

# TRACKS SPUR LOST GIRL HOPE

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THIS one comes from Buenos Aires (capital of Argentina):  
"An arrest warrant was out today for Attilio Cattaneo, ousted member of the Argentine chamber of deputies and one of President Juan D. Peron's most outspoken critics."

WHAT'S it all about? Well, it's like this:  
Cattaneo got up on the floor of the Argentine parliament and made the statement that President-Dictator Peron has made himself RICH IN OFFICE. Cattaneo is a member of the parliament. As such, he has immunity from arrest.

So—  
By a vote of 95 to 1, they EXPELLED HIM FROM PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY. That cooks his immunity goose. Now they're seeking him with a warrant on charges of showing disrespect to the (dictator) president, and he's running for cover to save his skin.  
He is reported to have got safely over the border into Uruguay, an adjoining country.

WHAT of it?  
Oh, it's just another case of what happens when too much power gets into too few hands and remains there too long.

AND this one is from Ciudad Trujillo, in the Dominican Republic, down in the West Indies:  
"A special congressional committee today studied demands by President Rafael Trujillo for authority to DECLARE WAR on any country hoarding their PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW HIM."

HOW about that?  
Well, Trujillo (pronounced Tru-he-yo) is president of the half an island that is the Dominican Republic. He claims that Cuba and Guatemala have aided revolutionary conspirators who want to invade the Dominican Republic and take over the government—which would involve throwing Trujillo out of office.  
So he wants power to declare war on Cuba and Guatemala—or any other country that might harbor malcontents as president, Trujillo, as president.

AGAIN, I'd say, it's a case of too much power placed in too few hands. If Trujillo should start attacking Cuba (a big island close at hand) and Guatemala (clear over in Central America) it would create a lot of ruckus in the Western Hemisphere—which already has plenty.  
When you start putting too much power in too few hands, you never know where it all will end.

FOR that matter, when you start a war FOR ANY REASON you never know where it all will end.  
Japan started a war against us at Pearl Harbor, and we promptly declared war against Japan and for good measure we declared war against Germany at the same time. We fought them and licked them both.  
Now we have Russia on our necks and it looks like JAPAN AND GERMANY WILL TURN OUT TO BE THE BEST FRIENDS WE HAVE IN OUR IMPENDING STRUGGLE WITH RUSSIA.  
It's a strange world.

**Oregon Safest Maternity State**  
PORTLAND, Dec. 13 (AP)—Oregon was the safest state in the nation for women at childbirth in 1948, the state health office reported today.  
Dr. Harold M. Erickson, head of the office, said that the maternal mortality rate was four-tenths of a percent in 1000 births. Only 15 mothers died in 34,937 births, he said.



**MOUNTAINS OF PACKAGES**—Claude T. Shoup, Klamath Falls postal clerk, sorts packages received Monday at the parcel post window as early Christmas mailing begins. Postal officials expect heavier mailing this year than at any previous Christmas rush.

## Timber Strike Threatened In Pensions Fight

Letters from the AFL lumber and sawmill workers headquarters in Portland have been sent out to all the union's 14 district councils urging united action by some 60,000 members in the Pacific Northwest in demanding \$100 a month pensions.  
The union is being primed for a strike, if necessary, to back up the demand.

## 'Water Holiday' For New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—New Yorkers were urged today to refrain from bathing or shaving during Friday's experimental "water holiday."  
Commissioner Stephen J. Carney, water department head, said super efforts to conserve water still were necessary despite rains last night and today which provided 500,000,000 gallons of water or about five days supply.

**TRAFFIC DEATHS**  
OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 13 (AP)—Traffic killed an average of more than one person a day on Washington highways and streets this year, the state patrol said today.  
By Monday the death toll for the year had reached 406, which was 71 less than for the same length of time in 1948.

