



BRINKS JUDGE—Judge Felix Forte (above) will preside at the Brinks robbery trial in Boston. Eight suspects are being tried in connection with the \$1,219,000 robbery in Boston January 17, 1950.

Eight Go on Trial For 1950 Robbery On Brink's Money

Boston — (U.P.) — Eight mid-decided men go on trial today accused of looting the impregnable Brink's money fortress of \$1,219,000, the largest cash haul in the nation's history.

The eight men, quiet suburban residents for the past few years, faced a total of 160 indictments including armed robbery and conspiracy in the slick pirating of more than \$1,000,000 Jan. 17, 1950.

New Motions Expected
Chief Defense Counsel Paul T. Smith, colorful criminal lawyer, was expected to add new legal motions to an already massive pile.

Security measures for the trial have no precedent in Massachusetts court history. Extra police detail at a cost of \$10,000 surrounded the courtroom area. Spectators were under constant surveillance through speaker-type sliding panels built into the newly-constructed plywood walls that ringed the court.

Smith has charged that FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover's claim that the case was "solved" with the capture of the defendants early this year has prejudiced a fair trial.

2,000 Prospective Jurors
Two thousand Suffolk county residents have been called as prospective jurors. About 100 will be called each day until a jury is selected.

Two of the men originally named in the indictments were not in the prisoners' dock when Superior Judge Felix Forte opened the trial.

Joseph S. Banfield, one of those named by the FBI, died in 1955. Stanley Gusciora, 36, died of a brain tumor at Norfolk Prison July 9. In the moments of his death he swore he was innocent.

Another named in the indictments, Joseph (Specs) O'Keefe, has turned state's evidence. He is expected to be the prosecution's star witness.

Auto Hits House; Driver Is Arrested

A car operated by Keith Edward Schroeder, 24, route 3, box 195, Medford, crashed into the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Ferg, 1736 Stewart ave., about 12:15 a.m. yesterday. State police said that Schroeder, who was alone in the car, was cited for reckless driving. He suffered a head laceration and other injuries and was taken to Community hospital which today reported his condition "improved."

The Ferg's said that the entire front room wall of their house may have to be replaced. The couple and their son, Russell, were awakened by the impact.

Police reported that the Schroeder vehicle, eastbound, left the road on a curve, went over a ditch and across the lawn into the right front portion of the house. A front room window and plaster on the wall were broken.

FFA Group Slates Showmanship Fete

A dairy showmanship practice will be held at the Gossett farm in Central Point Wednesday for the Crater chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

On July 30 a beef showmanship practice was held with Bill MacFarland, new agriculture instructor at Crater High school, and Nat Etzel, vocational agriculture instructor from Eagle Point High school, judging.

At the meeting, which was held at the Earl Bigham ranch in Sams Valley, the chapter's executive council planned farewell recognition for Leonard Kunzman, present agriculture instructor at Crater, who is leaving to accept a post with the Oregon State Department of Agriculture.

Curtiss Wright Comes To Rescue Of Studebaker-Packard Company

New York — (U.P.) — The Curtiss-Wright Corporation can gain control of the Studebaker-Packard Corporation within two years under an agreement announced Sunday.

The agreement, which also involved Daimler-Benz A. G., a West German automobile manufacturer, did not involve an immediate merger of the aviation firm with Studebaker-Packard. It was aimed primarily at rescuing the automobile firm from financial difficulties.

To Operate Separately
Roy T. Hurley, chairman and president of Curtiss-Wright, said Studebaker-Packard would continue to operate as a separate concern, with guidance from the giant aviation corporation.

Hurley said "oral agreements" had been reached on a three-year advisory management contract and that they were expected to be "formalized" next week.

Curtiss-Wright will pay the automobile company some \$35,000,000 which will entitle it to long term leases on Studebaker and Packard's Utica plant near Detroit, and the Chippewa plant in South Bend, Ind.

Under the agreement, Curtiss-Wright will purchase outright the automobile firm's Aerophysical Development Corporation of Santa Barbara, Calif., an engineering and research organization working on guided missiles. It also included purchase of "certain defense assets."

To Place Defense Orders
Hurley said Curtiss-Wright will be able to place approximately \$100,000,000 of defense orders annually in the leased plants, which it will operate as wholly owned subsidiaries.

Studebaker-Packard's Im-

TWIN TROUBLE
Des Moines — (U.P.) — Lamar and Dell Henry, five-year-old twins, aren't sure they like the fact that twins usually figure in coincidences. Dell was hit by a car April 19 at an intersection near her home. About a month later Lama was hit by a car at the same intersection. They suffered only cuts and bruises.

proved financial condition, in view of the agreement, is expected to be provided with an additional \$15,000,000 expected to result from extended lines of bank credit.

