

### California Coast Scene of 'Good' Uranium Ore Strike

Santa Margarita, Calif. — (U.P.) Four men reported Saturday they had made a "good" uranium ore strike about 18 miles east of here, the first uranium find in a California coastal area.

Ray Wakefield, a used car dealer of Santa Maria, Calif., said an Atomic Energy commission official in Bakersfield, Calif. said ore taken from 19 claims staked out by him and three others is of "good" quality.

**Keep Work Secret**  
"We have been working on this since July," Wakefield said. "We've kept it secret until now. Already there's a lot of prospectors staking out claims in the area, but so far ore has been taken out only by us."

Others in the strike with Wakefield are his son, Robert, 30, and Bruce McGray, both of Santa Maria, and Robert E. McDonald, of Arroyo Grande, Calif.

The uranium strike is 30 miles inland from the Pacific ocean near Pozo in the old Queen Bee mining area, the elder Wakefield said. Pozo is about 200 miles north of Los Angeles.

**Has Other Claims**  
Wakefield said he had staked out four claims in the recent uranium rush along the Kern river near Bakersfield but the ore found was "not too good."

"The new claim looks fine, though," he said. "The AEC ore analyst at Bakersfield, William Jones, has been real encouraging about them."

The AEC district office in Salt Lake City, however, were unable to confirm Wakefield's strike. It said it had not received any samples of his ore.

**PLEAD INNOCENT**  
Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.)—Four men Friday pleaded innocent, through their attorney, to gambling in local card rooms. Warrants against the four were obtained by John H. Dodge, Battle Ground weekly newspaper publisher, earlier this week. Judge Frank Foley set trial for next Friday at 4 p.m.



**BLASTING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER**, Senator Joseph McCarthy (R), Wis., accuses Executive of congratulating senators who hold up exposure of Communists and of urging tolerance for Chinese Communists who torture American soldiers. Attack occurred during hearing by Senate subcommittee on Communists in defense plants. At left is Sen. Mundt (R), S. D. (International)

### Demand for Wood Products Expected to Go Up 50 Percent During Next 20 Years

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Consumer needs will boost demands of all wood products except lumber more than 50 per cent within the next 20 years, results of a survey showed Saturday.

A. Kenneth Beggs, a Stanford Research Institute expert, told foresters and conservationists Friday that producers of packing forms, wood pulp and furniture could expect a "rosy future."

**Lag Expected**  
But increasing production costs will create a lag in the lumber industry by 1957, he said. Beggs, addressing the final meeting of the 45th conference of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, said a survey by his group for the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, Tacoma, Wash., indicated only a seven per cent increase in the demand for lumber over the next 20 years.

He said this was despite an estimated 1,945,000 new structures in 1975 alone, most of which will use competing building materials.

**Allied Product Demand**  
Beggs said, however, there will be a considerable demand for allied products, and listed an estimated 85 per cent increase

in the need for box and crate type containers, a 400 per cent boost in the use of fibre drums, a 100 per cent increase in household furniture productions, a 70 per cent increase in newsprint and a 100 per cent increase in the demand for wood pulp.

In another address, Marshall N. Dana, executive of the U. S. National Bank of Portland, Ore., praised a new federal law which permits banks to extend credit to small tree farmers on the basis of their timber stands.

**Resolutions Approved**  
The 700 delegates adopted resolutions urging governmental

agencies to build more roads into ready-to-cut timber areas and appraise the effect of flooding private forest lands behind proposed federal dams.

The group also went on record opposing further acquisition of private forest lands by public agencies.

Everitt R. Aston, of Omak, Wash., was elected president of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association for the coming year to succeed John I. Aram.

Walter S. Johnson of San Francisco was elected one of the organization's first vice-presidents.

### Butler Well Ahead of Other Democrats in Criticizing President

Chicago — (U.P.) — National Chairman Paul Butler was well ahead of Democratic congressional leaders Saturday in publicly criticizing President Eisenhower.

