

WEATHER
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KIDNAPED GIRL FOUND BY COPS

Los Angeles, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—A gunman kidnaped a pretty student nurse today after knocking out her boyfriend, then raped the girl and turned her loose.
Blonde Carol Ann Cope, 22, and Robert Mueller, 22, were parked in a lonely park's lane area in Highland Park, about six miles from downtown Los Angeles when the kidnaper approached their car.
"He pointed a gun at us and forced us out of the car," Miss Cope told police. "Then he forced us to lie down on the side of the hill."
Twelve stitches were required to close the gash in Mueller's head caused by three blows from the kidnaper's gun. Mueller also was robbed of his wallet containing \$35. Mueller said he first met Miss Cope, of Santa Ana, Cal., at a service dance last January.

The couple had been parked near the base of a hill on which is located the studio and transmitter of radio station KRKD.
As Mueller, a navy veteran from Costa Mesa, Cal., lied on the ground, the man struck him viciously four times over the head. He then ordered the girl to walk with him to his car parked further down the hill.
Just as he forced Miss Cope into the car, Mueller regained consciousness and crawled up the hill to the radio station where

Douk Arsonists Held In Demonstrations

Krestova, B. C., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Rebellious members of the Doukhorob religious sect seething with unrest today after nude arsonists burned five homes despite police reinforcements and the pleas of a bearded Bible student.
Eight of the terroristic-inclined sons of freedom cult of the Doukhobors were arrested last night following the blazes, and police said they would be charged with arson at Nelson, B. C., today.
More than 200 naked men and women put the torch to the homes of three clan members yesterday, then burned the overturned automobile of John Lebedoff, one of their leaders.
The arsonists struck despite a curfew by reinforced British Columbia provincial police and doffed their clothes in riotous demonstrations.

Actor John Agar's Driving Nets Fine

Hollywood, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Actor John Agar, recently divorced by Shirley Temple, has been fined \$200 and given a suspended 30-day jail sentence for reckless driving.
Beverly Hills Justice Court Judge Henry H. Draeger suspended the jail term on condition that the actor not be arrested for reckless or drunk driving in the next year.
Drunk driving charges filed against Agar last February 12 were dismissed because of insufficient evidence. The actor paid \$25 of the fine yesterday and will pay the rest of the money in \$25 monthly installments.

Nationalists Smash Communist Toeholds

Hong Kong, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Nationalist troops have smashed all but one of the three toeholds communist forces established on the northwest coast of Hainan island, nationalist reports of Hoihow said today.
The third and last communist beachhead is near the town of Fushan, 25 miles west of Hoihow, the reports said. Communist troops in that area were reported retreating north toward the coast under heavy nationalist assault.
The tide of battle was turned in the past two days fighting by air, ground and naval reinforcements sent in from Formosa, the Hainan reports said.

Flood Waters Filling Prehistoric Lake

Bismarck, N.D., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—More than 6,000 persons were homeless today as pre-historic Lake Agassiz, dried up since the ice age 20,000 years ago, slowly refilled with snow-flooded waters from the Red river and its tributaries.
The waters were spreading rapidly over vast areas of eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.
The weather bureau predicted still higher temperatures and some rain for today to swell the rushing waters.
President Truman late yesterday allocated \$100,000 from his emergency fund to relieve hardship and suffering in the stricken area. North Dakota Gov. Fred G. Anndahl had appealed for the funds.

Race Information Abets Corruption, Committee Told

Charge Made at Hearing by Senators
Washington, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Senate crime investigators were told today that racing information provided by the Continental Press service leads to "corrupting police departments throughout the country."
That charge was made to a senate commerce subcommittee by Mayor Deleessps S. Morrison of New Orleans and Police Chief William A. Wornton of Los Angeles.

Linked to Killings
They linked the racing news service to the old Capone gang of the prohibition era and to more recent gang killings on the west coast.
Both officials, along with Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles, asked the committee to approve a proposed justice department bill to outlaw the interstate transmission of certain gambling news. The measure would hit Continental, which operates out of headquarters in Cleveland and is owned by one Edward J. McBride, according to Wornton.

President Urges Continuance of Rent Controls

Washington, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—President Truman today urged congress to continue federal rent controls until June 30, 1951, to prevent a wave of exorbitant rent increases.
In a special message to the house and senate, Mr. Truman said the housing shortage is still acute and that abolition of rent controls would mean "serious hardship for millions."
But in extending rent controls, the president said, "we should continue the present policy of granting the landlord all justifiable increases in rent."

