



Robby Leighmann Admires Hen's Work

—No Eggs, No Chicks—

Speckled Hen Fooled 'Em

By ANN SAWYER
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There was this little speckled bantam hen from the country.

And she really pulled a slick trick on a bunch of first graders at Chantilly School.

She was brought all the way from Mooreville just to show them how baby chicks come into the world.

But she refused to cooperate.

THE DAYS WENT BY, and Mrs. Speckled Hen did her best.

She set, and she set, and she set.

And the youngsters waited, and waited and waited. Patiently too. They knew it would take 21 days before the five eggs would break open and out would come the chicks.

But last week, things began to happen in Miss Cora Lee Sykes' first grade. The little speckled hen began to sing—

right through the reading lesson too. The first graders knew things were not as they should be. A laying hen sings and a clucking hen sets.

THE NEXT MORNING there were six eggs instead of five. Then there was another fresh egg, and another. The first five turned out to be spoiled.

A hydrogen bomb couldn't have caused more excitement than the egg-laying bantam hen.

Not disappointed in their borrowed pet, the children wrote to her farmer owner in Mooreville.

Vickie Pearce summed up the experience this way: "We like the hen. She played a joke on us. We wanted her to have little babies. But the eggs were rotten. Then no eggs. So no babies."

Robby Leighmann used fewer words: "Instead of setting, she was laying."

Projects—Lots Of Them— Reflect Spacemen's Dream

By GEOFFREY GOULD
WASHINGTON (U)—Space flight forecasts are popping out all over Washington—everything from sending mice into orbit within a month to sending a man to the moon and back within eight years.

Project Nova, Project Scout, Project Courier, Project Transit,

Project Tires, Project Midas—take your pick. They've all got some exciting idea to ignite the imagination.

The mice-space forecast came Monday from Roy W. Johnson, director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency in a speech to a Republican women's group. He also outlined hopefully

most of the other projects due for later development.

Johnson said the Discoverer II satellite, launched April 13 and bearing the end of its orbit, has had a "truly fantastic success."

He added, "We now plan to launch Discoverer III with a biomedical space traveler."

MICE SLATED
Johnson didn't specify mice as the space travelers, but informed sources said one or more were slated for the orbital trip. Johnson said this Discoverer III shot would come within a month, but other sources weren't quite so explicit.

The mice would be America's first try at putting living animals into orbit. The Army on Dec. 13 last year sent a monkey up about 300 miles in the nose cone of a Jupiter missile. An orbit was not attempted. The cone, and the monkey, were lost in the Atlantic Ocean after the 1,500-mile flight.

The Soviets launched their dog, Laika, into an orbit on Nov. 3, 1957.

Johnson claimed two important facts for Discoverer II. It was the first time a capsule had been ejected from a satellite and sent back to earth.

The capsule is said to have come down near Spitzbergen, north of Norway. A search is under way for it.

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Macmillan Backs Ike Proposal

LONDON (U)—British Prime Minister Macmillan has written Nikita Khrushchev supporting President Eisenhower's proposal of a ban on nuclear weapon tests below an altitude of 30 miles.

Sources close to the British government said Macmillan told Khrushchev that Britain would prefer a more comprehensive test ban. But he said that it is impossible, it will back limited agreement of the type proposed by America and Britain last week at the Geneva conference on a nuclear test ban.

The Russians took a negative attitude initially toward the western proposal, terming it a deviation from the agreed purpose of the conference. But western delegates at Geneva believe that Moscow's final word on the proposal is still to be heard.

Details of the President's appeal to the Kremlin leader were made public as Eisenhower arranged to end a two-week vacation at the Augusta National Golf Club. Presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty said Khrushchev had not replied to the Eisenhower letter. It was made public Monday night only after a Soviet official had talked about it, apparently by accident, in Geneva where East-West talks have been blocked since October.