**How far congressional leaders go in following or departing from Butler's line will depend on the party positions developed on various parts of the Eisenhower administration program next year.**

**More Selective**  
Democrats in Congress probably will be more selective and cautious than Butler in criticizing the President. But there may be an increasing tendency to identify Mr. Eisenhower personally with those parts of the administration program coming under Democratic fire.

During the first half of his term, Mr. Eisenhower has not been raked by the Democrats because, at least in part, they judge his popularity with the country has been running high.

Butler held his first Washington conference Friday since his election at New Orleans last week to the chairmanship of the Democratic National committee.

**Defends Remarks**  
He opened it with a prepared statement defending and explaining his remark last week that Mr. Eisenhower lacked ability to lead and unite the country.

Butler said he had made no personal attack on Mr. Eisenhower and that he would never "vilify" the President as Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, (R-Wis.), did this week. He added, however, that there is a difference between personal attacks and challenges to Mr. Eisenhower's conduct of national affairs.

"... All the roars of Chairman Hall (Leonard Hall, chairman of the GOP National Committee) and other Republicans will not deter me from calling attention to the failures of the President," Butler said.

Hall responded to Butler's statement by saying:  
"Having never heard of Mr. Butler until recently, I am not acquainted with his qualifications for passing judgment on great men... The American people won't think much of his judgment in these attacks on the President."

### New Ship Launched At San Francisco

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The SS Korean Bear, newest addition to the Pacific Far East Line fleet, was launched here Saturday at an impressive ceremony at the San Francisco Shipyard of Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corporation.

The sponsor of the christening was Mrs. Thor C. Tollefson, wife of the Republican congressman from Tacoma. Tollefson is chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and has been a leader in the fight to develop ship construction and repair in West Coast yards.

**Has Fast Speed**  
The Korean Bear, on completion, will displace 22,500 tons. The Mariner class, of which she is a modified example, comprises the most modern and fastest freighters afloat. They cruise in excess of 20 knots, compared to 10 or 11 for the old Liberty ship.

Her capacity of 350-375 boxcar loads of goods as compared to about 250 for the Liberty.

The Korean Bear will carry 12 passengers on her runs to the Orient. She is expected to go into service in the spring of 1955.

**Symbol of Revival**  
Tollefson expressed the hope that the Korean Bear would be a symbol of strong revival for West Coast maritime activity.

He said that a year ago the outlook for the American merchant marine was not bright, "but the picture has changed somewhat." He pointed out that a partial program of ship construction and repair has been approved by Congress, and bids are presently being received and considered.

### Nurse Abandons Baby, Then Tries To Adopt Own Infant

Libertyville, Ill. — (U.P.) — A married nurse's aide told authorities Saturday she abandoned her newborn baby on the hospital doorstep and then, sick with remorse, tried to "adopt" it.

Mrs. Bessie Marie Vaughan wept as she told her story. A warrant was issued charging her with child abandonment, and she was confined in Lake County General Hospital.

Mrs. Vaughan told Sheriff Stanley Christian and State's Attorney Robert C. Nelson that she delivered the baby girl herself Nov. 30.

She said that she and her husband, Ralph, 49, agreed that they could not afford to keep the child.

So they drove to the Condell Memorial Hospital where Mrs. Vaughan worked, and Vaughan left the baby in a shoe box on the kitchen doorstep.

**Beautiful Baby**  
Authorities said Mrs. Vaughan returned to work two days later. Hospital employees told her about the "beautiful baby," and wondered who would have the heart to abandon it.

Mrs. Vaughan said she went to the nursery to look at the

child, and "made up my mind I had made a mistake."

So she told hospital authorities that she had received a letter from the mother asking her to adopt the infant.

But under questioning by Police Chief Joseph Saam, she broke down and admitted the "letter" was a hoax to get her baby back.

Authorities said her husband is believed to be in Culp, Ill., visiting two children by a previous marriage.

### Deputy Marshals Taken From Civil Service Roll

Washington — (U.P.) — The Washington Post and Times Herald reported Saturday that the Civil Service commission has removed from the merit system the jobs of about 900 deputy U. S. marshals.

The story said the action was taken last month but that no public announcement was made.

