



DENYING charges auto industry lacks competition, Harlow H. Curtice, General Motors president, tells Senators fight for new business has never been so aggressive. (International)

Coquille Man Held For Molesting Youngster

Coquille — (U.P.) — A 48-year-old electrician, charged with luring a nine-year-old girl to his home and attacking her as she was returning from Sunday school, was lodged in city jail here today.

The man, James Harrison Tip ton, has been charged with rape and molesting the girl, according to Coquille Police Chief G. W. McMullen.

The first chief of the United States Forest Service was Gifford Pinchot (1905-1910).

European Film Community To Share Stars and Costs

Rome—(U.P.)—Europe's movie-makers are sitting up a united Europe with more movie fans in it than Hollywood could ever hope to find in the United States.

The Project, designed to share film costs as well as stars, is a European film community. It will have a whopping box-office potential of 280,000,000 cinemagoers, more than double the United States potential of 130,000,000.

"The result is going to be more films at a cheaper cost to everyone," said Eitel Monaco, spokesman for Italian producers whose current film output is second only to that of America on the world market.

In a United Press interview, Monaco, chief of the National Association of Motion Picture Producers, Distributors and Laboratory Owners (ANICA), explained the latest move to turn the continent into one big movie-land.

"Our industry," he said, "has found that co-produced pictures pay off. They split investment risk and speed up the pay-back by being released onto more than one market.

European Community

This led, in the past, to Italian co-production pacts with France, Germany, Spain, and Argentina. Now the plan is to bundle up these separate co-production pacts into a European community of producers—a widening of the field everywhere somewhat along the lines of the European

coal and steel pool. "I recently signed an agreement in Paris with the French Producers Association creating a committee to look into this," said Monaco.

The new association, technically known as the Committee of Study and Liaison for a European Film Community, included at first only French and Italian producers.

"But we invited German and Dutch producers to come in with us," said the ANICA chief, adding, "the group is open to everyone."

The 52-year-old industry leader explained the committee currently is working at an industrial level, with inter-governmental talks to come later. As an example of the fruits of co-

production he cited Italian and French producers who, over the past five years, have made jointly 120 films.

"They are favorites in France and include some of the best movies to come out of Europe in these last years," said Monaco, citing "Fan Fan Tulipe" with Gina Lollobrigida and "Theodora, Slave Empress" with Gianna Maria Canale, both successes in the United States.

"There is no reason why a European film community should harm Hollywood," added Monaco, stating that recently in New York he attempted to show American producers it would be to their advantage to sign an accord with Italy for co-production as distinct from

current practice of major studios making 100 per cent American films in Italy.

Monaco then cited figures to demonstrate the growth of Italy's film industry from a 1949 postwar, neo-realistic baby in 1949 into today's big-line challenger for world markets.

Production of feature-length films climbed from a mere 60 in 1949 to 1954's 150. Domestic earnings leaped from \$16,000,000 in 1949 to \$60,000,000 in 1953. Net foreign revenue also rose from \$2,000,000 to today's \$10,000,000.

Over the same period, movie fans grew from 600,000,000 to 800,000,000 in Italy alone. To accommodate them, movie houses also increased from 5,000 in 1938 to 7,000 in 1943 to today's 12,000.

80 Color Films Included

Italy's annual production investment now exceeds \$50,000,000. It includes 80 color films among the 150 feature-length productions, as well as 400 documentaries and short subjects, plus 380 newsreels.

The ANICA chief admits that film-making for a common European market will alter somewhat the character of films. Excessively localized stories, appreciated only in their own country, "will not be encouraged," he said.

"But remember," he added, "a film is essentially a spectacle, not an effete intellectual statement. Its purpose is to entertain in any or all countries."

AFL Sailors Led Out of Joint Group

Washington — (U.P.) — Harry Lundeborg, head of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, today led AFL unions out of a year-old joint AFL-CIO maritime organization and said the organization "ended."

Lundeborg's action split up the conference of American Maritime Unions, which was formed for purposes of cooperating on common problems. The action posed new problems for the overall AFL-CIO merger plans.

