

# Boss Scares Bank Toters

NEW YORK (AP) — When the boss yells, everybody jumps, stands at attention or, as in this case, lies down.

Augustus C. Froeb, senior trustee of the Marlboro branch of the Lincoln Savings Bank of Brooklyn — 75, but still sprightly — sailed into the bank Wednesday and yelled:

"Everybody lie down on the floor!"

So everybody — all eight employees and four customers — lay down on the floor.

Charles Roppolo, 40, chief clerk, sounded a burglar alarm. He didn't recognize Froeb, who was wearing dark glasses.

Two weeks ago four gunmen had robbed the bank of \$72,000 and employees were still jittery.

As the alarm sounded, bank guard Frank Friel whipped out his revolver, three detectives in the bank vicinity dashed in, and cops came swarming into the place.

By that time Paul McGuirk, the bank manager, recognized the boss and bellowed, "It's all right. It's Mr. Froeb, the trustee. He's okay."

The gun in Friel's hand wobbled. "My God, it's the boss," he muttered.

The police were stern with Froeb. Det. Sam Botwinick told him: "You're lucky you didn't get hurt."

Froeb was apologetic. "I'm sorry," he said. "I did it to see if everyone was alert."

# GLAMOR GIRLS



"Will you bring me a towel or shall I drip-dry with the rest of this stuff?"

# Reds Apparently Fishing For Big Four Conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has told its main European allies that Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan appears to be fishing for a four-power conference on Germany sometime this spring.

But the State Department has cautioned that Mikoyan has put forward nothing new which promises successful negotiation.

The fast-talking Kremlin No. 2 man, now touring the Midwest, is understood to have rehearsed the standard Moscow line on Germany — but with a coating of sweet talk to tempt the West.

Mikoyan may lay something new on President Eisenhower's White House desk when he returns Jan. 10 for a meeting with the President, a Soviet source in Berlin has said. But few administration officials see any hopeful signs in this.

The main points of a summary of Mikoyan's confidential talks with Secretary of State Dulles and Vice President Nixon have been given to ambassadors of Britain, France, Italy, and West Germany. These were:

1. The Soviet plan to turn East Berlin over to the East German Red puppet regime by June should not be viewed as a six-month ultimatum. Mikoyan hinted this could be extended.
2. The Soviet Union could be interested in four-power talks this spring on a German peace treaty as well as the future of Berlin. But this was coupled with a reiteration of the Kremlin view that reunification should be left to the East and West Germans to work out for themselves.
3. Veto power for the Soviets is a firm condition to Kremlin acceptance of an East-West organization that would seek to enforce a ban on atomic-hydrogen weapons tests.
4. The Soviet's much ballyhooed

# Residents Of Ashland Donate \$8 Per Capita To Keep Festival

ASHLAND (AP)—The people of Ashland, who once spoke with amused tolerance of playactors in their midst as "the Shakespeares," in recent weeks have pungled up more than \$71,000 to keep them here.

That is more than \$8 per capita, a surprising total in any cause.

It is almost 50 per cent more than anyone expected.

But it isn't enough, and the next few weeks are expected to determine whether the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Assn. gets the sum it needs to build its Elizabethan theater for the 1959 season.

There seems to be no one who doubts its success.

The old theater, condemned as a fire hazard, has been torn down. Construction of the new one will need to start soon if it is to be ready for June rehearsals. If it isn't, the Shakespeares won't be around.

They've been here for a long time. Every summer since 1935—except for the war years—they

have come to Ashland because Angus L. Bowmer of the Southern Oregon College drama department decided that modern audiences could be pleased by Shakespeare's plays produced in the Elizabethan manner.

At first the actors were local people. Then Bowmer's dream began to unfold. More and more those whom the townspeople called Shakespeares turned out to be drama students from the University of Texas or speech students from Urbana, Ill., or English teachers from Orange, N. J.

Men and women came last year from 14 states to make up the company. Some were students, some were professionals, and all were enthusiasts about the theater and about Shakespeare.

And as these Shakespeares roamed through the town they were joined by another group of students, those who had registered in that adjunct of the festival the Institute of Renaissance Studies—a field course in the arts for college credit, offered by both Stanford University and Southern Oregon College.

Ashland is getting help in its effort to raise money for the new theater to keep these people coming back year after year.

It needs a lot of help, because the theater is going to cost \$275,000.

Some of the help is coming from people in other states who have attended the festival. Some is coming from organized campaigns in other Oregon cities. And some is coming from the efforts of such people as actress Ginger Rogers, whose summer home is on the nearby Rogue River, and novelist Kathleen Norris of San Francisco, both of whom are chairmen of fund-raising in their areas.

Of the \$275,000 needed, \$231,977 is now in hand.