The jobs were reported to have been placed in Schedule B, which means the Justice department now can hire people outside the Civil Service system to fill the jobs.

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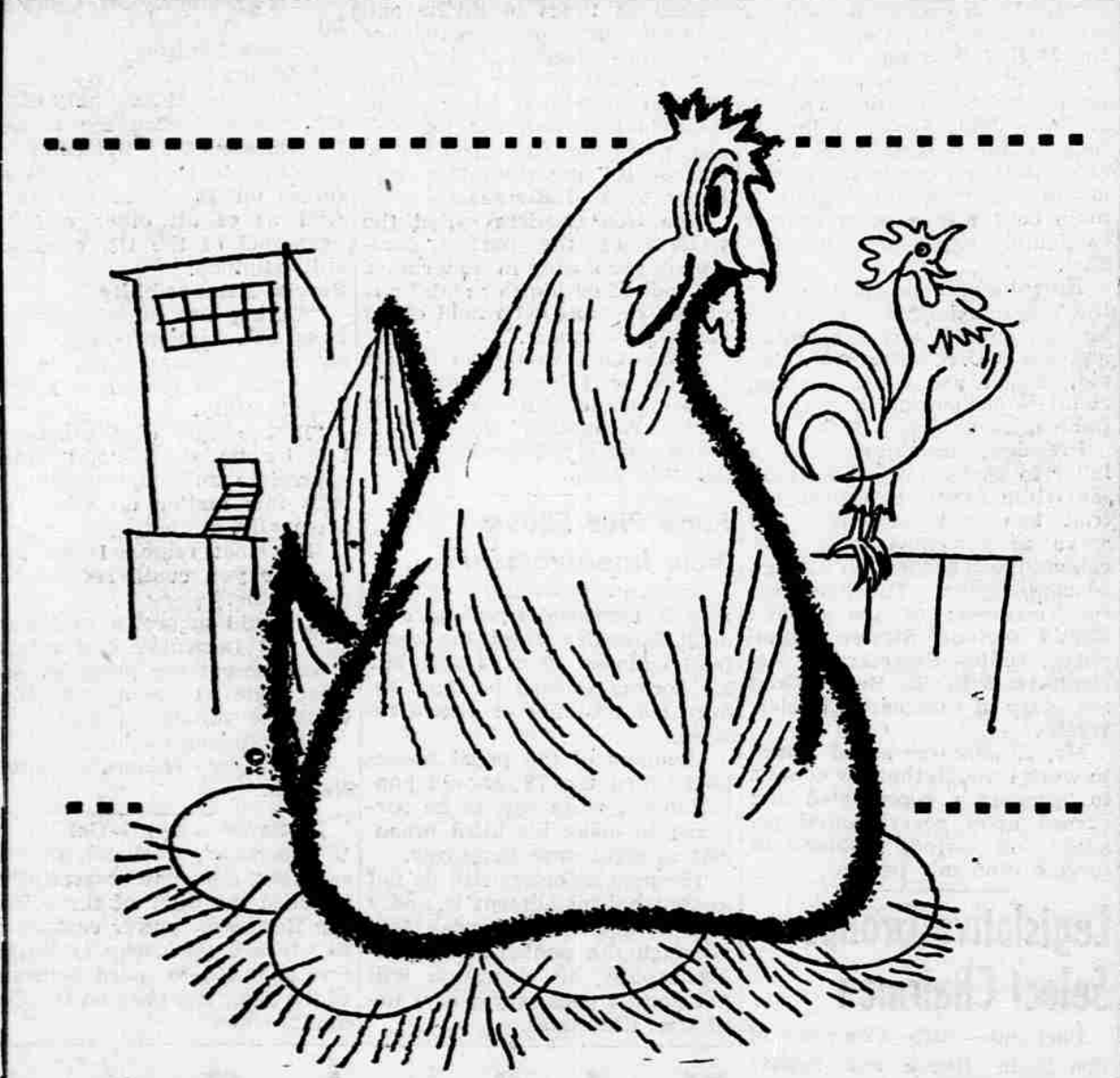
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