



Giant Estate

NEW YORK (AP) — Showman Mike Todd's estate today was estimated unofficially at between three and five million dollars. He left half in trust for his widow, screen star Elizabeth Taylor, and bequeathed the other half outright to his son, Michael Todd Jr.

Epidemics Feared

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The rising waters of the Bug and Narew Rivers continued to flood large areas of east and northeast Poland today. The Polish Red Cross expressed fear of epidemics.

First Decoration

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) — Young Prince Albert of Monaco, now 36 days old, received his first decoration today. It was the Grand Cross of the Order of Grimaldi, the highest Monacan honor, and it was presented by his father, Prince Rainier III.

Extension Backed

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Britain threw its support today behind an American proposal for extending the limit of territorial waters from the three nautical miles to six.

Case Solved

SYDNEY, N. S. W. (AP) — Police searching for the masked gunman who robbed an express train mail car as it sped toward Sydney yesterday arrested a 41-year-old man and announced recovery of the stolen goods today.

Test End Urged

TOKYO (AP) — The lower house of Japan's Diet (Parliament) today unanimously adopted a resolution urging immediate cessation of nuclear weapon tests and production by all powers having atom and hydrogen bombs.

Dissolution Near

TOKYO (AP) — The secretary general of Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi's Liberal Democratic Party said tonight that Japanese Parliament will be dissolved this month, probably next Friday or Saturday.

No Rush

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House subcommittee starts final moves today toward deciding who was elected in September, 1956, to represent Maine's first congressional district.

Construction Pay

LONDON (AP) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today presented a check for 50,000 marks (\$11,000) toward rebuilding Coventry Cathedral, destroyed by German bombs during World War II.

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter)

This Is A Buggy Business

Now just take a close look at this giant water beetle. Ten-year-old Edgar Timberlake does just that during the final session of the Nature Museum workshop

series on "How To Collect and Preserve Insects." F. Reeves Gressette Jr., entomologist for a local exterminating company, conducted the series ending yesterday.

Piedmont Gas Will Finance Growing Needs

By J. A. DALY
News Business Editor
Piedmont Natural Gas Co. of Charlotte announced today it embarked upon a large additional financing program to obtain funds to meet urgent needs for expansion of facilities serving 14 communities in North Carolina and South Carolina.
This new financing includes the issue of \$3,500,000 of bonds and the issue of 51,183 additional shares of common stock. This stock will be priced at \$13.25 per share.
Stockholders of record April 17 will receive warrants authorizing them to subscribe for one additional share of this \$13.25 stock for each ten shares of common stock presently held, subject to clearance of the offering by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
This issue of stock will provide more than \$775,000 of additional funds for the 1958 construction program.

MORE BONDS

The company lately sold \$1,000,000 of bonds and plans to issue an additional \$1,500,000 of bonds next month, with other bond financing planned for a later date, as was explained by company officials.
The announcement also said the corporation's stockholders authorized an amendment to the certificate of incorporation to authorize the issue of up to \$10,000,000 of bonds.

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16 Additional Weeks

More Jobless Pay Is Democrat Aim

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats today got behind a billion-dollar emergency unemployment relief program to provide 16 weeks of added jobless pay benefits for most of the nation's idled workers.

The plan, to remain in effect until June 30, 1959, would be financed wholly by the U. S. Treasury. It would apply: both to workers now covered by existing state unemployment programs and to many not now eligible, but proposed for coverage by the federal government in future years.

In its tentative form, it calls for: 1. Sixteen weeks of added benefits for insured workers who have expanded compensation rights under state programs.

2. The same number of weeks of benefits for noncovered workers who are not eligible for state benefits.

3. Payments to be financed by the federal government in conformity with the existing level of benefits now provided under state programs, with no change in state standards.

Unemployment benefits vary from state to state in amount and duration of payments. Workers coming under the program are paid from an insurance trust fund created for employer payroll taxes. For example, would be employees of tax-exempt concerns with fewer than four on their payrolls. Domestic and farm workers also are not now eligible.

'Loose' Money Action Taken

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has loosened action in its curbs on the nation's money supply with twin actions by the Federal Reserve Board.

For the fourth time in five months, the Federal Reserve Board reduced its discount rate — the interest charged member banks borrowing from reserve banks. The action, cutting the rate from 2 1/4 per cent to 1 3/4 per cent, is effective today in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia and Minneapolis. The seven other Federal Reserve districts are expected to follow suit in time.

In another move aimed at making more money available for lending, the board reduced the amount of reserves which certain banks must maintain against demand deposits.
Also next Thursday, the reserve requirement will be trimmed from 17 per cent to 16 1/2 per cent in reserve city banks located in most other large cities.

—NUCLEAR AGE SHOCK TROOPS— Middle-Aged Man A Hero?

By FRANK CARLEY

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Navy scientist suggests that the armed services consider using middle-aged men as radiation shock troops to protect younger servicemen from genetic hazards after a nuclear attack.

EVEN IN 50'S

The idea would be to use men in their 40s and even 50s for rebuilding, radiation cleanup and other jobs in areas or on ships contaminated by fallout soon after an attack — while many of the younger service men would take temporary cover in radiation shelters.

Capt. A. R. Behnke of the Navy's radiological defense laboratory, San Francisco, explained that as far as future generations are concerned, men in the younger and sexually more productive years require more protection against radiation than do those whose fathering years are waning.
Behnke told about the idea in a talk and interview yesterday at a symposium. The discussion of "special weapons and the management of mass casualties" were sponsored by the U. S. Naval Medical School in nearby Bethesda, Md.

