

### Balsa Raft Set Adrift

LIMA, Peru (AP) — The balsa raft "La Cantuta," its goal the South Sea Islands, was adrift Monday in the Humboldt Current off Peru.

Aboard are Eduardo Ingris, 45, head of the expedition, native of Czechoslovakia and now a naturalized Peruvian; Natalia Mazuelo, 29 and the only woman on the trip; Mirko Guerecky, 29, Czech trip operator; Andy Rost, 27, a Dutch seaman, and Joaquin Guerrero, Argentine sportsman.

A tug and a fishing boat towed the raft 80 miles offshore Sunday, then set it adrift. The party hopes the Pacific winds and currents will carry the raft to the South Sea Islands, just as it did Thor Heyerdahl and his expedition aboard the Balsa raft Kon-Tiki.

Ingris expects to reach Polynesia in about 80 days. His ultimate destination is Australia, to set up a business there.

### "DENNIS THE MENACE"



"THIS IS SILLY! I'LL JUST GET DIRTY AGAIN TOMORROW!"

### Pistol Trick Kills Youth

SACRAMENTO (UP)—An early morning argument between three youthful friends over religion and destiny ended in death yesterday when one pulled a revolver to his head and pulled the trigger in an attempt to prove a point.

The one bullet in the revolver discharged, fatally injuring Bruce McPherson, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McPherson of Sacramento.

The discussion took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hughes between McPherson, Thomas Hughes and Robert Devlin, Hughes' oldest son. The discussion took place in his second-floor bedroom. He said he handed McPherson the revolver with one bullet in the cylinder, telling him: "If you think you're right, pull the trigger."

McPherson put the revolver to his temple and fired.

Hughes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hughes and Devlin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Devlin. Both the elder Hughes and Devlin are prominent Sacramento attorneys.

### Alcatraz Inmate Slain

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—FBI agents quizzed hardened convicts in Alcatraz Prison today in an attempt to learn what lay behind the fatal stabbing of a convicted rapist.

The victim was Sidney Moore, 31, Washington, D.C. He died in the prison hospital at 6 p.m. yesterday of stab wounds in the abdomen and chest. He had been killed eight hours earlier.

Warden Paul J. Madigan said Moore's assailant was James A. Bullock, 38, of Louisiana, a convicted murderer.

Word of the slaying in the nation's toughest prison got out when prison authorities notified the coroner's office to meet the prison launch at 8:30 p.m. and pick up the body of the slain man.

Madigan said Moore and Bullock got into a fight yesterday morning while 175 prisoners were taking their morning exercise. Four guards who were on duty in the yard at the time pulled the two men apart.

Madigan said none of the guards knew what started the fight or where Bullock got the knife he used. Presumably it was one he had fashioned in secret and hidden on his person or in his cell, no mean feat on the security-conscious "Rock."

The FBI began an immediate investigation of the case, but said "we cannot divulge any details at this time."

### La Prensa Out Under Government

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—The Monday morning edition of La Prensa came out still under government management.

The government on Saturday ordered the newspaper closed until Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz could take over again as editor and publisher. A few hours later, however, the order was changed and Interior Minister Eduardo Busso gave permission to publish Sunday's edition.

Later both the editorial and mechanical staffs were working on Monday's edition and it was announced that it would appear as usual. There was no further indication when publication would be suspended.

### San Joaquin Valley Has Rash Of Auto Accidents; Thirteen Die In Crashes

FRESNO (UP)—San Joaquin Valley recorded one of its worst weekend traffic death tolls today with at least 13 persons killed in mishaps, including five Shafter teen-agers.

The youths died Saturday night when their speeding car smashed into a cotton trailer on Lerdo Highway three miles west of Shafter. The car skidded only 35 feet before the collision in which the trailer landed on top of the automobile.

The victims were Finis L. Ashmore, 19, the driver; Ronnie Colvard, 17; Freda Brown, 17; and Marvin Taber, 18, and his sister Bernice, 15. Investigators said Ashmore was warned for speeding last week after he outran a police car.

Four Puerto Rican farm laborers were killed Saturday night near Firebaugh west of Fresno when their car sideswiped one bus

and crashed head-on into another on Highway 33. They were enroute to work in the Salinas union fields.

Killed were Ines O. Santauzzi, 22; Abraham C. Gurel, age unknown; Mario Garcia, 22; and Cesar Lebron, 38. Andrew C. Gurel, 26, the driver, and two others were injured. All were from the Fresno area.

Mike A. Montoya, about 30, and Mrs. Leta Gwaltney, 32, both of Reedley, were killed late yesterday when Montoya lost control of his car on a curve near the Kings River Bridge at Reedley and slammed broadside into an automobile operated by Mrs. Gwalt-

ney's husband, David, 42.

Paul De Bore, Fresno, who would have celebrated his 15th birthday today, was killed last night when he was struck by an automobile while pushing his bicycle in a crosswalk at a Fresno intersection. Police jailed William T. Sweet, 64, also of Fresno, on suspicion of manslaughter, charging him with driving his car through a red light.

Giuseppe Cavallero, 71, rural Madera, died Saturday when he was thrown from his pickup truck in a collision with a car. The accident occurred at a Madera intersection.

### Inter-Agency Meet Slated

"Leadership of Youth Organizations" will be the topic of the regular meeting of the Inter-Agency Council Wednesday noon in the YMCA, 722 Pine Street.

Reports on the standards and qualifications required by the various organizations for leaders will be given at the meeting by these officials: Francis Skinner, county 4-H Club agent; Jerry Thorne, field director, Boy Scouts; Jackie Cobb, executive director, Girl Scouts; Naomi French, executive director, Camp Fire Girls; Paul Campbell, executive secretary, YMCA; Virginia Dixon, executive secretary, Red Cross; and Lt. Jack Grable, Salvation Army.

Election of officers to the Inter-Agency Council will also be held at this meeting. Paul Campbell is the president of the council and Mrs. Guy Barker, chairman of the nominating committee.

### Uranium Claims Staked In Crook

PRINEVILLE (AP)—A number of additional uranium claims have been staked out in southwestern Crook County, the county clerk's office here has reported.

Three of the new filings were by Cottage Grove residents: Emnis L. Keele, Lawrence E. Keele, Alred Howard and Noah Cosner.

Earlier, Metal Services of Roseburg, which is conducting mining operations and tests in the area, made optimistic reports on their findings.

### Range Bull Sale Averages Told

FRESNO (UP)—The California Polled Hereford Association reported today its second annual range bull sale during the weekend averaged \$387 each for 60 head of cattle.

The average was one of the lowest recorded in the association's history.

Top price was \$1210 for the reserve champion, FLR Royal Advance 10th owned by Elm Lane Ranch of Fresno. The animal was purchased by Jack Simpson of Auberry.

The grand champion, YHR Seth Mischief 1st, consigned by Happy Valley Ranch of Atascadero, was purchased by E. S. O'Connell of Niles for \$950.

**DROP**

TAIPEI, Formosa, (AP)—The Nationalist Chinese air force said its planes flew over heavily armed Red air bases on the mainland Sunday night and dropped millions of anti-Communist leaflets. It said all Nationalist planes returned. The Nationalists also dropped safe conduct passes for Communist air force pilots wishing to defect.

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