

Police Press Search For Kidnap-Molester Of Hollywood Child

West Hollywood, Calif. — (U.P.) Sheriff's deputies said today a man wanted for kidnaping and sexually molesting an 8-year-old girl was last seen wearing odd clothes and driving a pink-colored station wagon.

Police believed he may have worn the strange combination

of clothing and driven the unusually colored automobile deliberately to throw detectives off his path by discarding them after committing the crime.

The sex deviate lured the girl from school by saying that her mother was ill and he was to take her home.

Good Description
Deputies said the victim, Yvonne Backsdale, gave a good description of her kidnaper. "If the child's description is accurate," one deputy said, her kidnaper should be easily recognized." The deputy added, however, the kidnaper probably would discard the clothing.

The girl told deputies her kidnaper was about five feet, 11 inches tall, with dark hair and wearing eyeglasses, a yellow hat, red tee shirt, gray trousers and black shoes. She said he drove the late model pink-colored station wagon which had pink and black upholstery.

"It's quite easy to spot a pink colored station wagon," the deputy said. "A car like that and the weird colored clothing is even odd for Hollywood."

Girl Found Weeping
The girl was found weeping yesterday near a Santa Monica blvd. market where her kidnaper left her several hours after abducting her. A passerby noticed the girl and she was rushed to an emergency hospital where doctors said she had been badly abused by a sex deviate.

From the child's story, deputies said it was apparent that the kidnaper bound the girl with wire, slapped her repeatedly and molested her many times. The kidnaper, after about two hours of the ordeal, untied the girl and drove her to a market parking lot where he told her to get out.

Worker Hurt in Mishap At The Dalles Dam Job

The Dalles — (U.P.) — William Fitzmaurice, 36, Portland, was reported in critical condition today after being struck by a truck crane boom which collapsed while he was working on The Dalles dam.

Fitzmaurice was working on a truck crane stripping turbine forms in main unit five of the powerhouse when the accident occurred. Ted Leon, 43, The Dalles, was slightly hurt in the same mishap.

Churchill Marks 81st Birthday

London — (U.P.) — The grand old man of Great Britain turned 81 quietly today in the afterglow of bright and hectic bygone years.

Gray and nearly bald now, Sir Winston Churchill gathered his wife and children around him for a private family luncheon. That was all he had in the way of formal plans.

He felt it fitting to observe his birthday without fuss now that the noise of the combat that called him to greatness is past.

He told family and friends that he felt such a "minor milestone" as his 81st birthday deserved only quiet observation. He felt this especially in view of the honors heaped on him on his 80th birthday and the subsequent homage paid to him on his retirement as Prime Minister in April of this year.

He still smokes 10 to 12 cigars a day and still gives his famous "V" for victory sign at all opportunities while whipping around town in a limousine.

Settlement Reached In Fire Negligence

Portland — (U.P.) — An out-of-court settlement for \$100,000 in a \$1,000,000 damage suit brought against the E. K. Wood Lumber company by the government for alleged negligence in controlling a 1951 forest fire was reported here today.

U.S. District Judge William East dismissed the government complaint on stipulation of both litigants after which Manley B. Strayer, attorney for the lumber company, handed a check for \$100,000 to U.S. Attorney C. E. Luckey.

In another consideration of the settlement, the company conveyed to the government half of a section of timber in Douglas county, roughly equivalent to the O&C timber destroyed in the fire.

Jobs Show Increase

Salem — (U.P.) — The Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area reported 250,300 workers on the job last month, about 7000 more than a year ago and a decline of only about 1.4 per cent from the summer high in September.

Tabulations showed slight seasonal declines in lumbering, food processing, construction, transportation and service lines. Most other groups changed little from the previous month.

India Forests Scanned For Parrots for Russians

Lucknow, India — (U.P.) — The forests of Uttar Pradesh state were searched today for two beautiful parrots to be presented to Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist Party Secretary General Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The visiting Soviet premier was reported to have asked for a parrot when he visited a farm in the state last week.

Executive Order Returns La Prensa

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — A government decree-law today ordered that the newspaper La Prensa and all its assets be turned over to its rightful owners, the family of Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz.

Undersecretary of the Interior Carlos Muniz released the text of the decree-law abolishing a law passed by ousted President Juan D. Peron on April 4, 1951. That statute ordered the expropriation of La Prensa.

Dr. Gainza Paz said he had not been paid for the newspaper and described the action as confiscation.

The new decree-law orders the solicitor general of the Treasury to drop immediately the suits Peron brought against the Paz family.

Police Chief Gives Quick Service on Theft Report

Camden, Me. — (U.P.) — Police Chief John Rainfrette gave a service station operator, Ollie Dore, fast service after Dore reported three car mufflers stolen from in front of his station.

Rainfrette took down the complaint and went out to a patrol car to start searching for leads on the missing mufflers. He was startled to find them in the rear seat of the patrol car.

