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## ALUMINUM STRIKE?

# Secret Time Tests Could Mean Boom

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Spreading over an extensive area of the Carolinas Piedmont region is a mystery evidently involving mining, minerals, metals and ultra-modern chemistry.

This mystery relates to the persistent, secrecy-shrouded activities of an Atlanta (Ga.) corporation, Piedmont Properties, Inc., based at Spartanburg, S. C.

These activities are intriguing Carolina business men, metallurgists, mineralogists, financiers and many landowners.

Spreading also is the idea among technical men that this activity, about which only a few details are known, may involve potentialities of aluminum production.

Piedmont Properties through recent months has had its mining experts boring hundreds of holes in the ground for samples of something. These samples are sent to the newly established laboratories at Spartanburg.

### Reported Out Of Town

Efforts through recent days to telephone Piedmont Properties' top men at the Spartanburg laboratories were unsuccessful as they were reported out of town.

Available reports indicate options being obtained on farm lands by Piedmont Properties, are for terms of about one year and contain renewal provisions.

Press reports from Spartanburg, said options have been obtained on a great deal of acres against the predicted goal of about 30,000 acres in South Carolina and a like acreage in North Carolina. Indicated prices for land involved in options range up to \$200 per acre, varying with the values of existing structures and other improvements.

Rumors entirely lacking confirmation have associated E. I. du Pont de Nemours, Aluminum Co. of America and Anacosta Copper Co. with this activity.

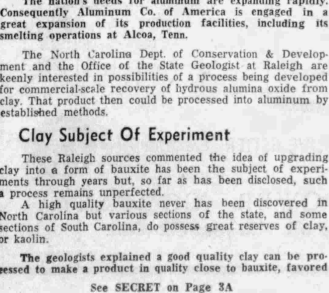
One of the various rumors about Piedmont Properties' activities is of especial concern to Piedmont Carolina people identified with finance, power production, and progress of industrial diversification.

### Two Plants May Be Built

This rumor, also entirely lacking confirmation, is to the effect that success in the hunt by Piedmont Properties may result in construction of two plants, each to cost about \$40 million.

This talk about new plants suggests one will be located in the North Carolina "triangle" where prospecting is in progress. The other mill is rumored for location in the South Carolina "triangle."

The North Carolina area reported under investigation by Piedmont Properties' field geologists is bounded roughly by a line extending from Shelby to Rutherford to Tryon.



The South Carolina triangle is described as within a line extending from northwest of Chesney to Spartanburg and to Gaffney.

# Dulles Faces Questioning

## On Dulles's Forecast Plans

### Dulles's Plan A Worry For Arabs

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Eisenhower's plan for blocking communism in the Middle East was viewed with misgivings today in most of the Arab world.

Reaction elsewhere ranged from enthusiasm in some Western European countries to cries of "rude interference" from Moscow. Non-Arab allies of the United States in the Middle East welcomed the program.

The Eisenhower doctrine — aimed at preventing Communist encroachment on the Middle East — couples the promise of large-scale economic help to the area with a threat to use U. S. armed forces against overt Communist aggression here.

The President outlined it to Congress Saturday, in Cairo, the reception was chilly but mild. Some Egyptians who had hoped the United States was ready to unveil a new policy of support for President Nasser were disappointed.

A CHECK

There was also the feeling that the doctrine would make it more difficult for Egypt to play off the Communists against the West, as in the past. There was fear that continued flirting with the Soviet bloc through arms purchases and other help would lay Nasser open to the charge of being a vehicle of "indirect Communist aggression."



SAFE AT HOME, Marie McDonald hugs her five-month-old daughter, Tina Marie, in the bedroom of her home at Encino, Calif. The actress told reporters she was kidnaped by two men who planned to ask \$80,000 for her return.

She said the men forced her to leave with them by threatening her sleeping children with a gun. She said she was taken to a house in the Los Angeles area where she was held most of Friday. The men gave her whiskey and pills, she said.

"I hid them in the hollow of my cheek and later got rid of them," she said. "They apparently thought the pills had knocked me out." It was then, she said, that she phoned Carroll.

She burst into tears as she told newsmen how her abductors had hit her "more than once." She cried again when a reporter asked her, "Why?"

One of her attorneys, Norman Brand, said:

"Marie, you already have given that statement to police."

After she was found on the desert near Indio Friday night, police questioned her at an Indio hospital. Detectives at the scene backed up statements of her physician that there was no indication that she had been raped.

Brand said the Los Angeles said she had informed officers that she had been raped.

