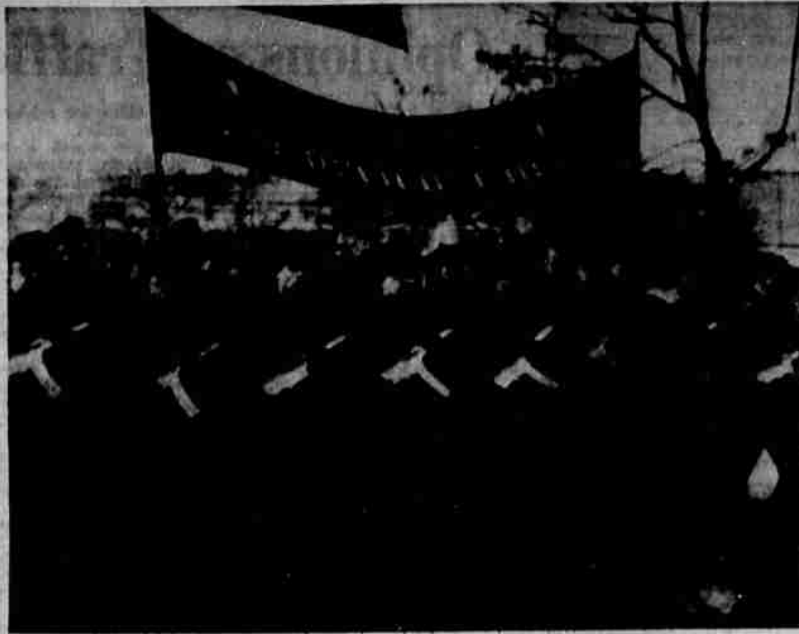


East Germans Display Armed Strength



A unit of East Berlin's Communist party workers' militia marches in four-hour parade in East Berlin, Sunday. Some 15,000 members of the militia carrying submachine guns and carbines took part in parade. East Germany's parliament was asked today to create an armed force of air, sea and land units by Deputy Premier Willi Stoph. A well-drilled barracks police of 110,000 men and militia units such as this one might well form the nucleus for a full-fledged armed force. (AP Photofax)

2 of Most Popular Film Stars Won't Set Bobby Soxers Afire

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Two of the most popular actors in Hollywood these days are fellows who will never set the bobby soxers afire. They are Robert Middleton and Arthur O'Connell, character actors who are working more than most stars. Each hit it big with a showy role during the past year—Middleton in "The Desperate



HOLLYWOOD—Grace Kelly has fun pretending to photograph her co-star in "High Society." Frank Sinatra, between takes yesterday as work on the movie got underway. Actually, the focal length of the lens is too great to permit a picture from that distance. Miss Kelly will finish the movie before her marriage to Prince Rainier III of Monaco. She is wearing the large engagement ring given her by the prince. (AP Photofax)

Interior Aide To Testify in Sarena Probe

Davis to Get Chance To Answer Demos Charges

WASHINGTON (AP)—A top Interior Department official gets his chance next week to answer on the record Democratic charges that the department "gave away" valuable Oregon timber lands under the guise of mining patents. The House-Senate inquiry into department handling of the patents Inc., in the Rogue River National Forest was in recess Friday.

But Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore), acting chairman, announced that Clarence A. Davis, undersecretary of the interior, would be a witness when the hearing resumes next Thursday. It was Davis, then department solicitor, who issued instructions in 1953 for the taking of new assay samples from the 15 disputed Sarena claims in order to settle the company's appeal from the Bureau of Land Management's denial of the patents. Davis approved the patents after the new assay was made.

Democrats have criticized the decision and the instructions, which called for the samples to be taken by the Bureau of Mines and sent to an assay firm "mutually acceptable" to the bureau and the Sarena firm.

When a mining claim is patented the holder gets title to the timber which stands on the land. Sen. Scott (D-NC) maintains the timber was the real objective of the Sarena company all along. He says the firm has cut a lot of timber but has done little mining. Republicans deny the "give-away" charge which they say is Democratic fishing for an issue to use in the coming campaign. They say the department had no alternative under mining laws but to grant the patents if the company showed the land contained enough minerals for profitable mining operations.

