

# Italian Premier, Known for Skill As Compromiser, Arrives To See Ike

Rome - (UPI) - Premier Antonio Segni is a courtly country gentleman who has proved his devotion to the idea of land reform in Italy by giving away some of his own property for distribution to the poor.

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## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

### Fact and Fiction About Devil's Darning Needle

The mosquito hawk, or dragonfly, has as many aliases as it has peculiarities. It is about as unusual as a common thing can possibly be-familiar to everyone, except its habits and unique characteristics. This beautiful insect has flexible and apparently useful legs, but flies so well that it never attempts to take a single step. It uses its legs merely for standing.

When the rains fill the ponds, the female mosquito lays her eggs. The wrigglers struggle up and down in the warm water. At the same time the dragonflies put in an appearance. Everywhere they will weave their pattern of flight in a zig-zag, aimless manner. Seemingly they act as if they didn't know where they want to go, or even how to get there. But there is a definite reason for their meanderings. They are chasing mosquitoes. Seldom do they miss; every zig and every zag results in a capture.

### Basket Arrangement

The dragonfly holds its six legs together to form sort of a basket arrangement. Actually, the six legs become a crate or cage where the live mosquitoes are carried until there is enough to make a mouthful for the dragonfly. They are eaten while the dragonfly is in full flight.

The dragonfly uses its legs only for insect-collecting and as resting props. Why should it walk when it has been well established it can fly at speeds approaching 60 m.p.h.? Many peculiar tales are told about these graceful aerial gymnasts. One was an old folk-tale used to keep children from talking while their elders were running off at the mouth. The little folks probably remained momentarily silent when informed the devil's darning needle would sew up their mouth or ears.

Small boys, out fishing with their fathers, remember this when a dragonfly comes to rest on the end of the fishing rod or on the bobber. The father, who believes no fish will bite while the boy talks, points to the "darning needle" as an example of what might happen.

### Don't Feed Snakes

Another common belief.

### LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS  
No. 55-678-  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
STATE OF OREGON, FOR  
JACKSON COUNTY,  
LUCY L. SMITH, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CLARENCE WALTER SMITH, Defendant.

TO CLARENCE WALTER SMITH, Defendant:  
The above named Defendant,

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to this Court for the decree demanded in said complaint, to-wit:

For decree of this Court forever severing the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant, granting plaintiff an absolute divorce and restoring the parties to the status of single persons, said decree decreeing plaintiff to be the sole owner of the following described real property, to-wit:

Lot 8 and 9, Block 24 of the Original Town, now City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon; free and clear of any right, title or interest of defendant, and restoring plaintiff's maiden name of Lucy L. Ford.

The date of the order for publication of this summons is September 29, 1959. The time prescribed for publication of this summons is once each week for four consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication of this summons is September 30, 1959.

BERNARD P. KELLY  
Of Attorneys for Plaintiff  
20 Goldy Building,  
Medford, Oregon.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT  
No. 19433

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson, Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of Marion Butler, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his Final Account and Report in the above entitled estate, and that by order of the Circuit Court in and for Jackson County, Oregon, Probate Department, a hearing upon the same has been set for October 19, 1959, in the Circuit Court Room at the Court House in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A.M.

All persons having objections thereto are hereby notified to present the same on or before such time.

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E. E. Weaver  
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Born To Top Family  
Segni was born Feb. 2, 1891, in Sassari, Sardinia. His family is one of the top three families of Sardinia. The future premier graduated in 1918 and served as a university professor at Perugia in Central Italy from 1920 to 1925.

He joined Catholic organizations in his youth, including the Catholic "Popular Party" founded by the late statesman-priest Luigi Sturzo. This later developed into the now-ruling Christian Democratic Party.

Segni got his first taste of politics in 1923 when he became a national councilman for the Popular Party.

The following year he ran unsuccessfully for the Chamber of Deputies in the last free elections held in Italy before Benito Mussolini's dictatorship.

Under the Fascist regime, he retired from politics to concentrate on teaching and farming. He taught in a number of universities and continued to do so until 1953.

He returned to the political battles as early as 1942, when he worked to rebuild an anti-Fascist Catholic Party under the name of "Christian Democracy."

Segni became undersecretary of agriculture in the second post-Fascist provisional government cabinet of Premier Ivanoe Bonomi in 1944 and continued serving in the post after the end of World War II. He then became agriculture minister in the second cabinet of Alcide De Gasperi in 1946, a job he held in five successive cabinets until 1951.

It was during this time that he began his long fight for land reform. He broke up large estates and distributed 1,200,000 acres of land to 100,000 families of poor peasants. He even took some of his own land on Sardinia to give to the peasants.

Production Up  
A government expenditure of \$320,000,000 for 10 years of land reclamation - largely during Segni's term as agriculture minister - increased Italy's agricultural production by almost 40 million dollars a year.

After 1951, Segni served in several other government posts, including justice minister and education minister. He dropped from the cabinet of Premier Mario Scelba in 1954 but in 1955, when differences in the government coalition caused Scelba to fall, President Giovanni Gronchi called on Segni to form a new cabinet.

Using his vast diplomatic skill, Segni managed to revive the center coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Liberals and was sworn in as premier on July 6, 1955.

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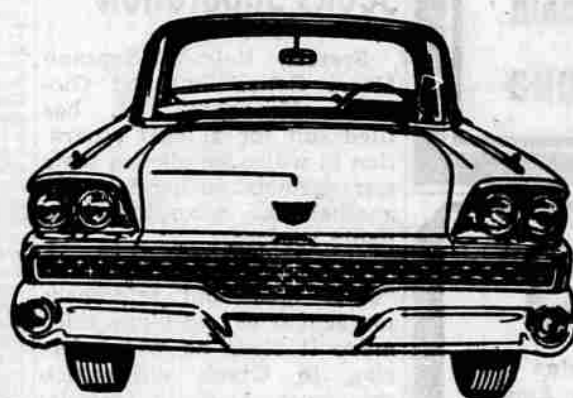
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