He said it was based on an idea first put forth by Dr. Eugene Cronkite, a former Navy radiation specialist now working at the Atomic Energy Commission's Brookhaven, N. Y., laboratory.
The idea might also be a means of protecting young men from long-term cancer hazards due to undue radiation exposure, Behnke said.

As for the middle-aged men exposure to fallout might carry a cancer hazard, he said, but the men would be of such an age at the time of exposure that they might well live out a close-to-normal life span and die of something else before cancer had time to develop.
COMBAT POSSIBILITY
The Navy researcher said that before any such idea could be put into practice, it would first be necessary to determine if men in the older age groups could cope physically with the kinds of jobs they would be required to do—even including, perhaps, some combat tasks.
There is some preliminary evidence, he said, that this might be possible—provided over-sized waistlines were trimmed down by special diets.

Reds Protest U. S. Fights Over Pole

Say A-Bomb Test Runs Provocative

MOSCOW (AP) — Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko today accused the United States of sending planes armed with atomic and hydrogen bombs across the polar region toward the Soviet Union. He announced a protest against these "provocative flights" was being sent to the U. N. Security Council.

Gromyko told a news conference such flights were "unbearable in times of peace" and that the Kremlin demands their immediate cessation. He said they carry the danger of worldwide atomic war.

If the United States is trying to intimidate the Soviet Union with these flights, he said, it is wasting its time.

"STRONG NERVES"

"The Soviet Union has sufficiently strong nerves, and its armed forces can if necessary deliver a crushing retaliatory blow to any aggressor," he added.

Gromyko expressed the "profound indignation" of the Soviet government that such flights were being launched at a time when the Big Four powers were finally entering diplomatic talks aimed at convening a summit conference.

He said he had not brought up the Kremlin protest at meetings of the three Western ambassadors summoned to the Foreign Ministry in the past 24 hours to discuss a summit conference.

French Ambassador Maurice Dejean had said earlier the talks with Gromyko were "preliminary in nature."

Gromyko met the ambassadors individually, seeing Llewellyn Thompson of the United States yesterday and Sir Patrick Belby of Britain and Dejean this morning.

"I cannot say negotiations have actually started," the Frenchman told reporters.

Gromyko told his news conference that the United States could not accept the position of the Western powers for diplomatic talks as announced in a three-power note Wednesday.

This indicated the Kremlin is standing on its position that talks on a diplomatic level should be limited to setting the time and place and composition of a foreign ministers meeting. Gromyko said the Soviet government feels that talks on a diplomatic level could drag on for months.

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Exchange Club president Bill Scott (left) and vice president Bill Hayes (center) are shown as they announced a gift

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter) chief of the Charlotte Life Saving and First Aid Crew.

Indians Fight Land Squeeze

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. (AP) — A reservation Indian chief walked a narrow path today between the surging power of material progress and the turmoil of politics among his own people.

Elton Black Cloud Greene, head of the Tuscaroras for 11 years, was seeking a way to that high level of Indian diplomacy for which his Inroquois ancestors were justly famous.

The Power Authority of the State of New York is seizing 1,383 acres of Tuscarora reservation land under a state law only a week old. The land is to be part of a storage reservoir for the 600-million-dollar Niagara redevelopment project, already under way.

The price, the new seizure law says, can be decided later.

In fruitless negotiations last winter, the Power Authority offered the Tuscaroras \$1,000 an acre. The Indians refused.

"We hold sacred to our hearts," said Greene in a statement right out of history, "the small reservation we have left in our possession."

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Exchange Club Gift

Life Saving Crew To Get Ambulance

(More Life Saving Crew News On 1B)
By DONALD MACDONALD
News Staff Writer
A new, late model ambulance—worth \$3,500 to \$4,000 when equipped—will be given to the Charlotte Life Saving and First Aid Crew by the Exchange Club of Charlotte.

Missing Girl Home After 17 Months

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. (AP) — Priscilla (Polly) Whitcomb, 20, who vanished from the Smith College campus, Nov. 3, 1956, came home today in answer to the unflinching hope of her dad, U. S. Atty. Louis G. Whitcomb.

"We're very happy to have Polly home and I am pleased to report she is in good health," Whitcomb said.

Newsweek were not permitted to talk to the girl.
Whitcomb declined to discuss the whereabouts of Richard S. Thatcher, 21, a Northampton restaurant worker Polly had been dating. He disappeared at the same time.

"Regarding the whereabouts of the young man who was missing at the same time as my daughter, I wish to say I have furnished all the information that I have to the proper authorities," he declined to elaborate.

Whitcomb issued a prepared statement which said the girl had been living in Boston, it added: "Because of the recent publicity regarding her missing status, she finally decided it was necessary to eliminate any further anxiety on the part of her parents and friends regarding her safety."

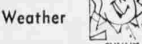
Whitcomb said he felt the publicity given the case added materially in the return of the girl.

Whitcomb said Polly has not yet decided whether she will live in Springfield or return to Boston. She was a sophomore at Smith when she vanished.

Thatcher, who came from Evansville, Ind., was a parolee from a Colorado reformatory. Two days after Polly left college, an investigation showed Thatcher had rented a car. It later was found in a public garage in Boston. Polly's lawyer turned up in a Boston pawn shop. A man answering Thatcher's description pawned a car.

A nationwide alarm has been out for the girl and Thatcher for more than a year. Her whereabouts since then have been a matter of another Vermont girl, Paula Weldon, who vanished from the campus at Benning College in 1956. She never was found.

Today's Weather



Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, Thou hast made us pilgrims upon the earth. Don't feed the beast if you visit Yellowstone National Park, Wyo. Park Supt. Lemuel A. Garrison said 91 persons were injured by bears in 1957.

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