



BOARDING ROYAL YACHT in Monaco Harbor, Grace Kelly receives tender pat on cheek as welcome from Prince Rainier, whom she is to wed April 18-19. (International Soundphoto)

Citizen Wants Explanation of Reasons Behind Busted Bucks of U.S. Prosperity

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Washington—"The reputation of the American dollar is at stake," wrote the citizen to Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey, demanding an explanation.



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This inquiring taxpaying citizen had not been among those who thought the country was enjoying false prosperity under President Eisenhower's administration. He thought it looked like the Democrats were hollering down the wrong rain barrel in trying to challenge the Republican prosperity of which their political foes were boasting.

Then came the turning point. He was standing in front of a news stand near the National Press building just a few blocks from where they print the nation's money supply. He was preparing to buy the best bargain in the country today—a five cent newspaper.

Like any good cashier who is forking over money, he snapped his dollar bill a time or two to see that it was singular and not plural—when pow! The buck parted clean across the middle just east of George Washington's nose and just west of George Humphrey's signature.

True, this bill had been some time en route from the Bureau Printing and Engraving, have the street to that point in front

of the news dealer. But it was a long way from the federal incinerator.

This wage earner was clearly shocked to see his dollar—apparently as sound as the Republicans claim—split in two—apparently breaking under the stresses and strains of which the Democrats are always warning.

Dear Ivy, he wrote to the boss lady in charge of printing new money. "Here is your end of what looked like a good, sound Republican dollar. I am sending the Secretary of the Treasury his end. Here's hoping you two can get together for a solid explanation of this fiscal tragedy.

New Material?

"You haven't been cutting corners down at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, have you? I hear the Democrats used to use silk thread paper for the money they printed back in New Deal days. Have you come up with some new synthetic material to cut printing costs and help Mr. Humphrey balance the budget?"

"If that's the reason my buck couldn't stand the pace of this dizzy economy, doesn't it look a bit penny wise and dollar foolish?"

To Humphrey, he told the same sad tale and said if this continues to happen "how do you expect the average American with a few busted bucks in his pocket to believe you when you talk about the virtues of today's prosperity?"

The citizen is awaiting the explanation of the fiscal heads of the government.

Solution to Problem
A California biologist has reported findings to the Smithsonian Institution here that may enrich the poor Arctic Eskimo and provide a solution to the

world's over-population problem.

Prof. G. E. MacGinitie, Arctic biologist, says a rise in Eskimo birth rate is due to their eating less muktuk and more of white man's foods rich in vitamins A and C.

Muktuk is the Eskimo's No. 1 delicacy. It is whale skin with about an inch of underlying blubber. It is frozen, cut into small pieces and eaten raw.

If the biologist is right that Eskimo papas have been passing out cigars more frequently since switching from muktuk to eggs and cheese, it's only a matter of time before an Alaskan promoter turns the professor's equation around and markets muktuk the world around.

Coast Guard Hunts For Pair at Sea

Eureka, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Coast Guard renewed its search today for a 40-foot boat which disappeared Thursday with two men aboard.

On the boat, the Toiler, were K. A. Curtis Jr., 20, of Eureka, and Louis Piper, 26, of Crescent City. The boat left Crescent City for Eureka and was scheduled to complete the 150-mile trip Friday afternoon.

The cutter Balsam from Eureka and a four-engine coast guard plane from San Francisco searched yesterday and Saturday without results. Sheriff's officers checked the rocky California coast line in Humboldt and Del Norte counties but found no trace of the boat.

The vessel was bought last week in Crescent City by Curtis' father, a former Washington state fisherman.

Bulgarian Premier Chermenkov Resigns

London — (U.P.) — Sofia radio said today the national assembly met today to consider the resignation of Communist Bulgaria's Premier Vulko Chermenkov.

The premier was criticized publicly last week for "bowing to the cult of the individual"—the sin of Stalin.

Sofia radio, broadcasting a home service news program, said the assembly met today to consider an application by Chermenkov to be "released from his duties."

The announcement of Chermenkov's resignation came in a deadpan listing of the agenda for the national assembly.

It listed item two as: "Examination of the application of the chairman of the council of ministers for release from his duties."

Chermenkov came to power in 1953 during the Stalin era. Bulgarian newspapers last week began criticizing the premier for "errors" akin to those that led to the posthumous smearing of the late Soviet dictator, Josef Stalin.

Baseball Experts Even On Television Quiz

New York — (U.P.) — Two elderly baseball experts battled it out on even terms last night on the \$64,000 challenger television program.

Mrs. Myrt Power, 72, New York, winner of \$32,000 on "The \$64,000 Question," and Walter Dunnett, 77, of Parsippany, N.J., both gave correct answers to questions on two successive no-hit games pitched by Johnny Vandermeer of the Cincinnati Reds. The draw moves them to the \$16,000 level next week.

Two other contestants—challenger Floyd Yeomans, of Wartrace, Tenn., and champion Steven Frohlich, of Princeton, N.J., passed the \$4,000 mark by naming the five men who drew up the Declaration of Independence.

Britain and Europe Face Potato Famine

London — (U.P.) — Britain and Europe are facing a potato famine.

It won't be as bad as the Irish potato famine a century ago, which loosed a stream of Irish immigrants to the United States.

But it's bad enough to worry governments. And housewives are indignant over the high price of spuds, which keeps increasing as supplies decrease.

The experts blame last year's hot and rainless summer, which reduced potato yields up to 50 per cent.

In Medford's Schools

HEDRICK JUNIOR HIGH

Basketball, wrestling, band and orchestra awards were presented at an awards assembly at Hedrick Junior High school last week.

Letters for the three basketball squads were presented by their respective coaches, Robert Work, seventh grade; Bernie Averill, eighth grade; and Barney Riggs, ninth. The ninth grade team presented Coach Riggs with an autographed basketball.

Wrestling awards were presented by Coach Karl Kahle; band by Director Ward Smith; and orchestra, Director John Drysdale.

Paul Moore was awarded the David Dunn Memorial trophy as the most inspirational bas-

ketball player of the year.

The history trophy was presented to the junior high school by Mrs. J. Q. O'Albini and Mrs. George Carter, regent of the local chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

PAVEMENT POSIES

Portland, Ore. — (U.P.) — The City Council is considering a proposal to beautify the business district. The Portland Retail Trade Bureau has offered to underwrite a \$20,000 project to hang flower pots filled with roses and trailing vines on downtown lamp posts. The city's park department has indorsed the idea.

First Airborne Glider Pickup Made

Escondido, Calif. — (U.P.) — The first known airborne glider pickup in history has been made here to prove that an engineless craft can be picked up in flight by a plane's tow rope.

Don C. Stevens, glider trick champion and holder of the world's glider loop record of 118 consecutive loops, and Charles Webber, a Pomona, Calif., electronics engineer, made the history making test pickup Saturday.

Webber, flying a Super-Cub light plane, towed Stevens' glider to 3,500 feet, where the glider was cut free from the plane's tow rope. The plane circled into position above the glider's nose and Stevens reached up with his hand and grabbed hold of a ring at the end of the tow rope. The glider was re-towed for

more than a mile before Stevens let go of the tow rope. The test was made to perfect a special tow hook that would enable gliders to explore 1,000 miles of territory out of present glider range.

Chicago — (U.P.) — Henry Wawrusiewicz saved his pennies for four years and bought a new Lincoln automobile. He paid for the car with 227,500 pennies, plus his 1953 car.



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