

Rock Thrower Summons Aid

ELLIJAY, Ga. (UPI)—An unidentified motorist stopped at a Highway Patrol station near here to complain that someone had thrown rocks at his car. Officers went to the scene of rock-throwing and found that a car had crashed down an embankment, killing one of its occupants and seriously injuring two others. Donald Lee Kincaid, 19, who suffered a broken leg, had crawled back to the edge of the highway and had thrown the rocks in an effort to summon help. Patrolmen said the body of Dallas Monroe McGill, 18, was found in the car. Charlie Henry, 24, was pinned beneath the vehicle and received a broken leg and internal injuries.

Bob Crosby Manages To Escape Daytime TV Stigma

By BOB THOMAS HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Bob Crosby has managed to escape the daytime-TV stigma by slipping into Perry Como's easy shoes. But it wasn't easy. Baritone Bob thrived for 4½ years on a CBS afternoon show, and he considers it the greatest experience in the world. But it also put a frost on his career. "I can't understand the network thinking," he sighed. "They believe because a guy has been on daytime television that he can't do anything else. "I think that's ridiculous, just as I think the networks have underestimated the daytime viewers. I have found that people who watch TV during the day are just as sharp and demanding as those who watch at night. Yet the standard of daytime programming gets progressively worse." Bob said he had done nothing on TV since going off his daytime show last October, and he blamed the attitude of the TV moguls for his inactivity. The break came when NBC was searching for a singer to sub for Perry during the summer months. And who can be more relaxed than a Crosby? "I'm very happy with the way the show has worked out," Bob

remarked. "It's an easy show to do, especially since I've had the experience of doing the daytime program. I learned to take everything in stride then. "The only trouble is that I have to do the show in New York. I'm not rich enough to commute—that's the other Crosby—and there's nothing to do in New York during the summer. To go out for a round of golf is a major production. "But after a trip here to play the home show, he'll hold up in New York and stay there. He figures it's worth it to get out of the daytime-TV stigma. The reviews on Bob have been good, and he gets a similar, though qualified, reaction in his family. His other wired him that she liked the show, but couldn't he have more violins in the orchestra because she doesn't like jazz? "The summer budget on the Como show is cut in half," Bob explained, "and we don't have any violins."

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"GOT ANY MORE BREAD CRUMBS?"

TV Afraid To Experiment Says Newsman Ed Murrow

By SAUL PITT AP Writer NEW YORK (AP)—If Ed Murrow were just now starting in television he'd be unlikely to find a network willing to take on a show called "See It Now." Who says this? Ed Murrow. "The industry today has a great fear of experiment, of controversy and, of course, great expense," he says. "The cost of failure is greater than ever and today television is much more conservative than it was in its youth. "Today a new idea, a bold idea, would have to be fought through five echelons of big corporation. The industry suffers from a rigid pattern. You get a new idea on the air, you get sponsored, you become moderately successful, you get initiated and God help anyone who wants to change anything. "Murrow's opinion was elicited by the question, "What's wrong with television today?" Chain-smoking, as usual, in his impressively small office at CBS, Murrow thought a moment, wreathed his face in a characteristic pattern of frowns, and said: "In my own field—news and documentaries—there is an unwillingness to experiment, to try new techniques, new devices. Just examine the program listings for the prime evening viewing hours and you have to conclude that TV is insulating people from the realities, from the crises of the world. "Except for Sunday afternoons, television offers almost nothing but escapism. But this, I'm afraid, reflects a national characteristic of ours, an unwillingness to accept the unpleasant." But Murrow being Murrow—a man whose documentaries run off with most of the awards year after year—he will be coming up with a new show in the fall, "Small World." It will involve a three-way conversation between three divergent personalities at widely separated points around the globe. Murrow will be the man in the middle who starts the conversation and helps keep it rolling. The three personalities actually will converse by radio, be recorded and filmed simultaneously and then edited for the half-hour show. "If the idea has any virtue at all," Murrow says, "that lies in its unpredictability. For example, in our pilot film, we have Lauren Bacall talking from Hollywood, Malcolm Muggeridge, retired editor of "Punch" from Australia, and Eric Johnston, head of the Motion Picture Assn. of America, from Washington. "Their conversation ranged all the way from politics to books to fashions to the responsibility of the press in covering movie morals. They were wonderfully spontaneous and the cameras got many fantastic reaction shots."

Trujillo Eyes French Star

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The roving eye of Gen. Raphael Trujillo Jr. has lighted on Brigitte Bardot. This reporter recently chatted with the French actress on a French movie set. A photographer, upon whose lap she was sitting at the time, disclosed that Trujillo had just phoned from America asking him to take all the pictures he could of her. Today a spokesman for the Dominican general confirmed that Trujillo had made such an order. "But at the moment," he said, "the general is only interested in Miss Bardot artistically. What other interests can one have from 5,000 miles away?" The spokesman declined comment on whether the handsome son of the Dominican Republic strongman may still interest from actress Kim Novak to Brigitte. Trujillo, on a local television show, publicly expressed his love for Miss Novak. But that was some months ago. She, in New York, is a long way off too. Miss Bardot said this of the 29-year-old father of six—"He looks very pretty." And would she accept a gift of, say, a big diamond? "Mais oui," she answered. "If it is a true one."

