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Los Angeles—(U.P.)—A "beautiful blonde," hints of \$139,000 in buried treasure, and a former Credit Union official with a "bull by the tail" have absorbed the attention of Los Angeles FBI agents.

The "beautiful blonde" was identified as Dolores Krinski of San Francisco.

The G-men wanted to know whether she had any knowledge of \$27,600 missing from the cash recovered with the arrest of Harry L. Ruppenthal II, a former St. Louis postal employee's Credit Union official.

Ruppenthal was arrested Friday before U. S. Commissioner Howard V. Calverley and held on \$25,000 bail. The bespectacled former secretary-treasurer of the Credit Union was arrested Thursday night by the FBI. When arrested, investigators found \$110,500 in neatly wrapped bills and another \$75,000

in government bonds stuffed in Ruppenthal's suitcase. He allegedly embezzled the funds in St. Louis.

However, St. Louis reports indicated the total cash missing was \$139,000 and mentioned Ruppenthal's friendship with Miss Krinski, who now lives in Belmont, a San Francisco suburb.

Admits Knowing Blonde
"Sure I know her," Ruppenthal said. "She's a beautiful blonde. Used to be a postal clerk in St. Louis until she quit a couple of months ago."

Ruppenthal admitted that he had visited with Miss Krinski

while in San Francisco before he rented a car and drove to Los Angeles, but he denied he had anything to do with her moving to the coast from St. Louis.

"I've taken her to lunch, but anyone who says there was anything between us is crazy. I've got a wonderful wife and three wonderful kids in St. Louis," Ruppenthal said.

Intended To Return Money

Investigators said Ruppenthal insisted that he intended to return the money to the Credit Union. But the money was found wrapped in waterproof coverings and officers found an Army surplus shovel and four empty ammunition cases, indicating he intended to bury it.

"I wasn't going to bury the money—I was going to turn myself in when the FBI got me," Ruppenthal said. "Look—this whole thing was an impulse. I'm not a criminal. I'm a good solid citizen."

"I was sorry the moment after I took it," he said. "But did you ever have a bull by the tail and couldn't let it go?"

Spent No Union Money

The former Credit Union man said he used his own funds to fly to California and had spent none of the Union's money.

"I just did it for spite—to spite the directors and some of the members of the Credit Union board. They were trying to get my job by underhanded methods," Ruppenthal asserted.

Practice Bombs
Dropped in Yard

Seattle—(U.P.)—The Navy explained Saturday that seven 50-pound water-filled practice bombs which narrowly missed a Tacoma home Thursday night were dropped accidentally from a P2V Neptune patrol bomber.

The bombs sank deep into the yard of O. B. Blackburn with a loud "thump." Blackburn was not home at the time, but a neighbor, Lyle Decker, said it was "sheer luck" that his child and the Blackburn youngster were not playing in the yard at the time.

A 13th Naval district officer said the pilot reported on his return to Whidbey Island Naval Air station that his plane had begun to vibrate and he found that the bomb bay doors had come open.

He "activated" the bomb-bay mechanism to close the doors and later it was discovered that the seven practice bombs were missing, the spokesman said.

Suit Charges Plant
Fumes Damage Crops

Portland—(U.P.)—Another suit charging that fumes from the Reynolds Aluminum plant at Troutdale, Ore., have damaged crops and farm animals was filed Friday in federal district court here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt R. Willoughby are asking treble damages of \$30,000 from the Reynolds firm.

At Least Another
Month Necessary
On Dam Hearings

Washington—(U.P.)—Chairman Clair Engle, D-Calif., said Friday his House interior subcommittee cannot complete hearings until May or June on a bill to authorize the controversial Hells Canyon dam on the Oregon-Idaho border.

The subcommittee recessed hearings Thursday after it heard a power adviser to the governors of Idaho and Washington urge that the Hells Canyon plan be dropped.

Hearings Extended
Engle emphasized that the subcommittee already had extended its hearings two days beyond the original schedule. He explained the recess was necessary because other interior subcommittees, with duplicating memberships, have hearings scheduled in the coming weeks.

Witnesses, including T. E. Roach, president of the Idaho Power Co., and Jack C. Stevens, a Portland, Ore., consulting engineer were waiting to testify when the hearings were recessed.

Jordan Opposed
The final witness was Holland Houston, who said he was power adviser to Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington, but had been "loaned" to Gov. Len B. Jordan of Idaho. Jordan told the subcommittee earlier he was opposed to the project.

Houston said a dam at the Kooskia site on the Clearwater river in northern Idaho, plus five small power dams in Hells canyon, would be the most economical development in the area.

Shady Cove Man Flown
To Portland Hospital

Lewis Belvail, 70, Box 238, Shady Cove, was taken to the Veterans Administration hospital in Portland Friday evening by the twin-engine Mercy Flights Cessna air ambulance plane.

Belvail, the 51st patient carried by the non-profit ambulance firm, was transferred from the Community hospital by Pearl ambulance. Miss Virginia Rose was the nurse in attendance.

Al Clevon was pilot on the trip, which started at 5 p.m., and Dr. M.P. Vogel was copilot.

Women's Swim Class
To Be Held at YMCA

A series of women's classes in swimming will start at the Medford YMCA this week, it was announced Saturday.

The first class, for beginners will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, with an advanced class from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. the same evening. An afternoon beginner's class will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday.

Classes will include instruction in backstroke, sidestroke, breaststroke, freestyle, underwater swimming and diving. Dutch Farfan and Donald E. Day will give the instruction.

Classes will be limited to 20, and registrations are now being accepted at the "Y" office.

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