

# Phone Call Renews Ransom Demand for Baby

## Hunting Trips at Taxpayers Expense Is Charged to In... Official

Washington—(U.P.)—House investigators asserted today that Immigration Commissioner Joseph M. Swing made five hunting trips outside the United States traveling at taxpayer expense in government owned vehicles including automobiles, an air-conditioned trailer, and a Border Patrol plane.

But Swing, a retired lieutenant general and West Point class-

mate of President Eisenhower, insisted the trips were made for official purposes. He testified for the second day at a closed meeting of a Government Operations Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Chairman Robert H. Mollohan (D-Va.) told newsmen that Swing went hunting on each of the five trips.

"I don't feel that they were necessary in the public interest,"

Mollohan's hunting trip. Mollohan said an air-conditioned trailer, a truck complete with a power unit, lights and refrigeration. He also used Immigration Service passenger cars and a Border Patrol plane on the trips, Mollohan said.

Swing testified that the trips were made to meet with Mexican

and Canadian officials. On the first trip, Nov. 13, 1954, from Rouses Point, N. Y., across the Canadian border, Swing told the subcommittee he took along a congressman in the party. The congressman was not identified and Mollohan said he did not know who he was.

On Sept. 3-4, 1955, Swing went to Tamaulipas, Mexico. He said he met with Mexican officials.

On Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1955, Swing went to Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, and said he met with two Royal Canadian Mounted Police officials on border problems.

On Nov. 4-6, 1955, and Jan. 12-15, 1956, Swing said he went to Tamaulipas for additional conferences with Mexican officials.

One subcommittee member described Swing's testimony as "fantastic."

## Caller Specifies Reply Be Carried By Papers and TV

### Father Ready To Meet Money Demand

Westbury, N.Y.—(U.P.)—A man telephoned the father of kidnapped Peter Weinberger today, said "we have" the month-old baby, and renewed his ransom demands, police disclosed.

The call was made from a public coin telephone in New York City, the caller said.

The father, Morris Weinberger, asked afternoon newspapers and a television news program specified by the telephone caller to carry his reply: "Am ready to meet your demands. Awaiting your call."

The telephone message came from a man who identified to Weinberger he was calling from a public telephone in Manhattan, police said. He was quoted as saying:

"We have your child and we want you to make a statement in the afternoon newspapers that you will comply with our demands. We will watch the newspapers and John K. McCaffrey on the TV tonight."

Afternoon newspapers already were carrying the message. The National Broadcasting company assured police the McCaffrey news show would also carry the statement.

Police said they had no knowledge as to whether the telephoner told the father the child was alive or well.

It was not disclosed what, if any, assurance had been given the father that the caller actually was the kidnaper.

**Followed Directions**

The call was the first break in the case since the infant was kidnapped from a covered patio of his parents' home about 3 p.m. on the fourth of July.

Attempts to pay the \$2,000 ransom demanded in a note left on the patio failed Thursday. Dummy packages were placed as directed in the kidnap note, but the kidnaper could not have picked them up without revealing himself, and they were untouched.

Weinberger announced this morning that the family had offered the kidnaper a blank check, for any amount that he chooses to fill in payment for safe return of the child.

He said the check has been written by his uncle, Mannie Weinberger, an executive of the family's New Jersey drug firm.

"My uncle isn't a rich man," Weinberger said, "but he will meet any demand the kidnaper makes. He (the kidnaper) can fill out the check, and if there's not enough money in the bank my uncle will guarantee the amount he writes on the check will be given to him in cash."

**Appeal Granted**

An appeal granted him a stay of execution until the State Supreme Court handed down an opinion last week. No errors were found in the trial and a new trial was denied.

**Administration Eyes School Bill Passage**

Washington—(U.P.)—The administration moved today to try to get a school construction bill through Congress before adjournment.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said at Gettysburg, Pa., that President Eisenhower will urge congressional leaders to make another attempt to enact the legislation which was killed in the House Thursday after it became snarled in the tough segregation issue.

**Contract for Bonds Awarded by Council**

The First National bank of Portland was awarded the contract on the Medford Army bonds by the Medford city council this week.

The First National bank bid was for \$40,000, \$4000 denominations becoming effective June 1 for 10 years, 1956-1968 and 1961-1967. The council accepted the bid because it called for seven maturities at 3 per cent interest.