Seems the night police crew had found the mufflers lying in front of the gas station and took them to headquarters for safekeeping but forgot to tell the chief.

Klamath Man Car Crash Victim

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Edward Reeves, 24, Klamath Falls, died today from injuries suffered last night when his pickup truck went out of control resulting in a seven-vehicle accident, police reported.

Two other persons were injured.

The mishap occurred on slick pavement just outside the city limits. Officers said the pickup struck two parked cars after passing a car, knocking them into two other parked cars, then swerved back into the road and struck the car it had passed. Then the pickup, according to police, swerved right into a parking lot and hit another car. Injured were David Hamilton, 24, Klamath Falls, who was riding with Reeves and Edna Lucille Clawson, 21, Klamath Falls, who was sitting in a car parked in front of a theater.

Adlai Raps Handling Of Housing Program

Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson accused the Eisenhower administration today of conducting the public housing program with "slogans" and a "lukewarm attitude" while spreading city slums were exacting a mounting toll in human misery.

The candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination delivered a "non-political" address to 1,300 city officials and said there is an urgent need for a "combination of government activity and private enterprise which alone can solve" slum clearance problems.

"Even the late Sen. Robert A. Taft, when he sponsored the housing act of 1949, called for the construction of 810,000 public housing units within the next six years," Stevenson said. "Those six years have gone by now, with only 190,000 units built, and another authorized. The current program is only 45,000 units for this fiscal year, and even this congressional decision is 10,000 units higher than the administration's recommendation."

Shrine Hospital Named Beneficiary of Bequest

Portland — (U.P.) — Shrine hospital for crippled children in Portland yesterday was named beneficiary of a \$3000 bequest in the will of Mrs. Angeline McGill, widow of a former Portland nurseryman.

Others named in the will were Central Presbyterian church of Portland, \$1500, the First Presbyterian church of Salem, \$500. Balance of the \$40,000 estate went to relatives.

Abbott Case Moving Toward Crucial Point

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — The trial of Burton W. Abbott moved today towards one of its crucial points—the story of how the body of 14-year-old Stephanie Bryan was found near a remote Trinity County mountain cabin.

While an eyewitness waited to testify to the discovery, the defense continued its cross-examination of Olaf Anderson, a map expert who supervised the preparation of some maps of the area around the cabin.

The cabin is owned by a member of Abbott's family. The defendant claims he went there on April 28, the day that Stephanie disappeared. However, he has said he left his Alameda home for the cabin at 11 a.m. Stephanie disappeared five hours later in Berkeley.

Prospects Seen Good For Shipbuilders

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A California congressman believes the prospects of West Coast shipbuilders in the next 10 years look good despite the fact their industry is at a low ebb right now.

This note of optimism was sounded yesterday by Rep. George P. Miller, an Alameda Democrat. He was one of 150 interested persons who attended a meeting of Gov. Goodwin J. Knight's Committee of Ship Construction and Repair. "Pacific coast companies are planning to build \$500,000,000 worth of ships in the next decade," Miller said. "They are making plans for a big trade in the Pacific basin."

Information Granted For Atom Power Study

Olympia — (U.P.) — The Washington State Power Commission has been granted access to nuclear information for studies in atomic power production, Chairman Thomas Quast announced today.

The commission was granted a permit by the Atomic Energy Commission for access to nuclear technology under the AEC act of 1954.

J. Frank Ward, commission managing director, said the permit accomplished the same purpose for the use of the information that previously was achieved under study agreement which various agencies entered into with the AEC.

Ward said the power commission was "very much interested" in nuclear development in recent months and was following technological advances "with a great deal of interest."

Freedom Brief Matter For Released Convict

Salem — (U.P.) — Freedom was only a matter of moments for George Fredericks, 58, released from the Oregon state penitentiary yesterday.

He had served 10 years of a 15-year sentence for armed assault.

But the 58-year-old man was arrested at the prison gate by Marion County Deputy Sheriff Amos Shaw on a hold order for California authorities, who said they want him for violating his parole from a life sentence for robbery.

California authorities were expected to be here in two or three days to return Fredericks to San Quentin.

Khrushchev Tells Of Nuclear Blast

Calcutta, India — (U.P.) — Soviet Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev told an Indian official that a nuclear explosion in Russia affected nearly 100 square miles of territory, it was reported today.

On a river cruise with West Bengal's chief minister, Dr. B. C. Roy, Khrushchev referred to the dense population of Calcutta where he and Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin were hemmed in by 5,000,000 cheering Indians on their arrival yesterday.

Sources said the Communist chief advised Roy to "spread Calcutta out lest some madman decides to throw an atom or hydrogen bomb."

There was no further report on the conservation, or whether Khrushchev referred to the recent hydrogen bomb test made by the Soviet Union and announced last week.

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