

Mother of Kidnaper Of Marcus Baby Says Punishment Justified

Mira Loma, Calif.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Ruth Berg, mother of Mrs. Betty Jean Benedicto who kidnaped baby Robert Marcus from a San Francisco hospital, says her daughter should be "punished."

"I think she should be punished for doing such a heartless, cruel thing," Mrs. Berg said. "Any woman who would do such a thing to a mother should be punished."

Mrs. Berg called her daughter "a psychopathic liar." She said she did not believe Mrs. Benedicto was suffering from a frustrated mother complex as she claimed because she "had no normal affection for her own daughter."



Gave Baby Away
 "The courts awarded her the baby and she gave it away," said Mrs. Berg, who is raising seven children by another daughter who died. "I've said for years that she was suffering from a mental condition. She's a psychopathic liar. She doesn't ever tell the truth."

Mrs. Benedicto at first claimed that her first husband was killed in a motorcycle accident. Mrs. Berg said that the first marriage ended in divorce and the husband received the child because Mrs. Benedicto "gave it away."

"Her first husband is a fine man," Mrs. Berg said tearfully. He is happily married again. Their little girl is now 12 years old and he is bringing her up. She's out of the country and I hope and pray that the little girl never knows who her mother is. Betty has brought us nothing but sorrow.

"No, I won't go to her. And I hope she won't bother us any more."

Separation Indicated
 Mrs. Benedicto visited her here about a month ago when she came to pick up some personal possessions, Mrs. Berg said. Her daughter indicated to her that she was separating from her husband, Stockton publisher Marcus Benedicto, Mrs. Berg said.

Mrs. Berg said Mrs. Benedicto called her Tuesday night and said she and her husband "had a chance to adopt a baby."

"I told her to forget about it," Mrs. Berg said. "I told her she wouldn't be able to take care of a puppy."

CONFESSES KIDNAPING—Mrs. Betty Jean Benedicto, 27, wife of Mark B. Benedicto, 52-year-old editor of a Stockton Filipino paper, sits in Stockton, Calif., police station after her arrest for kidnaping tiny baby Robert Marcus Sept. 19 from Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco.

Court Records
POLICE COURT
 Walter Dick Woodcock, violation of basic rule, \$10.
 Stella Bundock, violation of basic rule, \$10.
 Elsie Maude Goodlin, violation of basic rule, \$10.
 Elsie Maude Goodlin, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
 S. Leon Miller, violation of basic rule, \$10.
DISTRICT COURT
 Edward Freeman Hill, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
 Bobby Regan Theford, no operator's license, \$10.
 Jesse Frank Graham, drunk on a public highway, \$15.
 Jerry Victor Bianconi, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
 Floyd M. Yost, overload, \$56.
 Darold Leroy Hargrove, failure to operate on right side of highway, \$15. (bail forfeited).
 Emory D. Mayberry, overload, \$135.
CIRCUIT COURT
 Frances Carroll Smith vs. Max Ronald Smith, divorce complaint.
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
 Arthur Lester Welch, 28, of 400 S.E. "T" st., Grants Pass, and Betty Ellen East, 22, 614 S.E. "M" st., Grants Pass.

Katherine Cornell Undergoes Lung Surgery
 Boston—(U.P.)—Veteran actress Katherine Cornell underwent lung surgery at New England Deaconess Hospital today and her condition was described as "satisfactory."

A hospital spokesman said the operation was performed by Dr. Richard H. Overholt, a thoracic surgeon.

Overholt said Miss Cornell was suffering from bronchiectasis, a small chronic lung abscess.

Bend Man Dies As Fire Damages Home in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—Fred Coffee, 66-year-old Bend resident, died today when fire gutted the interior of a two-story frame house here. One woman also was burned.

Coffee, who retired to Bend a few months ago after selling his oil burner business here, was taken from a second story bedroom of the house and was pronounced dead at Providence hospital.

The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Harris, their two small sons, and Mrs. Nancy Anderson and her baby. Mrs. Anderson, who was employed as a baby sitter, suffered second degree burns on one hand as she carried her child to safety. No one else was reported injured.

Smelled Smoke
 The fire was discovered by Mrs. Harris who smelled smoke when she got up to answer the telephone shortly before 6 a.m. She summoned her husband who tried to locate source of the blaze. Soon flames were shooting toward the roof.

Cause of the blaze was not determined immediately but one officer said it may have started in a first-floor davenport.

Coffee, an old friend of Harris, had come here from Bend yesterday, and the two planned a hunting trip.

SPECIALIST
 Groton, Conn.—(U.P.)—A sheet metal worker at General Dynamics Corp., Alfred von Buehren, has a rather exclusive line of work. He makes lightweight metal casings to keep champagne bottles from hurting anyone when they are smashed against submarine bows at launchings.

MISLEADING NAME
 Haviland, Kan.—(U.P.)—Don't let the name fool you—City Marshal Truman Roosevelt Higgins is a Republican. The Truman is from his grandfather, and the Roosevelt from Teddy.

DuPont Official Speaks at Lions Club Meeting

Americans have become so accustomed to industrial miracles that they are in danger of forgetting what makes them possible, according to Harlan L. P. Wendell, Pacific district manager of the Du Pont company's extension division.

Wendell spoke yesterday at a meeting of the Medford Lions club held in the Jackson hotel.