James J. Nance, president of Studebaker-Packard since its formation in 1954 told stockholders at a meeting in April that the firm had lost \$14,311,000 during the first three months of 1956. The firm reported a \$29,000,000 loss in 1955.

The agreement provides for granting an option to the avia-

Two Girls Compete In Road-e-o Contest

Washington — (U.P.) — The search is on today for the teen-ager who can qualify as the best young driver in the nation. It could be a young lady.

There are two girls competing in the fifth annual National Teen-Age Road-E-O, which started today and runs through Thursday. They are competing against 48 drivers.

The girls are Lue Knudsen, Mesa, Ariz., and Pat Ledger, Portland, Me., both 17. The two, like the rest, are finalist in the competition for fame and glory among young drivers.

It would seem that Pat has had something of a head start. Her dad is a professional driving instructor. Not only that, her brother, Bill, was the National Road-E-O champ last year.

PARALLEL
Newton, Ia. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Leonard R. Partridge and Mrs. Richard Crews were friends when they attended school and both got married in 1953. On July 6, 1954, both had baby daughters in Skiff Hospital. On May 6, 1956, both again had baby girls in the same hospital.

TIME-SAVER
Westport, Conn. — (U.P.) — Arrested for operating his motorcycle at 55 miles an hour while standing on the seat, Walter Buckner, 18, explained: "I felt like stretching but I didn't want to waste time stopping."

tion firm to acquire 5,000,000 shares of unissued Studebaker-Packard stock at \$3 a share. The option runs for the first two years of the advisory management contract.

Lisbon Building Underground Line

Lisbon — (U.P.) — Twenty-five miles of underground rail converging on the heart of the city is the ultimate target of the sponsors of the Lisbon subway.

The first phase of construction at present under way, calls for a line from Restauradores Square travelling under the main street, Avenida da Liberdade, to Park Edward VII and thence in two branch lines to Entrecampos and Sete Rios.

The "cut and cover" process of construction is being utilized among the major portion of the route. Tunnelling, which is a tedious and more expensive process, will be used only along brief stretches where absolutely necessary.

The terrain being worked consists largely of compact tertiary clay formations. At some points basalt rock or limestone is met. In the lower city, subterranean water tracts sometimes appear to a height of three or four meters. Due to the clay-like nature of the soil, however, whatever drainage is necessary presents no problem.

Eleven stations and some 23,000 feet of underground galleries are planned for the first step. The cost is estimated at 2,000,000 escudos (\$7,000,000). The work has been apportioned among two Portuguese firms and 10 foreign enterprises with the General Electric Co. of England playing a major role.

In its initial stages the subway is expected to handle 6,000 passengers per hour in either direction, utilizing two carriage units at intervals of two and one half minutes. This may be run up to 20,000 passengers per hour, if required, by using four-car units at one and one half minute intervals. The load taken



LEGALLY "dead" because he was missing seven years, Paul Edgar Morgan, 54, is restored to "live" status by Los Angeles court to permit him to inherit brother's estate. (International)

4 Jail Escapees Remain at Large

Santa Ana, Calif. — (U.P.) — Police pressed a search today for four convicts of a group of 11 prisoners who soaped their bodies and inched up a four-story ventilator shaft to escape from the Orange county jail here.

Before the call, the four deputy sheriffs on duty at the jail were unaware that anyone had escaped from the felony "tank."

Thirty of the 41 prisoners in the sections chose to remain behind. The escapees, all convicted and awaiting sentencing, undressed, soaped their bodies and slithered 70 feet up a tiny ventilator shaft.

On the roof, they put their clothes on and lowered themselves to an alley next to the jail by a rope fashioned from strips of mattress covers.

Two of the convicts were picked up in a stolen car near the jail a short time later. Four were taken into custody in nearby Compton, and another was arrested in Corona, 40 miles from Santa Ana.

off today's congested city transport should therefore be considerable.

Conflicting Views Emphasize Task Facing Demo Platform Group

Democratic Convention Headquarters, Chicago — (U.P.) — A key member of the committee that will write the 1956 Democratic platform — Sen. Sam J. Ervin (N.C.) — said today it would be a "mistake" for the party to endorse the Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation.

But another — Rep. Emanuel Celler — disagreed. Celler, who represents Gov. Averell Harriman's New York delegation on the Platform Committee, said the party must recognize the historic ruling.

These conflicting views emphasized the difficult and delicate nature of the task confronting the 108-member committee as it buckled down to the week-long job of shaping the party platform. The national convention itself opens next Monday.

The committee scheduled a closed organization meeting this morning to be followed by the first of a series of public hearings set to run through Friday or Saturday.

Wickard First Witness
Former Secretary of Agriculture Claude A. Wickard, Democratic U.S. senatorial nominee from Indiana, was the first scheduled witness for the afternoon session on farm problems.