Marshall Brought Into McCarthy's Charges

Washington, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) broadened his attack today to include former Secretary George C. Marshall, who, he said, was "completely unfit" for the cabinet post.
McCarthy said "it was a crime... a pathetic thing" to put Marshall in charge of John Stewart Service, Owen Lattimore "and so forth." He suggested that Marshall "boned up" on China by reading the works of Lattimore, the man McCarthy has accused of being a communist and a spy.
Injection of Marshall's name into the current controversy came as a complete surprise. Republicans have grumbled about his ill-fated mission to China, but they have avoided direct criticism of the wartime chief of staff.

Espee Will Remain On Standard Time

San Francisco, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—The Southern Pacific railroad will continue to operate its passenger trains on standard time when daylight saving time becomes effective April 30.
However, the company will schedule many trains operating entirely within California an hour earlier. This means that trains will arrive and depart at the same time as they do under standard time.
These intra-state trains include commuter trains between San Francisco and San Jose, San Francisco and Los Angeles (coast), San Francisco and Sacramento, and most trains on the San Joaquin valley lines.
The changes to be made in intra-state trains include service on the Owl, to afford convenient connections with the Shasta Daylight, the Starlight and the West Coast between Los Angeles and Sacramento.
Northwestern Pacific will schedule the departure of its passenger train between San Rafael and Eureka a half-hour later under daylight saving.

DC-4 Plane To Be at Airport Here Sunday

Heralding the inaugural of United Airlines DC-4 airliner service to Medford on April 30, the air carrier firm will have one of the big planes at the Medford municipal airport on Sunday, April 23, for public inspection.
The three women who suggested Hawthorne park, name chosen after a pool for designating the new city park, will get rides aboard the DC-4 as part recognition for proposing the winning name. They are Mrs. Hazel Burger, Miss Neva Samuels and Mrs. Charles Snedden.

President Will See Show By Latest War Machines

Washington, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Under a leaden sky, President Truman flew south today for a two-day look at some of the nation's latest war machines in action.
The president, with members of his staff, took off at 7:39 a.m. EST from National airport for Ft. Benning, Ga. They flew aboard the president's plane, the Independence.
After a seven-hour visit at one of the army's largest installations, he will fly to Elgin field, and air force base in North Florida where he will devote most of tomorrow to watching the newest planes in action with live ammunition and bombs.
While at Benning and Elgin, Mr. Truman will see ground and air demonstrations staged by the

U.S. NOTE REJECTED

Russia Claims Western Powers Making Military Base Of Trieste

Washington, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—The Soviet Union stepped up its cold war offensive in eastern Europe today by accusing the western powers of turning the free territory of Trieste into a military base.
Officials believe the Russian maneuver is designed to upset the west's effort to settle the Trieste question peacefully.
In an effort to offset the new Russian drive, the state department sought ways of increasing the effectiveness of U. S. propaganda abroad.
There were indications that congress may be asked to boost—and possibly double—the appropriation for the Voice of America. Its chief, Foy Kohler, said the U.S. broadcasts amount to about half the output of radio Moscow at a time when the voice is the most effective means for presenting the American story to the peoples of eastern Europe.
Russia reopened the Trieste dispute last night in notes delivered in Washington, London and

Paris. Its accusations were interpreted as part of a series of Kremlin power plays along the eastern European front of the cold war.
Here is a box score of the Russian offensive so far:
1. The United States was charged with "deliberate international provocation" in sending a bomber over Soviet-occupied Latvia, which opened fire on Soviet fighter planes. (The U. S. position is that the Russians shot down an unarmed American plane over the open Baltic sea.)
2. A campaign to wipe out American influence in eastern Europe which was culminated in the closing of American "libraries" in Czechoslovakia and the ouster of a U.S. embassy attache on "spy" charges.
3. The long-dormant Soviet campaign to gain control of the Dardanelles flared anew as the controlled Moscow press attacked Turkey and demanded revision of the Montreux convention designed to keep Russian warships out of the Mediterranean.

4. Increased pressure on Finland to force her more firmly into the Russian orbit through thinly veiled charges that Finnish-Americans are spying on the Soviet Union.
In its Trieste note, Russia said the situation has become "intolerable" in the Adriatic seaport. It charged that the western powers had violated their obligations under the Italian peace treaty, which set up Trieste as a free territory and provided for appointment of a governor by the U.N. security council.
Russia ignored the fact that the security council never was able to agree on a governor and that the United States, Britain and France proposed in March, 1948, that the territory be returned to Italy.
That proposal still is the official basis of American policy, although U. S. officials now acknowledge that any settlement "must take Yugoslavia's interests into account." This is widely interpreted as the result of better relations with Yugoslavia following Marshal Tito's break with the Kremlin.

