

Nathan Leopold Asks Commutation; Has Offer of Job

Springfield, Ill.—Nathan Leopold, 32, partner in the Loeb-Leopold thrill-killing of little Bobby Franks in 1934, today sought commutation of his 85-year Stateville prison term.

An application was presented to the State Parole and Pardon board for forwarding to Gov. William G. Stratton.

Leopold has won the support of a former University of Chicago classmate, who offered him a job as head of a manufacturing firm's foreign department, and Dr. J. B. Rice, who directed a study of malaria in which Leopold took part.

It was this participation that prompted ex-governor and 1956 Democratic nominee for president Adlai Stevenson to shorten the original 99-year sentence to 85 years.

Leopold has been a "model" prisoner, Attorney Elmer Gertz said, and has skill in foreign languages which would enable him to hold down the job offered by Arnold Maremont. Maremont is a Chicago industrialist.

Aided in Experiments
Leopold and several hundred other prisoners participated in the World War II malaria experiments at Stateville.

His parole plea in 1953 was denied, as were requests for re-hearings in 1955 and last December.

Gertz contended Leopold has been sufficiently punished and has been rehabilitated. He said if his client is released he will lead a decent life.

Some Remains Silent
The only surviving member of Bobby Franks' immediate family, his sister, Mrs. Richard J. Gieser of Chicago, refused to discuss her feelings about the latest plea.

After hearing arguments, the parole board will forward its recommendation to Gov. Stratton, who will make the decision on freeing Leopold.

Atomic Test Blast Scheduled Thursday

Las Vegas.—The Atomic Energy Commission today revealed that it planned to fire its most atomic blast Thursday at 3:40 a.m. (PST) instead of Friday as previously announced. The nuclear device was the one that turned out to be a dud June 28 and had to be disarmed by five technicians. The AEC indicated that the test was advanced 24 hours because it took less time than expected to reassemble the firing mechanism of the device which failed to fire because of a power failure. The shot, called Zibabo, will be tumbled off from atop a 500-foot steel tower. The charge is expected to be one of the smallest of the current test series.



WALKING FROM CHAPEL after being married in religious ceremony, William S. Girard, American soldier facing trial for slaying Japanese woman, and bride, Haru Sueyama, head for reception at Camp Whittington where he is under arrest pending court action. (International)

Around Hollywood

Editor's note: Marjorie Best, transcriber at Warner Studio, writes about men's clothes in today's guest column from Hollywood.

By MARJORIE BEST
Written for the United Press

Hollywood.—Clark Gable has the kind of figure that well-fitting trousers are proud to be on.

I recently designed Mr. Gable's wardrobe for "Band of Angels," in which he plays a plantation owner of the Civil War period.

Many people find it an unusual circumstance that a woman should design clothes for men. Since coming to Warner's along with their purchase of United Costume Co., some years ago, I have specialized in putting male stars in buckskin britches.

For years I did just that for Errol Flynn, who will never be surpassed in his adaptability to colorful period clothes. To me, he was every inch the proper male in style and figure. I've also designed costumes for Burt Lancaster, especially during his swashbuckling days when he muscled Virginia Mayo through flames and arrows, and when he romped up the masts in "The Crimson Pirate."

Proper Physiques
Three other male stars, with which I have worked and who have the proper physical qualifications for outdoor and period costumes, are Alan Ladd, Rock Hudson and Guy Madison.

Other than a fundamental conservatism and an insistence on perfect fitting, the only special thing I noted about Mr. Gable's taste was his affection for pearl stickpins and polka dot ascots. He likes to wear them wherever possible.

Ordinarily a designer of actors' costumes must be excep-

tionally careful of neckwear. A star wearing a gaudily patterned necktie or a flamboyant bowtie is likely to attract more audience attention to his ascots than to the expressions on his face.

All of Mr. Gable's clothes in "Band of Angels" are basically authentic for the period. We have taken a few minor liberties, however.

Clothes Tightened
For instance, this was the baggy period for men, and in the interest of displaying Mr. Gable's fine physique, we have tightened up his clothes somewhat more than was usually done in the 1860s. His cufflinks and studs, incidentally, are made from antique buttons, and it's a shame they don't get any closeups.

