



**Sets New Record** — Paul Mantz, Los Angeles speed pilot, (above) holds up his stop-watch for inspection after piloting his converted Mustang fighter across the continent in 4 hours 52 minutes 58 seconds. Mantz bettered the old mark from Los Angeles to New York for propeller-driven aircraft by 7 minutes and 7 seconds. (Acme Telephoto)

## Income Tax Crackdown

Washington, Jan. 25 (AP)—The treasury department is eyeing even more closely the income tax returns of individuals making between \$7,000 and \$25,000 a year.

It plans to crack down on tax evaders in this group if congress will put up the money for a additional enforcement agents.

The plan turned up in testimony made public yesterday by the house appropriations committee. The committee was told by T. C. Atkeson, assistant internal revenue collector, that the middle-income group makes numerous "errors" in computing tax liability.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder asked for more money for tax law enforcement. "This is the most effective way that I know of to increase the government's revenue under existing tax laws," he said.

George J. Schoeneman, commissioner of revenue, told the committee that tax audits during the fiscal year 1949 brought in \$1,801,679,000 which otherwise might have been missed.

But most of these audits, he said, affected individuals in higher income groups. Only 17.8 percent of the returns on

incomes in the \$7,000 to \$25,000 group and only 3.9 percent of those under \$7,000 are now being so closely checked. The larger the income, the more likely a check-up.

Treasury officials said they have found that 7 out of every 10 returns checked in the upper groups are found to be erroneous, with the errors generally in favor of the taxpayer.

They estimated that the government gleaned \$8.40 for each dollar spent on extra enforcement personnel in the 1949 check.

## Coal Pile Loses Weight to Bin Sleeper's Bucket

Kansas City, Jan. 25 — Kurt Wehrmann couldn't quite figure out why he was using up his coal supply so fast.

He took his puzzle to police yesterday. They found that a man who has been sleeping in Wehrmann's coal bin with his permission, has been carrying away the coal, a pall at a time, over the period of several weeks.

By 1960, women will probably outnumber the American male population by about 700,000, the Twentieth Century Fund predicts.

# Red Fable: Rabbit Defies Killer; Draw Your Own Moral

By TOM WHITNEY  
Moscow, Jan. 25 (AP)—The story is told here—and it is claimed to be a true one—of a two-weeks-old baby rabbit which so disconcerted a fierce sable by offering spirited resistance when the sable came to kill him that the sable has since taken the rabbit in as a room-mate.

The story comes from a Russian fur farm where one of the prize animals is a large male sable named "Red Devil" because of his wildness and ferocity. Like the rest of the weasel-mink-marten family, the valuable pelt-bearing sable is noted for its "killing" instinct.

"Red Devil" was so wild that he refused to come out of his house no matter how hungry he was when humans were near the pen. The only exception he made to this rule was when he was thrown a live rabbit. Then with his appetite and instincts aroused he would come out and kill the rabbit with one swift blow and devour it, snarling ferociously.

Some months ago the sable was thrown a two-weeks old small rabbit, a puny little beast according to the story. The rabbit jumped about the pen unconcernedly while the sable, eyeing him from his house, prepared to strike.

He swiftly attacked. The rabbit saw him coming and stood up on his hind legs and with his paws in front of him as rabbits defend themselves. And he snorted very fiercely and loudly.



Rabbit Defies Sable—Drawing from Moscow's "Ogonek."

The sable was surprised. He stopped with his fangs bared, his hair standing on end, his body taut.

The rabbit unconcernedly turned away to the nearest carrot and started nibbling it as if nothing had happened.

The sable stood still for several minutes, turned from side to side. His hair lay down flat again. He shut his mouth, sniffed about, turned around and climbed into his house.

The caretaker who watched concluded that the sable would come out again and finish off the rabbit.

But when the caretaker went

## Tough Luck Honeymooners Still Plan Trip

Passaic, N.J., Jan. 25 (AP)—Roy P. Glodt of Gettysburg, S.D., and his bride of six days ran into trouble on their honeymoon trip.

Thieves stole \$1,000 worth of clothing from their automobile here. Heading south yesterday, they were in a collision and their car suffered \$200 damages.

Glodt must tarry to appear in court Wednesday on a careless driving charge, but his bride isn't discouraged.

"We still plan to go south," she said. "Things will have to get better. They just can't get any worse."

until the rabbit who by this time had been named "Hero" discovered that the most pleasant place to sleep was the sable's own house. He jumped into it and lay down to sleep next to the sable. The sable was even seen to cuddle up to the rabbit.

Meanwhile, whenever the sable was thrown a new live rabbit, he ate it as before without the slightest hesitation. This did not affect his relations with his rabbit friend, who watched it all without any interest.

This idyll, as described in the magazine "Ogonek," has continued for three months and shows every sign of continuing indefinitely.

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