



CLIMBS FIRST STAIRS—Mary Kosloski, 5-year-old March of Dimes poster girl shown above with Carl Weis, director of civic affairs for the Moose lodge, left, and Paul P. Schmitz, Moose director general, climbed her first stairs while on a visit to the Children's Cathedral at Moosehart, Ill. Mary, who has been afflicted with polio since she was five months old and learned to walk with the aid of a steel corset, leg braces and crutches, climbed three steps in the House of God, shown in the background, "because she wanted to get a better look at the big pipe organ."

Fewer Workers Strike During 1954

Washington (U.P.)—Fewer workers went on strike in 1954 than in any previous year since World War II.

The Labor Department said the number of strikes this year was estimated at 3450. This was a little more than the 1948 postwar low of 3419.

But in actual numbers of men on strike, and days per man lost from strike idleness, this year brought a postwar low.

The department said strikes beginning this year directly affected about 1,500,000 workers, and caused an estimated 22,000,000 man-days of idleness. This was a drop of about one-third from the number of workers on strike last year and a cut of about one-fifth in the 1953 man-days lost through walkouts.

Gloria Vanderbilt, Stokowski Separate

New York (U.P.)—Heiress Gloria Vanderbilt, 30, has separated from her husband, Leopold Stokowski, 67, internationally known symphonic conductor, the New York Post said today.

She will pursue a stage career, the Post said.

The newspaper said it learned that the green-eyed, chestnut-haired socialite and her two sons, Stan, 4, and Chris, 3, left the 18-room Stokowski duplex last Monday to take up separate residences.

The Post said that Miss Vanderbilt, who now prefers to be known by her maiden name, had felt neglected because her maestro-husband went on tours for months at a time, leaving his young wife in "virtual isolation."

Pope Hopes To Read Message Wednesday

Vatican City (U.P.)—Ailing Pope Pius XII hopes to read his delayed Christmas message in person next Wednesday, Vatican sources said today.

In addition to the traditional appeal for world peace the 4000-word address to Catholics is expected to announce a consistory to name new cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Sacred College has been reduced to 64 members from its full strength of 70 because of deaths this year.

Dr. Antonio Gasbarrini, one of the five specialists treating the Pope, ruled out this morning the possibility of an operation to cure the hernia of the esophagus which caused his near-fatal collapse Dec. 2.

Sheppard Favored By Judge's Ruling

Cleveland (U.P.)—Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin today granted Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard an opportunity to present "newly discovered evidence" that he claims would prove he did not kill his wife.

The motion for a new trial based on such evidence was introduced by attorney William J. Corrigan. Judge Blythin granted a hearing on the motion for Saturday, Jan. 8. He took under advisement two other defense motions for a new trial, one based on 41 alleged judicial errors, the other on newspaper coverage of the case that was "prejudicial" to the defendant.

Dr. Sheppard was allowed to remain at county jail pending outcome of the Jan. 8 hearing.

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27 Organizations Will Be Added To Subversive List

Washington (U.P.)—Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. notified 27 organizations today that he intends to add them to his list of subversive organizations on grounds they are Communist-dominated.

Brownell gave the organizations 10 days to request a hearing at which they would have an opportunity to produce evidence to show why they should not be designated as subversive.

There now are 254 organizations, including the Communist party and the Ku Klux Klan, on the attorney general's list. In addition, Brownell has said he intends to put the National Lawyers Guild on the list. That case is now pending in the courts.

Advice To Lovelorn Writers To Be Probed

London (U.P.)—The Nuffield Foundation granted \$2,100 today for research into what makes people write to advice-for-the-lovelorn columns in the newspapers.

Drs. Cyril Greenland and Alan C. Tait, psychiatrists of Chrichton Royal Hospital at Dumfries, Scotland, and statistician Conrad Leser of the University of Glasgow will spend 18 months studying thousands of letters asking for advice on personal problems.

The foundation, established by car manufacturer Lord Nuffield, said in a report published today that 300,000 persons a year write such letters in Britain alone.

Moral Rearmament Force Pictured

Washington (U.P.)—Moral rearmament was pictured Wednesday night as a force greater than atomic or hydrogen bombs.

The comparison was offered by N. P. Rajabhoj, member of the Indian Parliament, in a speech before nearly 500 delegates from 23 countries attending a World Assembly for Moral Rearmament.

The 10-day international conference turned its attention today to speeches by three former Communists who left the Red movement under the impetus of moral rearmament.

Man Rejoices Over 31st Jail Sentence

London (U.P.)—Harry Marks, 62, was sent to jail for the 31st time today and you can bet he's a happy man.