RUSSIA DECLINES PLANE PROTEST

London, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Russia today categorically rejected an American protest against a Soviet attack on an American plane and warned that its fighters would descend similarly with any other foreign aircraft flying over Soviet territory.
Radio Moscow said the Soviet reply to an American note of last Tuesday was handed by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky to United States Ambassador Alan G. Kirk at the Kremlin. Kirk said he would forward the note to Washington.
The American note had charged that Soviet fighters shot down an unarmed United States navy privateer carrying a crew of 10 over the open Baltic sea April 8. No wreckage or survivors have been found.
The Soviet reply:
1.—Contended that the plane which its fighters intercepted was not an unarmed privateer, but a B-29 "Flying Fortress" engaged in photographing Soviet Defense installations.
2.—Insisted that the American plane opened fire first after Soviet fighters intercepted it 13 miles inside Soviet territory south of the big Soviet naval base of Leningrad in Latvia.
3.—Said the United States must bear sole responsibility for the incident.
4.—Warned that Russia has no intention of altering its standing instructions to Soviet airmen to fire upon any plane over Soviet territory which resists orders to land.
5.—Rejected American demands that Russia pay indemnity for the loss of the plane and the crew and rebuke Soviet airmen who fired upon it.
The note said Russia did not know whether the American plane was lost.
"But if the American aircraft was indeed lost," the note said, "then the responsibility for its loss lies entirely with those gentlemen who obliged the American aircraft to penetrate Soviet territory and photograph Soviet defense installations, and so urged it to violate international law and the inviolability of the Soviet frontier."
The Soviets insisted that the plane which its fighters intercepted was a B-29 Flying Fortress... carrying American identification marks.
Might Be Mistaken
Actually the B-29 is a Superfortress, somewhat larger than the older B-17 Flying Fortress. The privateer also is a single-tailed, four-engine plane and American airmen said that it might be mistaken at a distance for either a B-29 or a B-17.
However, the United States has insisted throughout that the missing navy privateer was unarmed. It left Wiesbaden at 10:31 a. m. GMT, April 8, on what was described as a routine flight to Copenhagen, Denmark and back. It last radio contact after several hours and never reached Copenhagen.

Rogue River Bond Issue Beaten by Two Vote Margin

Rogue River, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—A proposed \$115,000 school bond issue to provide funds for erection of a six-unit grade school and an addition to the high school here, was voted down at a special election last night by a vote of 158 to 154. Fifty per cent of eligible voters in the district cast their ballots.
School board members met after the election to discuss solutions for the problem of the overcrowded grade school. They asked taxpayers for their suggestions.
A taxpayers' group had met last week to consider a more conservative building program in event the bond issue failed. It was reported at that meeting that an eight-acre tract of land within the city limits was available for about \$4,000.

Additional Signatures Ask Ashland Recall

Two more petitions have been filed with the county clerk here bearing signatures of Ashland residents favoring the recall of Mayor Thomas Williams and Councilman Elmer Sheldon.
The clerk's office has validated 146 signatures on the petition aimed at Williams' job and 147 on the petition against Sheldon. A total of 30 names was stricken as invalid.
Added to the signatures that were filed here on the first recall petitions, the new names make a total of 687 registered voters protesting Williams and 694 opposing Sheldon. The law requires only 493 names on each of the petitions.
As a result of the petitions, the recall measure will be placed on the May 19 primary ballots in Ashland.

Warrant Issued for DeCicco Son's Arrest

Portland, Ore., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Pierce county police in Tacoma, Wash., today notified Multnomah county police here that a warrant charging grand larceny has been issued against Louis William DeCicco, 34, son of Mike DeCicco, prominent Portland tire dealer and treasurer of the Oregon democratic party.
The sheriff's office was advised that bail would be \$5,000 in the event Louis DeCicco is apprehended. DeCicco is charged with taking \$1,007 from a Tacoma business firm April 7. He has not been seen in Tacoma since.

Posthumous Awards To Fliers Approved

Washington, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—The house with an emphatic vote of 330 to 0 approved today posthumous decorations for 10 American fliers who died in the Baltic sea incident.
The house added its approval to the senate-passed resolution after Chairman Carl Vinson of the armed services committee called the incident a "barbarous attack" by Soviet fighters on an unarmed American plane.
The Georgia democrat said the congress should promptly follow up its tribute to the navy fliers by putting up more money for more air power.