"The danger today," Wendell said, "is that in taking for granted the progress we have made, we may lose touch with the sources of our national strength and prosperity. If ever we, as a nation, come to believe that our position in the world today is simply an accident of time, climate and national resources, the decline of America will be well advanced. The danger is that we shall forget that progress must be continuously created, and will forget the means by which America does continuously create it."

Wendell pointed out that to maintain and improve the standard of living of a rapidly growing population requires that the productive capacity of the individual be increased, and that this becomes increasingly difficult as the operation of our American economic system is interfered with.

"The productivity of American industry has been multiplied by the magnificent use of technology," he said. "Technology is simply the system, more highly developed in this country than any other, by which business management, supported by the invested money of many people, organizes industrial teams of men and women with skills in the sciences, in plant design and construction, in production, in sales, and human relations. Working together they translate ideas generated in research laboratories into new products or improved manufacturing methods. By this means they create new industries, new jobs, new opportunities for existing businesses, new wealth for everyone."

Arizona Elected By Tax Administrators
 Salem—(U.P.)—William Stanford, Arizona tax commissioner, was elected president of the Western States Association of tax administrators yesterday at the concluding session of the three-day annual conference here.

Stanford succeeds Samuel B. Stewart of the Oregon State Tax Commission.

NATO Forces Said Not Strong Enough To Repulse Attack

Chicago—(U.P.)—Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, supreme Allied commander in Europe, said NATO forces are not yet strong enough to beat back a Russian attack.

But they should be in three or four years, when German forces will have become effective, Gruenther told the closing session of the American Bankers association convention Wednesday.

Gruenther warned that the "effective Soviet smile campaign" is currently melting a "certain fear that acted like a cement" in binding the free world together.

The "smile campaign" does not mean any real change in Russia's ambitions, Gruenther said.

The general said Russia has 175 troop divisions, "the largest land army in the world," as well as 20,000 operational planes and 350 submarines.

In another speech, Clarence Randall charged that some businessmen "sabotage" the free enterprise system.

Randall, board chairman of Inland Steel and a government economic consultant, attacked the "man who makes the discreet telephone calls to a competitor before he puts in the new price."

Such a man, Randall said, "has taken an axe and laid it to the base of the stalwart tree, free enterprise. The power to determine prices will never be allowed to stay long in private hands if he persists in that practice."

Randall wondered whether such men are not greater enemies of free enterprise than Communists. He also attacked the businessman who uses "infinite ingenuity" to "get money out of the government and not get caught at it."

Marie Dionne Back in Convent

Quebec City—(U.P.)—Quintuplet Marie Dionne, who left the cloistered life of a novice nun when the strain made her ill, was back in the quiet of convent life today and planned to remain there for the rest of her life.

Marie, now 21 and one of four survivors of the "famous five" whose sister Emilie died last year, returned secretly to the monastery of La Congregation des Servantes du Tres Saint Sacrement Sept. 12. She originally entered the order Nov. 3, 1953.

A senior nun at the convent disclosed Marie's return Wednesday night. She said the girl who stayed close to home at Callander, Ont., while she was away from the cloistered Roman Catholic order "looked radiant" when her elder sister accompanied her back here.

The nun did not say what influenced Marie's decision to re-

turn to live with other women who devote their lives to worship and are obliged to spend their time at prayer, including an hour's adoration during the night.

"She just came back," the nun said. "She is very happy. Her health is restored and she intends to stay."

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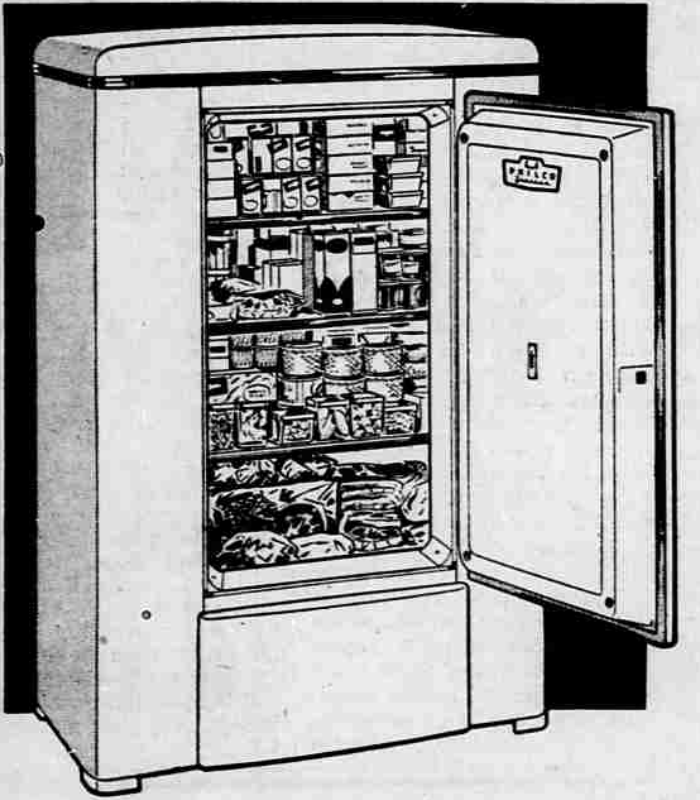
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