Charged with stealing \$28, Marks was described to the judge by Detective Inspector John Kirby who said:

"This is a man who likes prison life. He tells me he likes to go to prison because he leads an orderly life there. He is cleaned up and gets companionship."

"He has never committed any serious crime, but he likes to be in prison. He is quite a decent sort of fellow, really."

The judge agreed, banged his gavel and gave Marks 18 months.

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Snowballs Fell Burglar; Shoe Left Behind as Clue

Chicago (U.P.)—Police were looking today for a burglar with one shoe who hates snowballing kids.

The burglar and a fellow looter were fleeing an apartment robbery Wednesday when Mathew Wagner Jr., 9, and his sister, Betty Jane, 11, opened fire with a barrage of snowballs.

They scored three direct hits, knocking the burglar down. He got up and ran away, but left behind one shoe which Mathew's father turned over to police as a clue.

Policeman Finally Traps Fraud Suspect

Ratzenburg, Germany (U.P.)—A policeman clinging to the top of a speeding auto finally arrested a fraud suspect Edward Renkowitz after forcing him to stop the car.

The policeman slid down over the windshield, blocking the fleeing desperado's view.

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Standard Raises Gasoline Prices

Portland (U.P.)—A gasoline price increase of three-tenths of a cent a gallon went into effect at Standard stations in western Oregon and Washington today.

Standard Oil Company of California notified its dealers the new price for ethyl grades would be effective at 8 a.m. today. In Portland, the price increase was expected to be consistent at all Standard stations but spotty at Chevron stations, which Standard supplies. Chevron stations would be at liberty to absorb the increase or pass it on to consumers, according to W. J. Beaton, district retail sales manager for Standard. The increase was mandatory for Standard stations.

Gregory Peck's Wife Gets \$60,000 Yearly

Hollywood (U.P.)—Mrs. Gregory Peck won a divorce and a \$60,000 yearly settlement from her movie star husband after testifying he told her "we would be better friends if we weren't married."

The actor's wife, former actress Greta Konen, was granted an interlocutory decree yesterday, testifying Peck "stayed away from home nights and wouldn't tell me where he had been."

Mrs. Peck was awarded 20 per cent of the first \$100,000 Peck earns annually for the next 10 years, 12 1/2 per cent of the second \$100,000, 10 per cent of the third \$100,000, 7 1/2 per cent of the fourth \$100,000 and five per cent of his earnings until she remarries.

In addition, she won \$250 a month for each of the couple's three children, Jonathan, 10; Stephen, 8, and Carey, 5.

Ex-Idaho Legislator Killed During Dispute

Memphis (U.P.)—Charles N. Dilatush, 90-year-old farmer and former Idaho state legislator, was shot to death last night trying to settle a dispute between a Negro tenant couple, deputies reported.

Officers arrested Negro Frank Smith and his wife, Rosie, after Dilatush was fatally wounded by two shotgun blasts as he was walking toward Smith's house.

Deputies said the Smiths got into a family quarrel and that Rosie went to Dilatush to get him to settle the dispute. Dilatush was shot as he was walking toward the Smith house with the Negro woman.

New Year Reservations Made Well in Advance

Las Vegas, Nev. (U.P.)—The \$7,500,000 Riviera Hotel discloses it has received 250 New Year's Eve reservations.

Only high is the nine-story structure won't be opened until April 8, 1955, and the reservations are for next year.

Klamath Group Urges Delay in Pact With Copco

Sacramento, Calif. (U.P.)—The California Klamath River commission has urged the U. S. Interior Secretary to withhold immediate approval of any power contract on Upper Klamath Lake until it can be included in an interstate stream compact.

The commission said withholding of approval should extend to the proposed renewal or extension of the present California-Oregon Power company contract.

The commission said the framework of a two-state compact is beginning to take form. "It is evident that any decision with regard to the development of additional hydroelectric power on the Klamath river between Keno and Copco lake will be a key consideration in formulation of any such pact," the commission said.

Lack of Control Cited

"Certain provisions in the California-Oregon Power company application, including the lack of proper provision for control of flow on the Upper and Lower Klamath river might restrict or even preclude the economic feasibility of developing those areas," the California commission said.

The six man commission was set up by the state legislature. Its chairman is William G. Hatelstein, Dorris, Calif.

Nautilus Sea Trial Slated in January

Washington (U.P.)—Sea trials of the atomic submarine Nautilus will begin in January, the Navy disclosed today.

The trials of the world's first atomic submarine had been scheduled to begin last October, shortly after the revolutionary new craft was commissioned with much fanfare. But red-faced Navy officials were forced to postpone the trial runs after a dockside explosion disclosed the wrong kind of piping had been used in the steam system.

Workers have spent the past three months in frantic rechecking and replacing of the piping at considerable—but as yet undetermined—cost.

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