**Depository Installed In Water Department**

A depository has been installed in the door of the city water department where water bills can be paid on Saturday, when city offices are closed, Robert Lee, water superintendent, announced today.

The depository is for use on Saturdays, Lee said, and can be used during the week as well. Envelopes will be available at the door, he said.

**Weather**

FORECAST: Clear through Saturday except partly cloudy about sunrise. Low tonight 52. High Saturday 90.

Highest Yesterday 79  
Lowest this Morning 56

**Our Skies Tonight**

Sunrise 4:41 a.m.  
Sunset 7:51 p.m.  
Moonrise Saturday 4:14 a.m.  
New Moon Saturday night  
PROMINENT STARS  
Arcturus, high in south-west 8:50 p.m.  
Altair, high in south-east 11:05 p.m.

**Visible Planets**

Jupiter, sets 9:14 p.m.  
Mars, rises 11:22 p.m.  
Saturn, sets 1:17 a.m.  
Venus, rises 3:50 a.m.

## WILSON ASKED TO END GUIDED MISSILE FIGHT

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations committee today called on Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson to take immediate steps to halt a wasteful fight between the Army and the Air Force over ground to air guided missiles.

"It appears that the taxpayer will be the principal loser in such a quarrel," the committee said in a report approving \$1,400,000,000 in new funds for military construction.

"It is the responsibility of the secretary of defense to see that funds and effort are not wasted in useless competitive rivalry between the services," the committee said.

The military construction money was included in a catch-all supplemental appropriation bill providing all told \$1,555,535,425 for a variety of government functions during the fiscal year that began Sunday.

**Ask for Investigation**

This was \$332,685,900 more than the President had requested. However, the increase was mostly a matter of bookkeeping.

The committee called on Wilson to name a committee of qualified experts from outside the military departments to make an objective investigation of the Air Force Talos and the Army Nike missiles.

Army funds approved by the committee included \$136,000,000 for tactical facilities, mostly Nike. The committee said it was not barring funds for the Air Force's Talos projects, but was leaving them to be funded later if necessary after the Army-Air Force fight is resolved.

**Jensen Sentenced To Gas Chamber in Resentencing Today**

James Norman Jensen, 28, Larkspur, Calif., has been sentenced to death in the state gas chamber at Salem Sept. 21. The date was set at formal resentencing this morning before Circuit Court Judge H. K. Hanna.

Jensen, who was convicted with Donald Ferne Chesley, Coos Bay, of the murder of Mrs. Fern Hile, Medford housewife, November, 1954, previously was sentenced Jan. 7, 1955.

**Suit Filed Against General Motors Corp.**

Detroit—(U.P.)—The Justice Department today filed its civil anti-trust suit against General Motors Corp., charging the firm has an illegal monopoly in the sale and manufacture of buses.

The complaint was filed by an assistant attorney general who carried it here from Washington. Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. announced Wednesday the suit would be filed in Michigan.

**California Man Fined On Driving Charge Here**

George Thomas Busby, 36, Hornbrook, Calif., was fined \$250 in district court Thursday afternoon after he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Busby's driver's license was suspended for 90 days and he also received a suspended 30-day jail sentence. He was arrested on Highway 99 at Talent July 4 by state police.

**Czechoslovakia Arms Workers Police**

Vienna—(U.P.)—Communist Czechoslovakia has armed its workers police, recalled all security troops on leave, and placed heavy guards on major industries to prevent riots similar to those in Poznan, Poland, last week, it was reported here today.

Reports reaching Vienna from Prague said the Czechs alerted all security forces for instant action Tuesday, and cancelled all future leave.

In addition, reliable sources said major industrial plants in Czechoslovakia are closely guarded by militia units.

The Czech workers were the first behind the Iron Curtain to revolt against Communist rule in demonstrations at Pilsen, Brno, Ostrava, Gottwaldov and Prague in June, 1953. At least six were killed and many wounded before the revolt was crushed by security units and militiamen.

## House Committee Slashes Funds in Foreign Aid Bill

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations Committee today slashed President Eisenhower's foreign aid program to nearly \$3,400,000,000.

The figure was a new low in the battered \$4,900,000,000 program's progress through Congress. It also was well below the minimum security level set by the President.

The House-passed foreign aid bill authorized \$3,800,000,000 for fiscal 1957. The Senate-passed bill authorizes \$4,500,000,000.