**Can't Remember Robbing Bank**  
SPOKANE, Dec. 13 (AP)—Jack John Anderson said in federal court yesterday he had no recollection of attempting to rob the Coulee City branch of Seattle's National Bank of Commerce.  
The government contends that Anderson forced four bank employees to lie on the floor last August 3, then pocketed about \$270. Although he was carrying a gun, the prosecution said, he was overpowered later by the bank workers.  
Anderson said he recalled stopping at a bar near Umatilla, Ore., some time before August 3 but had no recollection of subsequent happenings.

**School Men Visit New Henley Unit**  
Principals of Klamath Falls elementary schools, along with Superintendent of Schools Arnold Gerlapp, Supervisor Garry Robertson and KUHNS Principal James L. Brown, were guests of County School Superintendent C. B. Howe spent Tuesday morning at the newly opened Henley school and at Peterson school, now nearing completion.  
The Klamath school executives are interested in the new features included in the two structures which embody the latest developments of school facilities.

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## U.S., Bulgaria Near Relations Break Point

### 4 Die, 23 Hurt In Plane Crash

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—A Capital airliner wandered off a radar path leading into fogbound National airport last night and crashed in the mud of the Potomac river, carrying four of the 23 persons on board to their death.  
The 19 survivors—an amazingly high number for a plane crash—were taken to the hospital at Bolling air force base, located nearby. Many were badly hurt.  
Government officials laid plans for a prompt inquiry into the cause of the crash.

**Dead**  
The dead were Mrs. William Chertow, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Neville Lassiter, a government employee who lived in Arlington, Va., and the pilot and co-pilot, W. J. Davis and Lloyd L. Porter, both of Alexandria, Va.

The bodies of Davis and Porter were recovered from the partly submerged wreckage hours after the crash. Workers hacked away at the fuselage through the night to get at the two bodies, which were visible in the water-covered cockpit by the light of rescue lamps.  
Navy and air force men who sped to the scene in crash boats credited a number of factors for the high rescue rate. High on the list were luck and the relative calm of the survivors—most of them service men going home to spend Christmas.

### 25 Said Killed In Crack-Up

KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec. 13 (AP)—All 21 passengers and a crew of four were reported killed in a Pakistan transport plane crash last night 45 miles north of here.  
The list of casualties was not yet confirmed but it was reported that two Pakistan army generals were among the passengers.  
The plane, a twin-engine DC-3, crashed in desert country. It was first spotted by aerial searchers early this morning and rescue parties were sent to the scene of the crash.

## Morse Says Oregon GOPs Against More Federal Jurisdiction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore) said before leaving for another trip to Oregon that republicans in his state agree with him that the party should meet "head on the democratic program of assuming more and more national jurisdiction over problems that can be handled best by the states."  
Oregonians, he said, are not of federal aid to states in health, education, housing, road construction and similar fields.  
"But they rightly insist," he added in an interview, "that administration of such problems be placed solely in the hands of the states."  
**Against CVA**  
Morse said he found in a month's tour of Oregon that the people of his state oppose President Truman's proposal for a Columbia valley administration in the Pacific Northwest. The agency would be administered by a board of three appointed by the president.  
"I found that in regard to the CVA issue the people agreed with me, generally, that we should not take away from the people a voting voice in determining the policies which are to be adopted in developing the river resources of the Pacific Northwest," Morse said.  
"I found that the democrats will make a great mistake if they think the people of Oregon are going to accept the pending CVA bill as a satisfactory solution to the need of greater coordination of state and federal agencies charged with developing sound power construction, flood control, reclamation, wild life and land utilization programs in the Pacific Northwest."  
"They have no intention of turning over to three executive appointees any such economic and political power as would be given them under the CVA bill."  
**Hoover Plan**  
Morse said republicans of Oregon "generally agree with me" that the recommendations of the Hoover commission on government organi-

