



BIRDS STARE AT 'BIRD' - A group of ostriches at the Swope Park zoo at Kansas City, Mo., stare at another grounded "bird" as a truck towing an Air Force fighter plane passes their cage. The Air Force presented the plane to the city for children to play on. The plane will be reassembled in time for the spring opening of the zoo. (UPI Telephoto)

### Prison Population In United States Highest in World

New York — The country with the highest proportion of its population locked up in penal institutions is the United States. The rate—120 adult prisoners for every 100,000 of the general civilian population—says James V. Bennett, director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons "cannot be matched anywhere else in the world. It is a record we cannot be proud of. We must do all we can to get rid of it." The statement, part of a discussion of prison and judicial controversies, appears in the January issue of "Crime and Delinquency," quarterly journal of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. One thing the courts can do to help solve the problem of overcrowded penitentiaries, says Bennett, is to refrain from using prison commitment when it isn't necessary. "However you view it," he added, "prison is tough medicine and appropriate only for those who require tough medicine. Major surgery ought not to be used to clear up a pimple; major surgery, where a shot of penicillin would do, may be disastrous for the patient. The same principle applies in dealing with the offender." Another thing that judges ought to keep in mind, writes Bennett, is the limitation of the institution to which they send an offender. The general availability of psychiatric service in prisons has been exaggerated. Of the 35 institutions in the federal prison system, only seven have psychiatrists on their staffs. "In a recent survey," he says, "we found that there are only 32 full-time psychiatrists employed in all the state institutions for adult offenders. Fifteen of the 32 psychiatrists are accounted for by California; the other 17 are spread out in institutions in 11 states; 38 states do not have even one full-time psychiatrist employed in their institutions for adult offenders. Even if a prison is fortunate enough to have a psychiatrist, the number of prisoners he has time to treat is severely limited. He is lucky if he has time enough to perform the diagnostic services that are required of him." A third condition that must be corrected, says Bennett, is the great disparity in sentences for the same offense. "Even for murder, the time served by those who are released varies from five years and four months in Virginia to fifteen years and two months in Ohio." For manslaughter the range is "from 17 months in Tennessee to 54 months in New York. The average time served for robbery is one year and three months in Colorado, but six years in Indiana." For auto theft, "convicted offenders serve, on the average, as little as eight months in Maryland and as much as 31 months in Iowa."

ACTOR'S SON GETS TERM Great Barrington, Mass. — (UPI) — Anthony E. March, 26, son of actor Frederic March, was under a 30-day jail sentence for the theft of automobile parts and a riding saddle. March, formerly employed as a tree surgeon here, pleaded guilty to the charges in District Court Thursday.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

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### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

CHARLES COLE, who rounded out a brilliant 15-year-hitch as President of Amherst College, recalls that when Poet Robert Frost was a freshman at Dartmouth, his fraternity brothers fretted because he took long walks alone in the woods. Finally a committee of upper classmen confronted him and demanded, "Frost, just what do you do walking by yourself all the time in the woods?" Freshman Frost eyed them calmly and replied, "G'naw bark." They left him to his own devices after that. Actually, says Prexy Cole, Frost was meditating alone in the woods—and his ability to do so is one of the reasons he's such a great poet today. For several years running, rotund Comedian Jackie Gleason has essayed the role of Santa Claus for the Christmas party at the school near his suburban home. "I get a special kick out of putting on the costume," admitted Gleason. "It's the one time in the year I can wear a ready-made suit."

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### Selection of Finch Jury Continues

Los Angeles — (UPI) — The third murder trial of Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff resumed today after a one-day recess caused by the illness of the surgeon's new attorney. Maxwell E. Keith, who replaced Grant Cooper as Finch's counsel, telephoned Thursday to say he had the flu and could not attend. He was required to obtain an affidavit from his doctor that he was ill. Presiding Judge David Coleman released prospective jurors until today because of the illness. Selection of a jury is expected to take at least a week. Finch, 43, and Miss Tregoff, 24, are charged with killing his wife, Barbara Jean, July 18, 1959. The first two trials ended with hung juries.

### Recall Petitions In Independence

Independence Ore. — (UPI) — The people of Independence appeared likely today to have the final say on whether Mayor Roy Duncel was right in firing Police Chief George Utley last month. Petitions calling for the recall of two city council members who backed the mayor are in circulation. Named in the petition are council members John Werline and Dean Smith. At a council meeting this week, ex-chief Utley made a move for reinstatement, but a petition bearing 479 names and requesting his reappointment led the council to reaffirm Utley's ouster by a 5-1 vote.

### Roseburg Man, 22, Dies in Accident

Roseburg — (UPI) — Laurence C. Bursik, 22, Roseburg, was killed Thursday about 10 miles west of here when the car in which he was riding struck an embankment. Olna Hathaway, 65, Roseburg, driver of the car, suffered multiple lacerations and a possible fractured hip.

### HITS FOOD DUMPING

New York — (UPI) — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said Thursday night that "dumping" of surplus food in the United States "does not go unnoticed by the Communists." "People and countries that I have visited constantly ask why do you in the United States throw away food instead of giving it to people who need it?"

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