

# Bandits Get Valuable Loot From Residence Of Lauritz Melchior

Hollywood — Four bandits forced their way into the home of Lauritz Melchior Tuesday night, tied up the singer, his wife and his household employees and escaped with an estimated \$175,000 in cash, jewels and furs as Melchior raced after them with a rifle.

"If I only could have gotten my gun in time," the Danish-born singer told police. "I pretended I had a heart attack, so they didn't tie me up very tightly. I ran after them when they were leaving in their car, but I was too late."

The 67-year-old Melchior came to Hollywood in 1944 after 25 years as a famed Metropolitan Opera star. He appeared in several motion pictures, co-starring with such actresses as Kathryn Grayson, June Allyson and Esther Williams.

## Calypso Fad Not For Rock'n Roller

New York — Maybe Bill Haley is prejudiced, but he doesn't dig this calypso music. The king of the international rock 'n' roll set believes the entire calypso fad was doomed from the start because "you can't force the public to buy anything."

Haley, recently returned from what he calls a "fantabulous" tour of Australia and England, said he first heard about the calypso boom while in Australia.

"They told us we'd come home to find rock 'n' roll dead," he said. "When we got home, I looked at a television disk jockey show and they were playing a calypso record. I saw that the kids weren't dancing, and I knew we had nothing to worry about."

Haley believes calypso is too difficult for dancing. "It's very easy to jitterbug to rock 'n' roll," he explained. "The secret of our success is our simplicity. The kids don't have to study to enjoy our music. It's their music."

He pointed out that, despite all the commotion, calypso has only had a couple of hit records. "No matter how much you run down rock 'n' roll," he said, "the public likes it and buys it. Rock 'n' roll is still turning out million-selling records. Calypso isn't. If calypso had the youngsters singing and dancing, it would last."

What about Haley's future? And whether rock 'n' roll? "I'm thinking of other things to help widen the field. You know, rock 'n' roll is only the four bar blues with a heavy aft-



LENDING A ROYAL HAND—Britain's Queen Elizabeth II (left), wearing glasses, and Princess Margaret (stooping) do their share to keep the polo field at Windsor Park neat by treading down pivots, pieces of turf torn up by polo club strokes. The Queen's husband, Prince Philip, who was celebrating his 36th birthday, played for the Windsor Park team in the match.

## Women Sentenced To See Movie, Write Essay

San Francisco — Municipal Court Judge Clayton Horn placed five women shoplifters on probation Tuesday with the stipulation they see a movie and write 200-word essays on one phase of the film.

The movie: "The Ten Commandments."

The subject: The Eighth Commandment: "Thou shalt not steal."

erbeat. If this starts to fade, there's the same beat applied to Dixieland . . . country music . . . the old ballads.

"I'm a long way from through. We're always trying to come up with something new. Not only my own group, the Comets, but all rock 'n' roll groups. We keep refreshing ourselves. And remember, too, that we have so many good guys on our team — guys like Elvis, Pat Boone, Fats Domino. They're powerhouses. It's going to be tough to beat us."

## Gizo Paradise For Troubled Man

Gizo — Having mother-in-law troubles? Your boss a slave driver? Tired of it all? Then try Gizo.

Gizo is a town—and an island—in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate where there are no automobiles, but everyone owns a boat; where a man with a bicycle is considered rich. There are eight general stores serving Gizo's 12 European families.

About three times a year ocean liners intrude on Gizo's privacy to load copra, yet Australia is only 11 hours away by regular Qantas planes from the nearby airport at Vella Lavella.

Your breakfast food grows outside the glassless houses, medical attention and hospitalization are free, the cobalt seas are saturated with fish and the bacon for your eggs runs wild on the nearby islands.

Gizo is the port of entry to the Solomons Protectorate and seat of government for the Western District of the B.S.I. It lies 500

miles south of the equator with an Hawaiian climate.

There is cricket and football for the sports-minded, and sandy beaches and tall, shady trees for those born tired.

The British Government store sells everything from cocktail canapes to shotguns, and the seven Chinese stores can produce everything from brocades to chewing gum.

The cost of living is among the lowest in the world and "inefficient" domestic native help abounds. The Commonwealth Bank of Australia is housed in a palm-thatched hut, and there is barbed wire instead of iron bars on the local jail.

Most Christian religions have churches in or around Gizo, and the government provides Cambridge graduate R. Hill as agriculture expert to advise farmers.

England's fishing fleet in 1580 needed warships to drive off the pirates.

## Defense Against Attackers Offered

Buffalo, N. Y. — A German-born grandmother offers this time-tested continental discouragement for would-be attackers of women—always carry a small can of pepper.

Mrs. Carl G. Ahlert said European women a generation ago never left home alone unless armed with pepper for self-defense.

"Hurl pepper into the attacker's eyes," she recommended. "It will smart terribly. His first reaction will be to rub his eyes. That will make the burning sensation even worse. You'll have time to run away."

"Or take a bunch of keys and scratch him up."

The 60-year-old native of Koblenz, Germany, resides in su-

burban Cheektowaga where numerous attacks on women were reported recently.

"This series of attacks is the worst in the 30 years I have lived here," she said.

The important thing to remember, Mrs. Ahlert added, is to carry a small can of pepper in the hands ready to use whenever a person is walking on the street—especially at night.

"There may not be time to get it out of your handbag or pocket," she said. "With a little practice you can learn to open the can with the thumb of the same hand with which you are carrying it."

About 15 hours are required for a ship to clear the Suez canal.

## FOR HORSES

Milton, Mass. — A crosswalk of white lines has been painted diagonally on Route 28 in the Blue Hills near a sign that reads, "Horses Crossing." The walk is for the protection of riders using the bridle paths.

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