Second leg lost in escape try

LONDON (AP) — A one-legged convict's taste for freedom ended bitterly today when he was struck by a speeding express train and his other leg was cut off.

Dennis Bridges, groaning in agony, was found half a mile from the spot where he lost his left leg five years ago while rescuing a dog from the path of a train.

The 22-year-old prisoner was trying to reach the girl friend who earlier had appealed to him to give himself up.

Bridges, serving a 12-month sentence for receiving stolen goods, escaped Tuesday after being taken from Bedford jail to a Cambridge clinic for an adjustment to his artificial limb.

The leg was severed below the knee.

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THE INCOMPARABLE TRAINING offered by the Royal Ballet School, London, England, is encouraging an ever-increasing number of aspiring ballerinas from throughout the Commonwealth to strive for the high standard required to earn a place in the school. From left to right: Zahava Goldfoot, Johannesburg, South Africa; Wan Ming Ying, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya; Donna Day Washington, Penticton; Hillary Debben-Wilkins, Auckland, New Zealand; and Varaporn Jalavicharana, Bankok, Thailand. — UK Information Photo

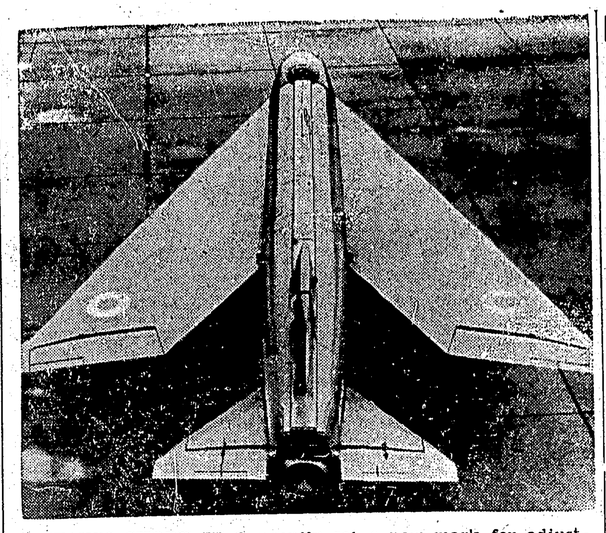
Hatmakers try wiles on president

NEW YORK (AP)— Hat makers are engaged in a down-to-the-wire battle to decorate the usually uncovered head of President-elect John Kennedy. They want to cover it with a high silk topper on Inauguration Day.

The leading contender appears to be John Reinitz Incorporated of New York, which has been commissioned by the John B. Stetson Company to design a silk hat that Stetson hopes will crown the presidential head on January 20.

Reinitz's vice-president, Mario Plastino, says his designer, Hyman Gelfer, has an edge over William Schnautz of the Norwalk, Conn., plant of the Hat Corporation of America, also in the running.

Kennedy will decide the contest himself when he tries on both hats for fit. Neither firm has been able to measure Kennedy's head size.



BRITAIN'S SHORT SB-5 recently set a new mark for adjustable wing aircraft throughout the world when it flew with its wings swept back 69 degrees as shown here. The flight was made from the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Bedford, Beds., by test pilot Denis Tayler. — UK Information Photo

Phone chef sings

HULL, England (AP)—You put your two pennies in the slot and a sweet voice on the telephone sings:

"Sur le pont d'Avignon, on y mange, on y mange,

"Sur le pont d'Avignon, on y mange la cuisine Francaise."

Maybe the metre is a little shaky, but listeners soon forgive the singer, Madeleine Angelici, when she starts to reel off succulent French recipes.

It's all part of the "telechef" service on the telephone system in this Yorkshire city which runs the only municipal telephone setup in Britain.

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Little girl loses Noel bicycle

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—Three weeks ago, when Annabelle Wilson, 10, was beginning to look forward to Christmas and a new bicycle, doctors confronted her with a difficult decision: loss of her left leg, or death from cancer.

Now the doctors realize that despite the operation, this Christmas will be Annabelle's last. The child has not been told.

Annabelle's mother, who has two other children, had the task of telling her child about the necessity for amputation.

"No, Mommy, No!" Annabelle pleaded. "Don't let them take off my leg. I can't ride my bicycle. Please don't let them."

Annabelle surrendered her leg —and her bicycle—last Saturday. Now she faces Christmas in a bed at the medical college of South Carolina Hospital.

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Rockets do not worry Florida fishermen

By RALPH DIGHTON

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—A multi-million-dollar missile sits on its pad, literally fuming at the delay.

Down range, square in the missile's path, is a fishing boat.

From nearby Point Mugu, headquarters of the Pacific missile range, a navy plane takes off to persuade the skipper of the fishing boat to leave the area.

Flying over the boat, the plane waggles its wings and heads off in the direction it wants the boat to take.

Nothing happens.

The plane circles again and this time the pilot calls over a loud speaker:

"You are in a hazardous area. For your own safety, please move out until after the launching."

Still nothing happens.

The plane returns to base and a power boat roars out.