When another reporter asked her yesterday if there was any "secondiveness" in the kidnaping, her second attorney, Jerry Giesler, warned her.

"It would be best not to say anything on this matter, as it might be misinterpreted."

ENCINO, Calif. (AP)—Marie McDonald, "The Body" of Hollywood, says two swarthy men kidnaped her and set \$80,000 ransom as the price they would ask for her return.

The glamorous blonde actress, wearing a white nightgown, burst into tears twice as she told a news conference in her bedroom yesterday that the men said they hoped to ransom her for \$20,000 each from these four persons:

Actress Michèle Wilding, estranged husband of actress Elizabeth Taylor and Miss McDonald's escort in recent weeks.

Shoe manufacturer Harry Karl, twice married and twice divorced.

Mrs. Marie Tuboni, her business manager.

The two men called Karl and her mother, she said and dialed the telephone so she could talk to Wilding and Karl. Ransom was not mentioned in any of the calls. They wanted to build up worry with each call so that they would pay the ransom, Miss McDonald, flanked by two attorneys, told newsmen in the same bedroom from which she said she was abducted.

**MALE CALLERS**

After she disappeared Thursday night, male callers phoned Karl and Mrs. Tuboni and Miss McDonald phoned Wilding, Karl and movie columnist Harrison Carroll.

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### Our Weather

Decreasing cloudiness and some warmer today. Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and cool.

Low this morning—40.  
Low tomorrow morning—32.  
High today—52.  
High yesterday—45.  
High tomorrow—55.  
Sunrise today 7:32 a.m.; sunset today 5:27 p.m.

**—BOY WORRIES OVER KNIFE—**

### Girl Dies From 115 Stabs

FAIRFIELD, Calif. (AP)—Mutilated by 115 stab wounds, the body of frail, blonde Rose Ann White, 8, was found by a railroad track here Sunday, 12 hours after she had been murdered by a remorseless 14-year-old boy who has admitted the crime.

Roger Brown's "principal concern" was that he might lose the lethal knife, reported Dept. Atty. Young J. Clinton Peterson. Young Brown led authorities at 3:30 a.m. to the place where Rose Ann's body was buried loosely under a pile of thistles and grass.

Peterson said Roger, the stepson of Sgt. Merrill Brown of the 336th Air Transport Battalion at nearby Travis Air Force Base, confessed the killing a mile and told how he later went home to work on a stamp collection and watch television.

Roger went to bed early Saturday night.

He was awakened when police called at 10:30 p.m. to ask where he had last seen the girl.

Last night in the Solano County Jail at Vallejo, Roger wept a little talking to reporters and said he "wished" the girl was alive.

An autopsy disclosed that the child had not been criminally attacked, although her pants had been removed. Death was caused by four of the stab wounds which reached her heart.

Her skull had been fractured three times, but autopsy physicians said those injuries would not have been fatal.

Roger had been employed to take care of Rose Ann at various times while her mother, Mrs. Frank White, 33, worked at her job as a beer parlor waitress. The child's father is an airplane man in Japan.

Roger said while they were playing Saturday along the railroad track, the trip was made. Rose Ann fell over him, knocking herself unconscious on a rock.

Roger said he was alone when herself said the boy related he beat her on the head with a rock and then stabbed her repeatedly.

He removed her pants and buried them officers said, before he left. He made fingerprints on them when he turned her over.

### Opposition Appears On Both Sides

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles faces detailed questioning today about the economic-military plan which President Eisenhower hopes to forestall Communist aggression in the Middle East.

In advance of Dulles' appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, several members joined queries concerning the proposal Eisenhower laid before a joint session of Congress Saturday.

Weekend discussion also showed developing opposition to what several senators referred to as "blank check" authority to use foreign aid funds and to what Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.) called in effect declaring war on "a delayed basis — ahead of time."

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) describing Eisenhower's proposals as "loaded with dynamite," told a questioner there is "doubt Congress will vote them down."

**SOME APPROVE**

But though both Democratic and Republican legislators raised questions about the plan, there was general agreement that Congress eventually will approve some program with the general outline Eisenhower laid down, it may clamp some restrictions on the broad authority he asked however.

The four-point program he outlined included approval in advance for his use of American military forces, at the request of any threatened Middle Eastern nation, to oppose overt armed aggression from any nation controlled by international communism; and provision for both military and economic aid to countries in the area.

For economic aid, Eisenhower asked \$30 million dollars a year for two years starting July 1. In addition, he asked authority to oppose "overt armed aggression without regard to the provisions of any other law or regulation."

It is believed, however, that between \$0 and \$60 millions of appropriated funds still are available.

