

# New York Baby Kidnaping Victim

## Abductor Fails To Pick Up Ransom Placed by Father

Child Snatched From Carriage on Patio

Westbury, N.Y. —(U.P.)— The kidnaper of one-month-old Peter Weinberger had failed to pick up \$2,000 in ransom money two and one-half hours after it was placed in a large tree in accordance with his demand, police announced today.

The child was taken from his carriage on the patio of his wealthy family's \$40,000 home shortly after 3 p.m. Wednesday. His mother, Mrs. Morris Weinberger, found a ransom note in the buggy when she returned after a brief trip indoors to plan dinner with the maid.

"We have made no progress at all," Chief of Detectives Stuyvesant Pinnell told newsmen. "We have made no contact with the kidnaper. The ransom money was left in a package at a place according to the instructions in the ransom note. It has not been picked up."

Newsmen had seen a man believed to be the distraught father place a manila envelope beside a large tree next to a garage a half block from the Weinberger home at 10 a.m. He then ran back to the house.

Pinnell said police had "only vague leads" so far as to the identity of the kidnaper. He said it was believed the kidnaper "must have made some plan, because the baby was on the patio at the usual hour. It seems likely the kidnaper knew the custom of the mother to put the baby there. She put the baby there at 3 o'clock and it was discovered missing at 8:20."

"In a 'scared stiff' ransom note to the baby's father, a drug supplies salesman, the kidnaper demanded that the \$2,000 be left at a specified garage in the neighborhood by 10 a.m. Police did not disclose the garage address.

Police believed the kidnaper was the work of an unbalanced woman. The ransom demand was modest. The note was amateurish.

## Powell Amendment To School Bill Killed

Washington —(U.P.)— The House today indirectly and accidentally killed the controversial Powell amendment to the school bill. The amendment, adopted only Tuesday, would have barred aid funds to any states practicing school segregation.

The action, although indirect, was conclusive. Acting Speaker Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), ruled it could not be reversed again. The action was a parliamentary tangle. It came when the House tentatively approved complicated financial provisions of the bill.

The amendment provides that the government would refund to the states each year 1 per cent of the total federal income taxes collected in each state. This money would be used for school construction.

The teller vote on the amendment was 122 to 120. Walter, who was presiding, ruled that in adopting the amendment the House actually eliminated the entire section to which the integration amendment had been attached.

## Stevenson on Tour To Study Farm Problems

Des Moines, Iowa —(U.P.)— Adlai E. Stevenson began a tour of Southwest Iowa's dry farmlands today and said prosperity is a "myth" if farmers "are going broke."

Simultaneously, Gov. Leo A. Hoegh embarked on an inspection tour.

Stevenson told a news conference that "prosperity is a myth if the basic industry is in trouble and farmers are going broke."

The Democratic presidential aspirant said he undertook his tour to talk over farm issues and get first hand information about the plight of farmers in the drought area.

Stevenson called the farm problem "our most serious domestic problem."

## Menacing Troop Concentrations On Borders Told

Jordanian-Israeli Situation Tense

Jerusalem —(U.P.)— The war-jittery Middle East boiled today with reports on menacing troop concentrations massing along the Arab-Israeli frontiers.

The troop buildups were reported by both Arab and Israeli spokesmen and radios. UN truce supervisors in Cairo had no concrete information on the alleged massing of troops but admitted the situation, especially along the Jordanian-Israeli frontier, was tense.

A spokesman for the famed Arab Legion charged Wednesday that Israeli troops had been massed all along their common 370-mile border, particularly around Jerusalem. The Holy City is divided between Israel and Jordan.

The Jordanian spokesman said "it cannot be ascertained now whether the Jordanian frontiers will be subject to an immediate or comprehensive aggression."

But, he added, the 20,000-man Legion was ready to "repel aggression."

Beirut Radio of Lebanon reported that Lebanese, Egyptian and Syrian armies were on standby orders and prepared to march in the event of an Israeli attack on Jordan.

An Israeli military spokesman would neither confirm nor deny that Israeli forces were massing on the Jordan border. It was pointed out, however, that Israeli armed forces generally hold field maneuvers at this time of the year.

## Check-Warrant Plan Authorized by City

The use of a single check-warrant instrument by the city finance department was authorized by the Medford city council Tuesday night.

The change from the present system is part of the reorganization of the treasurer-recorder department of the finance department.

The new instrument will be considered a check as long as funds for payment are available. When funds are not available, proper notice on the face will indicate the instrument will be used as a warrant.

The check-warrant method eliminates one step in payment of city accounts, according to City Manager Robert Duff.

The council also adopted ordinances authorizing facsimile signatures of the mayor and finance officer and authorizing banks to accept city checks and warrants.

## Eastern Oregon Wreck Kills Girl

Pendleton, Ore. —(U.P.)— Barbara Morrow, 18, of Long Creek, Ore., was fatally injured early today when the car in which she was riding failed to make a curve on U.S. highway 395 about 65 miles south of here and overturned. She was thrown from the car.

