

### Australian Police Seek Radio Owner

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Police tried Wednesday to find out who dropped a powerful radio transmitter and receiver and parts of a pistol in the Molonglo River flowing through Canberra.

Dragged from the stream Tuesday, the find raised immediate speculation the items might have been dumped by the Soviet embassy staff after Russia broke off diplomatic relations with Australia last week.

The radio equipment and pistol parts were found two miles from the embassy. It appeared to have been under water about two days.

Official sources discounted such ideas, however, and official monitoring stations said there had been no evidence that the embassy operated its own transmitter to communicate with Moscow.

The entire Soviet representation in Australia leaves Canberra by air Thursday to board a ship for Europe.

They will leave behind the former embassy third secretary, Vladimir Petrov, and his wife, whose defection caused the diplomatic break between the two countries. Petrov asked for political asylum in Australia and handed over a mass of documents purporting to uncover a vast Soviet spy ring in this country. His wife asked to join him just before a plane was about to take her toward Moscow under Soviet guard.

### Ike Nominates Old Classmate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Wednesday nominated a West Point classmate, retired Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing of San Francisco, to be commissioner of immigration and naturalization.

Upon Senate confirmation Swing succeeds Argyle R. Mackey, who steps down from commissioner to deputy.

Along with the nomination the White House announced Mackey's resignation from the top post, effective when Swing qualifies to take over.

At the same time Atty. Gen. Brownell, under whom the immigration and naturalization service operates, announced that he had asked Mackey to stay on as deputy and Mackey had agreed.

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IT STARTED AS A JOKE, but it ended up a reality, and now Harold (Peewee) McCollum is probably the only mail carrier in the world with a diamond and ruby studded badge. McCollum has delivered mail here for about 25 years, many of them on Main Street. It was on his Main Street beat that the whole thing happened: McCollum and a friend, Bill Milne, dropped into Rickys Jewelers one day, and Milne asked Art Rickball (Ricky) if he had any old diamonds the postman could put in his hat. As a joke on Milne, Ricky coated the badge with platinum and fixed it up with a small diamond and a ruby. And now McCollum, besides being the oldest foot carrier in Klamath Falls, has another claim to fame.

### Columnist Denies Charge

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — Columnist George Sokolsky last night denied having ever contacted Army Secretary Stevens as a go-between for Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) in asking special favors for Pvt. G. David Schine.

Sokolsky made the denial in answer to a question apparently based on erroneous information that Stevens had testified at a congressional hearing yesterday that Sokolsky approached him on behalf of the senator.

The columnist made the denial in reply to a reporter's question at a public meeting here.

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### French, Viet Nam Chief Sign Pact

PARIS (AP) — A joint declaration designed to establish the independence of Viet Nam immediately was signed Wednesday by French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Deputy Premier Nguyen Trung Vinh.

Their signatures were placed on the document in a brief ceremony at the Premier's office here.

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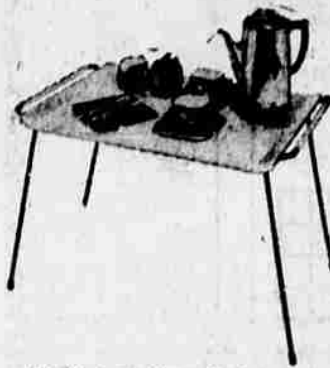
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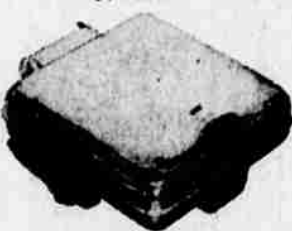
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