Sometimes the fishermen are Japanese or Portugese and don't understand English. But this is rare.

NOT AFRAID OF MISSILES

Most of the time it's the same old story: Fishermen just aren't afraid of missiles—or the U.S. Navy either—beyond the three-mile zone.

Rocketeers at Cape Canaveral, Fla., are better off. Few commercial fishermen work nearby, except for shrimp boats two weeks each spring.

But the conflict between one of the oldest industries on earth —fishing—and one of the newest—rocketry — has cost thousands of dollars and delays of hours, even days, in launchings from the west coast.

Exact figures are unavailable. In the two years since the first missile was fired from here, some progress has been made in "educating" fishermen to clear out of dangerous areas on launching days. Officials don't want to say anything that would anger the fishermen who cooperate. But they admit the problem is serious.

FISH SHOW THE WAY

Ask some fishermen to stay out of an area and they smile stubbornly and say:

"Yah, sure. You tell the fish that. Where they go, we go."

These men say that leaving a school of fish for a few hours could cost them as much as a fourth of their earnings for the whole year.

"These planes can buzz me all they want," says one. "But I don't leave. There ain't nothing the navy can do if I don't want to move, and they know it and I know it."

Meanwhile, air force crews wait in blockhouses through hours of interrupted countdowns.

The pressure needed to force cold liquid oxygen into the firing chamber drops and more must be pumped in. The excess is let into the outside air where it turns into steam.

If this goes on too long, valves freeze and the shot is cancelled. The missile stops fuming but the crewmen don't.

Red premier refuses honor

LONDON (CP)—Nikita Khrushchev accepted an invitation to receive an honorary university degree in Canada and then changed his mind, it was learned reliably today.

Lord Beaverbrook extended the invitation as chancellor of the University of New Brunswick.

Khrushchev accepted and Beaverbrook made preparations. Around that time, Prime Minister Diefenbaker made a speech containing some critical references to Khrushchev, and the Russian leader told Beaverbrook he would not go to Fredericton after all.

It is understood Khrushchev would have received an honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Oriental soul 'not damaged'

CREWE, England (CP)—Before a spellbound magistrates' court in this Cheshire town, the clerk intoned the traditional Chinese ritual:

"If you don't tell the truth, may your soul be cracked like this saucer."

The witness, Wong Ching-Yuen, banged his fist onto a canteen saucer, which duly shivered into fragments.

At this point, things started to go wrong. Wong cut his thumb and was led off for repairs. When he returned, it developed that witness and counsel were unable to surmount the language barrier.

His soul presumably intact, Wong departed and the case was adjourned while the court sought the services of an interpreter.

MORE DRINKERS

SIZEWALL, England (CP) — An extension is being built on the Vulcan Arms, the only pub in this Suffolk village. A labor force of 4,000 men arrives next spring to build a nuclear power station nearby.

Castro says U.S. supplies enemies

By ROBERT BERRELLEZ

HAVANA (AP)—Prime Minister Fidel Castro, in one of his angriest speeches, charged today that enemies of his revolution were being equipped by the United States with a powerful new "special explosive."

Castro made the charge in a 2½-hour address at a midnight meeting of the Electrical Workers Union summoned to oust what he called "traitorous" leadership.

Amaury Fraginals, booted out in absentia as boss of the union, has been accused of blacking out Havana for four days with a well-placed bomb.

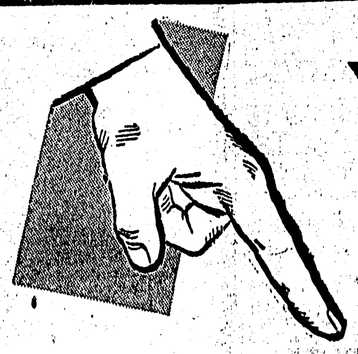
The whereabouts of Fraginals is not known. Diplomatic sources said he was not among 11 known members of the union who took asylum in various embassies Wednesday.

Fraginals was one of the leaders of a march by his union to the presidential palace last week to protest what they claimed was an attempt by the Communist-tinged Cuban Federation of Workers to dictate a union election.

MEMBERS BARRED

Some members of the union claimed Wednesday night they were not allowed to enter the meeting that paved the way for a red-line directorate to take over. They claimed the hall was packed with pro-Castro and Communist followers.

Castro scathingly denounced the union leaders as "counter-revolutionaries." His unexpected appearance appeared to underline the gravity with which the regime viewed the first real open defiance from the labor front.



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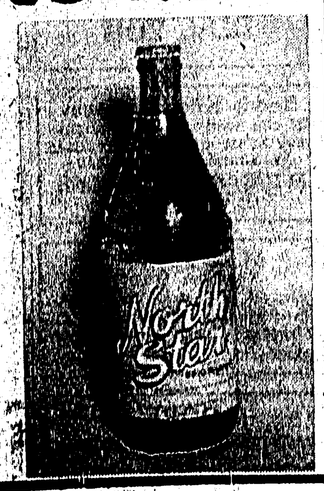

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