



**Rucker Discusses . . .**  
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bon, Ranger, Cisco, and Eastland. If we were to be among the six I have just named it was imperative we start enlarging our district to support a sizeable school now! How much did we improve or enlarge our school district? The original Eastland district was 25 square miles in area, scholastic population of about 780 with a taxable valuation of \$3,300,000. To this add 39 square miles of area, with a mere scholastic population to educate of 49, and taxable valuation of \$440,000

To operate a school system, teach all the subjects that need to be offered, see that no teacher is burdened with more than an average load, you must have a district large enough to furnish continued student population, one with enough property that it can be taxed at a reasonable rate and furnish enough revenue to pay the school's way.

A school is not unlike any business. From a business you expect it to make enough to pay its operating costs and pay you a profit. A school must pay its bills and it should operate at a profit in order to repair and maintain adequate buildings. We can spend \$5,000 easily on our buildings right now. You've always heard how financially depressed schools were. For years it has been said but true and school people felt helpless to remedy the situation. Little wonder, therefore, that our state government leaders finally decided to try the Gilmer-Aikin bill as a solution. It would appear that the bill has helped the Eastland schools financially. We began this year's operations with a \$9,000 deficit at the local bank. To correct this we raised property tax valuations to get our house on firmer ground and await the outcome of the Gilmer-Aikin law. You can expect for the coming year no increase in valuations, (not tax rate which is already at a maximum by law of \$1.50 per \$100.) However, we can't look back. During the years when we had no money to spend, the school's physical properties suffered. Beginning this summer it is the intent of the board to launch an improvement program for our school buildings. It must be done if we are to keep pace with the

minimum requirements. Your Eastland School is operating on a \$150,000 budget this year, performing the task of educating some 700 children. No small item in your community from an economic standpoint. The salary of 35 teachers and other school personnel alone amounts to over \$10,000 per month. Teachers for the first time are receiving a comparable wage. They render a precarious service to you community. That's why it is necessary for a teacher to possess high moral, sound educational background, and foremost, a profound love for children. Otherwise, the lives they mould will not reflect the traits

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**THE STORY:** Falling in love had been far from Clemency Norton's plans when she became nursery governess to Baba, small daughter of Syrie and Jon Amberley, who live at the home of Jon's brother Piers in Algeria. But when Clemency Norton, who has lost her heart to Piers, Syrie, despairing her seething husband and in love with Piers herself, is engaged to Clemency's engagement to Piers, Jon tells Clemency that before his marriage Syrie and Piers were engaged and he only invited them to live at his home so he and Syrie could be together. Clemency rushes out of the room, and Syrie keeps Piers from explaining. Later Syrie appears in the nursery where Baba is ill and leads Clemency to believe that Jon's remarks were the truth.

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CLEMENCY went softly into the next room, and crossing to Baba's bed, bent down. The child was lying on her back, flushed and breathing heavily. She turned her head restlessly on the pillow and coughed—a short, cruelly hard, dry little cough. Clemency's heart missed a beat as she slipped a hand under the clothes and felt the small body—it was dry and burning hot, and in an instant she was hurrying in search of a thermometer. Baba was still lying in a half stupor as Clemency fitted the little glass tube beneath an armpit. She knew enough about nursing to have realized at once that something was very wrong, and as she held the thermometer up to the light and read the tale it told a new fear banished everything else from her mind. Covering Baba up again she hurried out into the passage, and a few minutes later was knocking imperatively on Syrie's bedroom door. There was no reply to either her first or second summons, and trying the door she found it locked. She knocked loudly again, and was still hammering against the paneling when Jon Amberley spoke from behind her: "What the devil's the matter?"

Clemency swung around to find him standing by an open door on the other side of the passage. "Miss Norton!" He looked at her in amazement. "What's up?" And as she told him his face changed. "Baba ill?" He frowned at Syrie's door. "Syrie's probably taken some sleeping stuff—anyhow she would be no good. I'd better come with you. What's up—tummy?" "Oh, no—I could cope with that," she answered. "I'm terribly afraid, Mr. Amberley, that it may be—pneumonia." "What—?" He was interrupted by the opening of Syrie's door. "What on earth's the matter? It's the crack of dawn yet," she said crossly, her eyes heavy with sleep. "Baba's ill," Jon told her curtly. "We ought to get a doctor at once." "Oh, good gracious!" exclaimed Syrie fretfully. "What on earth's the matter with her?" "Pneumonia." Syrie looked at him contemptuously. "What nonsense—she's got an ordinary cold."