**Agreement Sought**

A conference committee sought to reach agreement on a compromise version possibly by Saturday.

The Appropriations Committee, which approves the money to carry out the authorized program, voted to cut a total of \$325,000,000 more than the House. The committee cut \$265,000,000 more in military aid and \$60,000,000 in economic aid.

The President originally asked for \$4,900,000,000 in military and economic aid for the fiscal year which began last Sunday. In the face of the economy drive in Congress, however, he agreed to go along with a \$500,000,000 cut. A greater reduction, he said, would threaten the nation's security.

**Further Cut Urged**

Nevertheless, the House slashed the military aid authorization by \$1,000,000,000 and the Appropriations Committee now has recommended that the actual appropriation be cut by \$1,200,000,000.

The House cut the economic aid authorization by \$109,000,000. The committee recommended a cut of \$170,000,000 in the actual appropriation.

## Bids for Siphons Being Accepted

Bids for construction of siphons northeast of Medford in the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts are being accepted by the bureau of reclamation here, J. A. Callan, project construction engineer, has announced.

Bids will be opened at 10 a.m., Aug. 22, in the bureau of reclamation office here.

Work includes removal of three existing metal flumes and earthwork for construction of two concrete bench flumes, one concrete wall with spillway, the Wyant wash siphon, 60 inches, about 350 feet long, and the Osborne wash siphon, 54 inches, about 1,100 feet long. The siphons will be monolithic concrete or precast-concrete pipe.

Completion time from the date of receipt of notice to proceed is 180 days. It is anticipated that the specifications will be ready for mailing about July 23. Copies of specifications may be obtained from Callan, post office box 629, Medford.

## Liquor, Pedestrians Involved in Mishaps

Salem—(U.P.)—Drinking drivers and pedestrians were involved in slightly more than 17 per cent of the state's 125 fatal accidents during the first five months of this year.

Capt. Walter Lansing, director of the state motor vehicle department's safety office, said today that drinking drivers who were usually speeding accounted for 25 deaths and 27 injuries from January through May.

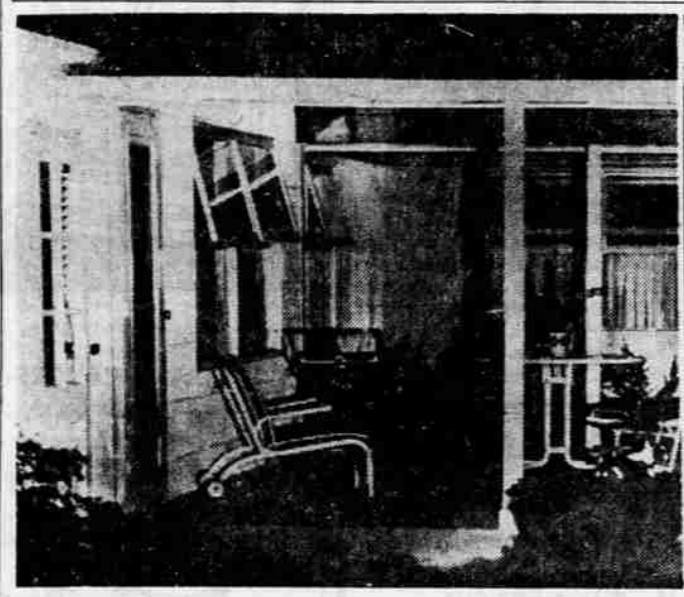
Lansing said the figures reflected an "unusually high percentage of drinking drivers." He said a 1952 study indicated only nine per cent of the state's fatal crashes involved a drinking driver and there were no deaths involving drinking pedestrians.

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Apportionment Council will meet at Astoria Monday to consider new and revised training standards for 14 trades in various areas of the state.

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**BABY STOLEN FROM CARRIAGE**—Six-week-old Peter Weinberger was stolen from his carriage (left) on the patio of his parents' \$60,000 home in Westbury, N. Y., by a kidnaper who left a ransom note demanding \$2000. In right photo, Detective Edward Curran (left) and the baby's father, Martin Weinberger, pace in front of the home as they wait for kidnaper's instructions.



## BOMB ATTEMPT IN PORTLAND FOILED

### Dynamite Found In Auto of Vice Probe Figure

Portland—(U.P.)—An apparent attempt on the life of a man who has figured prominently in the investigation of vice and corruption charges in Portland was foiled today.

