

### Accurate Tackle Thwarts Bank Holdup

Portland—(U.P.)—An accurate tackle by a bank employee thwarted a would-be holdup of the Metropolitan branch of the U.S. National bank here yesterday afternoon. The unarmed bandit was cornered in a nearby garage and apprehended.

Police identified the suspect as 27-year-old George Nicholas Ney of Auburn, Wash.

They said he shoved a regular deposit bag and a note through one of the teller cages. The note said "This is a holdup. Put the 10s and 20s into the bag."

The teller, Anita L. Macdonald, stuffed \$365 into the bag and then screamed "I've been robbed, I've been robbed," as Ney fled.

Several bank employees managed to corner Ney in the garage. Despite his attempts to simulate a gun, the bank employees continued to close in.

A flying tackle by Howard Fox floored him and Robert Price and William Greaby, also bank employees, helped subdue Ney until police arrived.

## Peace, Prosperity in Europe Are Related To That in Northwest

(Editor's note: Prosperity in the Pacific Northwest is closely linked with peace and prosperity in Europe. As part of the "Great Decisions . . . 1957" program, M. D. Thomas of Oregon State college discusses in the following article the relation between prosperity in Europe and the Pacific Northwest.

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Peace and prosperity here in the Northwest are closely linked with peace and prosperity in Europe.

For instance, we once had a good market for prunes in Germany. That market was lost partly because the U.S. adopted a policy which restricted Amer-

ican purchase of German products. Germany could not earn the dollars needed to pay reparations, let alone the dollars needed to pay for Oregon prunes.

Now we have a good market in Germany and western Europe for mint oil. What would happen if Russia took over? Would Northwest growers be crowded out of mint as they were crowded out of prunes?

**Western Europe**

We look to western Europe as a market for some of our processed fruits and vegetables. Frequently we send Oregon seeds to these countries. Last winter much of our barley was shipped there to relieve shortages; this winter Europe is taking wheat because last summer's crops were short.

In return, we in the Northwest frequently ship in seed, plants and animals from western European countries to help meet our needs.

Many of us wear watches and use cameras made in Europe. Now we notice more and more European cars on our roads.

**Affects Northwest**

Indirectly, the health of Europe's economy affects Europe's ability to buy goods manufactured in the United States. This, in turn, affects jobs and job opportunities in this country and the domestic market for farm and forest products produced in the Northwest.

Europe's wars have cost the American taxpayer money, too. They brought price inflation and cut the purchasing power of the U.S. dollar by half. Past and potential wars are the big reason for today's high federal taxes.

Twice in the last 50 years peace in the United States has been interrupted by troubles in Europe. Each time many Northwest men and women went to wars that started over political, economic and social difficulties there. Some of them did not return; others are disabled for life.

**HIT-RUN HORSE AND WAGON**

Newark, N. J.—(U.P.)—Police decided Monday a hit-and-run driver without license plates did not have to have them and might not have been able to stop. A man complained the driver made off after running into his parked car but said he was unable to get his license number because he was driving a horse and wagon.



**MISS CHINATOWN**—Ruby Kwong smiles prettily after selection as "Miss Chinatown" in San Francisco. She will reign over the city's Chinese New Year Festival for 1957 (Chinese Year 4455).

### Holmes Notifies Ragnor Johnson Of Replacement

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Robert D. Holmes yesterday notified Real Estate Commissioner Ragnor Johnson that he was being replaced after Johnson rejected a request that he resign.

The governor said he was sorry that Johnson, a Republican appointee of the late Paul L. Patterson, had decided to take this course.

Gov. Holmes said he was replacing Johnson because he wanted to make his own commission appointment and "because the office is apparently more interested in serving the real estate profession than the public."

#### Johnson Replies

The action followed an announcement by Johnson that he was refusing to resign and indicating that he would contest any effort to remove him. His resignation had been requested by Gov. Holmes last week.

"It has troubled me as well, in the case of Mr. Johnson," the governor said, "that since I asked for his resignation this office has been besieged by telegrams, obviously prompted, in his behalf. Without exception this 'spontaneous' appeal has come from the real estate profession."

Johnson countered by saying "I think the governor is more interested in the power of politics than he is in good government. The statement that he makes that the real estate commissioner is more interested in the real estate people than the public—I wonder who he thinks the real estate people are—if they are not the public?"

#### Governor Cites Law

Gov. Holmes said he was sure he was right in his opinion to remove Johnson even though he was appointed for a four-year term which expires March 31, 1958.

He said Oregon law provides: "Any person holding an appointive office in any of the offices, department or institutions of this state, shall hold the same for an indefinite term, not exceeding four years, and shall at all times be subject to removal by the appointive power which made the appointment. The appointive power may in all cases appoint a successor."

The real estate commissioner is appointed by the governor.

Salem—(U.P.)—Distribution of \$235,000 in liquor tax moneys for the quarter ending Dec. 31 has been announced by Secretary of State Mark Hatfield.

### 'Ghost' Cat Silent In Walls of Home

Glendora, Calif.—(U.P.)—A cat believed trapped in the Vincent Carta home for more than three weeks gave no further cries today and authorities speculated that it may either have died or escaped.

The cat cries had been going on ever since Carta, his wife and their two young children moved into their new \$20,000 home. But Monday, for the first time, there was no sound from the "ghost" feline.

Plumbers, carpenters, police, firemen, technicians, veterinarians and humane society workers conducted futile searches to locate the cat, believed trapped in the walls of the house.

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