The committee recessed Thursday after hearing George B. Holdener, a staff engineer, testify that in his opinion the Sarena properties "could not be operated profitably with values less than \$20 per ton."

Baby Born on Pacific Plane

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A Pan American Airways Clipper turned back from a flight to Honolulu Friday after a passenger gave birth to a daughter, two months premature.

The Clipper, with 55 passengers, was about 200 miles out over the Pacific when Purser Sue M. Sargent rapped on Pilot-Capt. Henry C. Kristofferson's cabin door and announced: "One of the passengers is going to have a baby."

With the aid of another passenger, Mrs. Francis Norton of Honolulu, Mrs. Robert Henderson of Nashville, N.C., gave birth in an upper berth.

Kristofferson returned to San Francisco, where the plane was met by a Pan American physician. He said both mother and baby appeared to be in fine condition. He estimated the baby's weight at 4 pounds.

Mrs. Henderson and the infant were taken to a hospital in Burlingame.

Buddy Esben Reaches Top, But Recalls Rough Period

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—"No matter what the experience is, bless it," Buddy Esben heard that quote on a religious broadcast over his car radio the other day, and he confirms it as his philosophy. Buddy has had plenty of ups and downs in his 27-year show business career, and how he blesses the lessons he learned in his low periods.

He can afford to. His career is at its peak. He became a well-known figure in most American households as Ducky Crockett's sidekick Georgie Russell. He'll soon be seen in another Walt Disney story, "Corky and White Shadow," to be serialized on the Mickey Mouse Club. At present he's doing a dramatic role in a war movie, "Frigate Foo."

Between rehearsals, he recalled days when he wasn't doing as well. "I was out of pictures for five years," said Buddy, who started in films 20 years ago dancing with his sister Vilma. "I was a year in 'Good Night, Ladies,' which set records for long runs in Chicago. Then I was in the service for three years. After that, I toured in the revival of 'Show Boat' for a year."

He came back to Hollywood to try his luck at pictures again. But his agent always met this inquiry from producers: "Why hasn't he

Hours" and O'Connell in "Picnic." They'll be in the running for the supporting Oscar.

The friendly contenders are acting in the same film these days, 20th-Fox's "The Proud Ones." So I dropped out to get a rundown on them.

Middleton is a tall, hulking man of 44, dark, balding and deep-voiced. His size and manner have suited him for heavies, which he has played during 75 per cent of his career.

Like most actors, Middleton has had his struggles, but unlike most of them, he has had an ace in the hole: his family runs a big construction firm in Cincinnati—Frank Messer and Sons, Inc. (His real name is Messer.)

"I started in the construction business when I was old enough to wield a shovel," Middleton said. "But I got the acting disease bad when I was in the first grade. It was during the first World War and I played a wounded soldier in a play."

"I acted all through school and went to New York when I got out in 1932. But there were no jobs for actors then, so I went back home."

He worked in the family business by day and did local theatricals and radio work by night. Finally he tried New York and started cliking in TV and on the stage. After scoring in "Ondine" with Audrey Hepburn, the movie offers came in. He's been working steadily on the sound stages ever since.

Arthur O'Connell is a wry, soft-spoken bachelor of 47 years who claims he never got married because he couldn't afford it.

"I've had leaner days than most anybody you could name," he remarked. "I slept in subways and parks and freight cars. I've worked in soda fountains and lunch counters to earn \$200 so I could start touring the casting offices again."

Born in New York and son of the Murray Hill Hotel head waiter, he became an actor by accident at 21. A girl friend was an actress and he toured the casting offices with her. He was offered a job in a Dorchester, Mass., stock company. After eight years in stock and two in vaudeville, he decided to try Broadway.

He virtually starved for years. One year he did six plays, all of them closing out of town. But the following season came "Picnic." After the film version, he was in. He has done six pictures since and his lean days are over.

