TRIPLE TAKE

OKLAHOMA CITY—The six-year-old triplet daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yeats heard that there were triplet boys born in Oklahoma City and begged their parents to let them visit the boys. The meeting took place last week. Above, Suzette, Paulette and Annette Yeats hold Terry, Mark and David Howard, nine-months-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Howard. The girls decided they'd like to take the boys home. (AP Wirephoto)

Lundeberg Denies He Attended Red Meetings

SEATTLE (AP) — An avowed ex-Communist told a House Red-hunting subcommittee Friday that Harry Lundeberg, president of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, once attended Communist Party meetings. Lundeberg denied it flatly.

The witness who named Lundeberg is Eugene Dennett, Seattle steelworker who says he was a Seattle area functionary of the Communist Party before being expelled in 1947.

Dennett is appearing as a "friendly witness" before the House un-American activities subcommittee, where a parade of witnesses invoked the Fifth Amendment Friday. The inquiry into Communist Party activities in Washington is expected to end late Saturday.

Dennett told the subcommittee headed by Rep. Moulder (D-Mo) that Lundeberg attended "top fraction meetings" of the Communist Party during the 1934-36 period.

Lundeberg, informed of Dennetts' testimony in a long distance call to Washington, D.C., by the Post-Intelligencer, immediately branded Dennett's statement as a "lie by the clock." He added:

"You can tell them (the committee) for me that I never sat in on any fractional meetings of the Commies in the past and I never will in the future.

"Everybody knows how I feel about the Reds. They're all creeps."

Lundeberg is known now as a top foe of maritime Communists.

Dennett, in his testimony, said Lundeberg attended the top fraction meetings during the time of the growth in power of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

Shortly after 1936, Dennett continued, Lundeberg started to attack Communist leaders in the waterfront unions and the party turned on him as a "potential traitor."

Dennett, rattling off names with ease, also named James Engstrom, Bruce Bohannon, Walter Stack and Ernest Fox, as leaders or influential members of the federation. Dennett identified Stack as a one-time leader of marine firemen and Fox as an SUP patrolman and a "right bower for Lundeberg."

Among those who invoked the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination was Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Gustafson, a second-grade teacher at Bremerton.

The refusal to answer came when she was asked if she had been a member of the party in 1940 or 1947. She readily answered "No," however, when asked if she was a Communist now or in 1948 or 1949.

Bremerton's school superintendent, Armin G. Jahr, a spectator at the hearing, said he was going to recommend that the school board meet as quickly as possible to determine what action, if any, should be taken in connection with Mrs. Gustafson.

Among others who invoked the Fifth Amendment Friday were:

Robert Krahl, 30, an unemployed seaman.

Earl George, a warehouseman.

And Harriet Pierce, who told the committee she was employed at the Tacoma Golf and Country Club.

2 Border Shootings Before Commission

JERUSALEM (AP) — Mixed armistice commissions in the troubled Holy Land had two new border shooting cases before them Saturday. Three persons were killed and one wounded in the incidents.

Egypt and Israel both complained to their commission over shooting Friday near the frontier of the Egyptian-held Gaza Strip. An Egyptian spokesman said the victims were two children, a boy aged 12 and a girl 10, who strayed over the border while playing and were machinegunned by an Israeli military patrol.

An Israeli spokesman, however, said the two killed were among a group of infiltrators harvesting in Jewish fields.

What Molotov Did Say About Russia's A-Bombs

By TOM WHITNEY
(AP Foreign Staff)

Exactly what did Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov say about Soviet success with the H-bomb in his recent policy speech?

The Russian leader is frequently quoted as having declared Feb. 8 that the U.S.S.R leads the United States in manufacture of thermonuclear weapons. Apparently this is the impression the Soviet government would like the Western world to have. Since Molotov's statement, certain Soviet commentators have said precisely that. For instance Maj. Gen. F. Issyev, writing in a foreign affairs magazine primarily for circulation outside the Soviet Union, declared his country was well ahead of the United States in production of hydrogen weapons.

A careful examination of Movotov's remark in Russian, as reported in Pravda, indicates his statement can mean a lot or almost nothing, depending how one reads it. An expert American translator, who has done a lot of official translation work, renders the sentence in the Molotov speech this way:

"Things reached such a point that in the production of the hydrogen weapon the Soviet people attained such success that it is not the Soviet Union but the United States which has found itself in the position of being backward."