The driver of the car, Richard E. Spath, 19, and Barbara's sister, Mrs. Margaret Maddox, also of Long Creek, some 45 miles south of Pendleton, were treated in a John Day hospital, which reported Mrs. Maddox was suffering possible arm and leg fractures and other injuries. Spath was cut and bruised. Barbara died en route to the John Day hospital, authorities reported.

## Anti-Trust Suit Planned Against General Motors

Washington —(U.P.)— Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr., who has not held a news conference in his office since last October, announced a major government anti-trust action against General Motors Wednesday night.

Brownell disclosed that the government is preparing to file suit against GM, charging it with monopolizing the manufacture of buses.

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## Middle East Boils Anew

### July 4 Traffic Takes 115 Lives; Oregon Death-Free

Texas and Michigan Have Worst Records

Chicago —(U.P.)— The nation today tallied its traffic dead from one of the most disastrous mid-week holidays on record despite an all-out highway enforcement effort.

A United Press count for the period from 6 p.m. Tuesday to midnight Wednesday showed 115 persons killed in traffic accidents. Drownings accounted for 71 deaths, plane accidents for 3, fireworks killed one person, and miscellaneous mishaps took 31 lives, for a total holiday accidental death toll of 221.

Texas, Michigan Worst  
Texas and Michigan each reported 10 traffic deaths for the worst holiday records. South Carolina followed with nine, Georgia and Illinois with eight each, and New York and Ohio each reported seven.

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia reported no traffic deaths. The 15 included: Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Oregon has apparently passed the safest and sanest Fourth of July holiday in its history. Authorities around the state have reported no traffic deaths, no drownings and no deaths from accidental causes for a holiday free of accidental or violent deaths.

Police departments attributed the deathless record to highway care on the part of motorists and freedom from fireworks in Oregon which were responsible for deaths and injuries in some states where they were still legal.

Idaho, too, reported a death-free holiday but Washington had five dead, three on highways, one in a hunting accident and one by drowning.

### McKay To Resume Eastern Oregon Tour

Portland —(U.P.)— Douglas McKay, Republican nominee for the United States Senate, said today he would resume his leisurely campaign tour through eastern Oregon that he started in June.

McKay will leave Saturday for Bend where he will spend the week end during the Mirror Pond water pageant. He will be accompanied by Bend by Phil Hitchcock, the candidate McKay defeated in the May primary election. He will continue along to Madras and Prineville Monday and Mitchell, Dayville, Mt. Vernon, Canyon City and John Day on Tuesday. From there he will travel to Kimberly, Spray, Fossil and Condon on Wednesday. Thursday his schedule will take him to Morrow, Grass Valley and Wasco.

En route back to Portland, the former Secretary of Interior will stop at Dufur, Tygh Valley and Maupin on Friday and will attend the Republican clambake and rally at Seaside next Sunday.

### Russian Disarmament Charges Refuted

United Nations, N. Y. —(U.P.)— Paul Martin, acting foreign secretary of Canada, carried the ball for the Western powers today in refuting Russian charges they have sabotaged disarmament efforts and sounded the "death knell" for negotiations of an arms reduction agreement.

Martin went before the full 12-nation Disarmament Commission to answer the charges fired by the Kremlin's Andrei A. Gromyko Tuesday.

### 'Nearly 10,000' Fires In Northern New Mexico

Albuquerque, N.M. —(U.P.)— The Forest Service said today "nearly 10,000" spot fires continued to burn in the Costilla land grant area of Northern New Mexico with no hope of controlling them until a good, solid rain drenches the area.

## Widespread Purge On Communists in Poland Reported

New Riots Feared, Travelers Indicate

Berlin —(U.P.)— A widespread purge of "unreliable" Communist party members was reported gaining momentum in Red Poland today.

Western travelers said the purge apparently is spurred by Red fears of new Poznan-type "food and freedom" riots.

Radio Warsaw announced Poland's rejection of the U.S. offer to send free food for hungry workers and denounced the move as "propaganda."

"There is no hunger in Poland," Warsaw asserted.

But Western travelers arriving in Berlin today said "food is very short, not only in Poznan but throughout the country."

"Workers in Poland are in great need," one reported. "They literally are hungry. Their uprising in Poznan began with a demand for bread."

He predicted the rejection of the food offer "is sure to increase the bitterness of workers." He said the workers already are "enraged over the way troops and tanks were used against them" and "furious over the wave of arrests and purges" that followed the uprising.

The broadcast said the Polish Red Cross sent a "negative reply" to the American offer through the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday.

Poland "does not need charity," the radio said, and added that the Red Warsaw regime is ready to buy wheat from the United States.

Purge of party ranks was being carried out by a special joint government-Communist party commission sent to Poznan from Warsaw to investigate the uprising and punish those responsible.

"Scores" of Communist party members were reported to have been thrown in jail, along with police and troops who sided with the rebellious workers during the bloody demonstrations last week.

### Assistant Named For City Manager

City Manager Robert Duff will have an administrative assistant for the first time since Medford changed over to the city manager type government, Aug. 1.

The new assistant is Gilbert Gutjahr, 26, presently working on his master's degree in public administration at the University of Oregon.