Elmo Smith To Address Oregon GOP Group

Portland — (U.P.) — Elmo Smith, president of the Oregon Senate, will address the Multnomah chapter of the Oregon Republican Club Wednesday noon at the Benson hotel. His topic will be "The Oregon Legislature and the 1956 Election."

Lundeborg, West Coast sailors leader, said the break was mainly over his plan to reduce labor costs on bulk cargo American ships in an effort to compete with foreign flag ships.

Joseph Curran, head of the CIO National Maritime Union, representing most East Coast seamen, had called Lundeborg's plan a "sell-out."



UNAWARE OF MEDICAL MARVEL connected with birth, these twins are thriving at Delaware, O., hospital where Deborah Lyn (left), was born 48 days after brother, Douglas, Mrs. Bernard Schnees shows no ill effects of delayed birth. (International)

Nippy Weather Greet's Spring Debut in State

Portland — (U.P.) — Spring, 1955, made its debut in Oregon at 1:36 a.m. today but anyone up at that hour found the weather rather nippy.

It also rained over parts of western Oregon, although the weather bureau said the precipitation would let up by Tuesday.

Coldest spot in the state early today was Lakeview where a low temperature of 17 degrees was recorded. It was 18 at Burns and 19 at Baker. Portland had a low of 39.

Doris Day Given 'Golden Script' Award

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Doris Day today was given the "Golden Script" award by the interstate circuit of theatres for her "consistently outstanding screen portrayals and her subsequent effective box office achievement."

Distributor estimates placed Miss Day's picture gross during the last seven years at \$65,000,000. Robert J. O'Donnell, executive vice-president of the theatre chain, made the presentation.

4-H Club News

Trail Club The Trail Sewing Circle met March 17 at the home of Joey and Jackie Hume. We started pulling threads on our head scarves. Vice-President Willie B. Pointevent conducted the meeting as President Toni Miller was absent.

Jackie Hume, Reporter.

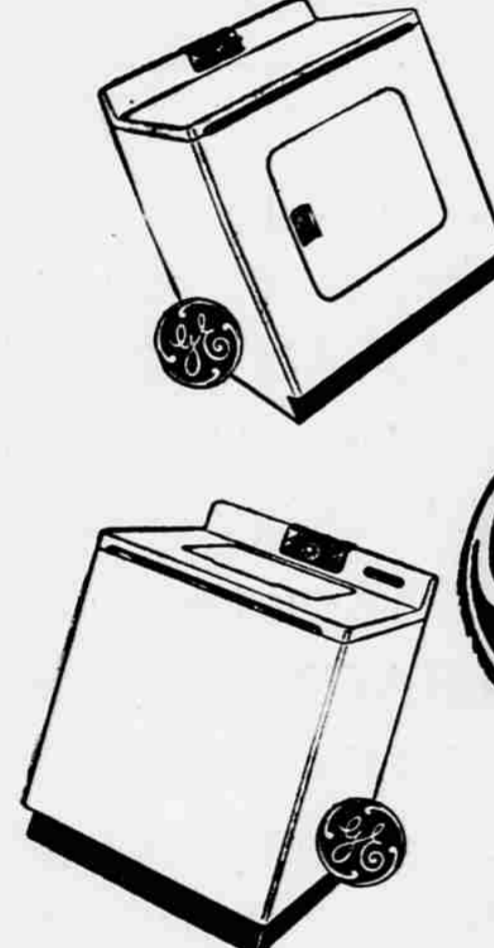
O'Shaughnessy dam, a part of the San Francisco water system located in the high Sierra, stores 117 billion gallons of water in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir.

Advertisement for 'Annoying Noises' and 'Water Master Toilet Tank Ball'. Includes an image of the product and text: 'STOP AND WASTING WATER', 'Get THE Genuine WATER MASTER TOILET TANK BALL', 'INSTANTLY STOPS FLOW AFTER FLUSHING', '75¢ AT HARDWARE STORES'.

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