

Meal Interrupted; Movie Elephant Goes on Rampage

Hollywood — (U.P.) — "Old Emma," a veteran movie elephant, who injured three persons in a TV sound set rampage because her on-the-job lunch was interrupted, calmed down today.

Old Emma has worked for more than 30 years before movie and TV cameras without ever causing any trouble. But when trainer William Gamble, 27, tried to stop her yesterday as she nibbled at jungle prop plants on the set, the 9000-pound elephant became enraged.

Players Injured
Actors Vito Scotti, 25, and Nino Marcel, 21, riding on Old Emma's back, were hurled to the floor by the infuriated elephant. Old Emma then headed for Gamble. She pinned him against the wall of the sound stage where a scene for "Andy's Gang" was being filmed. Portly Andy Devine, star of the series, left the set only minutes before old Emma threw her fit.

Producer Frank Ferrin, who has made many jungle films, grabbed a bull hook, prodded the elephant and shouted, "Emma, stop." Old Emma stopped. She calmly moved away from Gamble and followed Ferrin through a sound stage door into the alley. Ferrin chained her to a post.

Lunch Resumed
Old Emma was given some hay and resumed her impromptu lunch in the alley. She acted as if nothing had happened. On the sound stage were the wrecked jungle set and three injured men and cowering actors and stagehands.

Scotti and Gamble were hospitalized. Marcel was treated for minor injuries.

Miss Truman Denies Engagement Rumors

New York — (U.P.) — Margaret Truman returned to the United States yesterday from a European tour and laughingly denied renewed rumors that she is engaged.

Asked if a rumor was true that she planned to announce an engagement soon she said: "I'm sorry, but it isn't true."

Miss Truman held a happy reunion with her famous parents when her ship, the United States, docked. Former President Truman skipped his usual morning walk in order to meet his daughter.

Reporters immediately besieged Miss Truman with questions about an engagement ring she was reported wearing.

"A what!" she said. Miss Truman said the rumors apparently stemmed from a sapphire-diamond ring she was wearing in Britain during a press conference.

"I told them it wasn't an engagement ring," she said. "But they printed the story in the British newspapers. They wouldn't believe me. They don't know me like you do."

Four Persons Killed In Washington Traffic

Olympia — (U.P.) — Four persons died in Washington yesterday as a result of traffic accidents, boosting the state's toll to 26 for this month and 353 for the year, the State Patrol reported today.

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Portland Traction Lays Off Mechanics

Portland — (U.P.) — Twenty-three automobile mechanics will be out of jobs next Sunday because of dropping patronage on Portland Traction company buses.

However, traction company president Gordon Steele said five of the men would get jobs as operators. He said 212 vehicles were running daily with fewer riders than a year ago when 237 buses were in use.

Steele said buses were jammed only at rush hours and that passenger loads dropped sharply after 6:30 p.m. and on Sundays.

Medics Optimistic On Ike's Recovery

San Diego — (U.P.) — One of the heart specialists attending President Eisenhower says doctors are "much more optimistic" about the President's recovery than they were two weeks ago.

Col. Thomas W. Mattingly, chief of the cardiology service at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, said the President's morale is excellent and he has not lost any weight during his illness.

"We are much more optimistic about the President's recovery than we were two weeks ago, but it is still too early to

be completely reassuring," Mattingly said.

The Army heart specialist is here to participate in a symposium conducted by the San Diego County Heart Association.

Mattingly said the President is a good patient who follows doctors' orders "to the letter." Mattingly examined Mr. Eisenhower twice before his attack this year and said there was no hint of any heart trouble.

"That's one of the big problems in heart research," he said. "It is impossible in many instances to anticipate a coronary attack."

Largest P-I Show To Open Saturday

Portland — (U.P.) — The largest livestock show in the 45-year history of the Pacific International Livestock exposition will open here Saturday.

PI Manager Walter Hoyt said that extra stalls were being set up to take care of the rash of entries.

More than 2500 head of livestock from 12 states and two Canadian provinces will compete in the open class show starting Monday. Future Farmers of America have entered an additional 500 animals.



CONFIRMING Adolf Hitler's death, Hans Bauer, Nazi dictator's pilot, home from Russian captivity, says he saw body after suicide in Berlin bunker. (International)

Fort Stevens May Be National Shrine

Astoria — (U.P.) — Plans by town councilmen of Hammond near here to make historic Fort Stevens into a national shrine and cemetery were revealed today.

The small town took over care for the property some years ago but maintenance cost of about \$1000 a year proved to be too steep.

Now the town either wants to keep the property and throw it open to burial of veterans or turn it back to the government

as a national cemetery for veteran burials.

Mayor Robert Fox said he was waiting a report by the Secretary of the Army regarding action by the government in the matter.

PIRATES GET BROWN
Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The Pittsburgh Pirates acquired right-hander Jackie Brown from their New Orleans farm club today in exchange for pitcher Vernon (Jake) Thies and Cal Hogue.

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