Nearby Medford, which regards the festival as nearly its own, has contributed \$73,467. That edges in total — but not per capita — the \$71,379 donated by Ashland residents. The original quota was \$50,000 for Ashland. For Medford, it was \$100,000.

Some \$10,000 has come by mail in dollar bills and larger sums, much of it from distant points. That is not surprising. Seventy-three per cent of the festival attendance is made up of people who have to spend at least one night away from home in making the visit here.

All ages are represented. A little boy brought in a dime.

The people at Grants Pass have given \$3,065. Portlanders have contributed \$3,156. Donations from San Francisco total \$2,869; from Eugene \$1,527; from Salem \$481.

There still remains \$43,000 to be raised and time is running out.

There was some shock locally when the goal was set at \$275,000.

The audience sits out-of-doors in a natural bowl in Lithia Park. The theater which is to be built will look to the audience to be little more than a stage. But it will be an authentic Elizabethan stage. Costly lighting will be required for the proper effects. Behind its walls will be fireproof vaults for costumes. There will be dressing rooms and rehearsal rooms.

It has to be, the association decided: "Accurate enough in design and complete enough technically to sustain and expand the kind of Shakespearean production that is now expected of this organization."

Last year was the 18th for the festival. Its plays that year attracted an attendance of 29,335. The 1958 plays completed the festival's production of the entire list of Shakespeare's works.

There is no other theater just like it in the West. There are few like it in the world. With the final

# NO ROBBERY

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — Two youths drove up to a service station in suburban Renton and pulled a pistol on attendant Roy Wendt. "I haven't any money," Wendt said. "Okay," answered the bank teller. "Fill up the tank, then." Wendt did: \$3.35 worth. The robbers drove off—but not until they received their change for a \$5 bill one of them handed Wendt.

Authorities familiar with Mikoyan's comments said he sought to picture the Kremlin as in a negotiating mood. But every time Dulles or Nixon sought to pin him down, he answered in vague generalities.

State Department officials said a Big Four foreign ministers meeting on Germany might be held this spring — even though Mikoyan has put forward nothing new at this time. The Kremlin conceivably could be saving some concession for the meeting itself, they said, but they are not optimistic about this.

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# Trust Curbs Extension Set

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton announced Wednesday trust restrictions on allotted Indian lands, scheduled to expire this year, have been extended for five years.

The extension applied both to allotted lands held by individual Indians and to the few tribes and groups which did not take advantage of trust extension provisions of the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act.

Seaton said the action reemphasizes the department's policy of taking all precautions against ending federal supervision over Indians before they are competent to end their status as federal wards.

APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS  
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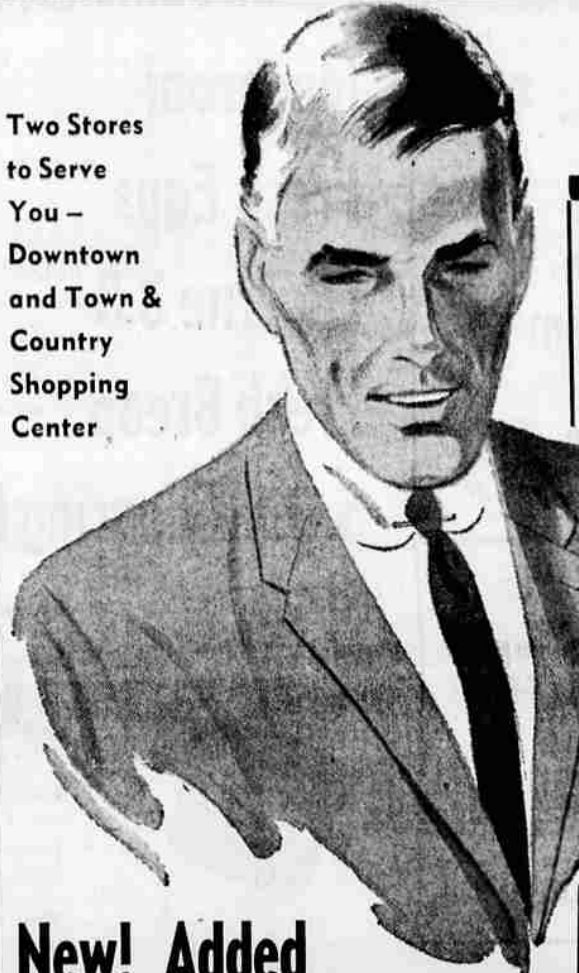
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# D'Autremont Set For Parole

SALEM (AP) — One of three brothers, convicted for murder in a 1923 Southern Oregon train robbery in which four men were killed, will be paroled Friday morning from the Oregon State Penitentiary.

Hugh D'Autremont, convicted for the Southern Pacific holdup along with brothers Ray and Roy, will be freed after 31 years in prison. The brothers remain behind bars.

H. G. Randall, state parole director, said D'Autremont, an experienced printer, has several job offers outside Oregon.



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