



### Talk Prevents Armed Theft

NEW YORK (AP) — William Berg looked into the muzzle of a small automatic as he kept talking.

"Look," he told the holder of the gun, whose hand was shaking, "there's no reason to get yourself in trouble over money. You look like a nice kid. Kids like you are getting shot and put in prison every day for this kind of stuff."

The would-be holdup man, dark-haired, neatly dressed, about 19, replied: "You go out there and get me \$300. I'm desperate for money. This is my first holdup."

"Out there" was an outer office of the Household Finance Co. in Brooklyn. The youth ostensibly had come in to get a loan and was being interviewed by Berg, 31, the assistant manager, in a private interview booth.

Said Berg: "If I do that, they'll set off an alarm. Why don't you walk out of here? Put your gun away and walk out. I'll give you a few minutes and I won't sound an alarm."

"Thanks," replied the youth. "You look like a pretty nice guy. I'd like to take you up on your offer."

The youth pocketed his gun and disappeared in the crowds on Fulton Street.

True to his word, Berg waited several moments before notifying police.

"I hope I saved that youngster from getting into a lot of trouble," he said.

### Chief Calls Strike Meet

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Negotiations in the bitter Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mill strike shift to Gov. Luther Hodges' office today.

Hodges asked representatives of the company and Textile Workers Union of America to meet with him after saying that it was imperative that they settle the four-month-old strike at Henderson.

The governor said he would make no definite proposals but simply sit down and discuss matters.

Boyd Patton, regional director of TWU, said "We welcome the opportunity to present our case to the governor. We pledge our full cooperation."

Company president John D. Cooper Jr. said, "I hope and trust he (Gov. Hodges) will be able to find some solution."

The strike began Nov. 17 after the union was unable to get management to renew an arbitration clause in a new contract. Another issue is the seniority rights of employees who have been working since the mills reopened Feb. 16.

There have been numerous acts of violence.

**ACTRESS PLANS MARRIAGE**  
MUNICH, Germany (UPI) — Germany's 19-year-old movie idol, Romy Schneider, will marry Alain Delon, a young French actor, it was reported Saturday.

### "DENNIS THE MENACE"



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### A-Weaponers Exhibit Possibility Of Shield

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Atomic weaponers have demonstrated the possibility of laying artificial radiation traps for anyone who might dare to venture unshielded into nearby space.

Nature itself has created two zones of radiation—the first starting about 400 miles up—which reach peaks of deadly intensity at 2,000 and 10,000 miles.

Now man himself can plug the gaps in these natural zones, leaving only the regions around the poles safe for unshielded space departures and arrivals.

This was revealed by Thursday's disclosure that the military Project Argus, secretly exploded three small atomic bombs—each equal to about 1,000 tons of TNT—more than 300 miles above the South Atlantic last August and September.

Another revelation was that man can now mess up his electromagnetic environment to the point where radio communications and radar warning systems may be blacked out or impaired. Such disruptions normally are caused only by discharges of charged particles from the sun.

A third disclosure was that unless someone is looking for them, high altitude atomic tests apparently can be staged without detection. The Russians did not tumble to the Argus tests. There was no radioactive fallout, because of the extreme altitude.

The Argus provided much information about the military effects of nuclear explosions above the atmosphere. The information is secret. It is known, however, that the lethal range of bomb radiations at high altitudes is far greater than on the surface—on the order of hundreds of miles for H-bombs. Some scientists fear such explosions might upset delicate balances among forces affecting life on earth.

Deputy Defense Secretary Donald A. Quarles told reporters that the Argus explosions "advanced the basis of knowledge" needed to develop defenses against long-range enemy missiles. He said this was true in the "broad sense" that all knowledge is militarily useful.

By that he may have meant it is now possible to figure which radio frequencies vital to defense are least likely to be disrupted by high altitude nuclear explosions. He said the disruptive effects are not the same for all frequencies.

Quarles plainly indicated that the military—if the Geneva test ban negotiations did not prevent it—would like to conduct further nuclear experiments above the atmosphere with 1,000-fold bigger explosions equal to millions of tons (megatons) of TNT. Many others in both the Defense Department and the Atomic Energy Commission heartily agree with him.

### Amputee, 8, Clings To Life

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Little Julia Ellis, 8, whose right leg was amputated Saturday night by a doctor operating with a borrowed penknife, clung doggedly to life today.

The girl was in critical condition in a suburban Kirkwood hospital but nurses said she was doing well in view of what had happened.

