



QUIZZICAL — Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba appears quizzical at a press conference Thursday at which he renewed in vague terms his threat to request Soviet troops if the U.N. fails to restore order to his trouble-torn new nation. Lumumba accused newsmen of pushing him into saying it. He is in Washington for a round of talks with U.S. officials. (UPI Telephoto)

Semi-Truck, Car Collide in Salem

Salem **AP** — A huge semi-truck and double-trailer collided with a car and utility trailer on Highway 99 just south of the Santlam junction near the Salem bypass early Friday, burning most of the two vehicles and wrecking new appliances and strewn along the route.

Ivan Parker of Hood River, a passenger in the auto, suffered a head cut and was treated and released at a Salem hospital.

Escaping injury were his daughter, Mary, 18, driver of the car, a younger Parker daughter, Susie, and the truck driver, Burrell Boyce, Portland.

The semi-truck was hauling appliances and other freight.

Washington **AP** — Army Engineers have awarded a contract for \$127,173 to Northwest Marine Works, Portland, for spillway gates, hoists and appliances at McNary dam.

Verbal Commitments Received For Child Safety Plan Here

Earl Whipple on behalf of the Child Safety Council has received several verbal commitments and one check for donations that will enable the Council's child safety program to be used in Medford and Jackson county schools.

Whipple told a luncheon meeting at North's Chuck Wagon restaurant Thursday that \$3,093.18 will have to be raised in order to have the program in all county schools by the 1960-61 school year.

Pointing out that the council is the only federal non-profit safety organization in existence dealing solely with children, Whipple said that between 24,000 and 26,000 schools throughout the country took advantage of this program last year.

First in Oregon

If Medford and Jackson county schools decide to participate in the program—and there are good indications that they will—they will be the first schools in Oregon to do so, he observed.

Whipple, who is assistant national director for the council with headquarters in Jackson, Mich., has been in Medford for the past four weeks attempting to enlist support for the program.

Attending Thursday's meeting were Medford Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold, Medford Police Chief Charles P. Champlin, Jackson County Sheriff Joseph D. Walsh, Jerry Lausman representing KOGAP Lumber Industries, Mrs. Charles Walker representing the Carpenter Foundation, Hugh Jennings representing Security Insurance and Real Estate company and John North, owner of North's Chuck Wagon.

Whipple explained to these people that the program is one of safety education. It is done through the schools and administered by the police department and sheriff's office using materials provided by the council.

The program would be administered to the 9,042 students in grades one through six in Jackson county schools, he said.

Pointing out the need for

'Travelers' Get Jail Sentences

Milwaukee, Wis. **AP** — A teen-age girl who kept a diary account of her coast-to-coast shoplifting spree and her 28-year-old male traveling companion Friday began 120-day jail terms.

Miss Edna Mae Miller, 19, of Los Angeles, drew 60 days in district court Thursday for lewd and lascivious conduct and an additional 60 days for theft of a dress from a Milwaukee department store.

Her companion, Albert Van Landingham, also of Los Angeles, was sentenced to 60 days for defrauding a motel keeper and another 60 days for lewd and lascivious behavior. Driving without a license cost him a \$100 fine.

Authorities sent their 3-week-old baby to a local home for dependent children.

A third member of the group, Miss Sharon Sweek, 23, of Tigard, Ore., drew 60 days in jail on a concealed weapons charge resulting from discovery of a knife in her purse. Van Landingham's brother, Robert, 27, had testified he put the knife in Miss Sweek's purse without her knowledge.

'Robin Hood' Marries Heiress

Dublin, Ireland **AP** — Film star Richard Green, known to television fans for his Robin Hood series, was married to South American heiress Beatriz Robledo Summers in a quiet registry office wedding here.

The bride is a native of Colombia and sister of a former Colombian diplomat. She has two children by a former marriage.

safety education Whipple noted the 14,877 children under the age of 15 were killed in all kinds of accidents last year. This compares to the 8,631 children in the same age group killed by all communicable diseases in the same year.

The Child Safety Council hopes to do the same thing for accidents that other groups have done in minimizing the deaths caused by cancer, tuberculosis, polio and other diseases, he said.