NEVERTHELESS, as she ministered to Baba with all the means at hand, Clemency could not rid herself of the frightening feeling that all of the evil which she had sensed in this house from the beginning, the hatred between brother and brother, and between husband and wife, had gathered itself into one cruel destructive force of which the helpless child was the victim. Clemency was sitting beside her little charge when Syrie came upstairs again. In any circumstances the servants were usually moving by this time in the morning, and now the whole house was astir. Syrie said: "This is one of those times when living in the middle of the Sahara desert doesn't help! Piers can't get through by phone to the doctor, so he is going after him. Even if he drives like the wind, it'll be nearly three hours before he can get back." She went to the bed, and as she looked down at her daughter her eyes widened. "She looks dreadful! Darling," she bent down, "tell Mummy how you feel!" But Baba, who was holding Clemency's hand, jerked away. "Go away!" she muttered. "She doesn't know you," said Clemency gently. "She was quite light-headed just now." Syrie drew a deep breath. "Justine will help you. I'll call her." She moved toward the door, rather obviously glad to escape. (To Be Continued)

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**Conviction Upheld**  
AUSTIN, May 31 (UP)—The Court of Criminal Appeals today upheld a conviction of murder against Elton Tuck, accused of fatally injuring a Houston woman by deliberately driving his automobile across her body when she repulsed his advances.  
CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., May 31 (UP) — Vice President and Mrs. Alben Barkley left here for Washington last night, thus ending a four-day visit to the Lone Star state.  
After delivering the principal address at a Jefferson-Jackson day dinner in Austin Saturday, the Vesp and his wife visited Mrs. Barkley's sister, Mrs. Baylor Lyons in Corpus Christi.  
be put in motion.  
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HMM... AAHH... TSK, TSK... DEAR, DEAR!  
MR. DILL, I FEAR WE HAVE A VERY SICK FISH HERE! I RECOMMEND INTRAVENOUSLY!  
BUT, DOCTOR! SEEMING AS ELWOOD IS INVISIBLE, HOW...  
AH! THERE, SIR, YOU RAISE AN INTERESTING QUESTION!

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WE'VE BEEN OUTSMARTED AGAIN--THE BULLET WE HOPED TO FIND IS GONE.  
ALL WE CAN DO IS WISH OURSELVES BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME.  
NEXT TIME, ALEC? THE NEXT TIME YOU MAY BE DEAD. DARLING, I'M SCARED.  
I GUESS WE ALL ARE--A LITTLE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE GOING TO STOP FIGHTING, DOES IT?  
N-N-NO.  
VIC, I THINK BOBBY AND I'LL GO BACK TO THE HOUSE. SEE YOU LATER.  
RIGHT. I WANT TO SCOUT AROUND A BIT, ANYWAY.

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## BUILDING OFFICIAL SAYS NEW FEDERAL HOUSING LAW MAY MAKE APARTMENTS AND LANDLORDS OBSOLETE

By Douglas Larsen  
NEA Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON — (NEA) — The new federal housing law makes apartments, renters and landlords all obsolete, according to Tom P. Coogan of Miami, Fla., president of the National Association of Home Builders.

