

New Protection For Pedestrians

PASADENA, Cal. —(AP)— Soon pedestrians wearing putty suits may bounce off auto bumpers and not even sprout a bruise.

This was indicated by Gabriel M. Giannini, expert on instruments for rockets and supersonic planes, who has just received White Sands, N. M., a movie heliograph. The delicate "suncamera" was recovered undamaged after being shot to an altitude of 100 miles in a V-2 rocket.

Why undamaged? Because, explains Giannini, it was encased in a new shock-ab-

sorbing "putty" made from silicone, a sand derivative. Not only special cameras, but also a variety of recorders are coated with an inch or more of the substance before being shot aloft.

Upon hitting the ground after their long aerial trip, the instruments "hardly feel" the impact. "Bouncing putty," said Giannini, "certainly is proving of value in guided missile research."

"Now what's that about pedestrians?"

The American Indian, whose dogs drew sledges, did not have the crudest wagon or wheelbarrow.

Nobody knows who invented the wheel, yet without it industrial civilization would be impossible.

Traveller Hurt In Bus Crash

WILBUR, Wash. — (AP) — A group of county officials from Utah are recovering from a truck-bus collision which caused serious injuries to one man three miles west of here.

Mark Johnson, 56, Holden, Utah, lost both legs as a result of the accident. One was severed in the accident and the other was amputated when he was taken to a Spokane hospital.

The state patrol said the other passengers and the bus driver, Arthur M. Henninger, 46, Salt Lake City, were only shaken.

Officers reported the bus hit the rear of the truck when the latter

tried to make a left turn on the highway. The truck rolled over three times but the driver, Guy B. Ellsworth, Fruitland, Wash., was not injured seriously, patrolmen said.

Saves Money Slowly

LONDON — (AP) — William George Broderick lived only 12 days with his wife back in 1916. But he waited 33 years before going to court to divorce her on grounds of adultery.

The 57-year-old husband explained he hadn't been able to afford it before.

The superstition that finding a horseshoe and nailing it over the door brings good luck appears to be merely a modification of a belief in early times when horseshoes were rare and were believed to have a protective charm.

Vaughan Says Chief Favors 'Small' Army

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — (AP) — President Truman, according to his military aide, favors a "small well-trained active military force with the difference made up by reserve contingents."

Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan quoted the President at a news conference here Tuesday night to bulwark his own stand. The military aide contended that during times of reduced expenditures emphasis should be put on the reserve program.

The President, said Gen. Vaughan, believes that "you can get more for your defense dollar by training the reserve."

Gen. Vaughan came here to attend the national convention of

the reserve officers association. Other high ranking reserve officers at the news conference questioned Vaughan's use of the word "small" in describing the President's views on the active military force.

"Oh, yes, I've heard him say it several times," Gen. Vaughan said.

The nation now is tooling up for military production, Gen. Vaughan said.

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Inside Job

KOBE, Japan — (AP) — That ticking noise the doctor heard in Yukio Abe's stomach was genuine — it was a gold watch with a chain 12 inches long attached. Police said Abe swallowed it when they arrested him on a train.

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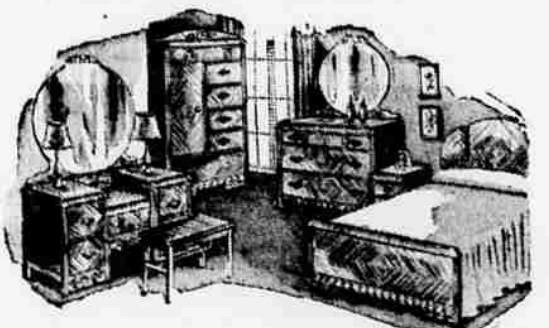
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