Liberia Signs With Russians

MOSCOW (AP)—Liberia and the Soviet Union have agreed to establish diplomatic relations. Foreign Ministry press chief L.F. Ilychev said yesterday the agreement was signed in Liberia and ambassadors would be exchanged as soon as Liberia makes the necessary budget appropriations.

A Soviet delegation went to Liberia several weeks ago to attend the third inauguration of President William V. S. Tubman and was reported to have opened talks on the exchange of envoys.

Ilychev said the agreement includes pledges of nonaggression, equality, noninterference in internal affairs, and mutual respect for sovereignty.

Earlier reports of the Soviets' visit to Liberia said Russia offered economic and technical aid to the West African Negro republic. These accounts said Liberia, which was organized a century ago with American help, probably would approach the Soviet offers with caution, despite a need for foreign aid. Liberia is strongly opposed to communism and permits no Communist organizations within her borders.

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Professor Finds Communism in China Just 'Squalor Sharing'

HONG KONG (AP)—A British professor says the mainland Chinese lead drab lives but seem to have a higher standard of living than in pre-Communist days.

After a three-week tour of the mainland, Prof. E. Stuart Kirby of Hong Kong University says his observations make him agree with Sir Winston Churchill that communism is "an equal sharing of squalor."

He said that although the Chinese Communists tried to impress upon foreign visitors their desire for peace, he had never seen so many soldiers as in Red China. Kirby, a specialist on Asian affairs, made his expenses-paid visit with a group of Hong Kong University professors as guests of the Communist-controlled People's Assn. for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

Apparently a major reason for arranging the tour, Kirby said in a lecture, was to open up tourist trade and show that Communist China is safe, interesting and reasonably comfortable.

He said considerable new building has been completed—in a nondescript, characterless "barracks-like" architecture. Earlier attempts at making buildings more comfortable were abandoned in the name of economy, he reported.

Other Kirby findings: Despite rationing, there appeared to be no food shortages and no signs of malnutrition. Clothing, though rationed and drab, seems sufficient.

There is solid progress in industrialization. New big projects, such as the giant Anshan steel works and the No. 1 machine tool plant at Mukden, were donated by the Russians.

Russian technicians in industry have been withdrawn generally and replaced by Russian-trained Chinese personnel.

Our Emotions Are Usually Not Stable at Age of 18

By DOROTHY DIX
DEAR MISS DIX: Is it possible for a boy to be truly in love with one girl and still date others? I am 17, my boy friend is 18. He attends college in another state but has declared his love for me since last summer. We correspond faithfully; when he came home for Christmas holidays I was the only girl he dated, yet he does go out with other girls on campus. I don't know whether he would do so if I were available and I don't know how serious any of these dates are.

I have no other reason to doubt his sincerity. I am really very fond of him, but don't want to begin building castles in the air only to have them tumble.

ANSWER: The emotions of an 18-year-old boy aren't stable enough to serve as support for your permanent dreaming. If the lad dates others, he may be really and truly in love with you, yet want these campus dates so he can take his part in the social life of college. Again, he may be in love with you at home and feel quite differently when away.

Exactly how he feels is something no one—perhaps not even he—can really tell. For the time being it would be best to accept the friendship on the terms it's presented to you. Demanding promises of fidelity would only scare him away permanently; playing the lovesick heroine would be bad for you.

YOU DATE, TOO
Why not take your cue from him? Date others when social activities require an escort, continue writing, be good company when he's home, but don't exchange promises or vows of undying love. They'd be futile. Wait for these until the lad finishes school. He should know by then which way the wind blows.

DEAR MISS DIX: Several times lately my husband has awakened me during the night by calling "Mary." I've asked him who she is and he claims he knows no one by that name. I hate to think him unfaithful but I have been so worried about this I'm getting sick over it.

ANSWER: Practically everyone knows at least one girl named Mary. In your husband's case it could be someone very remote, perhaps a childhood friend, a relative or even a character in fiction. A name murmured in a dream certainly isn't proof of infidelity. Unless your suspicions are based on something more tangible than that, stop worrying. If necessary, stuff cotton in your ears at night.

