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Marcus Infant Found

Stockton Woman Admits Kidnaping To Satisfy Want

Baby Surrendered To Catholic Priest

Stockton, Calif. — (U.P.) — The frantic search for little Robert Marcus ended early today when a distraught blonde woman who "wanted a baby of my own" surrendered the child to a Catholic priest here.

A few hours later officials confirmed through footprints that the 11-day-old baby was the same one stolen from a hospital crib in San Francisco nine days ago.

The baby's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Sanford Marcus, left here about 8 a.m. to return the child to San Francisco. In another car, police took the self-confessed kidnaper, Mrs. Betty Jean Benedicto, 27, to San Francisco for further questioning.

Said Baby Hers

Mrs. Benedicto, wife of Mark B. Benedicto, 52, editor of a Filipino newspaper here, told authorities she took the baby because "I wanted one of my own." She said she had gained considerable weight recently and told her friends she was pregnant.

A week ago Monday she went to San Francisco, stole the Marcus baby, returned here and told everyone it was hers.

Marcus, 34, San Francisco physician, and his wife drove to Stockton immediately after Mrs. Benedicto called them and said she would leave the baby in a church. The overjoyed parents recognized the baby as theirs but they delayed returning to San Francisco until the footprints could be checked.

Sorry for Kidnaper

Marcus said he and his wife "feel no rancor" toward the Benedicto woman.

"We feel only great pity," he said. "We think she is psychologically disturbed and in need of medical attention. I feel very sorry for the woman. She must know what it is to be a mother."

Marcus examined the baby personally and found it to be in good health. "We are very grateful the woman took such good care of our baby," he said.

Mrs. Benedicto turned the child over to Father Allan McCoy, a Franciscan priest at St. Mary's Church, after an off-duty deputy sheriff became suspicious of her late last night.

The deputy, Osevaldo J. Vannucci, noticed Mrs. Benedicto at the wrestling matches. She was holding an infant in her arms. With her was her husband.

Pair Questioned
Vannucci questioned them both intensively, then left for sheriff's headquarters to tell his story there.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Benedicto telephoned Marcus at his home in Daly City, a suburb of San Francisco, to tell him she had his baby.

"I'm going to take him to a Catholic priest," she said.

Marcus promised her he would take no action against her.

Then she told Father McCoy that she was going to bring him the Marcus child. She arrived at the parish house soon after with the infant in her arms.

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Greyhound May Run Crater Lake Trips

Washington, D.C. — (U.P.) — Pacific Greyhound lines received recommendations from a joint interstate commerce commission board yesterday that they be permitted to operate side trips for tourists into Crater Lake National park.

Board head James E. Singleton said evidence presented indicated that Greyhound's application for a permit to make the trips was in the public convenience and necessity.

The board's recommendation is subject to approval by the full committee.



FLOWERS FOR IKE—Secret Service men step into a special elevator with flowers for the presidential suite on the sixth floor of Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver. Guard standing post at elevator is SP-2 Billy Meredith of Hot Springs, Ark.

BLM Officials Seeking Solution To Smith River Timber Problem

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington—Bureau of Land Management officials are trying to figure out how to supply more mills with salvage timber from the Smith river drainage area where they have concentrated their access road building in recent years.

They are acting at the moment under the observing eye of Congress, as result of complaints received by Oregon's Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger that too much of this timber will go to too few mills.

BLM Administrator Edward Woolzley was called to Capitol Hill last week to a conference with staff attorneys for two congressional committees, Senate Interior and House Government Operations. Both committees have been investigating various incidents of timber sale practices by federal agencies in the Pacific Northwest.

Timber Sale Limited

Pointing out that the sale of timber in the Smith river area of Douglas county is limited by the area marketing agreement, Woolzley was asked to gather data to show the number and location of mills that could benefit by the salvage program.

Morse contended that "under area marketing rules now in effect, this timber may be available to virtually any company, although I understand that when the road was originally programmed the people of the area were assured that market area restrictions would be temporarily waived."

The reference to "one company" was to Long-Bell Lumber Co., which has a plant at Gardiner in northwest Douglas county and owns much of the intermingled private timber holdings through which BLM has been building its access road.

BLM officials told the congressional group they were fearful that any change in the existing marketing agreement would be a "foot-in-the-door" precedent for changing other marketing agreements in the western Oregon O&C timberlands.

Woolzley said the O&C Advisory Board, composed of Oregon citizens, was studying the problem and was expected to make a recommendation to BLM later.

While Morse and Neuberger didn't come out flatly for scrapping the marketing agreement of that area, they indicated they would not be averse to relaxing it under certain conditions.

"If the existence of the Smith river marketing area line hampers harvesting salvage timber, or if it seriously limits competition for federal timber," said Morse, "I shall recommend that the salvage timber be allowed to be moved to any mill that can buy it, without regard for market area boundaries."

"Because of the tight log sup-

ply in nearby districts, a program with a view to broadening access and permitting speedy salvage in the burn area would have widespread benefits," Neuberger said.

Neuberger said he had received complaints from "so-called independent logging operators who are hard pressed by the log shortage."

At Weed, Calif., John Mantle, manager of the Weed division of the Long Bell Lumber Company, said the firm would be forced to close there unless relief was forthcoming soon.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) issued a statement in Washington, D.C., saying he was "fed up" with the annual recurrence of the freight car shortage. He suggested more competition as a solution.

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Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight. Increasing cloudiness Thursday with light rain Thursday night or Friday morning. Low tonight 40. High Friday 68-70.

Highest Yesterday 77

Lowest this Morning 52

Prev. to 4:30 a.m. Today, Trace

Boxcar Shortage Forces Roseburg Plant to Close

Weed Operation Also Threatened

By UNITED PRESS

Another Oregon mill shut down yesterday because of the boxcar shortage but some relief was reported on the way today.

The Round Prairie Lumber Company at Roseburg shut down until some 1,250,000 board feet of lumber stacked in the yard can be moved. At Medford, several mills said production was slowed because of the car shortage.