



'NICE GOING, MOM!'—Robertino Rossellini, almost two-year-old son of actress Ingrid Bergman, pats his mother on the cheek as he visits her on a movie set for the first time. Youngster was driven to Rome studio by his father, Italian director Roberto Rossellini, to see his mother making her first film since "Stromboli."

Killer Dies On Gallows

WALLA WALLA, Wash., (P)—Twenty-nine-year-old Grant Rio paid with his life on state penitentiary gallows early today for the New Year's Eve slaying two years ago of a Riparia, Wash., rancher and farmhand.

The farm laborer from Spokane, moved calmly from his death row cell to gallows in the nearby execution chamber at midnight. The tray was sprung at 12:06 a.m. (PST), and the prison physician pronounced Rio dead 13 minutes later.

Rio, convicted of the 1949 murder of James Beckner, 20, and Becker's farm hand, Joseph Roberge, 25, on a southern Whitman county farm, held some hope for a stay of execution until the last even though the courts had rejected his last appeals.

Rio was granted on stay—a 60-day reprieve by the U.S. supreme court last July to review the case—but subsequent appeals failed.

One of Rio's guards, noting that the prisoner had remained unshaken during long weeks of waiting for the execution, said Rio "had more guts than any condemned man I ever saw."

Rio spent his last day visiting briefly with his mother and brother, both from Spokane; playing cards with Utah and Turman Wilson, Camas, Wash., brothers slated to die for a Vancouver, Wash., slaying, and listening to the radio in his cell. His last meal included steak, pie and ice cream.

Warden John Cranor permitted Rio to remain in condemned row late enough to hear his favorite radio program, and a newscast. He was taken to the death cell at 10:15 p.m.

Although Rio had refused spiritual aid during his weeks of waiting, he spent part of his last day with the assistant prison chaplain. Cranor said Rio made no last statement, but left several personal letters to be delivered after his execution.

Federal Reserve Board Calls For Arguments In Transamerica Allegation

WASHINGTON, (P)—The federal reserve board called for oral arguments today on a government effort to break up the world's biggest banking combine.

The reserve board's solicitor, G. Howland Chase, brought the case against Transamerica Corp., a holding company which has almost 700 offices in five western states.

The Transamerica banking empire was started in 1904 by the late A. P. Giannini with a single bank.

Chase says in a written brief that Transamerica deals "have concentrated more economic power in one small group of men—perhaps in only one man—than probably has ever happened before in the business life of our country."

Transamerica says it is being persecuted simply because it is big, that its bank acquisitions have brought improved business facilities and served the public interest.

One of the reserve board's governors, R. M. Evans, who acted as hearing officer in preliminary stages, found the corporation guilty of violating the Clayton anti-trust act.

That law bans stock acquisitions which may lessen competition, restrain trade or tend to create a monopoly.

Evans recommended that Transamerica be forced to divest itself of stock in all but one of the banks in its system.

He would permit Transamerica to keep its link with the bank of America, a California banking system and probably the largest banking chain in the world under one name.

Chase wants to cut the tie between Transamerica and the Bank of America and also to forbid interlocking directorates among the banks involved.

Transamerica argues that the entire case should be thrown out. Evans found that Transamerica controlled 51 percent of the bank-

ing offices in California, 60 percent in Nevada, 36 percent in Oregon, 13 percent in Arizona and four percent in Washington.

For the five state areas, Evans found that Transamerica controlled 50 percent of all bank deposits and 41 percent of all banking offices.

Solicitor Chase referred to the system as a "predatory goliath," a "skilful executioner" of independent banks with an "insatiable appetite" and a "ruthless manner."

Transamerica objected to such terms and said Chase "adopted an emotional rather than a factual approach to the issues." It said: "We have no intention of engaging in a contest of invective. It is unfortunate that in a public matter of this kind, zeal of advocacy has been permitted to outweigh a proper regard for public responsibility."

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He is Richard Russell, 20. He underwent a delicate heart operation Friday which was televised to medical audiences in Chicago and New York.

His mother, Mrs. J.C. Russell, is doubly thankful today. Not only is Dick progressing well, but her son-in-law, Oliver J. Merrill, is home after spending several months in an iron lung.

RED CHALLENGE

CHICAGO, (P)—The U.S. air force still holds air superiority in Korea, says Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, air force chief of staff. "But this is not to say the air situation is without danger. The so-called Chinese air force equipped with swarms of MiG-15's constitutes a formidable challenge," Vandenberg told the executives club of Chicago Friday.