DEAR MISS DIX: A friend of ours tags along wherever we go, whether she's wanted or not. She's a childish, touchy person, cries at everything that doesn't please her and runs to her mother with tales of every affront—imaginary, for the most part. If we tell her point-blank she isn't wanted, she tells her mother, who in turn telephones ours. We're 13. She's a nice-looking girl and could improve herself if she tried.

ANSWER: Someone has to cut the apron strings for your friend; why not be the guardian angels yourselves? Draw her into your circle instead of freezing her out. Start a self-improvement session—singed at her, of course, though she should never know it. Discuss frankly your weak points, then come to the spoiled pet. If she joined in the criticizing of the rest she can scarcely renege at this point.

You will accomplish many things by this method. Your own weaknesses will be pointed up for improvement, you'll help a confused child grow up, and you'll acquire a friend.

Write DOROTHY DIX for free leaflet "Jaundiced Souls." In all cases, be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and send request to her, care of this newspaper.

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Farm Co-ops To Take Over Spokane Bank

SPOKANE (AP)—Farmer cooperative associations in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington are buying out the federal government's investment in the Spokane Bank of Cooperatives, it was announced Friday.

A. C. Adams, the bank president, said more than 100 farmers' marketing, purchasing and service co-operatives in the Northwest are stockholder-borrowers in the bank and will eventually take it over.

The Farm Credit Act of 1935 permits them to gradually retire government capital in the bank through investment of their own funds in capital stock and to acquire additional equities through patronage refunds and other allocations from net savings, he said.

"This borrower-ownership program was initiated Jan. 1 and if it goes according to schedule the cooperatives will own this institution lock, stock and barrel in about 10 years," Adams said.

Northwest farm cooperatives have used 273 million dollars of credit from the bank since it opened 22 years ago. Adams said it has an earned surplus of 5 million dollars in addition to its government stock of 7 million and co-operative-owned stock of 1.3 million.

Loan volume reached 25 million dollars in 1955 and outstanding loans totaled about 22½ million last Dec. 31. Adams said losses have been less than one twenty-fifth of one per cent.

Engineers to Repair Levees On Willamette

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army Engineers will repair and restore all flood control works along the Willamette River which were damaged by recent floods. Rep. Norblad (R-Ore) has been informed.

He said this would apply whether the work was a private or federal undertaking.

"The U. S. Army Engineers here have assured me that whatever sum is necessary to replace the damage will be allocated from their emergency funds for this purpose," he said.

Meyer Chain Battles Price Act in Court

PORTLAND (AP)—Another challenge of Oregon's fair trade act was in the courts Friday, this time with the store chain, Fred Meyer, Inc., under temporary injunction to stop selling products of the Sunbeam Corp. under established prices.

Arguments will be heard Wednesday on whether Circuit Judge James R. Bain should make the injunction permanent.

The act has been attacked previously. The late Circuit Judge Lowell Mundorf held the act unconstitutional in one case, and it now is before the state Supreme Court.

The Fred Meyer store chain, fighting the act, issued a statement saying it refuses to sign a "so-called fair trade agreement."

Specialists Can Join Reserves

PORTLAND (AP)—State Selective Service officials Friday announced details of new regulations reducing active-duty military obligations for scientists, engineers and other specialists.

These persons, if they are engaged in essential defense work, will be permitted to enlist in the Army's Ready Reserve for eight years. They will be ordered to active duty for from three to six months and then assigned to a reserve unit without further training.

CHILE VOLCANO ERUPTS
SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Molten lava flowing from Laima volcano's two craters pushed a car into a river Friday. The driver—Israel Valenzuela, 19—was trapped inside and drowned. The volcano, 50 miles from Temuco in the southern province of Cautin, began erupting Wednesday night.

BOOKIE ARRESTED

PORTLAND (AP)—Police arrested Art Erskine, 46, Portland, Thursday night on a charge of bookmaking. Lt. Carl Crisp of the city police accused Erskine of taking bets on basketball games.

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