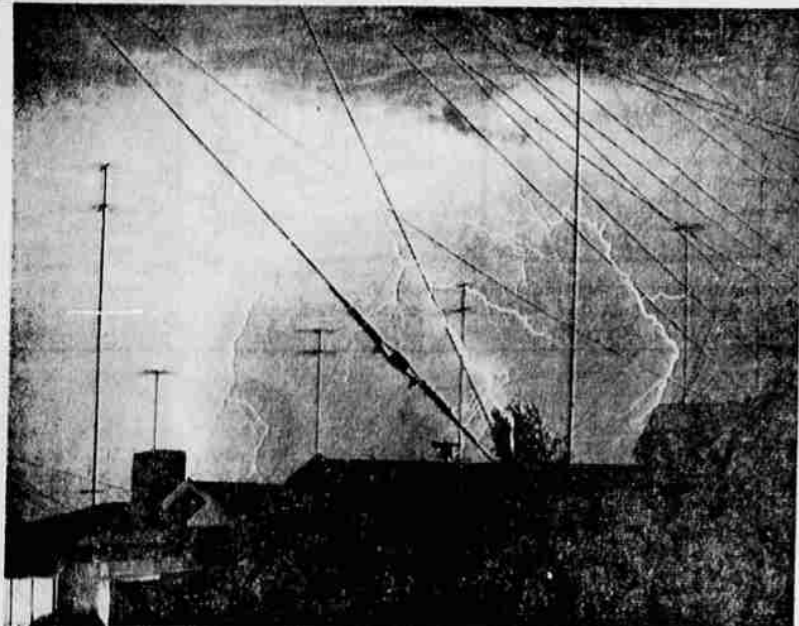




FREE DRIVER—Firemen work to free Thomas Henning, 24, a North Hollywood trucker who was pinned inside the crashed cab of his truck for more than two hours Friday after it smashed into a hillside home in Beverly Hills, Calif. The vehicle, laden with decomposed granite, hit the home with such impact that it knocked the house from its foundation. According to police the truck, driving down a slight grade, veered off the roadway after the brakes failed. Henning is in serious condition at UCLA medical center. (UPI)



FINGERS OF LIGHTNING—Brilliant fingers of lightning illuminated the central California coast at Monterey Bay near Watsonville, Calif., late last week, in one of the most spectacular storms to hit the region in many years. This picture, made by Sam Vestal of the Watsonville Register-Patriotian, shows the display in night skies. (UPI)

THE WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

Speculation About Condition Of Senator Engle Mounting

By United Press International
Speculation mounted concerning the illness of Sen. Clair Engle (D-Calif.), with some sources stating that the veteran congressman was suffering from a malignant brain tumor which left him unable to speak and partially paralyzed.

Persons close to the senator said he was "in very bad shape." This resulted in breaking the official silence surrounding the case with a statement from his office saying his condition was "not critical."

The 51-year-old senator, who underwent brain surgery Sept. 24, was a patient at the U. S. Naval hospital in Bethesda, Md., near Washington, D. C.

Meanwhile, in California, speculation for a possible successor to the senator centered around some of the state's leading politicians. Names most frequently mentioned for the Democratic nomination were Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk, and Controller Alan Cranston. On the Republican side, one GOP source said "We don't really have a leading candidate at this point."

Meanwhile, there were these developments:
Fires: At least two major fires broke out in the Los Angeles area, causing all but one of the roads to be closed in Griffith Park. The blazes in the sprawling park raged in 100-degree southern California heat, and authorities said that at least one was the work of an arsonist.

Smog: Besides fires, southern California also had smog problems. A first stage smog alert was called for the third successive day when the ozone content reached 51 parts per million parts of air in the Burbank area. It was the first time since 1956 smog that alerts were called in three days in succession.

Killings: A suburban housewife apparently shot and killed her husband and ex-husband, Vacaville police said, then died "a victim of her own plot" when her house exploded. Police told the bizarre story, pieced together from evidence found in the debris after the blast and from interviews with neighbors of Air Force T. Sgt. Pedro Montano, 35, and his wife, Georgia, 38. Montano's body was found under a pile of burned sheets in the bedroom. The body of the ex-husband, Henry H. White, 45, Brentwood, was in the shattered house. Both were shot in the head.

Draft: President Kennedy's order to halt drafting of married men was expected to result in the trimming of California's draft pool by about 15,000. Kenneth Leitch, state selective service director, said the order may cause California to reach down to 21-year-olds. He said the local boards had been meeting monthly draft quotas with 22 and 23-year-olds. He noted California would contribute 909 draftees in September and 1,261 in October under the present quota.

