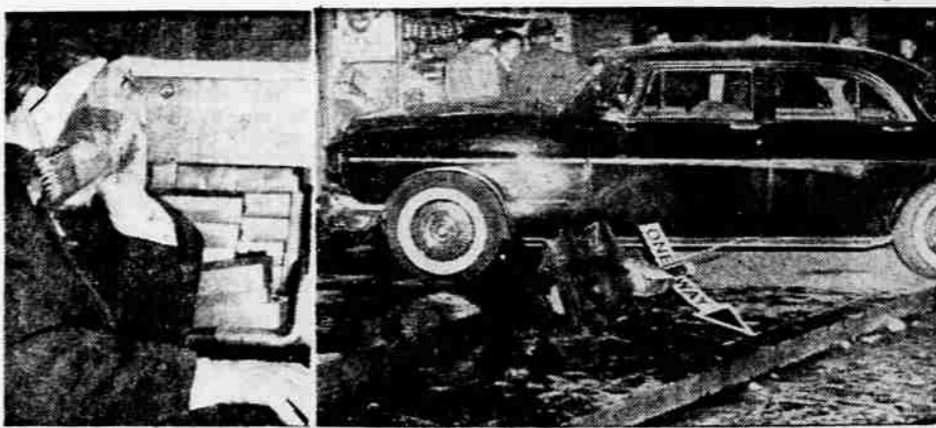


**CONFERS WITH DULLES**—Israeli Amb. Abba Eban exhibits a picture he described as an Egyptian gun emplacement along the Gulf of Aqaba while waiting at State Department to confer with Secy. of State John Foster Dulles. They discussed the U. S. appeal to Israel to get her troops out of Egyptian territory.

**Marlene Dietrich Does Rock 'n Roll**

Las Vegas, Nev. — (UPI) — Marlene Dietrich rock 'n rolled on to the stage at the swank Sands Hotel Wednesday night wearing a dazzling 10-foot long swan's down wrap and a gown dotted with 227,000 diamonds. The famed actress, who once vowed that rock 'n roll wouldn't get the best of her, amazed a capacity audience as she made her debut here in the flashy attire. She kicked up her heels and, in an Elvis Presley manner, opened a three-weeks engagement at the hotel by singing "Look Me Over Closely."



**SHIELDING HIS FACE** from the camera is Jose Brilej, Yugoslavia's envoy to United Nations, shortly after a car he was driving crushed to death Mrs. Ruth La Bartnek, 45, against the wall of a New York shop. Police said he ran through a red light, but cannot be prosecuted because of diplomatic immunity. (International Soundphoto)

To make a colorful Valentine's Day dessert, cut angel food cake into cubes and toast lightly. Serve with a chilled red cherry sauce with toasted almond slivers. Sweeten and thicken pitted canned cherries and then stir in the toasted almonds.

Here's an appetizing way to start off a company dinner. Chill canned consomme several hours. Before serving, break up slightly with a fork and stir in sliced radishes, green pepper strips and some sliced or chopped ripe olives. Garnish with lime wedges.



**Is That So?**

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Hope springs eternal. At any rate, now smack in the middle of winter, I'm being bombarded with springtime requests:

"How do you force apple and cherry blossoms to bloom faster indoors?" And because of my last summer's pieces on how to keep cut flowers longer, readers want to know when to cut, how to condition, and keep spring flowers, including tulips—the latter having a postscript: "Is there any way to keep their buds from opening?"

**FORCING BLOSSOMS:** For best results with apple and cherry blossoms, cut or rather prune the branches after the buds begin to swell in late winter and early spring. In this, select good-sized branches with pleasing curves and angles to suit the arrangement you have in mind. This should be about 6 to 8 weeks before their normal flowering. Cut earlier, and your flowers will not be so good.

Split the stems 3 inches or so. Place them in large containers. Change your water weekly, and every time you do so, recut the stems, removing an inch or so. Spray with a fine mist of cold water daily, for added humidity. Acts the same as rain.

Place the branches in a light, fairly sunny room, but not too sunny. Strong, direct sun dries out buds. As blossoms open, branches may be moved into bright sunlight to intensify the colors.

To speed up the process, place stems in hot water, say 100 degrees, F., once a day, letting the branches remain in it until after the water cools.

**TULIPS:** Cut tulips when the petals are about as long as they will be when the flowers have opened. To protect your bulbs, leave at least two leaves on the stem.

The best way to condition tulips so they won't droop when arranged, is to wrap your bouquet the night before in a wet newspaper and place them in a tall straight-sided container of cold water. Have the newspaper folded so it will reach from well into the water up to the heads of the flowers. Take care: should the newspaper become dry, it will draw moisture from the flowers.

World specialists in tulips, the Dutch, soak their cut tulips in a very weak solution of calcium nitrate—two ounces for every five-gallon pailful of water.

To prevent tulip buds from opening, dip them into a raw egg white. To keep petals from unfolding or dropping, drop wax—if possible the color of the tulips—into the cup where petals are joined. This, of course, is for show purposes.

**LILACS:** Don't worry about cutting lilacs from established bushes—should the flowers go to seed, they draw heavily on the shrubs; hence, careful cutting insures stronger, more beautiful blooming plants.

Cut the flowers when the panicle is about one-third open. Remove all foliage from the flowering branches at once. Split the woody stems and you

might even pull away the outer bark for 4 inches from the base of the stem. Condition overnight in cold water. Use non-flowering branches to arrange with flower stems. A dash of alcohol or a splash of gin in the water helps keep your bouquet fresh. Replace water often.

**PUSSY WILLOWS:** Although these tend to keep fairly well without water, buds will drop and flowers will fail to open if kept dry. Cut when less than half the branch has reached maturity. Split stems and condition in cold water.

For forcing, bring the willow indoors as soon as buds begin to swell. Incidentally, willow is easy to massage between thumb pressing against first and third fingers to take any desired curve.

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**Stealer of Chickens Leaves Restitution**

Lena, Ill. — (UPI) — A conscience-stricken chicken thief left \$30 restitution for one of his victims, asked forgiveness in a note, and promptly disappeared.

Mrs. Chris Rambecker was alone in her Pleasant Valley farm when a thief broke into the hen house. Frightened by the noises, she shot into the dark. But the scoundrel got away with several chickens.

Nine months later members of the Lester Brocius home at Lena, where Mrs. Rambecker is employed, heard a car drive into the yard, followed by steps on the front porch. When no one rang the bell, they went to the door.

There was a large envelope on the floor, addressed to Mrs. Rambecker. Inside on a penny postcard was this message:

"Sorry, I am the party that took your chickens last March. I did not know you were a widow. I took 10 chickens and my partner in crime—you shot him thru the left leg. Leg was taken off. My conscience is clear now. Forgive me, sorry." Authorities here have no record of a person being wounded on that date or a leg being removed near that date.

**MORE BODIES SOUGHT**  
Hong Kong — (UPI) — Rescue workers today found eight more bodies buried in the rubble of a tenement leveled by fire Wednesday. It brought the death total to 39.



**ASSUMING** new post as defense mobilizer, Gordon Gray tells newsmen he sees no hope for early end of big world issues. (International)

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