

Bay Area Couple Sends Message to Infant's Parents

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San Francisco—(UPI)—A couple whose infant son was kidnapped from his hospital crib in 1955 and returned unharmed, said today they had wired a message of encouragement to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chionchio of New York.

The couple, Dr. Sanford Marcus and his wife, Hanna, said they were praying for the safe return of little Lisa Rose Chionchio, who was stolen from St. Peter's hospital in Brooklyn on Jan. 2, 2 1/2 hours after her birth.

The message from the Marcus read:

"Be of good courage. Our own child was taken from us but returned safely. We pray that your own child will also be returned safely to you."

Missing Nine Days

In expressing his fervent hope for the safe recovery of Lisa Rose, Dr. Marcus pointed out that his own son, Robert, was missing for nine days before he was turned over by the kidnaper to a priest in Stockton, Calif., on Sept. 28, 1955.

Betty Jean Benedicto, who confessed to snatching the Marcus child from Mt. Zion hospital, is currently being sought in the Chionchio case because of striking similarities in the two abductions.

Dr. Marcus said that if New York authorities were correct in their theory that Lisa Rose was taken by a frustrated mother, he would "tend to doubt" that the kidnaper was Mrs. Benedicto.

He pointed out that the Benedicto woman had admitted stealing Robert because she wanted to make good a lie of pregnancy to her husband.

Not Frustrated Desire
"It was not a case of her frustrated desire to be a mother since she already had one child," he said.

St. Peter's hospital authorities have described the abductor as a blonde woman, in her 30s, of average height and weighing between 130 and 140 pounds.

Mrs. Benedicto is 31, and answered the rest of the description when last seen by her mother on June 22, 1957, in Miraloma, Calif. She has been sought as a parole violator since that time.

Dr. Marcus, speaking from bitter experience, reiterated his feeling that convicted kidnapers should be kept locked up to discourage others from committing the "most heinous of all crimes."

Speaking both for himself and his wife, he said: "We wonder whether this present episode, and possibly the Weinberger case, could not have been avoided if it had been made abundantly clear by authorities that the punishment for this crime would be serious enough to

Distributors Are Fined by Judge

Portland—(UPI)—Eight milk distributors and a trade association Wednesday were fined a total of \$36,250 for violation of anti-trust laws by conspiring to fix prices of milk.

The government had asked fines totalling \$95,500.

The defendants had pleaded nolo contendere, by which they accept the punishment the court hands out without pleading guilty. They were indicted more than a year ago.

The fines, as assessed by Federal Judge William East, included: Dairy Cooperative association, \$12,500; Damascus Milk company, \$10,000; Safeway stores, Inc., \$2,500; Arden Farms, \$2,000; Farmers Dairy association \$3,750; Oregon Milk Distributors \$1,000; Sunshine Dairy \$2,500; Sunny Brooks Farms Milk and Ice Cream company \$1,000; and Fairview Farms \$1,000.

Economy Zip Said Shaping Up Now

Washington—(UPI)—A potential source of extra zip for the economy shaped up today in the wake of a government report on business inventories.

The report, issued by the Commerce Department, said that a 200-million-dollar inventory build-up in November reversed a 13-month decline.

The rise was attributed to an unusually big jump in dealers' supplies of new cars, partially compensating for a slowdown in deliveries that resulted from production curtailments in October.

warrant lifetime confinement."

After returning the Marcus child Mrs. Benedicto was committed to a state mental hospital but in a few months was pronounced cured. She was then given a 5-to-25 year suspended prison sentence and placed on five years' probation on condition that she serve a year in county jail.

Missing Since 1957
Upon her release in December, 1956, she went to live with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Berg, in Riverside county. County probation officials there said they last heard from her on June 6, 1957.

Mrs. Berg said her daughter vanished about two weeks later and had not been heard from since.

The kidnaping of four-day-old Robert Marcus touched off one of San Francisco's biggest searches, in which 600 policemen conducted a door-to-door search for the missing infant.