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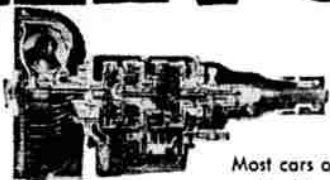
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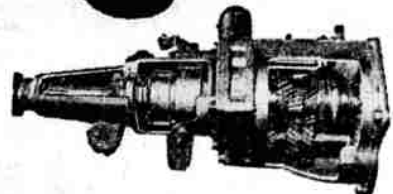
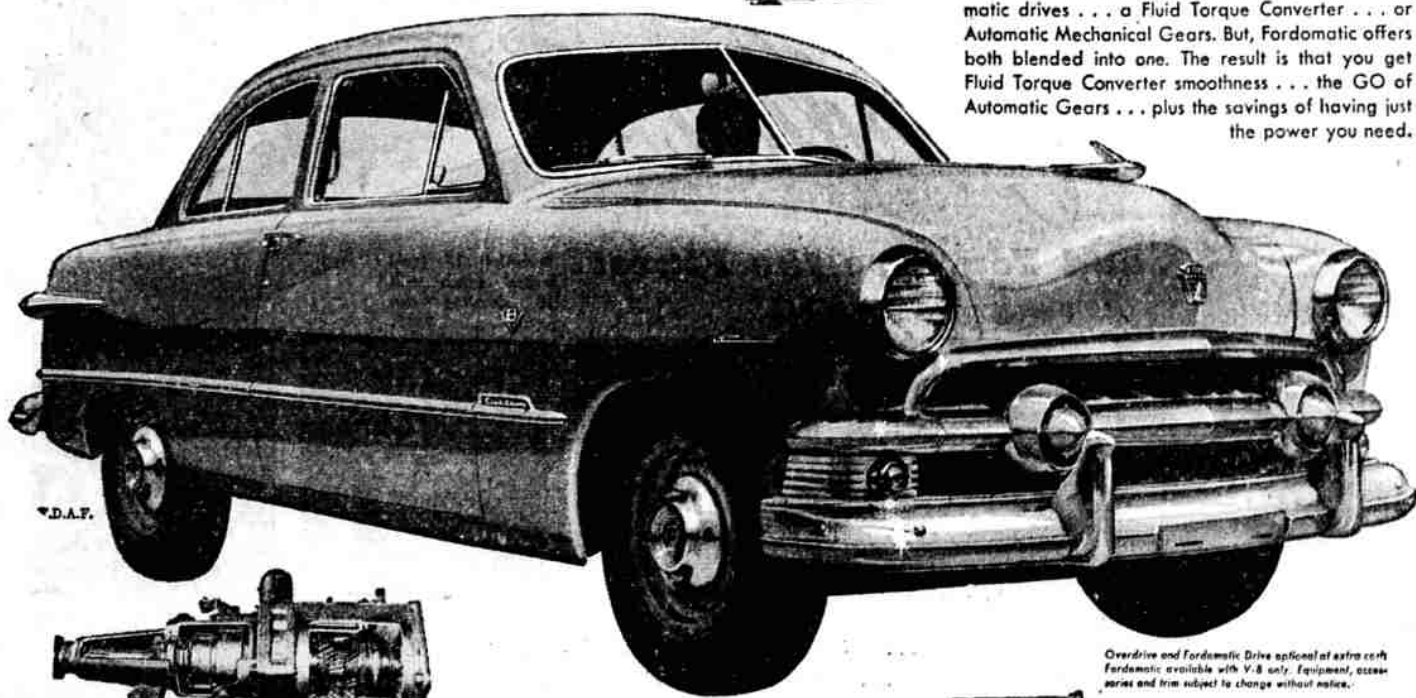
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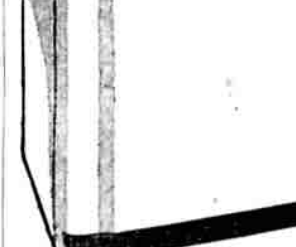
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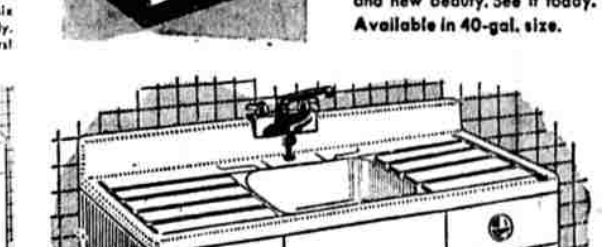
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