## GOPs Charge Demos Using Scare Tactics To Push Health Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—A republican cry that the Truman administration is trying to "scare" the people into backing a compulsory health program threatened today to upset a political truce in congress' study of low income families.  
The protest came from Rep. Rich (R-Pa). He aimed it at testimony by John L. Thurston, assistant federal security administrator. Thurston testified yesterday that three children in every average American classroom of 30 pupils "are destined to spend part of their lives in a mental hospital."  
Rich, in a statement of his own, called Thurston's testimony "one of the most shocking statements to be made in the program to socialize this country." He added: "It smacks of errorism and is directed at the parents of the millions of school children in the nation."  
**Socialization**  
He charged that the Truman administration, "determined to socialize the United States, has used every trick of propaganda and duress to put over the main plank of its socialistic program—socialized medicine."  
Senator Sparkman (D-Ala), chairman of the subcommittee of the house-senate economic committee before which Thurston appeared as the first witness, took a different position.  
He said he didn't think Thurston was using the figures on the mental health of school children "for the purpose of scaring us into a socialized medicine program."  
"I naturally expected Thurston to testify in favor of the program," Sparkman told a reporter. He noted that Thurston is the top aide to Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, who is quarantining the administration's health insurance plan.  
**Challenge**  
Sparkman said the testimony challenges the committee to take notice of "a very serious condition that exists in this country."  
"It should inspire us to do a little digging to find out what the true facts are," he contended.  
Earlier, Sparkman and the other three committee members attending the hearing had denounced with equal severity reports that there were "political" implications in the low income inquiry.  
"We are trying to get information for the good of the country and not for the purpose of building political ammunition for either party," Sparkman said in reference to the reports. He did not identify them.

## FEPC Front For Civil Rights Tilt

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 13 (AP)—Key presidential advisors said today that the administration's civil rights battle in the election-year congress will be centered behind the FEPC bill.  
This measure, designed to prevent discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups in employment practices, is one of several anti-discrimination measures President Truman will again propose to congress in January.  
They say it probably will face tougher opposition in congress than any of the civil rights measures but that organizations opposing discriminations insist upon fighting it out on this line.  
They, and other measures, like the anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and similar proposals cost President Truman four Southern democratic states in last year's election.  
Senate Majority Leader Lucas has said he will make the FEPC bill the first order of business in the senate after congress reconvenes in January.  
Advisors here concede the move will lead to a filibuster and the chances for passage are not bright. At the same time, they argue that the very fight will help democratic congressional candidates in closely-contested districts.  
They say concentration on an anti-poll tax bill or the anti-lynching bill might draw a little less fire but that there was nothing in the past history of the senate to indicate either of these could be passed.

## Bulgars Get Warning On 'Indignities'

By The Associated Press  
Diplomatic relations between the United States and communist-led Bulgaria were near the snapping point today.  
In Washington, Undersecretary of State James E. Webb yesterday called in Dr. Peter Voutov, top Bulgarian representative, for a stiff warning.  
The United States charged its minister in Sofia has been subjected to a series of indignities. Articles in the Bulgarian press said the U. S. state department and Minister Donald R. Heath deliberately lied in denying the minister had never seen Triacho Kostov, former vice premier, who is the central figure in the current purge trial.  
**Pic: Charge**  
Kostov, with 19 co-defendants, is charged with plotting to make Bulgaria subservient to Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, arch-enemy of the Soviet Union. The charges against the 11 said the plot was motivated and encouraged by British and American intelligence.  
A newspaper article signed by the political department of the Bulgarian foreign office recently accused the U. S. government of engaging in spying and subversive activity through official representatives.  
**Scant Defense**  
At Kostov's trial today, Defense Lawyer Lubez Dukmedjev had virtually nothing to say in defense of his client.  
"My task as defense lawyer for Triacho Kostov is quite difficult," he said. He praised Bulgarian authorities, who, he said "broke the hands of the traitors."

## Seattle Hunters Found Drowned

STANWOOD, Wash., Dec. 13 (AP)—Two missing Seattle hunters were found drowned near here at 7:30 a. m. today.  
The two men—Richard M. Boggs, 38, and Howard Marl, 42, had been sought since their overturned boat was found Sunday. The boat had a hole in the bow, and officers expressed the belief the two men were thrown overboard when the boat hit a submerged object in Hat slough.  
The bodies were located this morning at the junction of the slough and Port Susan bay.