Record California Budget Goes Into Effect Today

SACRAMENTO (AP)—A record state budget that will use all of California's reserves went into effect today along with an order to state agencies to cut expenses to a bare minimum. The State Finance Department, looking ahead to 1953-54 issued an early call to state departments for their spending requests for next year with this order: Hold expenses at a rock bottom level. The record budget of \$1,999,572,083 passed by the Legislature in April went into effect today with the opening of the 1953-54 fiscal year. The budget calls for no new taxes, but provides for using the state's 75 million dollar "Rainy Day Fund" accumulated during World War II and other reserves. However, officials already have predicted it will take about 20 million dollars from the Rainy Day Fund to pay the bills of the fiscal year which ended yesterday. Finance Director John M. Peirce said preliminary estimates indicate spending will top income by at least 200 million dollars by next June 30 and the state will face an urgent financial problem. "Effect every possible economy in designing the program to meet essential needs and budget for only absolutely necessary supplies, travel, equipment and other costs," Peirce ordered the departments in a letter. Budget chief Robert L. Harkness, explaining the need for the belt-tightening, said production and income in the state are expected to be down during the year that started today. Harkness listed as general reasons for the decline a drop in the motor vehicle market, substantial liquidation of inventories and a bigger than expected drop in business expenditures for plants and equipment. "Looking forward to the next 24 months, it is difficult to foresee any development which could produce a sharp resurgence in the national economy or that of California," Harkness said.

Race Issues Said Old Hat

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Sensitive racial segregation issues are not new to the 8th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which once again has the Little Rock case before it. The U. S. Supreme Court reminded attorneys for the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People of that yesterday. It refused to bypass the circuit court and act directly on an order delaying integration at Little Rock Central High School for 2½ years. The appellate court has dealt with the case three times before and the Supreme Court said it was sure it was aware speed was needed to permit arrangements for the fall term. What is the makeup of this court which will decide for the present, at least, whether seven Negro students can return to the Little Rock high school after a year of troop-enforced integration? The chief justice, who will name three of the seven members to hear the appeal, is Archibald K. Gardner, who at 90 is the nation's oldest active federal judge. Gardner, quiet by nature, has declined to say whom he will name or when or where they will sit to hear the plea to stay the order of U. S. Dist. Judge Harry J. Lewis of Hope, Ark., suspending integration at Little Rock. MRS. BELMONT CHARLOTTE B. C. (AP)—Mrs. Belmont's husband and his dog, Funnel, have been made off with a \$100,000 bond at a station. Police said they thought they would recognize the stolen object if they found it.

Sea Lion's Appetite Said Lagging

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—It might perk up the lagging appetite of Cyril, the year-old sea lion, if someone told him today the headlines he's earned in his vagabonding of the last week have made him famous. And being famous is synonymous with being valuable in the show business—whether it's in the Toledo Zoo, where he's now housed in a bear cage and where the admission charge is 50 cents, or back in Springbank Park at London, Ont., where he escaped the night of June 19 and where the customers pay a quarter. If Cyril knew how officials of each zoo pressed claim of ownership to him yesterday, arguing to a stand-off, he might not even feel so miserable about the wells on his hide. These blemishes are apparently after-effects of tranquilizer drugs. Toledo Zoo men fired into him with a dart gun yesterday to make his capture easy. The London Public Utilities Commission, which operates the zoo there, sent two of its members here for a conference late yesterday with Director Phil Skeldon of the Toledo Zoo. Asst. Chairman Earl Nichols, accompanied by his 16-year-old daughter, Mary Sue, and Commissioner Stewart Killingsworth returned home last night with their mission unaccomplished. "Personally, I feel he now belongs to the Toledo Zoo," said Skeldon, who has spent most of this week playing hide-and-seek with Cyril at the western end of Lake Erie. "Beyond that, I understand there's an old English law which states that once a wild animal escapes, it becomes the property of anyone who captures it. We captured Cyril in our jurisdiction, so I feel he belongs to us." Nichols denied he ever said his zoo, which serves a metropolitan population about a third the size of Toledo's 400,000, had lost interest in getting Cyril back. That was the word here when London sent no seal-hunters southward and announced another sea lion would be ordered. "Nothing could be further from

the truth," Nichols protested. "I might add, that if you will let us have this sea lion back, I will see that the Toledo Zoo gets another one." Cyril arrived in London June 17 from California where sea lions—a large type of seal with ears—are so plentiful in the Pacific they cause no excitement at all. They're not famous, either, and can be bought, as Cyril was, for \$150, plus about \$60 for shipping. The day after he got to London, Cyril slid under a fence, dove into the Thames River and began a marathon swim of hundreds of miles—to Lake St. Clair, to the Detroit River, to Lake Erie, to Maumee River, to Sandusky Bay, and to fame. Drowsy from the tranquilizer shots, Cyril was captured in a boat house on Sandusky Bay yesterday by Skeldon and Dan Dantford, the zoo's curator of mammals. Dantford slipped a noose over Cyril's head, and the wandering sea lion added his most recent mileage in the back of a station wagon. While officials from the two zoos try to determine who has legal ownership, Cyril is keeping cool in a spray from a hose rigged up beside the bear cage.

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Actress Suing Florida Railway

NEW YORK (AP)—Actress Suzy Parker is suing the Florida East Coast Railway for \$350,000 as a result of a June 7 crossing accident. She said her injuries, which included fractures of both arms, make it impossible for her to continue her career. Her father, George Lofton Parker, was killed in the accident.

Elvis Named In Damage Suit

MIAMI (UPI)—Singer Elvis Presley and his former chauffeur have been named in a \$5,000 damage suit filed by a secretary from Washington, D. C. The plaintiff, Mary Frances Tuell, 24, alleged in her Federal Court action that she was injured in August, 1952, when a car driven by chauffeur Arthur Hooten struck the one in which she was riding. Hooten was driving one of Presley's automobiles, the complaint said.

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