



King Solomon's Signet Ring — Dean Israel Noe of Memphis, Tenn., holds \$5,000, 18-carat gold ring jeweled ring-creation of what he describes as the "lost signet ring of King Solomon." At right is a closeup of the ring which is about the size of a half dollar. "All the wisdom and knowledge of the world is contained in the symbolism of the ring," Dean Noe says. He presented it to its "worthy wearer"—Rev. Canon Lewis D. Gottschall of Oakland, Calif. He calls the ring a "restoration" of the original which was lost with time. Noe is designer of the ring. (AP Wirephoto.)

Preacher, 48, Enters 16th Day Of Fast Seeking Burden Relief

Birmingham, Ala. (AP)—A 48-year-old preacher entered the 16th day of his fast on fruit juice and water today confident that "the Lord will see me through." "I'm just a child of God," said the Rev. M. J. Rockett. "I'm walking in the light and I expect the Lord to give me exactly what I'm asking—relief from my burdens." The minister, operator of a hardware store and father of eight children ranging in age from two to 17, said he lost 19 pounds from his usual weight of 190 since he began his fast on the morning of Jan. 28. "But I'm strong in my body," he added. "I got out yesterday and dug in the garden. I'm going on with it, the Lord willing." Rockett said he began his fast "to prove my complete faith in the Lord." "The devil did his best to throw me off, but I prayed for guidance and just let his temptation of hunger pass on by." "Some of my friends and neighbors think it's foolish and are trying to get me to stop," he said. "One of them called me up and really 'laid me low' last night. But I don't care what people think, but what the Lord is thinking." Rockett, who ministers to a congregation of 15 souls in the industrial community of Brighton, is a member of the "True Methodist church." He said the sect was formed last July at Jasper, Ala., by a group of lay leaders who felt the parent Methodist church was not "sticking to the line of holiness." Rockett said he began his fast after "the Lord spoke to me." "I was walking to my store that morning, brooding over my financial burden and the feeling that I don't have enough power to carry on my work for the Spirit," he said. "The Lord spoke to me in my heart and told me that relief comes by fasting and praying." "I decided to fast for 21 days, but may run more. I don't know how the Lord will lead me."

True Science in Medics Seen

Portland (AP)—Dr. Linus Pauling thinks science may soon discover that disease—and cure—are a matter of molecules. Pauling, head of the chemistry department at California Institute of Technology, told a Reed college audience here Tuesday that, "as soon as this understanding of the molecular nature of disease and the molecular action of certain drugs is available to him, the research man will be able to tackle disease in a scientific and straightforward manner. Then, we shall have a true science of medicine," he said. Pauling is a native of Portland and a former Oregon State college student.

Architects Assigned to School District Projects

Architectural assignments for a trio of elementary school projects were made Tuesday night by the Salem School District 24 board, which also withheld part of the payments due on two other projects pending satisfactory corrections in construction allegedly completed. The new assignments, all for elementary schools: 1. James L. Payne was named to plan a school for the Rosedale area; 2. William I. Williams was selected to plan a similar school for the South 12th street area; 3. And, Frank H. Struble is to make plans for an addition to the Middle Grove school. Payments voted to be withheld on completed projects: 1. On the West Salem construction — \$1,300 until either correction or a five-year bond is posted to cover outside walls where stucco has cracked over doors and windows. 2. From the new Baker school job—\$3,600 until certain furnace adjustments are made to alleviate a soot problem caused by faulty installation. James L. Payne of Salem was architect for both the West Salem and Baker projects. Authorization for a windbreak brick wall around the Richmond school's play court was made, and the job awarded to the low-bidding firm of Viesko & Post, Salem contractors. They were from \$200 to \$400 lower than the other two bidders. A request from Architect Eunice Brandt to landscape the Baker school grounds was taken under advisement.

Queen Receives Official Party

London (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II conducted her first official ceremony at Buckingham Palace Wednesday, receiving Prime Minister Winston Churchill in a state audience. Accompanied by 20 members of the house of commons Churchill presented an address to the queen and received a formal reply, court attaches said. The texts of their remarks were not announced. Among others from parliament who participated in the brief ceremony were opposition Leader Clement Attlee the former prime minister, and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Kefauver on Illinois Ballot

Chicago (AP)—Sen. Estes Kefauver, bringing his presidential bid into Illinois for the first time, declared today that "the corrupt politician... threatens our democratic system on one front just as the communist threatens it on another front." The Tennessee democrat said in a speech prepared for the Inland Daily Press association that "the corrupt politician is antidemocratic." He said there is "no better way to destroy" the faith of

youth in democracy "than to lead (youth) to believe that ours is a corrupt democracy in which vice is rewarded and virtue is penalized." Kefauver, the only candidate in the April 8 Illinois democratic preferential primary, named no names, nor did he refer to his candidacy. But he devoted much of his address to praise for the "free press" because "you are implacably opposed to political corruption... whether among ward heelers or at high levels in the national government." Soviet Sport—the top sports paper in Russia—Tuesday blamed deceit and bribery of voters for the New York Giant outfielder's loss. It said it was "out of the question" in Ameri-

Negro Laughs At Red Story

East Orange, N. J. (AP)—Soviet comment on his recent election defeat for a place in the New Jersey legislature is "just a big laugh," Negro baseball star Monte Irvin says. Soviet Sport—the top sports paper in Russia—Tuesday blamed deceit and bribery of voters for the New York Giant outfielder's loss. It said it was "out of the question" in Ameri-

ca for a Negro to be elected to an organ of state authority. Irvin said, "Why the man that beat me is a Negro, just like I am. Those Reds just don't make sense." Irvin ran for a place in the assembly on a 12-man democratic ticket which was beaten last November 7 in normally republican Essex county. The winning GOP slate included Edward T. Bower, Sr., also a Negro. Timber Auction March 5 Portland (AP)—The City of Portland will auction off more than 825,000 board feet of timber here March 5, it was announced today.

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