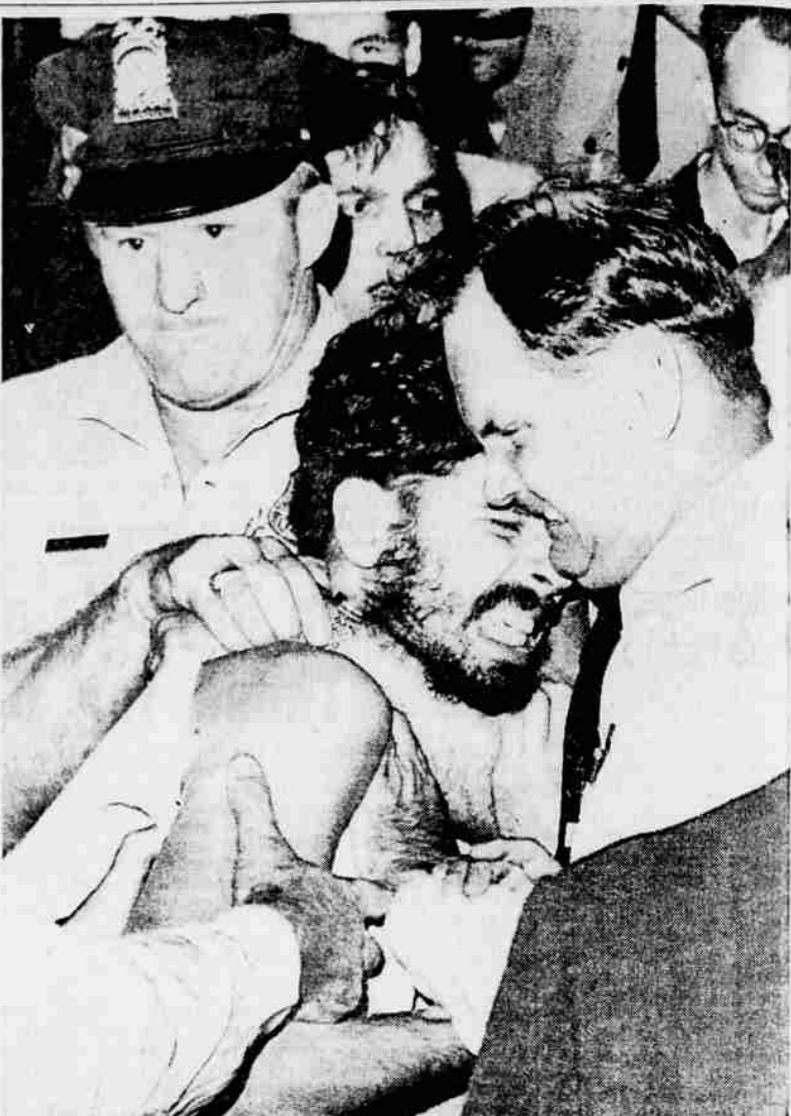
Murder: A murder complaint was issued charging Melvin E. Jackson, 28, of Los Angeles, who professes belief in the black muslim movement, with the decapitation of his pregnant wife and two young children. Los Angeles police said Jackson confessed that he cut off the heads of his wife, Evel, 23, and their two children, Miles, 4, and Kim, 2. Officers said Jackson told them: "They are Negroes, they are my enemies. I am a black man and they are not."

Crusade: More than 170,000 persons turned out in Los Angeles to hear evangelist Billy Graham describe the city as morally impoverished. Graham spoke at the Memorial Coliseum while winding up a 21-session southern California tour. Meanwhile, in nearby Pasadena, a gathering of 118,447 closed the eight-day International Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses at the Rose Bowl.

Fatal: A three-vehicle smash-up on U. S. 40 near Vacaville killed four persons and injured five members of one family. The dead were Amos S. Menninger, 77, of Redding; his wife, Emma H., 70; Robert C. English, 58, of Martinez, and Dennis S. Williamson, 17, of La Mesa.

Christopher: Mayor George Christopher cancelled his annual dinner for San Francisco's diplomatic corps with a most undiplomatic blast at the so-called "clean" of the corps. The mayor gave as his reason for canceling the affair the "adamant attitude" of Venezuelan Consul General Fernando Contreras toward a traffic ticket given to one of his consular colleagues earlier this year. The traffic ticket was given last May to the Argentine Consul General Jorge Avellaneda for running a stop sign. Avellaneda refused to sign the ticket and he was taken to the police station at gunpoint. Christopher later apologized but Contreras made additional demands.

Court: The Third District Court of Appeal ruled in Sacramento that a pharmacist cannot rely on the doctor-patient relationship to withhold essential information from a court. The ruling resulted from a child custody case in Stockton.



EJECTED BY FORCE—A bearded spectator in Washington. The committee is investigating is about to be ejected from the House Un-American Activities Committee hearing room the visit of 50 American students to Cuba this summer despite a State Department ban. (UPI)

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

ON MADISON AVENUE, a lady patient descended upon society dentist Pullman's office for the fifth time to command him to grind down her false teeth again. "I tell you they don't fit," she insisted. "Okay," said Dr. Pullman reluctantly. "I'll do it one last time. But by every test, they should fit your mouth perfectly as they are."

"Who said anything about my mouth?" snapped the lady. "They don't fit in the glass!"

A sour-looking gent pushed his way into a roadside tavern, leaning on a chain A huge, twelve-foot alligator. "Do you serve dames in this joint?" he demanded. "Certainly," said the proprietor. "Men—women—they're all welcome here, so long as they pay cash." "Good," said the sour-looking one. "Serve me a hamburger, and serve my alligator a dame."

Ingenious and persevering fellows, these post office authorities! One of them, according to Bill Feather, came upon a letter addressed to:

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Chinese Reds Said In 'Weakest' Hour

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Gen. Chiang Kuo-sung said Saturday the Communist Chinese are at their "weakest moment" since seizing power 14 years ago — and Nationalists hope for a return to the mainland are at their highest.

Chiang, head of the Free China Security forces and possible successor to his father, President Chiang Kai-shek, said propaganda broadsides from the mainland indicate "the Chinese Communists themselves are nothing but a paper tiger."

He said the Reds talk most when their crisis is highest. During his stay here, Chiang has predicted that Nationalist raids on the mainland would be stepped up. Saturday he emphasized that he viewed the raids as "our own responsibility" and not something for which help or approval is needed from the United States.

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