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'Lost' Panther Found in Cage

Terrified Citizens Breathe Easier

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The black panther scare was over Thursday and Los Angeles and the 5 other communities in the county were breathing a bit easier—or trying to, at least.

The whole thing was a hoax, whether intended or not. The jungle cat is in the cage of Wayne Roberts, a carnival owner, and has been all the time. Roberts insisted that his report to police last Monday saying the panther was missing was based on an inventory error, and not on a desire for publicity.

CITY IN A TIZZY

But before the "inventory error" was cleared up Wednesday night the phantom panther had this city in quite a tizzy. Mothers were escorting little children to school, women who worked nights were going home in taxis and the police were kept busy answering frantic calls and finding nothing but black dogs or black cats.

"I wasn't trying to perpetrate a hoax," Roberts was quoted by Detectives W. T. Foreman and R. A. Lohman. "This certainly isn't desirable publicity. It could ruin our show."

Roberts explained that some animals had escaped from a truck enroute from Los Angeles to Phoenix and that part of the cargo was the panther's cage. The truck driver discovered several small animals missing, detectives said they were told, and he assumed the panther was missing too, since the cage door was open.

WENT TO POLICE

After the other animals, including a kinkajou, a chimpanzee and some rare pigeons had been found, Roberts said he went to the police "to protect the public."

But all the while the panther, a female, actually was in a traveling cage aboard one of several other trucks bound for Arizona. Police here said the panther is now in Arizona.



WINS FREEDOM: French actress Corinne Calvet appears (above) in Santa Monica, Calif., court to win a divorce. She testified her husband, John Bromfield, objected to her having a child because it would interfere with her screen career. (NEA)

T-H Changes Agreed Upon

WASHINGTON (AP)—A majority of the Senate Labor Committee was reported Thursday to have agreed tentatively on two-thirds of President Eisenhower's Taft-Hartley revision program.

There were indications a bill to revise the labor-management relations law might be ready for Senate debate in two weeks.

Still in major controversy were Eisenhower's hotly contested proposal for government-conducted, secret strike polls of workers; the question where federal law stops and state law starts in labor-management relations; and possible changes in the law's emergency strike section.

Committee Democrats have prepared a number of their own amendments to the law which they reportedly will bring up on the floor of the Senate. Individual Republicans are also likely to seek changes in the committee measure when debate, not anticipated for at least several weeks, gets under way in the Senate.

REGISTER-GUARD WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

'Round the World

Russia, Red China Approve Palace for Geneva Confab

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union has announced its agreement with Western proposals to hold the April 28 Geneva conference on Far Eastern questions in the Palace of Nations and says Communist China, invited to sit in with the Big Four, also approves.

Publishing the Soviet announcement Thursday, the official Communist Party newspaper Pravda accused U. S. Secretary of State Dulles of reaching "groundless conclusions" when he accused Russia and Red China last Tuesday of delaying tactics which might put off the conference.

The Big Four foreign ministers agreed during their recent Berlin talks to sit down with the Peiping Communist regime in the Swiss capital to discuss a Korean peace treaty and a possible end to the war in Indochina. The Palace of Nations where the talks will be held is the old League of Nations building, now used by the United Nations.

The long delay in replying to suggestion by U. S. Ambassador to Moscow Charles E. Bohlen on "housekeeping" arrangements for the talks led Dulles to tell a news conference in Washington that the Geneva meeting might have to be put off because of what he called Soviet and Chinese delaying tactics.

Investigation Opens

NAPLES, Italy (AP)—The U. S. Navy opened an investigation Thursday into the shooting of two carrier-based planes by Czech MIG jet fighters.

Officers said newsmen would not be permitted to interview the pilots until the probe is finished. The Navy craft from the carrier Randolph were taking part in a familiarization flight to Salzburg with 43 other Navy planes last Friday when the two were fired upon by the Czech airplanes.

One plane, piloted by Ens. R.B. Ward was damaged but landed safely in Germany. The other, piloted by Lt. H. C. Patten, was not damaged. Both were propeller-driven planes.

Czechs claimed the Navy craft were flying over Czech uranium mining areas and that the U.S. planes opened fire first.

Survivors Picked Up

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—An amphibious rescue plane landed here Thursday with six survivors and the body of one man killed in bailing out of a crippled C119 Flying Boxcar 100 miles east of Formosa.

The pilot and co-pilot landed the ailing plane safely at Taipei a few minutes later. It had

developed engine trouble en route from Okinawa to Formosa.

Only minutes after they hit the water, the men who parachuted were picked up by an amphibious plane of the Chinese Nationalist Foshing air line.

No names were announced.

12 Planes Downed

TOKYO (AP)—Peiping Radio said Thursday 12 French planes were "destroyed or shot down" at Dien Bien Phu, besieged Indochinese fortress, Monday.

Four planes from Hanoi were shot down by the Vietminh rebels' anti-aircraft fire while they were bombing and strafing positions on the outskirts of the French stronghold, the radio asserted.

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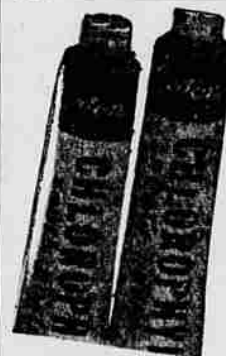
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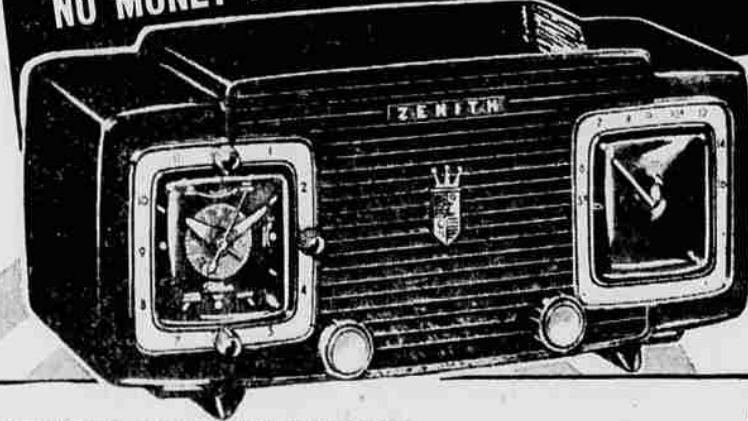
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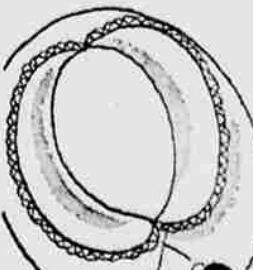


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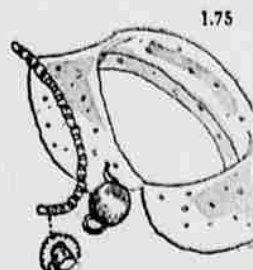
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