**MONEY JOB**

The money angle is one that Chairman Thomas S. Gordon (D-Ill.) of the House committee said he wants straightened out at the hearings — whether Eisenhower has \$200 million or \$400 million or what amount in between.

Gordon said he wants to know also whether Eisenhower plans to step up U. S. armed force strength in the Middle East.

There were no indications at the Pentagon yesterday that the Middle East plan contemplates any immediate change in the United States' defense lineup in that area.

Rep. Judd of Minnesota, a senior committee Republican, said he expects that the 200-million-dollar maximum Eisenhower asked for cut of already-voted foreign aid will be set up under a separate program instead. Judd said taking the money out of the existing program would hurt relations with countries which had expected to get funds that were diverted to the Middle East.

Committee member Burleson (D-Tex.) said Eisenhower already has power as commander in chief to use troops. But now that the question is publicly presented, he added, Congress has no choice but to back up the President before the world.

### Get-Tough Policy

## Hungary Hit With Stalin-Type Plan From New Premier

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—Premier Janos Kadar's Soviet-installed government, taking the wraps off its long-promised "new program" combines get-tough Stalinism with an appeal to the West for financial aid.

The program was issued yesterday from the Premier's office in Parliament building, ringed by protesting Russian tanks, it was broadcast as a 10,000-word statement over the Budapest radio.

The statement probably got its final drafting last week while visiting Soviet Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev looked on. The Hungarians, led by some informants to expect a "surprisingly mild" declaration, were told among other things:

"There is a dictatorship of the proletariat in Hungary. . . . It is therefore a main task to strengthen the people's democratic installations and organizations. . . . It is therefore a main task to strengthen the people's democratic installations and organizations. . . ."

The statement said "the government is planning talks with various public figures and non-partisan experts aimed at their democratic slogans. The law will always punish them severely. . . ."

SET AIM

"People of petty bourgeois thinking or people who were masking themselves as Marxists set as their aim the disintegration of social order and the dissolution of it whereby they used slogans like democratization, de-Stalinization and others. . . . It is therefore a main task to strengthen the people's democratic installations and organizations. . . ."

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### Funeral Tomorrow For Maj. Cramer

A leader in the textile industry of the South, Stuart W. Cramer Jr., of 200 Hermitage Rd., died yesterday at 12:40 p.m. at a local hospital. He had been ill since mid-November.

Funeral services are scheduled tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church. The Rev. Henry R. Righter, former rector of that church, and the Rev. Perry Brown, associate rector, will officiate.

Inherment will be private. Pallbearers will be E. C. Griffith, Elliott White Springs, John R. Pender, Dr. Robert W. McKay, John S. Casler, Claude A. Cochran, John L. Morehead, James J. Harris, Dr. James W. Gibbon, F. Jack Heath, Eli B. Springs, Norman A. Cooke, H. T. Cosby and John D. Shaw.

Mrs. Cramer had distinguished careers, both as a soldier and as a businesswoman.

At his death, he was with the Cramer & Cramer real estate firm.

Mrs. Cramer was widely known in textile circles, and on many occasions held important positions in the cotton industry.

His higher education included the University of North Carolina, West Point and the Philadelphia Textile School.

During his transition from a military man to an official in the textile world, Mr. Cramer, on Nov. 8, 1923, married Julia Baxter Scott of Charlotte.

**BORN IN CHARLOTTE**

He was born in Charlotte Jan. 28, 1892, son of Stuart W. and Bertha Hobart (Berry) Cramer. At the age of 15 he entered the University of North Carolina, attending during the 1907-08 term.

From the university he went to West Point Military Academy, where he was graduated in 1912.

**RECEIVED CITATION**

Sept. 15, 1915, Lt. Cramer was transferred to the 8th Cavalry Punitive Expedition into Mexico and commanded troops at the engagement of Santa Anita. For this action he received a citation from the Adjutant General of the United States.

He also saw action in Mexico in 1916 with the expedition seeking the archduchess Villa, and in many operations to punish those who had invaded United States territory.

Lt. Cramer's rise now became rapid. That same year he was promoted to first lieutenant and was made assistant to the district quartermaster of the El Paso District.

He later became supply officer for the regimental cavalry of the 10th Division, National Guard, and on March 30, 1917, was promoted to the rank of captain.

Five months after this promotion, Capt. Cramer was back at West Point.

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**Evening Prayer**

Dear heavenly Father, grant me grace to live and pray, for I would enjoy Thy favor, and daily be brought nearer to Thy presence, through Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son and man's Redeemer. Amen.

ROGER BROWN

Select Foremost Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.