Julia's sister, Donna, 9, was in the same hospital, recovering from fractures of both legs. They were struck Saturday night by a car which skidded around a curve on a gravel road near their home in Arnold, Mo., 15 miles southwest of St. Louis.

State police said the driver was Robert E. Kemp, 25, of suburban Lemay. He was charged with careless and reckless driving while drinking.

The girls were walking toward home. Their mother, Mrs. Clarence Ellis, saw the car hit them. Donna was knocked 20 feet to the side of the road, but Julia's leg became wedged between the car's rear bumper and a fender and she was dragged 70 feet.

Dr. Howard W. Soman of Arnold, was called to the scene. He borrowed a knife from state trooper Emmett Welch and using light from head lamps on the patrol car, removed Julia's leg below the knee.

### Dieting's Over; Convicts Given Desserts To Eat

NEW YORK (AP) — Two inmates of city prison can eat dessert today—they don't have to watch their waistlines any more.

The two had been dieting so they could slip through a hole about 18 inches square, part of an elaborate escape plot they hatched.

The escape had been planned for tonight or Tuesday night, but guards got a tip from an informer and stepped in Sunday.

Prison officials said James Brown, 39, and Clarence Moore, 33, a Negro, admitted the plot. Moore had dropped from 149 to 120 pounds, and Brown from 165 to 125.

Authorities said Moore had entered the prison, called "The Tombs," with four hacksaw blades concealed in the soles of his shoes, \$35 and a subway token.

He became friendly with Brown in the next cell. Both are in an armed robbery charge.

Several weeks ago the two began dieting, and cutting through the bars of their cells. They cut through the corridor and concealed the breaks with chewing gum. They sneaked out at night, and sawed through several inch-thick bars of a small window, one and a half feet square. Only one bar remained to be cut.

They had secreted a makeshift rope, of torn bedsheets and blankets, on a third-floor ledge below the seventh-floor window. They planned to draw the rope up to the window with a "fishing line" made of mop twine, with a bed-spring as a hook.

They had planned to use the rope to get down to the ledge, then down to the courtyard. They planned to hide there until they could slip into a delivery van and go through the gates unnoticed.

### Ike's "Brave Little Girl" Wins Fight Against Burns

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — The little girl President Eisenhower called a "brave little girl" has won her fight against death.

Bright-eyed Lilli Sargis, 8, heard glad news Friday. She's going home from the Memorial Hospital next Saturday after nearly a year of treatment for serious burns.

"It's almost a miracle," a hospital spokesman said. "She has had an unusual convalescence."

The doctors and nurses speak of Lilli's recovery in awed tones. They recall the child's condition when she was rushed into the hospital April 7, 1958.

Eighty-one per cent of her body was seared. And 70 per cent of the burns were listed as third degree, the worst type.

No one said it, but the general feeling in the hospital that April morning was that Lilli's chances were at best very poor.

Nevertheless, the painstaking work of bringing the youngster back from the brink of death went on. It went on without letup until definite signs of progress began to show.

In the months-long fight, every scrap of medical knowledge of the hospital staff was brought to use. There were 56 operations involving general anesthesia, and varying phases of multiple stage skin grafting.

Lilli's tragic accident came about through her desire to excel in school. The morning of April 7, she got up early to run over her homework. Her mother, Zabelle Sargis, was upstairs.

The girl was intrigued by a new table cigarette lighter her mother had received the previous day. She flipped on the lighter. The flame

spurred up and ignited her nightgown.

Her screams brought her mother racing to her side.

About the treatments, the hospital spokesman said "the technicalities are phenomenal. There is no question about it. This is quite a triumph."

Lilli's entire body is now fully surfaced with skin. And function is returning to her muscles.

There's still a lot of therapy ahead. One phase has been the learning of how to knit. And courageous Lilli is proud of her progress with the needles, telling visitors "See, I can knit."

It was last fall that Lilli got a message of encouragement from President and Mrs. Eisenhower. They wrote from their vacation home in Newport, R.I., urging her

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### Navy Bureaus May Be Joined

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposed naval reorganization plan calls for merging two separate and sometimes overlapping Navy bureaus of ordnance and air.

The new division would be the "Bureau of Naval Weapons."

The proposal came from a committee headed by Undersecretary of the Navy William B. Franke, who will become secretary of the Navy when Thomas S. Gates leaves that position next June.

Gates said he would act on the suggestion before May 1.

### SUSPECT CLEARED

PORTLAND (AP) — Mrs. Lucille Bryant, 23, was cleared by the grand jury Friday in the March 12 gunshot death of her husband, Matthew, 27, an Air Force sergeant.

Earlier, she had told police she fired the gun because he was choking her.

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