

# LITTLE GIRL HELD BY KIDNAPER

## \$20,000 RANSOM IS DEMANDED FOR RETURN OF CHILD

### Distraught Father Broadcasts Appeal—Crude Note Left—Contact Agreed

Chicago, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Six-year-old Suzanne Degnan was kidnaped for \$20,000 ransom today and her distraught father broadcast an appeal for the kidnaper to return the child.

"If you have any sympathy or understanding in your heart you will return the child to the family," Degnan said in a statement recorded for broadcast every hour over a radio network.

**Money Promised**  
"Please let me know what I can do, how I can contact you. I'll give you the money. I'll do anything to get my child back. If you harm her God will repay you. Please, please do not harm her."

Suzanne, wearing only a pair of flimsy blue pajamas, was abducted from her bedroom by a kidnaper who left a greedy, pencil-printed note demanding \$20,000 in \$5 bills.

The note lay only a few feet from the bedroom window through which the child apparently was taken away. The kidnaper promised in his note to "get in touch with you later."

Degnan denied reports that he had received a telephone call from the kidnaper about 10 a. m., two and a half hours after he found the child was gone.

**Note Burned**  
Degnan told the United Press that he had carried out the kidnaper's instructions and had burned the ransom note.

"All I want is Suzanne back," he said.  
"I assure the kidnaper I will do nothing to harm him if he will return the girl.  
"I will do whatever they want. There will be no consequences."

"I have carried out the instructions," he said.  
Degnan is district price board executive for the office of price administration. Although he lives in a large first-floor apartment in a fashionable neighborhood, he said he was not wealthy and could not understand why the kidnaper took his little girl.

**Parents Not Wealthy**  
Degnan, who makes \$7,500 annually as his OPA salary, said the kidnap note was printed on a piece of wrapping paper.

"The note said 'get \$20,000 ready,'" Degnan related.  
Then in crude lettering the note added:  
"We will contact you later. Have the money in fives. Burn this note for the safety of the child."

Degnan said he and his wife, Helen, 35, were awakened about 3 a. m. by the barking of two boxer dogs owned by neighbors.

The father said he heard Suzanne mumble, "I don't want to get up—I'm sleepy."  
He said he thought the child was talking in her sleep and the disappearance was not discovered until about 7:30 a. m. when Degnan entered the bedroom to awaken the girl.

**Commotion Heard**  
Ethel Harmon, colored, a maid in the household of A. Louis Flynn, attorney, who occupies the second floor apartment of the two-flat building said she heard dogs barking about 1:30 a. m. She claimed she heard a commotion in the Degnan apartment and heard a child talking.

Flynn's son-in-law, Thomas Keegan, and his wife, Marian, came home shortly after 1 a. m. and parked their car in the garage. They said they heard nor saw anything. Suzanne's bedroom window, in the rear of the house is not visible from the garage or the driveway. The Keegans also heard dogs bark about 1:30 a. m.

The little girl is pretty and has reddish-blond hair. She weighs 74 pounds and is 52 inches tall.

**PAPPY'S WOLF CALL**  
**ROMANCE FIZZLES OUT**  
San Diego, Cal., Jan. 7—(U.P.) Lt. Col. Gregory (Pappy) Boyington's "wolf call" romance with Mrs. Lucy Malcolm has ended, the marine flyer said today, admitting the wedding had been called off.

Boyington gave no reason for the change in plans, except to say:  
"I'm not going to Reno. The wedding is off."

### Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy with rain showers in valleys and snow flurries in mountains tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

Highest Yesterday	45
Lowest this Morning	36
Temp. To 4:30 A. M. Today	47

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Fortieth Year MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1946. NO. 244. United Press—Full Leased Wire

## Strikers Battle at Electric Plant



Non-strikers attempt to crash the picket line at gate to Western Electric plant in Kearny, N. J., becoming involved in battle in which five men were injured. A policeman is caught between two opposing sides of the struggle.

## 37 KILLED AS TORNADES SLASH MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

**By United Press**  
Tornado winds, slashing haphazardly at sparsely populated sections of Mississippi and Arkansas, today brought the toll of week-end storm casualties to at least 37 persons killed and 200 injured.

Towns hit in the two states included Coila, Holly Ridge, Indianola, Sunflower, Rolling Fork, Heathman and Leland, Miss., and Lake Village, Ark. Coila, a village of 105 persons, was demolished. Two persons were killed there, three at Lake Village, two near Sunflower and one near Indianola.

## TRUMAN, SOLONS SEE EYE TO EYE ON SAVING NEED

Washington, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—President Truman and Congress may differ on many domestic issues but they appeared united today on at least one major goal—drastic cuts in government spending.

Mr. Truman, it was learned, has reduced from \$50,000,000,000 to about \$38,000,000,000 his tentative budget for the 1947 fiscal year starting July 1. And he hopes for a balanced budget by the 1948 fiscal year. That hasn't been done in 17 years.

## 85-INCH DELUGE SOAKS SOIL ANEW

Heavy rain falling between 1:30 and 10:30 a. m. today totaled .85 inches according to Robert Church of the weather bureau. Since the soil in this area is completely saturated from preceding heavy rainfall, the additional moisture rapidly filled ditches and small creeks and formed ponds on pastures and in orchards in the lower areas.

No extensive damage had been reported to the county engineer's office or to the county shops but it was believed that roads already in poor condition would suffer from the additional rain. Ditches along Kings' highway were over the banks in a few places this morning.