Sheriff Checks 133 Complaints

A total of 33 complaints of felonies were received by the Jackson county sheriff's office during December, according to the monthly report issued today.

They include 12 burglaries, 15 larcenies, 3 bad checks and 1 each of embezzlement, robbery and auto theft.

Eighteen misdemeanor complaints were received, including 6 malicious mischief, 3 disorderly conduct, 2 illegal possession of weapons, 3 traffic violations, and 1 each of trespass, prowler, road violation and assault.

Miscellaneous complaints totaled 82 and total complaints for the month, 133.

The sheriff's office jailed 19 persons during December. Eighteen were placed in the county jail by state police, 7 by Medford police, 6 by the U. S. marshal, 2 by Ashland and Central Point police and 1 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The office closed a total of 83 complaints during December. Twenty-seven warrants were served out of 30 issued, the report stated.

Dulles Intends to Maintain Pace

Washington—(UPI)—Administration sources said today that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles intends to maintain his vigorous working schedule despite expressions of concern about his health.

There had been a feeling in some quarters that the 70-year-old cabinet member should ease up a bit in view of his age and two recent illnesses.

But reliable sources said that President Eisenhower had no plans to ask Dulles to slow down. The President was said to feel that Dulles, because of his temperament, would be miserable if forced to adopt a reduced workload.

Furthermore, the sources added, Eisenhower had been assured by physicians that there was nothing of a serious nature in Dulles's recent ailments to justify putting him into enforced idleness.

Concern over the secretary's health dates, of course, from his operation in late 1956 for intestinal cancer. It is no medical secret that such ailments sometimes recur.

The concern, which died down after Dulles recovered, was heightened again in recent weeks by the new ailments. In December, Dulles was hospitalized for diverticulitis—an intestinal inflammation. Earlier this week he was sent home with a virus attack.

Healy Reappointed State Commissioner

Salem—(UPI)—Reappointment of Salem attorney Frank J. Healy as Oregon's corporation commissioner was announced Wednesday by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Healy, 36, was first appointed to the commissioner post in 1954 to succeed the late Maurice Hudson. He was reappointed by former Gov. Paul Patterson in December of 1954.

The new four-year term extends to Jan. 7, 1963.

As corporation commissioner, Healy has charge of partnership certificates and articles of incorporation for Oregon businesses. His salary is \$10,000 annually.

Backstairs: Kendall Goes Places

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter

Washington—(UPI)—Backstairs at the White House:

When President Eisenhower a few weeks back named David Kendall as his special counsel, members of the President's staff applauded and predicted that the personable Michigan lawyer would "go places."

While Eisenhower was in Gettysburg over New Year's, Kendall did just that. He went to the New Year's Day party given by Clark Clifford, who was Truman to former President Truman.

Clifford, now engaged in a lucrative private law practice, associates with top Republicans as well as his old friends from the Democratic party.

The highball glasses had hardly been put away at the Cliffords before the society pages blossomed forth with stories about the party.

Clifford, as part of a program of family entertainment for the guests, read an elaborate spoof of Eisenhower's forthcoming state of the union message. Clifford gravely said he had gotten hold of an advance copy.

Actually, it was rather pointed satire. One of the town's top society columnists, Betty Beale, called the Clifford satire of Eisenhower "a pearl of ambiguity, non-sequitur and high-flown platitudes."

Kendall plunged into the spirit of things and expressed quite an appreciation of the spoofing. The society sections reported that Eisenhower's new counsel thought so much of the take-off that he asked Clifford for a copy so he could show it to the President.

Mathematics Course Now Available Here

A three hour college credit class in foundations of elementary mathematics is being offered for the first time in the valley Monday evenings at the Medford High school.

The course, which may be taken for either undergraduate or graduate credit, is being taught by Dr. Floyd Taylor, associate professor of mathematics at Southern Oregon college. The class is regularly offered on the Oregon State college campus at Corvallis but is now offered locally to the people of the area because of the national interest in science and mathematics, it was reported.