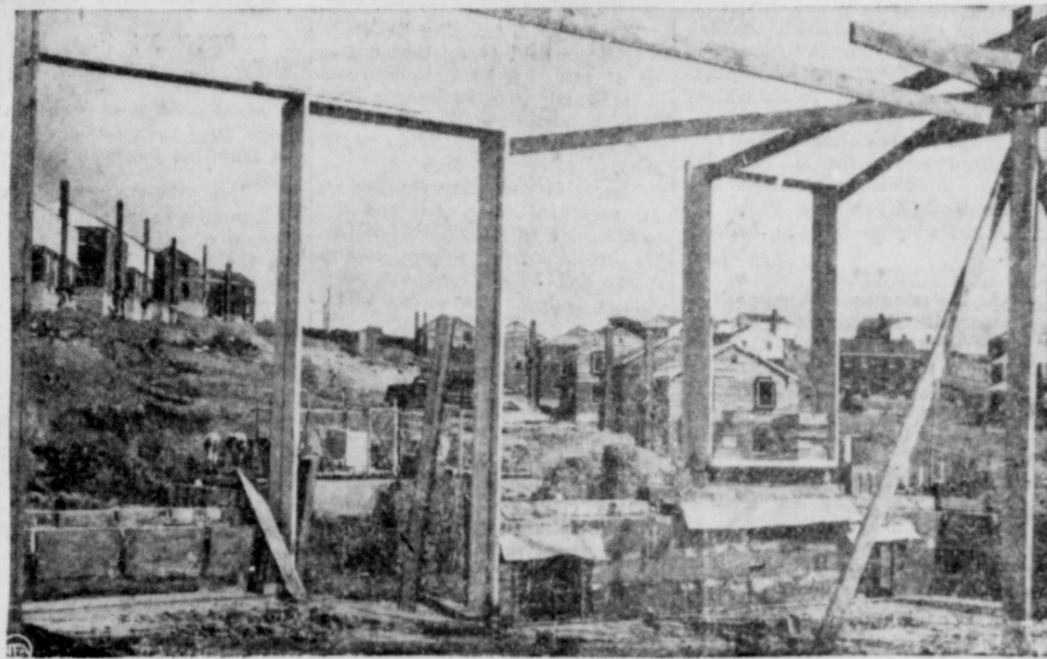
That's what he told all U. S. builders to expect from the new law at the national board meeting of the NAHB in Washington.

He contends nobody will be content to live in an apartment—except in the centers of the biggest cities—or put up with the problems of being a renter when they discover that they can get better living quarters as a home owner. He says:

"No matter how you look at it, it will be less economical to rent than to buy, even for the low income families. And the home owner gets all the advantages of having his own yard, being able to keep pets and giving his kids plenty of freedom. He gets all this for a very small down payment, less monthly payments than rent would be, and he's buying his own home and getting something tangible for his money."

Coogan refers to the liberalized federal aids to privately built and financed housing which were recently enacted.

For new, two-bedroom homes valued by the government at not more than \$7000—or up to \$8000 in areas of high building costs, Uncle Sam will insure a loan up to 95 per cent. The buyer pays 4 1-2 per cent interest and is given 30 years to complete payments.



**BUILDING BOOM BROUGHT ON** by the new liberalized housing law results in mushrooming developments like these. Now a \$500 down payment is all that's needed, and you can have a \$10,000 house.

This means a down payment of about \$350.

For homes with three or four bedrooms, which can run up to \$9000 or \$10,000, respectively, Uncle Sam will make the same 95 per cent guarantee with 30-year terms. Thus, under the new law, a four-bedroom house in a high-cost area costing \$10,000 would require only a \$500 down pay-

ment. Formerly, with an FHA insured mortgage, a \$1300 down payment would have been required.

For new homes with three or four bedrooms in the \$10,000 to \$11,000 class, FHA can now insure 95 per cent of the first \$7000 and 70 per cent of the next \$4000. That is a maximum of \$9450 on an \$11,000 house.

There is also a provision in the law making it easier to finance low-cost homes in outlying areas. FHA can insure 95 per cent of loans for houses up to \$5600 with terms up to 30 years.

These federally-sponsored loans to home ownership, including the liberalized GI home loan benefits in the new law, are what will eliminate the landlord in this country, Coogan claims. He says further:

"A man used to hesitate to buy a house for fear that he might be transferred to another town or be saddled with too much of a burden

for the rest of his life. Under the new method of home financing he will have no difficulty in transferring his interest in a house if he will have no difficulty in transferring his interest in a house if he wants to sell before the 30 years is up. And he won't lose anything."

Although the new law also provides some incentives for the construction of rental units, Coogan predicts that few builders will take advantage of them.

He says the cost of managing rental units, put on top of construction costs, make renting an unprofitable operation. This will mean a sharp trend away from the construction of apartments, too, he believes.