## Clothing Stores Asked To Favor Returning Vets

Washington, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—The government asked men's clothing stores today to put "For Veterans Only" signs on meat if not all their stocks of hard-to-get apparel.

The civilian production administration, which issued the request, said it was thinking of such garments as suits, overcoats, shirts and heavy underwear.

Omar Ketchum, legislative director for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, noted that there was nothing in the OPA moves to compel merchants to sell to veterans.

## Homesick, Angry GIs Stage Protest March; Told 375,000 Must Stay to Guard Pacific

### MANILA CITY HALL SCENE OF GIANT DEMONSTRATION

Manila, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Lieut. Gen. W. D. Styer told angry G.I.s marching in protest through the Manila streets today that the U. S. army will keep a post-war garrison of 375,000 men in the Pacific to protect American interests.

Zelowski, 46, a thin-lipped dark-haired man with an SS "career" officer, he had been a member of nationalist strong-arm groups and joined the German army in 1924, becoming a Nazi and winning election to the Reichstag in 1932.

### Lincoln Freed Slaves, Who Will Save Us? Reads Placard Carried By Men

Washington, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—Several members of Congress, spurred by the angry protest demonstrations of G.I.s in Manila, today attacked the War department's slowing down of demobilization.

Sen. John L. McClellan, D., Ark., said "the changing of the rules at this stage of demobilization apparently constitutes a breach of faith with veterans."

### 200,000 In Japan

A statement issued by Styer said the Pacific force would include 200,000 in Japan and Korea, and 175,000 in the mid-Pacific and western Pacific zones. Of these, less than 70,000 will be in his command based in the Philippines. The over-all figure includes airforce personnel.

(In Tokyo, Secretary of War Robert Patterson said a minimum figure of 790,000 soldiers for overseas duty will be set for July 1. On Nov. 1, 1940, the total American army strength was \$513,000.)

### Call on General

More than 2,500 men marched four abreast to Styer's headquarters in the morning and sent a five-man delegation in to say they wanted to go home, and quickly.

Late in the afternoon, hundreds of soldiers swarmed to the city hall for another protest session. They arrived by the scores in army trucks.

### FIGHTER CRASHES

Fullerton, Cal., Jan. 7—(U.P.)—A Navy fighter plane crashed and burned on the city's edge today, killing the pilot. Witnesses said the Corsair spun into an orange grove from about 4,000 feet and burst into flame. The pilot was unable to bail out.

### NEW LABOR PARTY TALKED BY CIO TO MAINTAIN GAINS

Shipbuilders Head Says Wage Increase Settlement Made With Union Calls For 15 Cent Hour Boost

By United Press  
Formation of a labor party was suggested today as current labor disputes indicated that more than 1,500,000 workers may join 376,000 already idle unless settlements are reached within a week to 10 days.

### JAIL ESCAPEES STILL MISSING, BREEDLOVE HELD

Sheriff's officers said today no trace had been found of Calvin L. Burtis and Bobby J. Nelson, both 19, who escaped from the county jail here Saturday morning. Roger Chapman, 19, and Edward Mackey, 17, Negroes held for vagrancy, were captured shortly after they made their escape with Burtis and Nelson. The fugitives are under sentence of 18 months in the state penitentiary for auto theft.

### Shidehara Cabinet Groggy, May Ask 'Mac' What To Do

Actually, it was the first real test of whether the Japanese can make any constructive decision for themselves. And it appeared that they are unable to do so.

The latest reports from sources close to the cabinet indicated that Shidehara may leave a sick bed to get a personal interview with MacArthur for some hint or suggestion of what to do.

### German U-Boats Could Stay Days For Seventy Days

Washington, Jan. 7—(U.P.)—A hitherto secret report by German Adm. Karl Doenitz said today that Germany's U-boat fleet included subs capable of ranging 22,000 miles and remaining underwater 70 days.

Doenitz, chief of the German navy during the last war, made the report to allied intelligence officers. Including the great strides made by the Germans, U. S. navy officers state that American submarines can remain submerged one or two days and range 10,000 miles.

### Autos Prowled Saturday Night

Prowling of three cars some time Saturday night or Sunday morning was reported yesterday to city police. Elmer Knips, 242 South Holly street, told police his car had been pilfered and that a bank book and check book were missing. The vehicle was parked in front of the Knips' home, police said.

### PLANNING CREWS BACK ON JOB AT C. POINT MILL

Planning operations at the Southern Oregon Sugar Pine company mill in Central Point resumed this morning after a 15 cent per hour wage increase settlement made with the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, AF of L local 3030, yesterday afternoon. The mill, strike-bound, had been idle since September 24.

### 25 Men On Job

Twenty-five men went back to work at Southern Oregon Sugar Pine company's planing mill, Chauncey Florey, mill owner, stated this morning.

Dry kiln workers will resume their duties tomorrow, he declared. However, because needed repairs remain to be completed, the sawmill will not open until February 1. When it gets under way, the company will be employing about 100 men including loggers.

### Cheney Mill Resumes

Also starting operation in Central Point this morning was the Cheney Oregon Lumber company mill. The mill has been rebuilt since fire destroyed it completely, August 14. Two by four and two by three inch studs in eight foot lengths are manufactured by the concern.

### Phone Strike Near

Meanwhile, the threat of a nationwide telephone threat became more serious as striking Western Electric employees pressed for an immediate sympathy walkout by approximately 250,000 telephone operators and installation workers.

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