

## Three Youngsters Trapped in Old Vault Think of Edgar Allen Poe

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Three youngsters who were locked up in a vault in an abandoned mansion said today "it felt like Edgar Allen Poe" when the massive door slammed shut with a "scary boom."

Frantic firemen worked for an hour and a half Thursday night to cut through the concrete and steel vault to rescue the boys and a girl. Their parents stood with 300 neighbors in the floodlighted darkness as the rescue went on.

**Youngsters Fled Out**  
At last, a safe expert sprang the door with a single blow at the tumbler of its combination lock, and the three grinning youngsters fled out into the flare of lights.

The youngsters were William Moore, a 6-foot 16-year-old with a crew cut; David Rude, 15; and Cheri Stevenson, 11. All are from well known families who live in the fashionable Pacific Heights district.

They and a dozen or so other youngsters were playing Thursday afternoon in a 15-foot vic-

torian mansion which is being demolished.

One of the youngsters slammed the door shut while William, David and Cheri were inside exploring the vault. To their horror, the children realized they were trapped.

**First Fight**  
William said he and David didn't get scared until they tried to bang against the wall with a board they found lying on the floor.

"Dave and I rammed it against a wall and it just went boom. That was the hollowest, scariest boom I ever heard in my life. We all began to think about Edgar Allen Poe."

Meanwhile, Cheri's sister, Cathy, ran home and told her mother. Mrs. Stevenson dialed the Fire Department while her husband ran to the mansion to see what he could do.

The vault seemed impenetrable. It was seven feet long, seven feet wide and eight feet tall. Its walls were a foot thick and were backed by quarter-inch steel plates.

An acetylene torch was wheeled to the vault and a rescue squadman burned off the hinges. The dial was knocked off and a fireman shouted into the opening. "Can you hear us?"

**Agonized Silence**  
The parents of the three youngsters waited in agonized silence.

The firemen turned to them in a moment.

"They're talking . . . they're okay," he said.

It proved futile to burn the doors and rescuers began hammering the massive sides with sledge hammers. This did no good and soon they brought jackhammers to the scene. Firemen piped oxygen into the vault through the dial opening.

Then a safe expert, Walter Starke, arrived on the scene. He worked for about 20 minutes, drilling a hole to the side of the dial hole. Soon he sheared off the pins that held the tumblers in place and the door creaked open.

The three youngsters walked out, unharmed.

## Seaton Undergoes Operation for Old Injury To Back

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton underwent a two-hour operation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center today to relieve a recurring back injury.

Physicians reported to Lorne Kennedy, Seaton's assistant, that the operation was "entirely successful" and that his condition was "good."

**Nerve Irritated**  
Kennedy said the physicians found a "protruding cartilage" which had been irritating a branch of the sciatic nerve. This had produced an acute sciatic neuritis.

The cartilage was removed, Kennedy said. He reported the doctors said there were "no other complications" and that "nothing else was found."

Kennedy said the doctors reported the "situation did not require a fusion of the vertebrae."

Kennedy said the doctors expect Seaton's disability will be "relatively short."

**To Restrict Travel**  
During Seaton's convalescence he will be required to restrict his travel for some weeks, Kennedy said.

Seaton has been at Walter Reed hospital under observation and treatment since March 7. He entered the hospital shortly after he returned from an inspection trip to Hawaii. He also was hospitalized in Hawaii. He had been troubled with a back condition for more than 25 years.

## Kaiser Reports 1956 Earnings of \$42,349,131

Oakland — (U.P.) — Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation reported Thursday its 1956 earnings totaled \$42,349,131, a 17 per cent increase over 1955.

The 1956 earnings were equivalent to \$2.71 a common share. Net earnings for 1955 were \$36,021,114, equivalent to \$2.43 a share.

## Iran Police Said To Have Surrounded Notorious Bandits

Teheran, Iran — (U.P.) — Iranian police have surrounded the notorious bandit Dad Shah and his gang some 20 miles east of the site where they murdered three Americans and two Iranians, it was reported here today.

Iranian police Monday tracked down and killed three other members of the Dad Shah gang including the man blamed for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin M. Carroll, Issaquah, Wash., and Brewster A. Wilson, Portland.

**Familiar With Terrain**  
A police squad of 20 men, led by a mountaineering warrant officer, was reported closing in on the rest of the bandit gang in a torrential downpour.

All of the men in the police squad, were reported familiar with the difficult terrain where Dad Shah has thus far eluded hundreds of searchers.

The search area, some 800 miles east of Teheran, consists of wild mountainous country studded with needle sharp rocks and filled with hidden canyons which has made the search extremely difficult.

Dad Shah and his gang have terrorized the area for years and police were tracking him down when the Americans, officials attached to the U.S. Point 4 program, were ambushed a week ago Sunday and slain.

**Gang Cut Down**  
New Premier Manouchehr Eghbal pledged only Thursday to continue the nation's efforts to capture the bandits.

Reports from the desolate area said the Dad Shah gang in recent weeks had been cut down sharply from the original marauding force of 20 men and some 50 women and children who accompany the men on their desert forays.

Fossil, Ore. — (U.P.) — A retrial of suits brought by victims of last summer's flash flood at Mitchell will open here next Monday.

## Van Dyke to Speak at Regional Conference Of Education Group

Frank J. Van Dyke, Medford attorney, will speak at the Western Regional conference, organized by the President's committee on education beyond the high school, at the St. Francis hotel in San Francisco, Calif., April 9-11.

