



**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE**, Chapter 467, and the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 1106, were busy until the last moment Christmas Eve, preparing toys for the many children remembered this year in "Operation Santa Claus," sponsored by the groups. Left to right are Illa Douglas, Eris Fairchild, Maxine Hartwell and Vanessa Buttler.

### Liz Taylor, Lancaster Called Best

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Elizabeth Taylor and Burt Lancaster, film stars of long standing, have been voted the best actress and actor of 1968 by reviewers and critics across the country.

The film daily Famous Five made the announcement today on the basis of its annual poll of 1,850 news and broadcast critics. Reviewers who selected Miss Taylor for her role in "Butterfield 8" and Lancaster for "Elmer Gantry."

Miss Taylor at first refused to perform in the film when the script called for her to play a call girl. She finally accepted when the part was modified to that of a promiscuous model.

Lancaster portrayed a hell-and-brimstone revival preacher in "Elmer Gantry."

Others voted among the top five male and female stars were, in order of votes received: Charlton Heston (Ben Hur), Jack Lemmon (The Apartment), Spencer Tracy (Inherit the Wind), and Ralph Bellamy (Sunrise at Campobello); Greer Garson (Sunrise at Campobello), Shirley MacLaine (The Apartment), Doris Day (Midnight Lace), and Jean Simmons (Elmer Gantry).

### "DENNIS THE MENACE"



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### Suggests Teen Terrors Be Treated As Psychos

By ALTON BLAKESLEE  
Associated Press Science Writer  
NEW YORK (AP)—Treat leaders of violent teen-age gangs as "psychos" rather than as "hoods," a sociologist suggested today.

"That would take some of the glory out of gang activity," said Dr. Lewis Yablonsky of the University of Massachusetts.

"Society would thus brand gang action as 'sick' behavior rather than indirectly aggrandize it—as is often done.

"With gang behavior stigmatized as being in the boys' terms 'crazy or nutty,' many youths would not participate in the gang and its violence."

Dr. Yablonsky, speaking to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said many people and even some specialists make a serious error in thinking of violent gangs as definite groups.

He holds they are not usually cohesive groups, and said most boys interviewed after "rumbles" or even fatal battles "had no real concept of belonging to any gang or group."

The gang is a near-group, he said, but if treated as an organized group, a group may actually form. One social worker tried to organize such youths into a baseball team, but they turned instead into a violent gang, he added.

Gangs which become violent are loose organizations, and the leaders "are often borderline psychotics with delusions of grandeur or persecution."

Trying to work with them is usually useless, but most gang followers can be helped by constructive activity projects, he said.

Dr. Yablonsky told of interviewing some boys after the fatal beating and stabbing of a young polio victim, Michael Farmer, in New York City three years ago by a gang known as the Egyptian Kings.

"Each boy interviewed had a sufficient image of the gang," he quoted two of the boys as saying: "I was walking uptown with a couple of friends and we ran into Magician (one of the gang lead-

### Suit Filed For Error

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The federal government, in an unusual action, has filed a \$1,000 suit seeking punitive damages against an airline copilot for alleged careless and reckless operation of a passenger plane.

Leonard A. Gulton Jr., Paramount, was accused in the federal court complaint made public today of feathering—throwing into neutral—the wrong engine of a Western Airlines craft July 23, 1968, at the start of a flight from San Francisco to Portland.

The plane returned to San Francisco and was able to land without injury or damage.

The government said through Asst. U.S. Atty. Jordan A. Drelfus that its only method of obtaining punitive action against a pilot for such infractions was through the little-used statute whereby it can sue the defendant.

Gulton denied the charges, claiming his actions in no way could have "resulted in serious damage to the aircraft or injury to the plane's occupants."

### Bomb Effects Cause Deaths

HIROSHIMA, Japan (UPI)—The Hiroshima Atomic Disease Hospital said today that 49 persons died during the first 11 months of 1968 from lingering effects of radiation caused by the atomic bomb dropped here more than 18 years ago.

The hospital reported that 21 of the victims suffered blood disorders, such as leukemia and anemia. The others died of liver diseases and cancer.

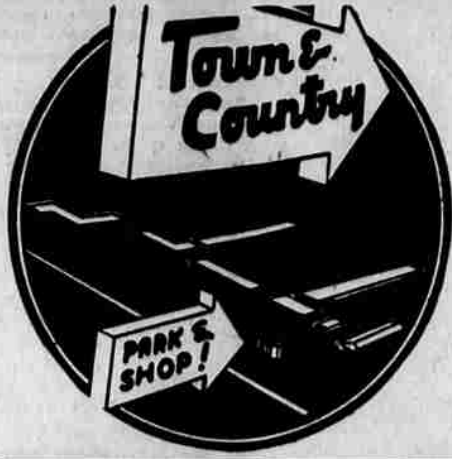
In the same period last year, the hospital reported 38 deaths attributed to the after-effects of the bombing.

### Corvallis Man Dies In Montana

POLSON, Mont. (AP)—John Paul Mach, 25, Corvallis, Ore., was killed as his car crashed 10 miles north of here on U. S. Highway 93 Monday night.

Sheriff-coroner Bill Graham and highway patrolman Tom Sanford said Mach apparently was going too fast for road conditions. The car slipped off the right side of the highway on a downgrade and rolled down a rocky hill.

The driver was thrown against the rocks.



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