P. O. CUTS JOBS—Joseph Dodge scratches his head in bewilderment as he ponders newspaper headline and Postoffice notice on mailbox in San Francisco announcing the extension of clerk-carrier examinations. Confusing, isn't it?

Bell System Resumes Phone Strike Talks

New York, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—The Bell system, rejecting an arbitration award which the union endorsed, resumed its negotiations today with the communications workers of America (CIO) in an effort to head off a nationwide telephone strike.
Western Electric officials and representatives of the CWA's division 6 met at the hotel New Yorker with federal mediation Commissioner T. R. Steutel.
Wage Boost Rejected
J. H. MacKenzie, Western Electric labor relations manager for the installation division, headed the company negotiators.

Transportation Seen As Russian Target

Indianapolis, Ind., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—National American Legion Commander George N. Craig believes any potential Russian atomic attack will be aimed first at the nation's transportation system.
"Transportation is recognized as the first line of defense," he told a dinner meeting last night.

Pendleton Will Be Major Truman Stop

Pendleton, Ore., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—President Truman's major stop in Oregon May 10 en route to Grand Coulee dam will be in Pendleton, it was disclosed today.
A public meeting is scheduled for the city's new Vert memorial auditorium, where Mr. Truman will deliver an address to be broadcast throughout the state.
Station stops along the way have already been announced by the White House for Huntington, Baker and La Grande, all in eastern Oregon. One or more other platform stops may be added later.

Railroads Planning Substitutions for Striking Firemen

Chicago, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Two of the nation's four strike-threatened railroad systems planned today to keep their trains running even if firemen walk off the job.
Spokesmen for the other two systems threatened with a strike next Wednesday refused to comment.
To Use Supervisors
Officials of the Santa Fe said the big western road "definitely" will try to run trains, probably with supervisory personnel taking the place of striking firemen.
Spokesmen for the New York Central and its subsidiaries, the Michigan Central, Ohio Central, and Big Four said they, too, plan to operate despite the strike.
But spokesmen for the Pennsylvania and the Southern refused to say whether they would attempt operations.
The four strike-threatened systems include seven major railroads and many smaller subsidiaries.
The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers set the strike deadline to support demands that the railroads assign an extra fireman to each multiple-unit diesel locomotive.
No further negotiations have been scheduled in the dispute, but officials of the Michigan Central said they were hoping for a settlement before the deadline at 6 a.m. Wednesday. However, they did not elaborate.

Murderer's Appeal Filed With Court

Salem, Ore., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—An appeal on behalf of Morris Leland, sentenced to die in the state prison gas chamber here for the murder of Thelma A. Taylor of Portland, was filed with the Oregon supreme court here today.
The appeal automatically stays the execution, sentence for which was made mandatory when a jury convicted Leland November 9 of beating and stabbing Thelma Taylor to death Aug. 6, 1949.
T. H. Ryan of the Portland law firm of Ryan and Pelay, who defended Leland, has 29 days in which to file his brief. Then the appellant has still another 10 days in which to reply to the state's brief.
Leland was sentenced by Multnomah County Circuit Judge James W. Crawford November 14 to death in the gas chamber at Oregon state prison.

Russia, Red China Sign Trade Agreement

Moscow, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Russia and communist China have signed a new 1950 trade agreement whereby the Soviet will supply equipment and the Chinese raw materials, it was announced today.
The announcement said the agreement was signed by Soviet Minister of Foreign Trade M. A. Menshikov and Chinese communist minister of commerce Yeh Chi Chuang on April 19.
At the same time a protocol was signed calling for Soviet deliveries between 1950 and 1952 of equipment and raw materials promised in a loan agreement signed previously.
The Chinese delegation left for home yesterday. Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and other important Soviet officials saw them off.

SOC Building Contract To Be Let Next Week

Ashland, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Southern Oregon college officials said today that contracts for construction of the proposed new \$350,000 library and classroom building at SOC will be let at a meeting of the state board of higher education in Portland, on Thursday, April 25.
The final budget for the year will be presented at the board's meeting.
Two houses, now owned by the college, will be removed within the next 10 days to make way for immediate construction work on the new building. One is to be torn down and the other moved.

East Coast Shipping Walkout Is Averted

New York, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—A strike that would have tied up shipping on the east and gulf coasts was averted today when the shipowners and union agreed to a contract providing for a closed shop for ship officers.
The agreement between some 40 shipping companies and the Masters, Mates and Pilots of America (AFL) was reached at 9 a. m. after more than 22 hours of continuous negotiations.
The strike had been scheduled for midnight tomorrow.