## Searchers Following Fresh Trail

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 13 (AP)—Fresh, faltering tracks today spurred 500 searchers in the hunt for Ruth Aberle, 16-year-old Girl Scout, missing two days.  
Sheriff's Deputy Costa Watts reported this morning on his return from the rugged, rain-sodden search area six miles northeast of here that three men had found comparatively fresh tracks about midnight. They appeared to be only four to six hours old, he said.  
Sheriff C. W. Reynolds recruited fresh hunting parties at dawn to speed the tracing of the tracks found by Fred Binkley and Dick Tabor of Longview and Dave Keller of Kelso. Bloodhounds, withdrawn during the night, went back on the job.  
**'Faltering'**  
Watts said the fresh tracks were picked up only a mile and a half from where the girl disappeared Sunday. "Whoever made them was faltering," he said, "as there were spots where the person stumbled and fell in crossing over logs and through the heavy underbrush."  
The region is overgrown with vines, brush and dripping evergreens. A snow blanket gives slippery footing.  
There are numerous beaver dams in the marshy area into which the tracks led. Watts said, creating apprehension should they be those of the missing high school girl. Woodsman had thought it unlikely she could have survived the first night when the thermometer dropped below freezing. It was close to freezing last night.  
**Hope**  
But townspeople refused to give up. An estimated 500 took part, many continuing through the night. In groups of 25 and 30 they moved through the woods, their flashlights searching the brush.  
There was no Christmas rush at this Southwestern Washington city. Streets appeared deserted as all available men joined in the hunt. Tavern stools were empty. Theaters reported nearly all-feminine audiences.  
**Some women were in the search too.** The girl's mother, Mrs. William Aberle, took part Sunday night. Sent to a hospital later to rest, she slipped away to rejoin the search. Other women took over an abandoned logging camp and began making coffee, which was trucked in 10-gallon cans to the searchers.  
**Have?**  
There were other abandoned camps and cabins in the area. The father, a fiber company employe, expressed hope the girl had found one of these.  
He said Ruth was not a girl to get panic-stricken, but feared she had little woods lore. He said she was easily confused as to direction, or probably would not have experience enough to follow a ridge or creek downhill.  
One deputy sheriff said that if the girl fell and hurt herself she may never be found alive.  
Two bloodhounds were brought into the search last night, but their value was doubtful in the region of rain, sporadic snowfalls and slush.



**COLD UP NORTH?**—Lee Garee, (left) and LaDene Von Wagoner, both of Miami Beach, Fla., can't believe it as they frolic on the beach at Miami in bright, sunny weather with the mercury at 74 degrees.

## Meet the People



**IT'S AN OLD AMERICAN CUSTOM**—Having coffee in the morning. Arlene Hendricks pours a cup for a customer in a Main street restaurant.

**10 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT**  
**BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!**

## Dedication Of Power Plant Slated

The huge Toketee Falls power plant of The California Oregon Power company, will be formally dedicated in Roseburg on Thursday.  
Governor Douglas McKay will throw the switch which will officially bring the new supply of power to consumers in this area from the gigantic undertaking on the North Umpqua.  
Copco's North Umpqua hydroelectric project has been under way since 1947, when a road was cut into the canyon for actual construction. Electric power from Toketee, first of eight new generating plants in the vast project, will be channeled into the company's transmission network when the switch is thrown.  
**Speakers**  
Governor McKay, Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville power administrator; Albert S. Cummins, Copco president; Rep. Harris Ellsworth and others will address the guests assembled for the ceremony at the Umpqua hotel in Roseburg.  
Going from Klamath Falls to the important dedication will be Sam Ritchey, manager of the Klamath district; Bert Hall, director of the company; Frank Jenkins, publisher of The Herald and News, and Mayor Robert A. Thompson.  
Part of the program will be broadcast over eight radio stations in the Copco service area. Station KFLW will carry the broadcast from 7 to 7:30 p. m. Thursday. Dedication of the project and switching of the new power from the Toketee plant into the power company's transmission (Continued on Page Two)