He also claims that 1950 will be the biggest year in American history for home construction. During the first four months of this year 396,000 units were started. The best previous record for the comparable period was 258,000 units in 1949. Coogan is con-

## Iron Age Mag Reports Steel Market Frenzy

A "Stampede" for all major items, and a "panic" demand for cold rolled sheets, has made the steel market a "frenzy," Iron Age said today.

The authoritative trade journal added that the factors which "pumped hysteria" into the steel market two years ago—a runaway scrap market, conversion deals, and premium prices—are present again. The gray market, however, is not a big factor, though it exists, Iron Age added.

"Scrap prices are running wild," it said. The steady advance of recent weeks has not accelerated into crazy flight. No one can say how high this flight will take scrap prices, but all agree that the direction is up. Whooping price increases in No. 1 heavy melting scrap composite price to another new high for the year. It is now \$37.25 per gross ton, an increase of \$3.08 a ton from last week.

The reason is a shortage, especially of good steel-making scrap, resulting from a record-breaking steel melt, low prices last year which caused some scrap sources to dry up, conversion deals, earmarked scrap, and some exports.

Conversion is booming, the magazine reported, with cold-rolled sheets now being quoted at \$175 as compared with \$160 a ton several weeks ago. Major conversion mills have space booked to the year-end.

Long absent premium prices are "popping up again," according to the publication. Some mills are now charging premium prices—ranging from \$3 a ton on carbon forgin billets to \$20 a ton on cold-rolled sheets.

As evidence that consumers are being caught between mounting orders for their products and an increasing steel shortage, the weekly cited the following:

Ident that a minimum of 1,200,000 units will be started in 1950.

## Hal Phillips Authors Novel

DALLAS, Texas — Thomas Hal Phillips, teacher of creative writing at Southern Methodist University, is the author of a novel, "The Bitterweed Path," published this week by Rinehart & Co., New York publishers.

A portion of the new book appeared last Fall in the "Southwest Review," the literary quarterly published at S.M.U. "A Touch of Earth," the story in "Southwest Review" was his first published work.

Phillips has been a member of the S.M.U. faculty since 1948, coming there from the University of Alabama where he was an assistant to Hudson Strode, well-known writer and teacher. Phillips' home is in Kossuth, Mississippi.

During the war Phillips was commander of an LCI and had several narrow escapes in landing troops at Anzio. None of this is reflected in "The Bitterweed Path," however. It is the story of involved human relationships in a small Mississippi town at the beginning of the century.

The author received two awards in connection with writing the book and since its publication has been the recipient of a third. The novel was written with the help of the Julius Rosewald fund and a Eugene Saxton Fellowship Award; and this week came the announcement that Phillips had been granted a Fulbright scholarship for a year's study in Paris.

A recent survey by the Rural Electrification Administration shows that 51 per cent of Tennessee farms now have "central station electric service."

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—One talesman called for jury duty was excused as soon as his name was spotted on the list. He is District Attorney Stewart Hellman, who was to prosecute criminal cases set for trial during the jury period.