But the quadrennial fight between the North and South over the civil rights issue overshadowed all other problems. Whether compromise is reached or an explosion develops over this issue will determine the entire course of the convention and perhaps the choice of the party's 1956 presidential nominee.

Early arriving delegates found the situation shaping up this way:

Adlai E. Stevenson, the "moderate" candidate supported by

much of the South, was far out in front in his bid for the presidential nomination to oppose President Eisenhower in a repeat of their 1952 campaign.

Harriman, who became Stevenson's chief challenger after Sen. Estes Kefauver threw in the towel last week, was trying to close the gap. His backers sought to force a showdown with Stevenson forces over the platform in general and the civil rights plank in particular.

What Will Truman Do?
The question in the minds of most of the Democrats already here was: What will Harry S. Truman do?

The first definite clues may be provided Thursday when the former president appears before the Platform Committee. Mr. Tru-

man who is publicly neutral but considered pro-Harriman, was invited to discuss foreign policy. It will be a surprise, however, if he does not talk about other issues, too.

In fact, party Chairman Paul M. Butler said on arriving from Washington Sunday night, that he hopes Mr. Truman will give the convention some advice on how to deal with "all the great problems" facing the country.

Mr. Truman could light the fuse for a party split and a Southern walkout by calling for a forthright stand on civil rights and other issues as advocated by Harriman. Adoption of a platform plank based on Mr. Truman's civil rights program touched off the 1948 Southern walkout that led to a third party.

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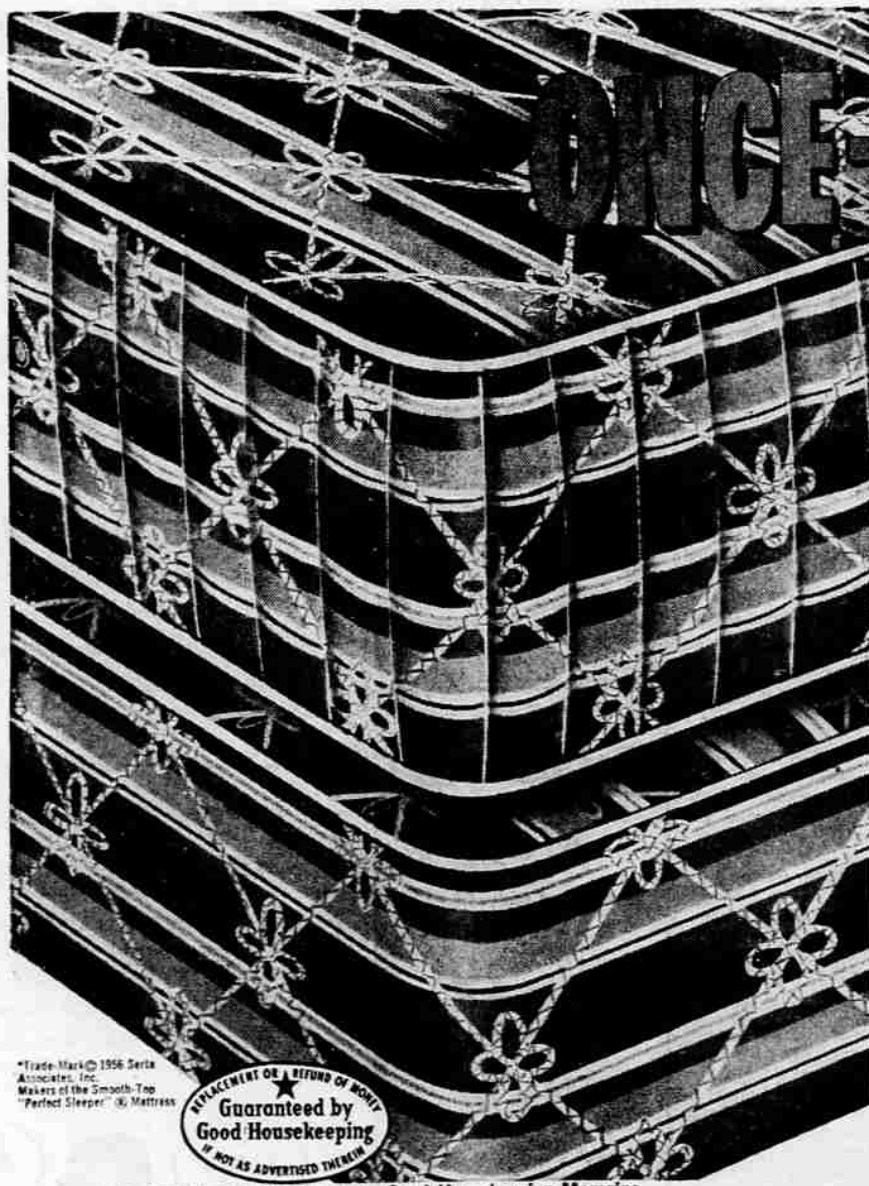
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