A crude dynamite bomb was found under the hood of a car owned by James Elkins, Portland night life figure, where it was parked in a garage.

**Warning Shots Fired**

Raymond F. Clark, an employee of Elkins and owner of the garage where the car was stored, said he fired two warning shots at a fleeing figure of a man who had apparently placed the bomb. The incident occurred at about 2:45 a.m. today. Police said it was the first attempt at overt violence since the Portland vice uproar was touched off last spring. A woman scheduled to appear before a grand jury investigating the city's underworld was threatened with a beating but nothing came of it.

**Bomb Not Connected**

The bomb found in Elkins' car had not been connected with ignition wires, presumably because Clark surprised the man before he finished his work.

Police demolition experts said the intended bomb had been ineptly rigged. It had no detonator and the dynamite itself was sodden. They said there was no conceivable way it could have been touched off.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton was notified of the incident this morning. He is conducting the grand jury vice probe here.

### 'Substantial Decrease' Noted in Polio Cases

Washington—(U.P.)—The Public Health Service today reported a "substantial decrease" in polio cases during the first six months of 1956.

The 2,656 cases reported in the first six months fell more than 1,000 cases short of the 3,706 reported during the first half of 1955.

The figures on paralytic cases are somewhat less favorable. The 1,399 cases reported so far this year are only slightly behind the 1,482 reported during the first six months last year.

The health service said 258 new cases were reported last week compared to 333 during the same week last year.

## Employment Increases In County Last Month

An estimated 505 available persons were unemployed at the end of June in Jackson county, 14 per cent below the month before and 27 per cent below unemployment at the end of June, 1955.

The figures were released in the monthly report of the Medford office of the state employment service.

The total of weeks of unemployment claimed under the state unemployment compensation law dropped to 806, about one-half the number claimed in May.

John Patton, Medford office manager said job openings in the county "are expected to remain fairly constant for both men and women who are well qualified in a skilled occupation. There are already small shortages in some skilled occupations. As summer activity increases, these shortages are expected to increase."

Unskilled workers, he said, are liable to find difficulty in locating work until the start of the fruit harvest in August.

Job placements for June more than doubled those in May. Those looking for year around work had little trouble in securing employment, Patton said.

## Campaign of Arson Reported in Poland

Berlin—(U.P.)—Anti-Communist Polish partisans today were reported conducting an organized campaign or arson against the Red Warsaw regime.

An organization of refugees from former German territories in Poland said the underground groups have been waging the arson campaign for months. The "expellee union" of West Berlin said the Polish press has admitted a wave of mysterious fires razed entire villages.

The union quoted the newspaper Cycie Warsaw as saying that 63 persons died and 2,900 buildings were destroyed in a series of 4,900 fires in Poland this year.

## Rocky Marciano Loses Decision To Daughter

Brockton, Mass.—(U.P.)—It took his flyweight daughter to flatten Rocky Marciano. The retired heavyweight boxing champ, undefeated in 49 bouts, wound up in the hospital today with a pulled muscle in his back. He was decided to toss 3-year-old Mary Ann Marciano into the air.

## Ike Discusses General Politics; Nothing Revealed

Gettysburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower discussed his second term intentions with his staff today for the first time since his illness.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty announced that Mr. Eisenhower discussed both "personal and general politics" in a conference this morning with Hagerty and presidential assistant Sherman Adams.

But there was no immediate statement on the big question: Does the President still intend to run for another term in the White House?

**Gives No Details**

Hagerty flatly refused to give any details of the political conversations. He said he "wouldn't know" whether a further statement of the President's second term intentions is required.

"All I'm trying to do is to keep you informed of the conversation I have had with the President," Hagerty said with a face-splitting grin.

"When might we expect an announcement of these political discussions?" a reporter asked. "I wouldn't know," Hagerty said.

Hagerty said it "might be" that Mr. Eisenhower would have a news conference before he leaves Gettysburg.

**Surprises Newsmen**

Hagerty surprised newsmen by volunteering the information that he had talked politics with the President at the farm this morning. Asked to "elaborate," he said, "I'm not going to."

The White House aide said he believed Mr. Eisenhower himself initiated the conversation on politics.

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## "Don't Be Naive — That Was When I was Sick"

