



MEETING IN WHITE HOUSE, French Premier Pierre Mendès-France and President Eisenhower begin conference believed to deal largely towards easing tension between western powers and Russia. From left: President, French Ambassador Henri Bonnet, Mendès-France, Secretary of State Dulles. (International)

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood—(U.P.)—Pier Angeli becomes the year's No. 1 Hollywood bride Wednesday at an elaborate, formal wedding—but today, like any bride-to-be, she sighed girlishly, "I hope it's the right thing!"

Pier and singer Vic Damone will precede that other MGM actress-crooner combination, Debbie and Eddie, with a Catholic church wedding also featuring Gordon MacRae and a 40-voice choir and 700 guests.

"I'm a little nervous," smiled Pier when I caught up with her between fittings on her white chiffon Juliet-style wedding gown in designer Helen Rose's MGM offices.

"Every morning when I get up, I think, oh, I hope it's the right thing." But then the pixieish actress added, "I'm getting married only once. So I want everything in my trousseau from Rome, except for my wedding dress."

The beautiful Italian actress, to the surprise of most of Hollywood and apparently sometimes herself, became engaged to Damone last month. She had been the steady date first of Kirk Douglas, then of English actor

James Dean. Damone was a sometime date of Pier's years ago but more recently he had courted other actresses, including Pier's sister, Marissa Pavan. "Vic used to come over to our house to help us with the dishes," said Pier. "He was a friend of the family."

The actress, still with the same long, brown hair and fresh face she brought to Hollywood three years ago, said she and Damone met briefly in 1951 when he was singing at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York.

Two years ago she was working in Munich and Damone, stationed there in the Army, telephoned her to come hear his show. They dated every night, and "almost got engaged except I was too young and besides, I was returning to Hollywood." After Damone left the Army a year ago and joined Pier's studio, MGM, they dated only occasionally.

Restaurant Proposal

"Finally on Oct. 4 we ran into each other at the studio and went to a nearby restaurant," she said breathlessly. "We put nickels in the jukebox and kept dancing. He said, 'Hey, let's get engaged.'"

"I didn't think he meant it. Next night I saw him at a party and he said he would prove he meant it. He telephoned his parents in New York and then mine."

Damone, armed with a quart of spumoni ice cream, called upon Pier's mother to ask for the daughter's hand in the old world manner.

Pier asked 700 filmtowners to the 11 a. m. double-ring wedding at St. Timothy's Church in nearby Westwood, and 250 to the lunch reception at the Bel-Air hotel. MGM executive Eddie Mannix will give her away. The bridesmaids will include Finnish actress Taina Elg, Elaine and Sandra Damone, Vic's sisters, and Marissa Pavan. Best man will be business manager Bo Ross Jr.

The couple will honeymoon in Las Vegas while Vic sings at the Sands hotel. Then she'll fly to South America for a film. But Pier shrugs off the separation.

"Our each having careers will take adjustment," she said.

Scientists Prove Rats Use Radar To Find Way in Dark

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — A team of psychologists from the University of California reported today they have found the first positive evidence that rats use a type of radar to scurry safely around in the dark.

The scientists have just completed a series of experiments based on earlier research by other doctors which showed that rats, like bats, produce and hear ultrasonic noises far too high for humans to distinguish.

Rats Blinded

In the Berkeley laboratories, blinded rats appeared to produce these high pitched sounds, then picked them up when they bounced off solid objects, thereby revealing clear safe paths to the animals.

The scientists, who will report their findings in the forthcoming issue of a technical journal, are doctors Donald A. Riley, Mark R. Rosenzweig and David Krech.

The doctors forced the rats to run through a maze, rewarding them at the end with food. From time to time, passages in the maze would be blocked off to discover if the rats could remember their way.

The rats sometimes picked the wrong tunnel, but corrected the mistake before hitting their heads against the block in the pathway.

In further tests, the doctors placed the barriers diagonally across the runway instead of flush across. This caused many failures in the animals' detecting apparatus because the sounds were reflected away rather than towards them.

Liquor Outlets Warned On Sales To Minors

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Liquor Commission said today that warnings are being sent out to all alcoholic beverage outlets in the state against sales to minors and urging use of an identification form for protection of licensees.

Commissioners said they expected that use of the "S-10" forms by bartenders would result in fewer sales to persons under 21. The form is a signed statement from customers accompanied by at least two documents of identification.

In a meeting in Portland, the commission also urged against use of the word "lounge" in the trade name of a licensee. Commissioners said about one-third of all outdoor liquor advertising in the state is in violation of commission regulations and warnings were ordered issued to violating firms.

HE USED THEM

Miami — (U.P.)—Detectives had no trouble catching the alleged thief who stole \$428 and two football tickets to the Miami-Alabama game. They found the suspect, Eugene Moore, 31, at the game.

As conclusive proof, the doctors said, they stopped up the rats' ears. Unable to hear, they had a difficult time solving the maze.

In a typical test, the rat often stood at the starting point on its hind legs. It opened its mouth and moved its head from side to side as if scanning the area around it. After a moment's hesitation, it took off aggressively down the pathway to the food box.

Gas Tax Hike Fails To Win Approval

Salem—(U.P.)—A proposal by the State Highway Commission that Oregon's gasoline tax be hiked two cents, to eight cents a gallon, failed to win approval of the Legislature's Interim Highway Committee yesterday.

Committee members said before giving an OK to such an increase they wanted to study President Eisenhower's proposed big multibillion dollar road building program.

State Engineer R. H. Baldock told committee members an increase was needed in order for Oregon to meet its minimum highway needs.