PARTIAL AGREEMENT

The letter was sent to Khrushchev on April 12—the same day U.S. negotiators outlined the U.S. proposal in Geneva. Eisenhower said in effect that a partial agreement would be better than none, and "these negotiations must not be permitted completely to fail."

He said a simplified control system to detect any test explosions in the atmosphere could easily be developed from expert recommendations already at hand.

Test explosions in the atmosphere cause more radioactive fallout than those conducted underground or in outer space—two types which would not be banned under the newest U.S. proposal.

But with agreement on the one phase—he called it the most important phase—Eisenhower said negotiators could continue working toward a general ban.

In Washington, Sens. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) and Frank Church (D-Idaho) praised Eisenhower's action.

It means, Church told the Senate, that the newest proposal "is not a tactical maneuver calculated to give us some transient advantage at the conference table, but a serious proposition, earnestly made."

Our Weather

Increasing cloudiness with scattered showers and thunderstorms today, cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning..... 56
Low tomorrow morning..... 48
High today..... 80
High yesterday..... 84
High tomorrow..... 70
Sunrise today 6:44 a.m.; sunset today 7:30 p.m.

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Strikers Jeer At Workers Leaving Plant After Staying Inside All Night

Ex-Patient Says He Killed Boy

DETROIT (AP)—Police said a man who escaped from a mental hospital admitted today he strangled Marvin Zdanowski, 5, whose body was found in a garage Monday night.

Lieut. Hiram Phillips of the Detroit homicide squad said the confession was obtained from George Rietla, 47, who resided intermittently with a sister residing in the same house with the boy's dead mother parents.

Rietla was held for investigation of murder. Police said they picked him up for questioning because circumstances of the slaying indicated it was committed by someone who had a close knowledge of the house.

Police said Rietla, a former patient at a Clevelands, Ill., mental hospital, broke under a barrage of questions. Phillips said Rietla told them the boy was a government spy — "Spies have been chasing me all over town. There are thousands of them. I don't want to get them all."

He found the boy in a bathroom which was shared by the Zdanowski family with other persons living in the house. He grabbed the boy, put his hand over his mouth and decided to kill him.

He dragged the boy to the garage and choked him for five or 10 minutes. Then he put the limp body on a raft. He planned to return later and find a better hiding place for the body.

2 Children Shot Mom Who Killed Cries, 'Let Me Die'

COVINGTON, Ky. (U)—A young mother charged with murdering her two young daughters begged doctors to let her die yesterday. Her own effort to put a bullet through her heart failed.

Recovering from the suicide attempt at a Cincinnati hospital, 29-year-old Mrs. Esther Detisch, of Covington, kept pleading with physicians: "Why don't you let me die with my children."

Police said Mrs. Detisch carefully shot Cynthia, 6, and Kathy, 5, through the heart as they slept at their home Sunday night.

Then she shot herself, officers said, but bungled. The bullet missed the heart and damaged her liver, causing a large loss of blood.

Aides at St. Elizabeth Hospital said she was in fair condition late last night. The weapon was a .25 caliber revolver, officers said.

Police swore out two murder warrants against Mrs. Detisch, but were unable to serve them because of the woman's injury.

Investigators said Mrs. Detisch apparently was despondent after losing her job as a clerk in the City Assessor's Office here.

She resigned after a suspension March 24. Police said she was suspended after conviction on charges of breach of the peace and resisting arrest.

The case, police said, stemmed from a dispute with officers over parking her car in a city employee's lot.

Mrs. Detisch had been separated from her husband, George, of Brent, Ky., since 1956.

Unionists Angered At Action

HENDERSON (U)—Nearly 100 state highway patrolmen, pushing through lines of jeering strikers, escorted workers in and out of the Harriett Henderson Cotton Mills today following a new wave of violence.

About 300 non-strikers, advised to bed down inside the plant overnight when angry crowds gathered outside, departed under police protection.

"Come on out you scabs," shouted one woman striker. "You were afraid to come out last night."

"We'll get you," another screamed.

