

**'Coastal Fortification'**—Score of navy tugs and other vessels heave and haul in vain attempt to free the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri from the mudbank she has been stranded on in Hampton Roads, off Norfolk, Va. The Big Mo will remain a "coastal fortification" until Feb. 2, when the next high tide peak is expected. (Acme Telephoto)

### Kernville Sawmill Operations Resume

Lebanon—New owner of the Kernville sawmill, formerly operated by the Oregon Pulp and Paper company, is the Ingram Lumber company of Lebanon. They began operations last week with a crew of 16 men.

The Ingram concern operates a mill here, a planer at Newport, and plans construction of another on the new docks at Newport, the management announced Monday.

The Kernville mill cut timber for the export trade. Rough lumber will be taken to Newport for reworking and shipment.

A night shift at Kernville is planned shortly.



Bainbridge Colby

### Secretary of State to Wilson Blames FDR, Red Recognition

By EDWARD V. ROBERTS

Washington, Jan. 24 (AP)—Bainbridge Colby, oldest living former secretary of state, believes the late President Roosevelt made one of the most serious mistakes of history in recognizing Russia.

"All our subsequent troubles," he said, "stem from that misguided action on the part of Mr. Roosevelt."

The 81-year-old onetime diplomat, who served as secretary of state for one year under President Wilson, included the present crisis in Asia among the "subsequent troubles" resulting from Soviet recognition.

Colby favored a strong U. S. stand against the maltreatment of Americans abroad, such as

Colby recalled that Russia's first bid for U. S. recognition was rejected during his tenure as secretary of state.

Moscow sent a representative to the United States in 1919 to seek recognition but its request was ignored for more than a year. When the major European powers asked this country for its views on the subject, Colby stated them in full in a note handed the Italian ambassador here on Aug. 10, 1920.

His views, which closely parallel those held by many American leaders today, were that: "It is not possible for the government of the United States to recognize the present rulers of Russia as a government with which the relations common to friendly governments can be maintained."

His note said the red regime "has for its openly avowed aim the promotion of bolshevist revolutions throughout the world."

The Soviet government, he said, was based "upon the negation of every principle of honor and good faith . . . underlying the whole structure of international law."

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### Red Skelton Admits He Doesn't Smoke, Drink, Go to Nighteries

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Jan. 24 (AP)—Memo to the editor: Hey, look, I know it's news when a star gets caught smoking marijuana or battling in a barroom.

But is it news when Red Skelton admits that he doesn't smoke, drink, gamble or frequent night clubs?

The information came out when I asked Red if he attended night clubs.

"Nope, never do," answered the comic. "Except when I'm playing benefits in those places."

"Why not?"

"First of all, because I resent paying \$35 or \$40 for a glass of ginger ale and an inferior sandwich. Second, if you start hanging out in night clubs, the publicity makes it seem like you're an awful drunk. I don't think that's good for a performer, particularly in the small towns. I care a lot what those people think of me."

Not only that, but Red has had only three luncheons at Romanoff's during his 12 years here. He used to go to the Brown Derby after his radio show, but he doesn't even do that now. He can sometimes be seen at a Vine street hot dog stand, munching a weiner.

Skelton added that he seldom attends Hollywood parties, doesn't smoke (although he

chews an unlighted cigar), gamble or drink.

He admitted that he did some guzzling during the war. "But one day after I got back, I was called to substitute for a radio star who couldn't make his broadcast," he recalled. "I suddenly realized what would happen if I couldn't make it to my show some day." So Red hopped on the wagon and has been there ever since.

"I don't care what people say," he declared, "a man is not at his best when he has been drinking. And in my racket you have to be on your toes every minute."

What on earth, you might ask, does the man do for recreation? Well, he has laughs with pals like Gene Fowler. He paints and films home movies. And he writes.

"I figure if I can set something down on paper—maybe only a few lines—that people will remember for years to come, then I will have accomplished something worthwhile."

### This Is Really Confusing—It's Liable to Get Your Goat

Marietta, O., Jan. 24 (AP)—If the old twister on "How old is Anne?" ever got your goat, bear with us a moment on this one:

Seven pure-white Saanen kids were born within an hour's time last week at Gerglhof, the farm home of Marietta college philosophy professor Fritz Marti.

Arrival of the new kids wasn't extraordinary—but their parentage was enough to confuse even the most expert of those fellows who chase down your family tree.

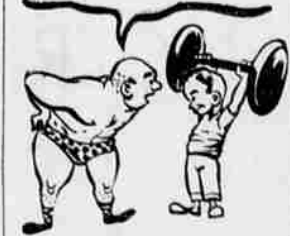
Gsteigeri, a female goat named after a Swiss village near Prof. Marti's native home, gave birth to triplets. A few minutes later, Gstaaderi, named after another Swiss village, mothered twins. Two other mothers, unnamed, bore one kid each.

The father of the triplets, Andon by name, was also the sire of the twins.

That wasn't confusing to the Martis, who keep pretty close track of their goats. But the rest of the story was:

It seems Gsteigeri, the triplet's mother, was also the mother of Gstaaderi, the mother of twins. And Gstaaderi happened to be the mother of Andon, who, remember, fathered both the triplets and the twins.

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