I find that in the matter of clothes, men are very much like women. They are rightfully concerned with how they are dressed, and they invariably have something they like to point out to the designer—such as, "One of my shoulders is lower than the other." I always laugh to myself, because there is not one man or woman out of hundreds who doesn't have one shoulder out of line.

In costuming stars, I always try to emphasize their best physical point. If a man has a slim waist, I dress him so that it shows off. If he has good straight legs, narrow hips or broad shoulders, I try to emphasize those points in his clothes.

CANADIAN JUSTICE DIES
Banff, Alberta.—Justice Henry G. Nolan, 61, of the Supreme Court of Canada, died Monday.

Stock Dividends and Splits Expected To Continue During 1957

BY ELMER C. WALZER
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Now York.—Stock dividends and stock splits, in the news during the first half of 1957, are expected to continue in quantity in the second half.

There were 103 stock splits in the first half and that's the most in many years for the period. There will be fewer in the second but the total may set a record, the experts anticipate.

Standard & Poor's notes that stock dividends are continuing to gain in popularity as corporations seek to conserve cash to finance expansion programs.

The effect of a stock dividend and a stock split is the same, it is explained. However, there is a difference in accounting.

Equity Unchanged
Each increases the number of shares the stockholder has without changing the percentage of his equity.

In the case of a stock dividend, there is a bookkeeping operation of transferring to capital account a portion of earned surplus, leaving unchanged the par or stated value of each share. In the case of a stock split the par or stated value is reduced to conform with the increase in shares.

The usual form of the stock dividend is much smaller than

the split, and stock dividends often are paid in lieu of cash.

Standard points out that investors often prefer stock to cash dividends since there is no tax involved until the stock is sold and then the profit is treated as a capital gain. Such stock held for more than six months and sold produces a long term capital gain on which the maximum tax is 25 per cent.

There is a disadvantage in stock dividends, too. If the company doesn't grow at a rate in excess of the rise in share capitalization, the benefit of stock dividends will be nullified by dilution of the equity, Standard and Poor's notes.

The stock splits so far this year include a large percentage of utility companies. There was one railroad—Virginian—several banks, insurance companies, and investment companies as well as a long list of industrials.

The split candidates and stock dividend candidates for the remainder of the year include such issues as Allied Chemical, American Home, Eastman, General Electric, Firestone, Goodyear, Gulf Oil, National Lead, Shell Oil, Union Carbide, Warner-Yambert, Wilcox Oil, and Freepoint Sulphur. Some of these have been lively issues in recent stock market sessions.

Russian Turboprop Airliner in Debut

London.—The Soviet Union's new turboprop airliner made its first appearance over Moscow Monday, flying low over the Kremlin's towers on a test flight, Radio Moscow reported today.

The broadcast said the plane, the Ukraina, cruises at 400 miles per hour and carries 84 passengers.

It gave no further details, but Western observers said the description indicated the Ukraina was similar to the British Bristol Britannia turboprop airliner now in regular service.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Grace Coolidge Rites Wednesday

Northampton, Mass.—Simple funeral services were planned today for Mrs. Grace Goodhue Coolidge, 78, former first lady of the United States, who died Monday of a heart ailment.

Arrangements for the funeral and burial were completed by John Coolidge, 51, the only surviving son of President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge.

There are no calling hours and friends are asked not to send flowers. Contributions may be sent to the Heart Fund or to the Clarke School for the Deaf, where Mrs. Coolidge, a teacher, first met the quiet young lawyer who was destined to become the 30th President of the United States.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at the Edwards Congre-

gational church here and the body will then be taken to Springfield for cremation.

Mrs. Coolidge's remains will be inurned in the family plot at Plymouth, Vt., next to the graves of her husband and their son Calvin Jr. who died of blood poisoning at the age of 16 while his father was in the White House.

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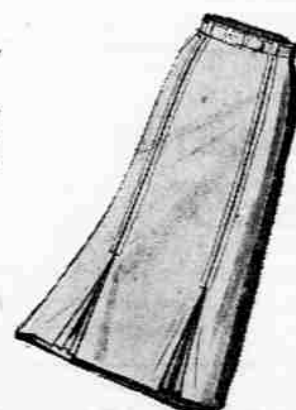
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