Three autos bearing first shift workers were stoned as they approached the North Henderson plant gates. One driver jumped out of his car and hurled himself at a nearby striker. Police quickly stopped the fight and restored order.

A dynamite explosion ripped up a section of earth inside the North Henderson plant gates during the night but there was little damage to the buildings. Occasional rifle shots shattered windows and splattered against plant walls late Monday night.

Police armed with riot guns, machine guns and tear gas patrolled the mill areas during the night.

APPEAL TO HODGES

City officials had appealed to Gov. Luther Hodges for return of the patrolmen to help keep order.

The strike had appeared ended Sunday when the Textile Workers Union of America locals voted to ratify a contract settlement. But union officials, complaining of the return of returning workers, declined to sign the agreement yesterday.

They said they would delay signing until the matter "is clarified." The union office said only 30 strikers were put on jobs as the night shift began operations and said they had expected many more than that to be rehired.

"The strike is off but it is not settled," said Boyd Payton of Charlotte, regional director for the union.

'MIGHTY MAD'

Sheriff E. A. Cottrell said the pickets "were all mighty mad because they didn't get their jobs back."

For the several weeks some 150 highway patrolmen were assigned to it to keep the streets clear. They were withdrawn over the weekend when a settlement was reached.

The strike began five months ago when the mills refused to continue an arbitration clause in the contract. This issue, job seniority rights for strikers and others, and his truck stuck off pickets' deeded negotiations until last Friday, when Hodges mediated the dispute.

Lighter Side

Everything
Rattles In
His Truck

(From AP Reports)

Firman John W. Makemson was listening for a rattle as he drove along a street in Long Beach, Calif., on Monday. Long everything rattles in his pickup truck.

While engrossed in listening, his truck jugged a curb, knocked down a sign and crashed into a tree.

Twenty stitches were required to close the gash in his forehead.

Unexpected Caller

Several sales loped up the stairway in an apartment in Rovigo, Italy, and dived into a tank where a woman was washing clothes. She fainted.

A grapple was lassoed near a church, and others were cornered and taken to captivity.

The animals all broke for freedom when a circus truck overturned. All were recaptured except a bird and a goat, killed by motorists who didn't see them.

Panama Plot

Ballet Star Under Arrest



MARGOT

PANAMA (U)—The Panamanian government held British ballerina Margot Fonteyn under arrest today in connection with charges that her husband was plotting to overthrow President Ernesto de la Guardia Jr.

The 39-year-old ballet dancer, one of the world's greatest, was reported being held in the private office of the commandant of Panama city's main jail.

National Guard headquarters claimed that Miss Fonteyn's Panamanian husband, Roberto Arias, had landed Sunday night on Panama's Pacific Coast with about 10 armed men.

The National Guard, which is Panama's army and police, said Arias and his band were fleeing. Other reports said he had transferred from the motor launch in which he and his wife had been cruising and had landed near his family's large cattle ranch 75 miles west of the capital.

There was no immediate official reaction from the British Embassy, which had been busy until late Monday with the visit of Prince Philip, Miss Fonteyn's first husband, who has been the top star of Britain's Royal Ballet and is a Dame of the British Empire, the female equivalent of knighthood.

Dame Margot had been in Panama for several months with her husband. Panama's former ambassador to Britain, The couple had been cruising aboard the fishing launch Nola in the gulf of Panama since last Tuesday.

Over the weekend De la Guardia's government had ordered the arrest of her husband.

Arias, son of former President Harmonio Arias, was charged with trying to organize an attack on the National Guard garrison in Chorrera, about 20 miles outside the capital.

His wife sailed into Balboa undetected before dawn Monday aboard the Nola. Newsmen were unable to locate her, but it was known she spent some time at her father-in-law's home.

Evening Prayer

O God, Thou didst send Thy Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to die for our sins. Grant that by His death we, being reconciled, may also walk in newness of life through Him, our living Lord and Saviour. In His name we ask it. Amen.

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