

Proof That Apes Do Kidnap Women Brought Out of Middle Congo Jungle

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Leopoldville, Belgian Congo — (U.P.) — Out of the dense jungle of the Mayoumba in the Middle Congo came Major Jacques Daguet with what he claims is proof of an old legend—that the great apes sometimes do kidnap native women.

This tale, in one form or another has been a standard fable for sensational magazines and newspapers. Everyone is familiar with the imaginative illustrations, the mighty beast baring his dripping fangs at pursuers while the shapely body of his captive is draped over one of his shoulders.

I always thought it was a bit of early science fiction myself but a few words with Major Daguet almost changed my mind. For Major Daguet is not the man to fool or to be fooled. He is a veteran jungle dweller, a forestry engineer who served with the Free French commandos during the war. And he was deadly serious as I cross-examined him to satisfy myself that he firmly believed in at

least one instance where such an abduction was supposed to have taken place.

The Major's Story

Here is his story as he told it to me on the fringe of this city with the sound of distant native drums drifting eerily across the Congo river in the twilight.

"First you must understand,"

Medford 4-H's Take Awards at Oregon State Fair

Two Medford 4-H's, Susan Wright and Allen Barnes, took championships in judging at the state fair which opened in Salem this week.

Miss Wright won a purple champion's ribbon and a scholarship to the 1956 4-H summer school with her angel food cake in the third year cookery class. She won from over 57 contestants.

A miniature red covered prairie schooner wired as a lamp brought highest honors to Barnes in the woodworking division. The 13-year-old also won a summer school scholarship.

Other local award winners included: Mildred Darras, Central Point, and Susan Wright, Jacksonville, first, angel food cakes; Dorel Daniels, Central Point, blue ribbon, woodworking; Nyla Murray, Medford, and Alice Woolfolk, Eagle Point, red ribbon, and Kathy Zimmerlee, Ashland, white ribbon, ice box cookies.

Ruth Westover, Eagle Point, red ribbon, frozen foods I; Catherine Carroll and Linda Mallory, Eagle Point, white ribbon, frozen foods II; Virginia Martin, Medford, red ribbon, vanilla drop cookies; Sandra Ghelardi and Cheryl Ghelardi, Central Point, red ribbon, baking powder biscuits; Dona Brown, Murphy, Connie Fehike, Ashland, and Terry Gail, Gold Hill, third place in team livestock judging.

Raymond Nauquier, Medford, red ribbon, muffin baking; Joan Dobrot, Central Point, senior blue ribbon, poultry; Sheila Covey, Medford, champion, brown eggs; Carol Ties, Talent, blue ribbon, white eggs.

Carol Brantley, Medford, and Romelle Fossen, Jacksonville, junior blue ribbon, guernsey; Jerry McDonald, Eagle Point, senior blue ribbon, holstein; Laurel Higginbotham, Central Point, senior red ribbon, holstein; Judy Bradshaw, Lake Creek, senior blue ribbon, Jersey; Carolyn Ties, Talent, first place, poultry judging; Joan Dobrot, Bobbie Kuest, and Carolyn Ties, red ribbon team, poultry judging; Jerry Peterson, Jacksonville, red ribbon, electricity II; Valeria Ottomano, Medford, and Frances Huffman, Eagle Point, first place, sewing; Diana Gardner, Eagle Point, red ribbon, bread baking.

he said, "that there is much competition among the male apes for females. When a male catches a female he finds a tall tree which is not close to any other trees and forces her by beating her to climb up to the treetop.

"Now one day several native women from a settlement near Holle were washing laundry in the river when a young male chimpanzee about eight years old suddenly sprang at them. This woman I am telling you about was not alert and the chimpanzee grabbed her by the arms.

"He dragged her along the ground, beating her frequently, until they came to a tree and he tried to force her to climb it. She couldn't climb it so he found another easier tree and helped her up. For several days he kept her there, feeding her bananas and a red fruit like a red onion which is called in French 'faux campari.'

"She was becoming badly hurt by the beatings and she decided to risk her life by trying to escape. When the ape went into the forest one day, she got down from the tree and stumbled toward her village where she was found by her friends.

"She is about 30 and there are certain details of her story which she told to missionaries and the head men as well as myself which it would be impossible for a native to invent. Her body was bruised from head to foot.

"In my opinion, and I've questioned her closely, there is no doubt about her story."

