

### India To Attempt Rehabilitation Of Beggars

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New Delhi — Beggars are on their way out in the Indian capital.

The Delhi State Administration has banned beggars from most public and private places. Under a new act, attempts will be made to rehabilitate legitimate beggars. If the beggars are unable physically to learn new occupations, they will be cared for in certified institutions.

Impostors or persons employing others as beggars will be subject to one year's imprisonment.

According to R. L. Verma, director of Delhi State Administration public relations, snake charmers and others who use monkeys and bears as performers will not be affected. He said, however, "common frauds such as those who go about with pythons wrapped around their necks" will be prosecuted.

Many Indians believe it is good luck to see a snake in the morning and often are willing to pay a python-enwrapped beggar for just strolling by.

Verma also said bird fortune tellers were through. He explained that such monte-banks use caged birds to pick out printed fortunes with their bills for a fee.

The Anti-Beggar Act specifically forbids begging, soliciting or receiving alms in public places even if it is under the pretense of singing, dancing, fortune telling, selling or performing tricks. It prohibits beggars from exposing sores, wounds, deformities or diseases.

Verma estimates there are thousands of beggars currently operating in the capital. He said most of them are centered near railway stations, bus stands and busy market places.

The public relations director said there is one difficulty about the new act. "If the roundup (of beggars) is to be on a large scale, then our poor house is not big enough to house them all."

### Straub Summons Demo Senators

Portland — Democratic State Chairman Robert Straub has called for the 20 Democratic members of the Oregon Senate to meet in Salem next Monday night, apparently, to discuss the Oregon Senate presidency.

The Democratic state organization has announced support of State Sen. Alfred Corbett, (D-Portland), while State Sen. Harry Boivin, (D-Klamath Falls), says he has enough votes to assure him of the Senate presidency.

State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, (D-Portland), a supporter of Boivin's, wrote Straub turning down the bid to attend the meeting. He added he believed none of the Democrats supporting Boivin would attend.

Leadership of at least 10 county Democratic organizations has announced support of Corbett for the position, and also support of Straub who had been asked to resign by Senate President Walter Pearson.

### Clackamas Made Disaster Area

Portland — Clackamas county has been declared a disaster area by the Small Business Administration, it was announced today.

Mrs. John G. Barnett, manager of the Portland Office of the administration, said the area was so declared because of property damage suffered in unusually heavy rains and high water in the area Nov. 23-25.

The purpose of SBA disaster loans, she said, is to help restore, repair, rehabilitate and replace the damaged property to as near pre-disaster status as possible.

Summer or winter cottages, camps, lodges or other residential property occupied for recreation, which were damaged or destroyed, are not eligible for this assistance, she said.

### Red Skelton Will Leave Hospital Soon

Hollywood — Comedian Red Skelton is expected to be released this week end from Cedars of Lebanon hospital, a spokesman for the hospital said today.

The red-haired comedian entered the hospital last Saturday for a complete physical checkup.

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New York — Funeral services will be held Friday for Rocco Vocco, 73, president of the music publishing firm, Bregman, Vocco & Conn.

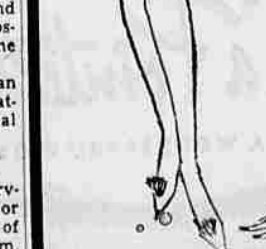
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