

### Martha Raye Secretary Linked To Vice Probe

NEW YORK (AP) — Comedienne Martha Raye's former secretary was identified in newspaper reports today as the jilted girl friend who reportedly sent vice probes into cafe society circles after Minut P. (Mickey) Jelke.

Jelke, 22, heir to a multi-million dollar margarine fortune, was charged last week with compulsory prostitution as a city-wide crackdown on \$500-a-night call girls reached its peak.

New York City newspapers today said that Patricia Ward, 19, gave police the information that led to Jelke's arrest. The reports

said the pretty blonde, the mysterious "Miss X" who has been held in \$10,000 bail as a material witness and testified this week before a Grand Jury.

The district attorney's office could not be reached for comment on the published reports.

Miss Ward was hospitalized May 21 after swallowing a quantity of sleeping pills while staying overnight at Miss Raye's Hampshire House suite. Police said the girl had written a note indicating she was dependent over a broken romance.

Jelke has blamed his arrest on "a disgruntled female who feels she was jilted."

He did not name her. Nor have police disclosed whether Miss Ward mentioned any man in her note.

Miss Raye, who is not involved in the vice probe, said last May that she invited Miss Ward to remain overnight after they and Miss Raye's husband, night club proprietor Nick Condon, spent an evening out.

The former secretary's real name is Barbara Wisotsky, but she uses the name of Ward.

A number of persons were arrested before Jelke, with Jelke, and after him in the vice probe. Several women have been held as material witnesses. Not all the cases are related.

Jelke is free in \$50,000 bail.



BRITISH PRIME MINISTER Winston Churchill, a grandfather for the sixth time, hovers in the background as his daughter Mary holds her two-months-old son Bernard Jeremy after christening ceremony at Westerham, England. The baby's father is Capt. Christopher Soames, Viscount Montgomery, godfather of the christened baby, gestures at right as he holds the hand of Christopher Soames, Jr., 4-year-old brother of baby Bernard.

### Freightways Ups Dividends

PORTLAND — Directors of Consolidated Freightways Inc. have voted to increase the regular quarterly dividend on common stock to 30 cents a share, E.W.A. Peake, chairman of the board, announced.

The increased dividend is payable Sept. 15 to stockholders of record Sept. 1. Previous quarterly dividends were 25 cents a share.

Consolidated revenues for the first half of 1952 in all departments increased over the same period of last year. Transportation and warehouse revenues for the first six months of this year were \$15,287,280, up 9 per cent, and equipment sales for the period were \$2,744,256, a gain of 32 per cent.

### Alaska Said Well Defended

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Alaska is safe from enemy attack as a result of perfection of the "heartland concept" in the last two years, the acting chief of the Air Force told the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

Fresh from briefing on the latest problems and achievements in the defense program, Gen. Nathan S. Twining was introduced as the originator of the defense concept which has been set up to make the territory invulnerable to a surprise attack.

He pointed out that Alaska is too big to plan defenses for every mile of the vast interior and extensive shorelines. The heartland concept was adopted to give the military a strong core near Anchorage and Fairbanks from which operations could be extended quickly to the far corners of the territory.

"You can relax now for the first time because you are safe. Nobody is going to bother the place. And we are going to keep it that way. We are always plugging to get the job done," he said.

Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the chamber he was encouraged by the progress made in Alaska's defense program.

"Three years ago I was considerably worried about what we had here," he said. "The short building season made it difficult to build defenses but when I see what we have here today I am encouraged. I am not worried the way I was."

### Last Job Due For McNary

PORTLAND (AP) — The last major construction job of McNary Dam on the Columbia River near Umatilla will get under way before the end of the year.

Bids for installation of sections of turbines will be opened Oct. 7. The first power delivery will be in December, 1953, with installation of two generator units.

### Louisiana Democrats To Decide Support

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The Louisiana Democratic State Central Committee meets today to hear criticism of the national party platform and decide whether to endorse the presidential ticket.

Indications pointed to a starry season when the party's 100-member governing authority convened at 2 p. m.

Twenty committeemen with differing viewpoints met informally for two hours last night in an attempt to draw up an agenda for today. They reported they were pretty evenly divided over whether to put Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama on the ballots under the traditional rooster symbol of the Louisiana Democratic party.

Committee Chairman N. B. Carstarphian said he had been informed that a resolution would be offered pledging the 18 presidential electors and the symbol to the nominees.

But, he added, "I understand this resolution will be presented only if there is agreement that the party of Louisiana does not adopt the national platform in toto."

Gov. Robert Kennon said in advance of the meeting that he would ask the committee to condemn the plank sponsoring a fair employ-

ment practices commission, although it is referred to by another name.

Kennon also said he would criticize a proposed change in Senate rules to place a limit on free debate and the platform's "failure to recognize our just claims to the Louisiana tidelands, which the Republican platform does not recognize."

The governor, who led Louisiana's delegation to the National Convention, said he would request the committee to endorse the group for its opposition to the platform and to uphold its action in refusing to sign the loyalty pledge.

Kennon continued silent on the presidential ticket. He has maintained that it is up to the Central Committee to decide whether to endorse Stevenson and Sparkman.

There has been speculation about an independent slate running under a pelican symbol on the ballot. It would be headed by Dwight Eisenhower and Sen. Nixon and would include Louisiana Democratic nominees for Congress.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Negotiations on a new contract for 75,000 hard coal miners began here Tuesday with the industry announcing at the outset that a pay increase was "impossible" at this time.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, sent word that he was detained in Washington but might arrive later in the day to join in the talks between representatives of the union and management.

Just before the opening session began, Edward G. Fox, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. and chairman of the management group, told reporters.

"The industry is unable to meet any increase at this time. It would be impossible."

He said the industry was facing strong competition from the oil and gas industries, particularly natural gas.

UMW demands have not been made public, but sources close to the union indicated the miners would ask for a pay boost and an increase in the 30-cents-a-ton payment by the operators into the union welfare fund.

contracts for soft coal miners as well as those in the anthracite pits will expire Sept. 30.

He has called on his 475,000 soft and hard coal miners to quit work for a "memorial period" between Aug. 23 and Sept. 2 for men killed in mine disasters.

Lewis has served notice that his

### State Sues Lumber Co.

ROSEBURG (AP) — The state demanded \$49,101 from a lumber company Tuesday, accusing the firm of causing a 28,000-acre forest fire last year.

A suit filed by the state in circuit court blamed the E. K. Wood Lumber Co. of Roseburg of nine points of negligence that resulted in the Scottsburg fire last summer. The fire, which started 8 1/2 miles northwest of Scottsburg, burned from Aug. 16 to Sept. 26.

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