According to Duff, he will relieve Duff of some detailed duties, do research work on problems of city administration, and set up a centralized city purchasing system.

Duff interviewed Gutjahr May 1. Provision for the assistant is made in the Medford city budget for 1956-57 which went into effect July 1.

Gutjahr was born in Hosmer, S.D. He graduated from the University of South Dakota with a bachelor's degree in government. He served with the armed forces in Germany.

### Liquor Taxes Divided In Counties of Oregon

Portland —(U.P.)— Distribution of revenue from liquor sales, license fees and taxes on wine and beer totaled \$14,486,306 in the past year, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission said today.

Payments to the state's general fund amounted to \$12,361,728. Incorporated cities got \$1,172,602. And counties received \$935,972. Another \$16,162 went to the state census fund.

### Girl Survives Nine Days Without Food, Or Water in Wreckage of Automobile

Salt Lake City —(U.P.)— A pretty 18-year-old girl who lay semi-conscious for nine days without food or water in the concealed wreckage of an automobile today began a slow recovery from her ordeal.

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The 110-pound Sunnyvale, Calif., girl was found Tuesday night beneath the fender of a wrecked car only 300 feet from busy U. S. highway 40. The car could not be seen from the high-

way because of dense scrub oak at the bottom of the canyon where the auto lay.

Only five yards from the girl was the body of James B. Hixon, 22, of Salt Lake City. The couple had planned to marry in September and the search which finally found them got off to a slow start because it first was thought they had eloped.

Skull Fracture Indicated  
Doctors planned to x-ray the girl today because of indications she had received a frontal skull fracture. But she suffered no internal injuries or broken bones, they said and her circulation appeared to be good.

Mrs. Lawrence R. Margretis, the girl's mother, said her five-foot, four-inch daughter had al-



LOSING PANTS during Minneapolis doll buggy parade, Susan Baron expresses pain, shock and annoyance when ubiquitous photographer gets busy. (International)

## Twining To Report On Soviet Air Power In Visit With Ike

Gettysburg, Pa. —(U.P.)— Gen. Nathan F. Twining said today after conferring with President Eisenhower that the United States is "out in front" of Russia in air power.

"There's no question about it," said Twining, who returned Wednesday from an eight-day visit to Moscow.

Gettysburg, Pa. —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower summoned Gen. Nathan F. Twining here today for a report on Soviet air power that may have vital influence on future U.S. military policy.

The Air Force chief of staff was prepared to tell Mr. Eisenhower that his just-concluded Russian tour reinforced earlier intelligence on the rising Soviet air challenge.

He was as convinced as ever, informants said, that Russia has a bigger air force, is closing the quality gap, can produce heavy jet bombers in quantity and is on a rapid march in science and technology.

Returning Wednesday from an eight-day tour of Russian aviation facilities, Twining and his staff prepared a detailed "evaluation" for the meeting with the convalescent President in the first-floor den of Mr. Eisenhower's farm home three miles from here.

Defense Officials Included  
The air chief was accompanied by Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, who is under Democratic fire on the air power issue, Air Secretary Donald A. Quarles, joint chiefs of staff Chairman Adm. Arthur W. Radford and presidential assistants Sherman Adams and Wilton B. Persons.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said that was a normal group to sit in on such an important military conference.

It may also have been intended as a show of unity among top Defense Department and Air Force officials at a time when Congress has received grave warnings from air commanders about Soviet air power strides. Wilson has insisted that the United States is ahead and will stay that way.

Trip Called 'Worthwhile'  
Twining, arriving at the Washington National Airport Wednesday, said his trip to Russia was "worthwhile" but "did not come up to our expectations." His party had hoped to see more than the air field, engine and aircraft plants, engineering academy, atomic power station and aircraft fly-by shown them.

Parrying questions pending his report to the President, the general said his view of relative Russian and American air strength was "just about the same" as before he left home. He had not changed his views about Soviet heavy bomber output. He would stand on what he had told Congress about Russian progress. He has repeatedly warned that the Russians are ahead in numbers of aircraft and are moving up fast in the race for quality.

Salem —(U.P.)— Commercial fishing in all Oregon streams south of the Columbia river would be banned if voters approve a ballot measure submitted to the Secretary of State.

### Value of Building Permits Here Rises

Building permits with the highest estimated value for any month since 1950 were issued by the city building department last month. Oliver R. McNeel, Medford building inspector, has announced.

June permits totaled \$579,772, more than double the \$234,616.85 for June in 1955.

Among last month's permits were one new public building, \$333,547; 13 new homes, \$162,000; two business establishments, \$34,486; seven business establishments remodeled, \$16,900; 15 homes remodeled, \$14,950; and four new garages, \$7,650.

Fees collected during June amounted to \$1,769, McNeel said.

Honolulu —(U.P.)— Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, reports the government has been examining the records of his defense fund.

Corvallis —(U.P.)— Oregon State college received gifts, grants, scholarships and fellowships totaling \$879,480 during the 1955-56 school year, according to President A. L. Strand.