Van Dyke is chairman of the western interstate commission for higher education, an interstate agency which is holding the conference for the President's committee.

About six governors, including Gov. Robert D. Holmes of Oregon, several state legislators, college presidents and leaders in business, labor and agriculture will consider measures states can take to prepare for new students who are estimated to double western college enrollments within 15 years.

More than 350 delegates, appointed by governors of 11 western states and Alaska and Hawaii, are scheduled to attend the meeting.

**Governors To Attend**  
Among governors attending will be Governor Holmes, Gov. George D. Clyde of Utah, Gov. Stephen L. R. McNichols of Colorado, Gov. Charles H. Russell of Nevada, and Gov. Milward Simpson of Wyoming.

Governors Holmes, McNichols, Russell and Simpson will preside at convention sessions.

Major addresses will be delivered by President O. Meredith Wilson of the University of Ore-

gon, President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California, Dean Tracey E. Strevey of the University of Southern California, and Governor Clyde.

Delegates will divide into groups to consider problems on how to provide more classroom space and hire more teachers, how to apportion students among junior colleges, technical institutes and universities, and how to preserve and improve the quality of education.

A group of special panels will be held on "Adult Education," "Two-Year Institutions," "Financial Aid to Students," "New Approaches to Higher Education," and "Issues in State Control of Higher Education."

Conference chairman will be Edgar W. Smith, former president of the Oregon state board of higher education and a member of the President's committee.

## Gov. Holmes Suggests Transfer of Welfare Administrator at K.F.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Robert Holmes suggested Thursday that the Klamath county welfare administrator, Mrs. Altha Urquhart, be transferred to help clear up the controversy over the welfare situation in Klamath county. The suggestion drew immediate protests from Klamath county welfare officials.

Gov. Holmes' suggestion to Welfare Administrator Jeanne Jewett came after a detailed study of results of an investigation by the state welfare office into complaints against Klamath county public welfare office operations. Miss Jewett said any action would have to be taken by the commission.

Some 75 persons signed a petition calling for the study following the fatal shooting of the welfare commission chairman, Fred Peterson, and the wounding of two officials, including Mrs. Urquhart, by an aged welfare recipient early this year.

**Commission Said Absolved**  
The governor said the professional skills and good intent of Mrs. Urquhart were not in question but that her transfer would create a fresh atmosphere.

Martin Swanson, new head of the Klamath County Welfare Commission, said his group is opposed to any change and would back retention of Mrs. Urquhart all the way.

Swanson said the report from the state office absolved the Klamath county commission of criticism leveled against staff members.

Swanson quoted the report as saying that "testimony and statements submitted and given to the field service by residents of Klamath county do not support the contention in the petition that the department and commission treated applications in a harsh, or in an inequitable manner."

The governor said "I believe there still exists in Klamath county a residue of resentment and suspicion about the welfare department there. Whether it is justified or not is not the question. That is does exist creates a difficult if not impossible problem for those whose business it is to administer welfare funds justly and humanely."

Miss Jewett said in Portland that any action on the governor's suggestion would have to be taken by the commission which does not meet until April 26. She declined comment except to say the commission had approved the report which gave Mrs. Urquhart's administration a clean bill.

Miss Jewett said the report was not released until Thursday because of the trial of Guy Earl Cramer, 76, who was found innocent by reason of insanity on a murder charge in connection with Peterson's death.

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## Communiquette Tells Midget Aims

Reno, Nev. — (U.P.) — The midgets of America returned to their homes across the country Friday, determined to press for a man-sized program.

At the organization's first annual convention Thursday, the little people adopted a slogan, "Don't Tread On Us," and issued a communiquette stating their aims:

—Half fare on trains, planes and buses.

—Half-price meals and lower cafeteria steam tables.

—Mass production of midget-sized clothing to lower prices which are now too high for pint-sized budgets.

The delegates elected Bill Barty of Hollywood, Calif., a performer on the Spike Jones television show, as president. Dan Turner, Black Mountain, N.C., was named president-elect to take over after Barty's two year term.

Launa Shelton, Phoenix, Ariz., was named recording secretary. Robert Hinkson, Washington, D.C., was named financial secretary and Richard Preston of American Fork, Utah, was elected sergeant at arms.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Delfino of San Diego, Calif., were named Mr. and Mrs. Lilliput of the 1957 convention.

The second annual convention will be held a year from now at Reno's Riverside Hotel.

## Mobilgas Run Will Cover 1,568 Miles

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — This year's Mobilgas economy run will cover a record 1568-mile route from Los Angeles to Sun Valley, Idaho, through San Francisco, Reno, Salt Lake City, and Pocatello, Idaho.

The route, announced today by U.S. Auto Club officials, is the longest in the history of the annual test of performance of the newest model stock cars.

Twenty-four men and women drivers will leave Los Angeles at 11 p.m. April 14 on the first leg of the route which climbs from sea level to a 7,382-foot pass and includes travel in heavy city traffic.

Women were allowed to drive in the run this year for the first time.

## Eden and Wife Rest at Suva Government House

Suva, Fiji Islands — (U.P.) — Sir Anthony Eden and his wife spent a restful morning in the grounds of Suva's Government House today before leaving for Honolulu on their way to Boston.

The 59-year-old former British prime minister is en route from a New Zealand vacation for a medical checkup by Dr. Richard Cattell, who operated on him in Boston in 1953 for a bile duct complication.

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