Man Enjoys California, Pays \$10 for Privilege

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.)—The state franchise tax board received a letter and a \$10 check from a Palo Alto man even though he didn't owe any taxes. "I am of the opinion," said the letter from Paul Madsen, "that since it has been a great pleasure to me to live in this state I do owe it something in exchange for its great service to not only me but every one in this state and, to help out in keeping it so. I am enclosing my check for \$10 as my contribution for that end."

DOUBLE DUTY

Scotts Bluff, Neb. — (U.P.)—Firemen sprayed water on a burning coal field as they drove past it Monday on their way to another fire.

Stevenson Hints Possible Retirement

Southern Pines, N.C. — (U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson returned to Chicago after a week's vacation today, leaving behind a hint that he intends to retire soon from public life.

In thanking residents for their hospitality during his rest from the fall political campaign the 1952 Democratic presidential candidate said he did not expect to be an object of public curiosity much longer.

Stevenson did not elaborate on his remark except to add that he had been "among the unemployed too long" and was anxious to get back to his law practice. He has spent a week, mostly devoted to hunting, as

the guest of his sister, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives.



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Multicolor ducks populate this stunning print! Pastel embossed cotton trims the collar, turn-back wing cuffs and pocket flaps. ¾ button front, self belt. 12-20, 14½-24½, 46-52.

Penney's Fashion Floor



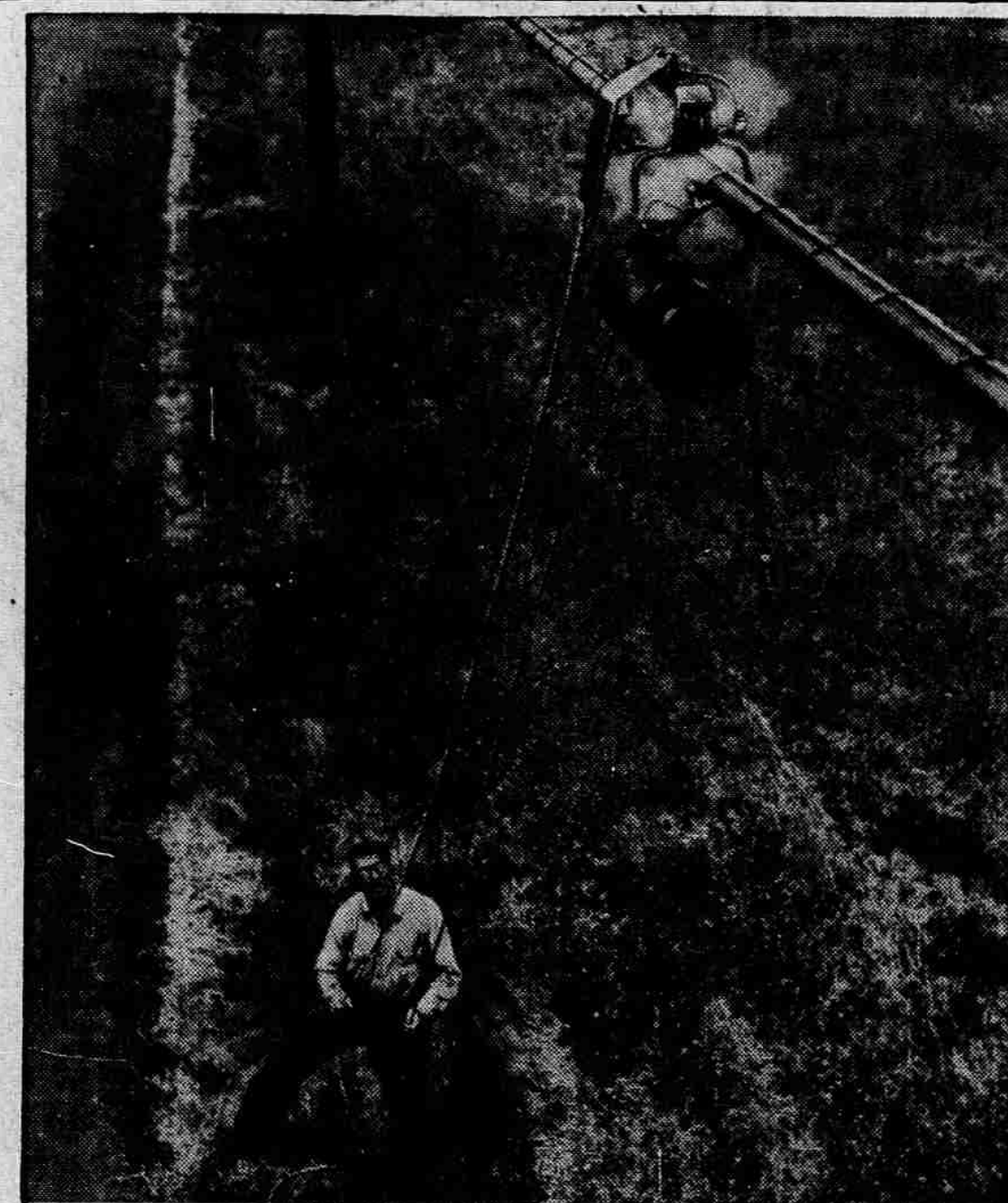
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New sprayer fights cable-boring beetles. Astounding as it may seem, there's a kind of beetle that can eat right through the lead cover of a telephone cable. The beetle's so tiny it's hard to see. But the hole it leaves can let harmful moisture inside a cable. To prevent this, telephone people use a special repellent, which used to be brushed on cables entirely by hand. But the new sprayer—pulled by a man on the ground—puts the repellent on three times faster. By saving valuable time, this cuts the cost of guarding cables. So it's a big help in bringing you good telephone service that's high in value and low in price. Pacific Telephone works to make your telephone a bigger value every day.