

## 3 Chimps Try Work In Factory

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI)—Three chimpanzees named Fudge, Pudge and Bobby went to work in a furniture factory Friday and Ben Friedman, 35, factory manager, swore it was anything but monkey business.

Friedman denied reports that the chimps will replace any of the human employees, and said if things work out it could actually result in creating jobs for more people.

He plans to start the chimps to work on a production line at 1 p.m. EST today and demonstrate to newsmen how well they work. Friedman said he would also make "some suggestions" on how chimpanzees can take over non-skilled jobs in other industries.

"There is no doubt that they can do the jobs," Friedman said. "We have been experimenting with them at night, when nobody was around. We didn't want to say anything until we could see if it could be done."

"So far, we have been careful on our investment, because we don't know how labor and other people will react. It's just an experiment. But we are certain it will work."

Friedman said he actually has two reasons for the experiment. First, he said he thinks using chimps for some tasks to cut labor costs will help his company be more competitive in a competitive market.

And second, he wants to prove a point.

"It really came to a head when I wrote a novel about this type of situation, where a whole group of chimps were used in a factory," Friedman said. "When I sent it to a publisher to read, he classified it as fantasy, and said his company only took more serious type fiction. I was convinced it would work, so I looked up a man who had some chimps and began experiments."

Friedman contacted Manuel King, an animal trainer, and together they began training the chimps to do several tasks in the factory.

"The jobs are nothing compared with bicycle riding, or other tricks you see chimps performing in a circus or on television," Friedman said.

"One of the chimps will zip across a cushion that has been stuffed; the second one will insert legs into a container as they come down a conveyor belt, and the third will close the container as it goes into the shipping department."

"They will be working on a new product designed as an easy way to produce furniture using simplified motion and production. The whole thing started in the normal course of efficiency development."

## Church, State Are Fighting Over College

HAVANA (AP)—A battle between Roman Catholic educators and the Castro regime for control of Villanueva University here appeared to be building up Saturday, after the expulsion of a pro-Castro student group.

Semi-official Revolution and El Mundo, a Castro-controlled newspaper, termed the expulsions reprisal against supporters of the Cuban revolution. The expulsions were ordered Thursday by the university's Board of Discipline.

The pro-Castro students were ousted after publishing a manifesto accusing a Catholic official at Villanueva of planning to close the university and blame it on "persecution by the revolutionary government."

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