Court Records

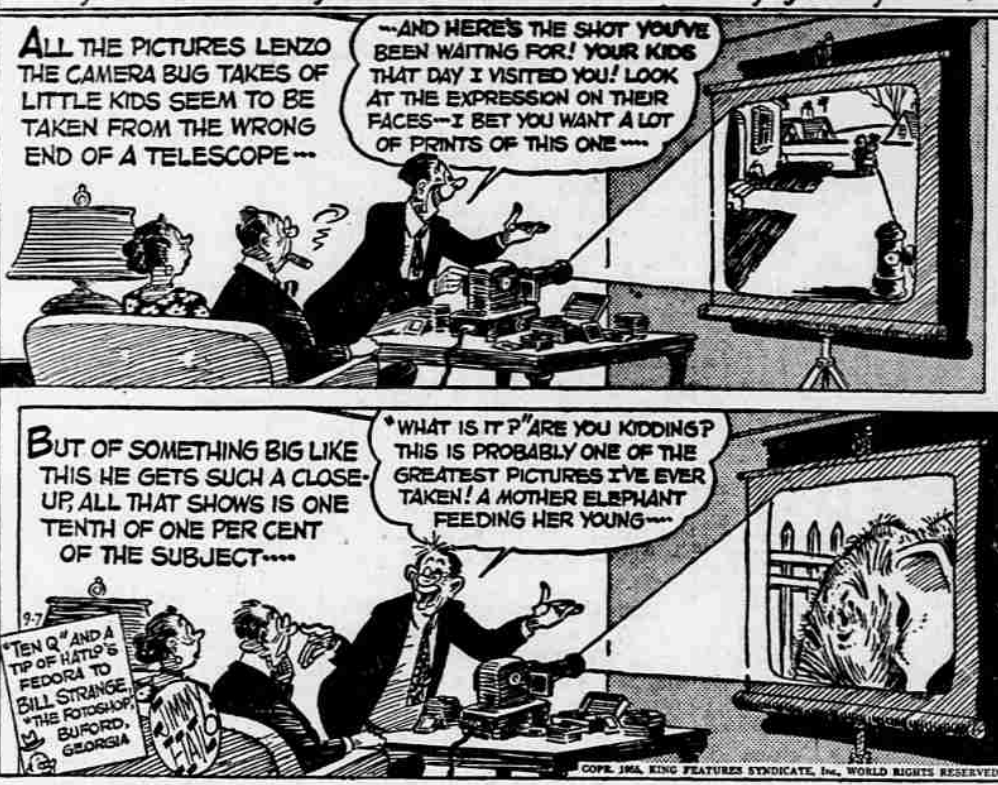
DISTRICT COURT
Lee Price, no operator's license, \$10.
Earl Alvin Bliss, overheight, \$10.
James Edward Eek, overheight, \$10.
William Charles Williams, no operator's license, \$10.
Alfred Holland Map, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

POLICE COURT
Richard Theodore Knutson, reckless driving, \$25.
Earl Harvey Knight Jr., reckless driving, \$25.
Douglas Jerome Thornton, excessive noise (tires), \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Bob Lewis Krous, 21, of 1102 Sweet rd., and Joyce Louise Lewis, 18, of Applegate.
Clair Raymond Schiffman, 20, of Klamath Falls, and Julia Ann Smith, 18, of Ashland.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Some bluish when movietown "characters" make front pages with their antics, but David Niven proposed today that they be given an award.

Community leaders of the cinema city are forever insisting Hollywood is like any small town, and the residents upstanding, ordinary people.

Niven yawns that true-blue persons are "dull." He says "we should all get down on our knees to thank the colorful ones."

Oscars for Oddballs
"Hollywood is a show—so let's give them a show," said the English actor in his clipped accent. "We should thank the people who give this town glamour, and we should give them an award. Those of us who aren't colorful should bless those who are."

Niven dreamed up this Oscar for oddballs, "The Tiger Award," after he read a recent weekly magazine cover story on one of the town's most volatile char-

acter. The initials for his "Tiger" trophy stand for the qualifications: talent ("you must be sure to have that") individuality, guts, eccentricity and realism.

Niven nominations for 1955 Tigers: Marlon Brando, Humphrey Bogart, Sinatra, Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich, Marilyn Monroe, Ava Gardner and Errol Flynn; producers Samuel Goldwyn and Mike Todd; directors John Huston, Otto Preminger and Elia Kazan.

"These young actors!" he groaned. "If they cook their own breakfast, fine, but why be photographed for some fan magazine doing it in an apron? The newcomers should try to be themselves."

In the old days, reflected Niven as he stood on the "Birds and the Bees" set at Paramount, Hollywood had more colorful characters.

"When I came out here we had Robert Benchley, Charlie Butterworth, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Jack Gilbert," he said.

Two Guns and Mink
"Connie Bennett had a great Rolls Royce with a chauffeur who sat outside. Tox Mix had a big white Packard and wore a

ten gallon hat. Dietrich had the longest car ever made, with a chauffeur who wore two guns and a mink collar."

Niven thinks youngsters Jimmy Dean and Eva Marie Saint "may qualify for a Tiger award in a few years—they're shaping up rather well." Niven didn't agree, but I thought he should add Zsa Zsa Gabor and Terry Moore to his list of characters who give the town spice.

"I wish to God I were a character myself," he added. "But I'm not."

Seattle — (U.P.) — Two Seattle girls, Evelyn Bacmon, 15, and Judy Bernstein, 17, who had been reported missing overnight after a boating trip on Puget Sound, were found safe Monday.

Broderick Crawford Named in Wife's Suit

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Academy award-winning actor Broderick Crawford, 49, today faced a separate maintenance suit filed by his wife of nearly 15 years, former New York stage singer Katherine M. Crawford, 38.

Mrs. Crawford, in filing suit in nearby Santa Monica Superior Court yesterday, also obtained a restraining order to prevent her husband from disposing of community assets or from taking the couple's two children, Kim, 8, and Kelly, 4, out of the state.

The actor's wife accused him of conduct in recent years which had rendered their domestic life incompatible.

She seeks custody of the children, a division of community property, their home, a sport car, a boat and cash in banks. She estimated her husband's income at \$175,000 a year.

They married Nov. 20, 1940 in Van Nuys, Calif., and separated yesterday. It was the first marriage for both.

WHO'S GUILTY

Atlanta — (U.P.) — Six persons offered today to replace a \$100 and a \$50 Confederate bill which were stolen from a money display on loan to the public library from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

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