



**DENIES KIDNAP CHARGE**—John Doering, 41, of Oroville, Calif., leaves airliner in driving rainstorm on arrival in San Francisco from Sydney, Australia, with his two daughters, Lorraine, 4, and Carole, 12. Doering denies charge by his estranged Australian-born wife that he kidnaped the children.

### Neuberger Points To Apparent Dodge Of Responsibility

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said Tuesday a "complete administrative breakdown evidently has occurred" in the office of Ervin L. Peterson, assistant secretary of agriculture.

Neuberger said Peterson has "stalled" for more than 12 months on two decisions "crucial" to Oregon.

He enlisted them as a lumber industry request that the Three Sisters wilderness area be reduced in size and a proposal that 75 million board feet of "scrub" timber near Crescent lake be sold through competitive bidding.

Peterson was not immediately available for comment.

**Pending Since 1955**  
Neuberger said the Three Sisters case had been pending since February, 1955, and the Crescent Lake case since December, 1955.

"In reply to my repeated inquiries during the past year, I have received only cliches about 'careful analysis of all factors,' 'leaving no stone unturned,' and 'careful consideration and study,' Neuberger said.

The senator said that if Peterson were "unwilling to decide the issues, the Agricultural Department should appoint a replacement who who is not afraid to exercise responsibility."

#### A DOG'S LIFE

Arctic, R. I. —(U.P.)— A customer arrived at a local restaurant in a taxicab, ordered two pork chop dinners "to go." When the two orders of pork chops, home fried potatoes, green peas, sliced tomatoes and bread had been wrapped in foil, the customer explained: "These are for my dogs. I'll take two hotdogs for myself."



**TO SPEAK HERE**—Dr. Edwin Moll, who is serving the National Lutheran Council in promoting its fund appeal, Lutheran World Action, will speak at the Zion Lutheran church Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Moll has done relief work for the church in many countries and supervised the rebuilding of Arab Lutheran congregations during World War II.

### PUC Representative To Argue For Stop

Salem — (U.P.) — State Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan said today his office was sending a representative to Washington, D.C., to give oral arguments in support of the exceptions and brief which his office made in the Civil Aeronautics Board's West Coast-Europe case.

The Civil Aeronautics board recommended direct air service to Europe from Seattle-Tacoma but omitted Portland from this service.

The public utilities commissioner pointed out the exceptional economic growth of Oregon and the Portland area, the modern airport facilities at the Portland International airport, and other supporting facts.

### On The Side

By E. V. Durling  
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In a recent discussion of celebrities named Fanny, I omitted the name of the great Fanny Brice. An unforgivable omission. All the more so because Fanny was a good friend of mine. This slip has cost me many a stogie. Serves me right. I also failed to mention Fanny Crosby, the brilliant and highly prolific hymn writer. Fanny wrote over 6,000 hymns, the best of which was probably the one titled "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

#### Births

Have you had a new arrival at your house recently? Up to how near the birth did your wife keep up her normal activities? Discussing that situation, Moira Shearer, the beautiful red-haired ballet dancer, said: "With my first child I went on dancing up to six months. With the second I led a completely normal life up to three weeks before. You see, I always feel wonderful when I am having a baby."

#### Asking

Queries from clients. Q. My husband claims the song "Over The Rainbow" was popular long before the film "The Wizard of Oz" was released. I say Judy Garland introduced it in the film. How about this? Do I win the nylons? A. You win. "Over The Rainbow" was written especially for the film "The Wizard of Oz" by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg. . . Q. Did Arnold Rothstein, the notorious gambler, win a million dollars on one horse race? A. Not quite a million, sir. On July 4, 1921, Rothstein won about \$800,000 on a horse named Sideral. That was in the days of track bookmakers. Sideral opened at 30 to 1. Closed at 3 to 1.

#### Asides

In Paris the streets named after Stalin will be renamed. So I note it reported. Only street in Paris I know of named after Stalin is Stalingrad Place . . .

Somerset Maugham is said to be the best dry martini mixed on the French Riviera. Here is the Maugham martini recipe: "Four parts gin. One part vermouth. Rub ice around rim of glass."

#### Potatoes

Is the Idaho potato superior to the Maine potato? Or vice versa? That's an argument in which I am requested to participate. I can't separate the contestants. It's a dead heat in my opinion. Anyway, at hand is a highly informative volume titled "State of Maine Potato Cook Book." The recipe for hashed brown potatoes in this book intrigues me. I am an enthusiastic hashed brown potato fan. This particular recipe is one used in the Grand Trunk Railway's dining cars.

#### Earning Power

How are you doing as compared to five years ago? According to a statistician, it took the average working man in 1951 some 41 minutes to earn the price of a steak. Now, says he, it takes only 28 minutes for the average worker to earn the price of a steak. Also, that five years ago it took the average man 44 minutes to earn the price of a haircut. Now it takes only 42 minutes.

#### Model

One of the highest paid photographer's models in the world is the one professionally known as "Just Johnny." He gets \$25 an hour. Johnny is a dog. A toy poodle. He is described as having "unsurpassed pose." A remarkable animal.

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