Lists 10 Accidents

Whipple listed the 10 accidents which caused the most child deaths last year. They are traffic accidents, 2,324; drownings in unsupervised waters, 2,244; fires, 2,074; pedestrian accidents, 1,780; poisonings, 1,500; falls, 849; guns, 549; bicycle accidents, 390; railroad accidents, 194; and miscellaneous accidents, 3,241.

Among miscellaneous accidents, according to Whipple, are plastic bag accidents, refrigerator accidents and deaths from child molesters.

The safety education program is directed only to children from the sixth grade down, he explained, because it is easier to teach young children than try and change those that have already developed definite safety habits, good or bad. Children above the sixth grade have usually inherited adult traits and characteristics toward safety, he said, and for that reason are much more difficult to train.

Whipple told the group that the program was started in 1949 in Jackson, Mich., by the chief of police of that town. It was started as a police safety program and has since grown so national in scope that in 1952 it was made a federal non-profit safety organization.

Under the program safety manuals are distributed to each school child. These manuals, which are changed each year, can be colored by the students and are designed so that they will be of interest to them.

There is one manual for children in grades one through three and another for children in grades four through six. Each student will also get a folder on the problem of child molesters. This folder is designed, he said, so that the child will take it home to his parents and it will become the basis for family discussion on the problem of child molesters.

Safety Posters

Each month there will be a different safety poster posted in each school. In addition the council will make available a number of safety films, including five by Walt Disney, to nearly all interested organizations, such as Boy Scouts, churches and so on. There is no charge for these films, Whipple noted.

The manuals will be distributed and explained by police officers, rather than school personnel, Whipple said, because children will often listen better to the officer. If the manuals were to be handed out by the teacher, the student might possibly feel that "it is just another assignment," he said.

One of the purposes of the council, aside from safety, is to promote and encourage cooperation between children and law enforcement agencies he pointed out.

Not Replace Others

Whipple cautioned that this safety program would not serve to replace others that are already being used in schools, but it would serve as a valuable supplement to them.

Both Mekvold and Mayfield indicated that their respective school districts would

lend support to the program for the first year.

During this year its worth and effectiveness would be analyzed and whether or not it would be continued would depend on this analysis, they said.

Dr. Mayfield also pointed out that Assistant Superintendent of Schools Elliott Becken had studied the materials to be used in the program and commented that it is some of the best and best organized safety material that he has seen.

First Donation

The first donation to the program was \$200 received from Timber Products. Several verbal commitments for donations were also obtained by Whipple at the meeting. These were from Lausman, who said Kogap would give something, and from Jennings

who said the Security Insurance and Real Estate company would also give something.

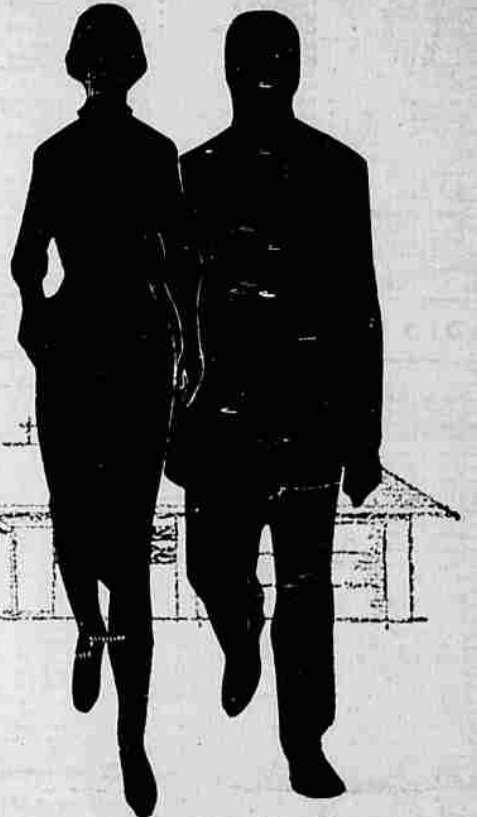
Restaurant-owner North said he would contribute one-tenth of the cost.

Whipple said he has always felt that "prevention is better than apprehension" and that the 14,877 children killed each year because of accidents, "is an awful price to pay for carelessness and ignorance."

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