A translation into English issued by the Soviet delegation to the U. N. reads:

"It has come to a point where the Soviet people have made such progress in the manufacture of hydrogen weapons that it is the United States that is lagging behind and not the Soviet Union."

An American expert on Russian language and grammar commented today:

"It seems to me to be deliberately vague. If Molotov wanted to say the Soviet Union is now at the present time ahead of the United States in its rate of production of H-bombs or in its stock pile of H-bombs, he could have said just that. Instead he used a rather indefinite phraseology."

If Molotov wished to imply that the Russians at this time are stronger in thermonuclear hitting power than the United States, there are authorities to contest the claim. Both President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill have indicated the United States holds a big lead.

Girl Scouts Plenty Able to Care for Selves

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Two little Oklahoma City girls still can't understand why everyone was so worried.

Betty Briggs, 7, and Vickie Mae Smith, 8, went on a cookie-selling expedition for the Girl Scouts Saturday. After they had been gone more than 12 hours, police found them asleep in an old barn.

They said they hadn't been able to find their way home. In true Girl Scout tradition, they had saved one package of cookies to eat, found a mattress in the barn and gone to sleep.

MOLALLA BABY CLINIC

MOLALLA — Mrs. Les Jordan, chairman of the well-baby clinic for VFW auxiliary, reports that 29 babies were examined at the recent clinic by Dr. H. Stolte, county health doctor, and the nurse for this district. Mrs. Wayne Schumacher also assisted at the clinic. The next one is set for Thursday, April 21, in the new grade school building, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

SOLDIER RUNS AMOK

MANILA (AP) — A Filipino soldier ran amok and shot and killed five persons Saturday in the town of Morong, about 20 miles east of here, Philippine News Service reported.

The soldier, identified only as named Bactat, was killed by a hail of bullets from his fellow soldiers.

Special Audience Received by Pope

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Pius XII received in special audience Saturday the 1955 American editors' tour to Europe and the Middle East. The 79-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church received 34 members of the group in the "little throne room" of the Vatican Palace.

Later, responding to cheers of some 10,000 Romans, tourists and pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Pope appeared at his apartment window and gave his blessing.

OPEN ACCOUNT WITH A SMASH!

Brownie Carol Miller winces as her troopmate, Erica Nietfeld "opens" their piggy bank with a hammer. Wincing right along with her is Renita Mock and Elwood L. Hansen, president of Bay View Federal Savings an' Loan Association in San Francisco. The Brownies filled their bank with savings to deposit in Hansen's bank. (UP Telephoto)

Missing 'Copter May Be in East Germany

FULDA, Germany (AP) — U.S. authorities said Saturday there was a "strong possibility" a missing Army helicopter was blown into Communist East Germany.

The two-place helicopter has been missing since Thursday on a short flight near this Hessian town, about 20 miles from the Iron Curtain border. Aboard were an Army pilot and a German civilian.

A 7th Army spokesman said there was a "strong possibility" that strong winds and snow squalls forced the helicopter across the Soviet zone border. He said air and ground search was continuing.

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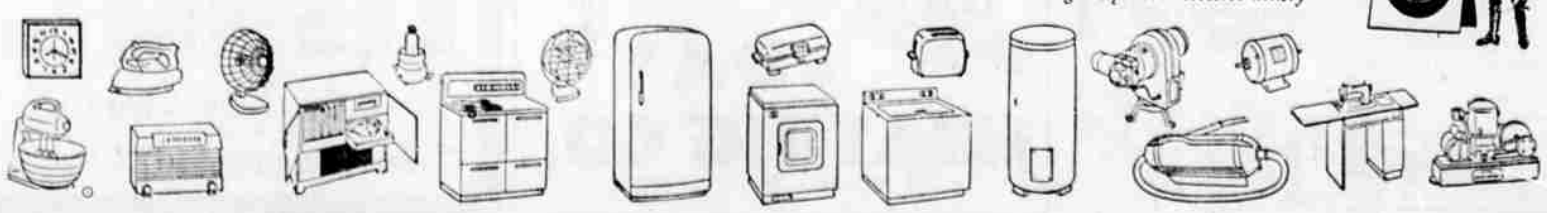

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