The class includes a study of the fundamental concepts and logical structure of arithmetic, algebra, and geometry.

It will be held Mondays from 7 until 9:45 p.m. in room 244 of the high school. Final registration is Jan. 12 at the class meeting and will cost \$27 for both credit or non-credit students.

There are more than 300 flammable liquids in use today.

dent. He seemed confident the boss would get a bang out of it.

Came the dawn in Gettysburg and White House couriers, stayed by neither sleep nor snow, got through with all sorts of official documents—the Washington papers.

Then these interesting items began to seep out of the otherwise frozen Eisenhower farm:

—Kendall was being referred to, spoofingly of course, as "the former counsel."

—Men who have been around Eisenhower much longer than Kendall were willing to bet a hundred to one that the counsel never shows the Clifford script to the President, or for that matter, even mention it.

—Kendall does not walk in or out of the President's office at will. When he wants to see the President, he has to arrange it through higher ranking members of staff.

As someone close to Eisenhower remarked after reading the account of the party: "Somehow I just can't pic-

ture Dave Kendall or anyone else walking in to the boss and saying, 'Mr. President, Clark Clifford, who used to work for Harry Truman had a party the other day and he really kidded the pants off your state of the union message—I thought you would like to see it.'"

Another White House veteran closed his eyes and mused:

"Can't you just see it? Dave says, 'Yessir, Mr. President, everybody got a terrific kick out of this part where you talk about never dealing in personalities, but how do you want to say a word or two for George Washington.'"

"Mr. President, why are you looking at me that way?"

"For heavens sake, Mr. President, you don't have to ring for the Secret Service. This was just good fun. Attorney General Rogers was there. I wasn't the only one. No sir, I didn't say Rogers laughed."

"Mr. President, please, I implore you, put down that putter . . ."

Local Flag Program Planned by Jaycees

The Medford Jaycees this month are starting a holiday flag program in conjunction with a program already underway in other cities by the Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the program, according to Art Van Leeuwen, local Jaycee president, is to stimulate interest in the national holidays and to aid in the decoration of the city on those days.

The Jaycees will display a large American flag on a standard in front of each business or home of participating persons. The flags will be displayed on an average of at least one day a month. It was reported, depending upon the frequency of the holidays.

The Jaycees will contact persons and businesses to display, maintain and store the flags in exchange for an annual fee. The flags will remain the property of the organization.

Van Leeuwen said that the program will get underway this year July 4.

Collision Kills Cow Wednesday Evening

A cow owned by Clyde M. Moody, 6121 Crater Lake highway was killed and a second injured about 10 p.m. Wednesday when struck by a sedan operated by William Floyd Cavin, 46, Eagle Point, state police reported.

Officers said Cavin told them he struck the cows as they crossed the dark highway single file with three others. The sedan was badly damaged.

Navy Flier Rescued; 14 Hours on Raft

San Diego—(UPI)—A Navy flier who spent 14 hours on a life raft after his plane had crashed in the Pacific ocean was rescued Wednesday.

Lt. Cmdr. W. L. Armstrong, 35, Chula Vista, Calif, attached to San Diego Naval Air station, was reported in good condition although suffering from exposure. He was rescued 20 miles south of here by a Navy helicopter crew, one of 20 aircraft crews participating in the search.

Junior High Gym Damaged by Fire

Eugene—(UPI)—Fire broke out in the gymnasium of Woodrow Wilson Junior High school here Wednesday afternoon after school was let out for the day. Damage was estimated at \$15,000.

The fire broke out in the vicinity of the stage in the three-story wood structure. Firemen were unable to determine the cause of the blaze.

The suffered no damage but the stage itself was destroyed and there was heavy smoke damage to the south end of the gym.

There were only a few students in the building at the time of the fire. About 800 students attended the junior high school.

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