

It was ordered to meet with Labor Minister Daniel Mayer.

The walkouts, which were touched off by the strike of Communist-led miners on Monday, have spread to railroads, ports, gas, electricity and water services in France.

Merchant seamen left their ships for 24 hours Thursday to back the Communist General Labor Federation (CGT) demands for wage increases.

The seamen's strike added to the troubles of French industry, which has been paralyzed in the northern coal-mining belt. It also helped undermine the nation's dollar-aided economic recovery.

Strike votes were taken from rail workers in port cities where dock workers are being mobilized for an eventual walkout, perhaps later in the week.

La Coste appealed to the strikers on their "honor as men and Frenchmen" but warned the government "would take all measures necessary" to protect non-striking workers.

Large scale manufacture of grease began in the 1880's.

### Selznick Urges Public to Be Told

HOLLYWOOD — (U.P.) — People think Hollywood is coining a lot more money than it really is, Producer David O. Selznick complained Wednesday night.

"Hollywood newspapermen should form some sort of committee to see that the public is given exact economic information," he told a Screen Publicists Guild banquet. "It's time Hollywood got its guts back."

A movie star rates a \$200,000 salary if he can bring \$5,000,000 into the box office, Selznick said. He predicted salaries will go up instead of down.

"For every \$10,000,000 that goes into the box office, only \$2,000,000 gets back to Hollywood," he declared. "Hollywood is guilty of a lot of waste. I've been guilty of it myself."

### New Rich Farmers Use More Bathtubs

CHICAGO — (U.P.) — Farmers, with their incomes at record high levels, are buying bathtubs like never before, a report to the National Association of Domestic and Farm Pump Manufacturers showed Thursday.

The report said that in 1940 only 10.6 per cent of the nation's farms had bathtubs or showers. Today the percentage is 20.1.

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