

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AN INTERCOLLEGIATE track star invaded the dean's office to protest the behavior of the new coach. "His theories are sound enough," he admitted, "but isn't he supposed to point that old starting gun in the air? I haven't been able to sit down since he checked in here!"



A publicist for Boeing, the outfit that constructs many of those fantastic new jet airliners, has found a way to dramatize their speech. "At a normal rate of breathing," he points out, "a passenger on one of these jets will have traveled more than a mile by the time he has inhaled and exhaled twice!"

A Scotman was aboard the jet that broke commercial records between England and New York. "Describe your sensations," suggested a reporter. "I ha' no sensations," said the Scotman sourly. "All I know is that five pounds worth of travel insurance went down the drain."

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## Mrs. Duncan To Be Sentenced To Death on April 3

Ventura, Calif. — (UPI) — Elizabeth Duncan, 54, found sane at the time she hired two men to kill her pregnant daughter-in-law, will be formally sentenced to death April 3.

Judge Charles F. Blackstock, who Tuesday ruled the Santa Barbara matron sane, will pass the sentence committing her to death in the gas chamber and on the same day also will hear arguments by her attorney for a new trial.

**Success Seen**

Mrs. Duncan, who along with her son, Frank, 30, heard the sanity ruling with composure in the same courtroom where a jury of eight women and four men convicted her of the for-hired murder of Frank's wife, Olga, 30, and then condemned her to death, said she thought her appeal would be successful.

She said the murder case against her was "full of holes," and defense attorney S. Ward Sullivan charged he could cite 16 points including judicial errors and misconduct by District Attorney Roy Gustafson to back up arguments for a new trial.

Judge Blackstock, 83, who presided over the separate trial and sentencing hearing prescribed under California law in capital punishment cases, took less than five minutes to rule Mrs. Duncan sane.

Sanity under California law is the ability to distinguish the difference between right and wrong.

**Slaying Admitted**

Mrs. Duncan, pictured as an over-possessive mother too jealous to share her son with another woman, hired for a promised \$6,000 Luis Moya, 22, and Augustine Baldonado, 25, to kill her daughter-in-law last Nov. 17.

Both men admitted the slaying and testified against Mrs. Duncan during her lengthy trial concluded last week. They will stand trial next month on their pleas of innocent by reason of insanity.

## Dog's Bite Fatal To Five-Year-Old

Olympia, Wash. — (UPI) — An 80-pound Siberian Husky Tuesday ripped the jugular vein of a five-year-old youngster who had crawled into a shed to pet the animal.

Billy Stillions, Tumwater, was found dead about a half hour later.

The dog's owner, Martin J. Sebska, immediately shot the animal.

Hollis B. Fultz, Thurston county coroner, said the boy died from a severed jugular vein and has been bitten several times.

He said the youngster had petted the dog before and had apparently crawled into the animal's quarters.

"The dog had never bitten anyone else before," Hollis related, "but he attacked in the dark when Billy crawled into his hole."

## Kentucky Coal Field Situation Eyed by Governor

Frankfort, Ky. — (UPI) — Gov. A. B. Chandler kept a watchful eye on the tense strike-bound eastern Kentucky coal fields today despite assurances by union leaders that it would be unnecessary to call out the National Guard.

"With this sort of thing you can't wait for something to happen. Then it would be too late," said Chandler, who sent troops to the coal fields during his first term as governor in 1939.

**Guard Alerted**

Chandler alerted the guard Tuesday after State Public Safety Commissioner Don Sturgill reported that a crowd of 1,000 members threatened to destroy and burn a mine tippie at Colson in southeastern Kentucky.

The situation eased a few hours later, however, when Carson Hibbits, president of United Mine Workers Districts 28 and 30 gave assurance that pickets at the Camp Fork Coal company tippie would be "no further demonstration of force there."

**Most Serious**

Tuesday's incident at Colson was the most serious since the UMW went on strike to enforce demands for a \$2 per day wage increase from operators on March 15.

It broke the uneasy quiet that hung over the coal fields since last week when the union agreed to withdraw pickets pending the outcome of a court hearing Tuesday at Pikeville.

## 4-H Club News

**Applegate Sewing Susans**

The meeting of the Applegate Sewing Susans was called to order by President Sandy Brewster on March 18.

We made our baskets for the hospital. They will be taken to the Josephine General hospital and to the Rogue Memorial hospital.

Our next meeting will be held April 1.

Mary Herriott, Reporter.

## Duncan Elected By Fiscal Group

Salem — (UPI) — Members of the newly-created legislative fiscal committee Tuesday elected House Speaker Robert B. Duncan (D-Medford) as chairman.

Duncan named a subcommittee to receive and study applications for the position of fiscal officer, top staff job for the committee.

Named were Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland), Sen. Edwin Durno (R-Medford), Rep. Keith D. Skelton (D-Eugene) and Rep. Stafford Hansell (R-Athens).

It has been found that the spores of certain fungi can survive long exposure to a vacuum equivalent to interplanetary space. These fungi may have been the original space travelers.

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**GREETED AT SCHOOL**—Little Becky Denton, Langlois, Ore., is greeted on arrival at the Easter Seal hospital school by Wayne McKinney, physical therapist. The school, financed by Easter seals, has youngsters from many parts of the state and includes daily therapy as well as education.

## Promoters File Articles; Will Seek Industry

Ashland — Articles of incorporation for an organization to promote development of new industry for Ashland are being filed this week by Ashland Promoters Inc.

Incorporators include Lloyd Selby, chairman of the Ashland Economic Development commission, and William Briggs and Mayor Richard Neill, commission members; the three, plus Arnold Bauder and Dr. Chris Hald, also commission members, comprise the original board of directors.

Purpose of the new corporation will be to work closely with the Ashland Economic Development commission, with the privately financed company able to purchase industrial sites, erect and lease buildings, and spend or borrow funds which state law prohibits a city from doing.

**City Prohibited**

Selby said "the city is prohibited from using its funds to purchase sites for private industry or erect buildings. After a study of the success which other cities are having in attracting industry, it became apparent that some private corporation was needed which could do things prohibited to the city. This new company in no way supersedes the development commission, but it will work closely with the commission and the two, acting together, should be able to attract additional payrolls for Ashland."

Original capitalization for Ashland Promoters Inc. is set at \$5,000, with 5,000 shares at \$1 each.

Local business and professional men were reported to have expressed enthusiastic support for the program. A meeting of stockholders for election of directors will be held as soon as the articles of incorporation are approved, Selby reported.

## Bridge Teams Battle for Cup

Seattle — (UPI) — Two teams out of an original field of 80 will battle it out today for the Vanderbilt cup in the Spring national tournament of the American Contract Bridge League.

After winning nine straight matches, the B. Jay Becker team of New York was beaten in the early hours today by 3 international match points by the Charles Goren team of New York.

An international match point is worth about 100 points in rubber bridge scoring. The Goren team led at the halfway mark by 2 points and managed to hold on during the second 18-match round of play.

The two teams will play 18 hands this afternoon and finish with another 18 hands of play tonight.

The winning team in the double-elimination tournament will be one of five to represent the United States in the 1960 World Bridge Olympiad in Rome.

## OPPOSE DEATH PENALTY

Ottawa, Ont. — (UPI) — Support grew today for a move to abolish the death penalty for murder in Canada. The controversial issue of capital punishment was spotlighted in the House of Commons Tuesday when a private member's bill to abolish capital punishment came up for second reading.

Work has begun on a sulphur mining plant seven miles out in the Gulf of Mexico. The sulphur will be brought up from a depth of 2,000 feet in a molten state and sent ashore in a heated pipe.

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