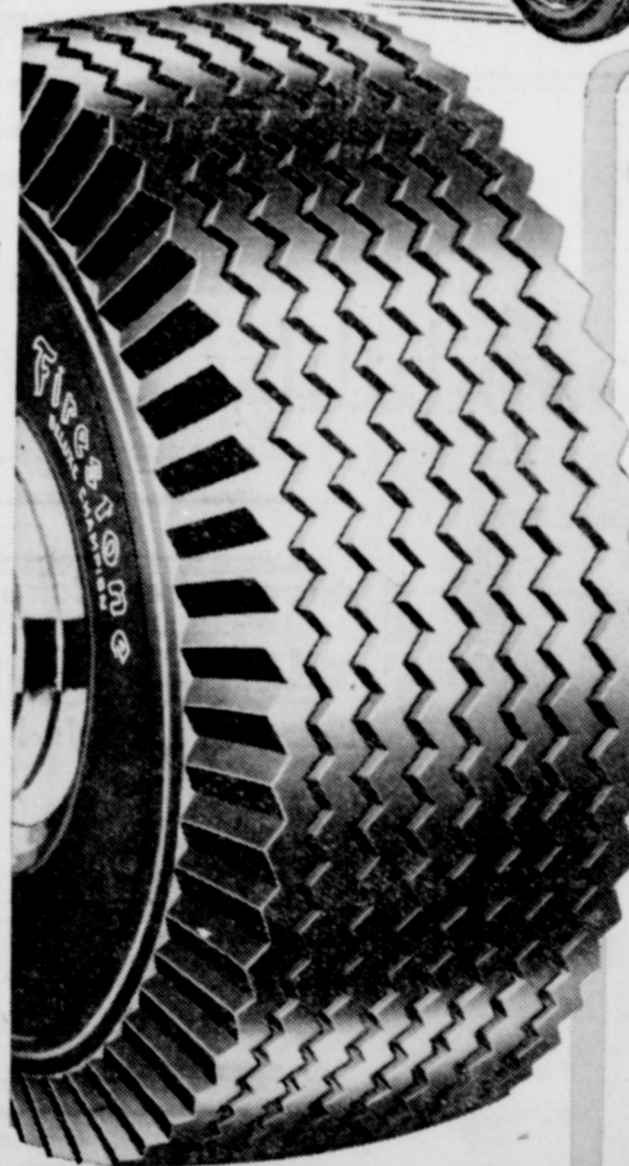
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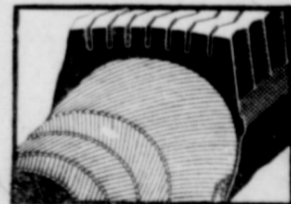
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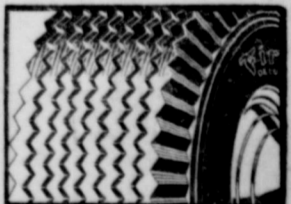
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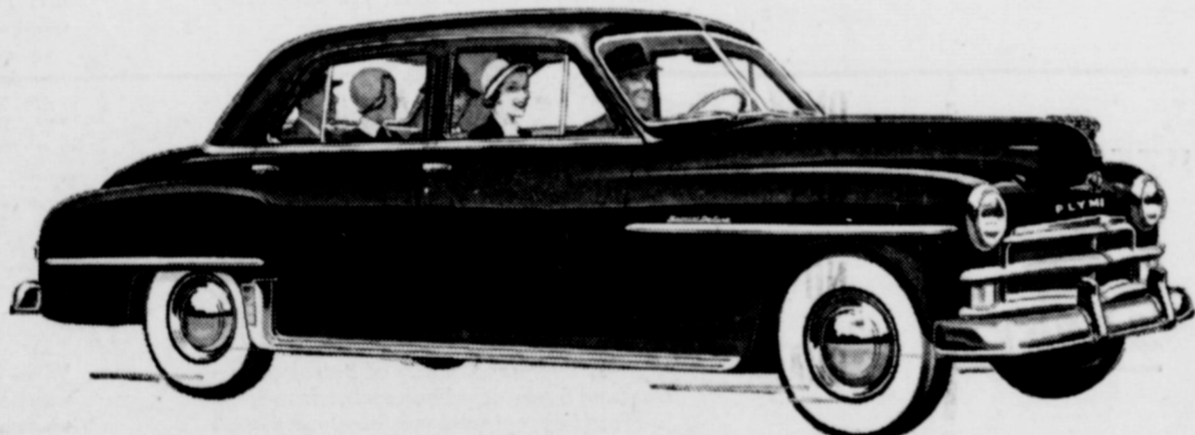
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### Trial Of Eight Jap Communists Who Attacked American Troops Begins Today In Provost Court

TOKYO, May 31 (UP)—The U. S. Army moved today to mete out speedy justice to eight Japanese Communists accused of the first public attack on American troops in the five-year-old occupation.

An army provost court put the eight men on trial less than 24 hours after they allegedly joined other Red adherents in pushing, tripping and trampling an Amer-

ican officer and four enlisted men at a Communist run workers' rally yesterday.

The court said it would sit all night if necessary to finish the case promptly. The obvious purpose was to emphasize that Allied headquarters will deal promptly with violence against occupation forces.

The prosecution charged that the eight defendants were among 35 Japanese who mobbed the five Americans.

Capt. William G. Clark and Sgt. Peter W. Koehn, two of the Amer-



**PRETTY FAST** — Delores Dwyer—17, five foot three, 107 pounds—is an early favorite for the 1952 U. S. Olympic team. Twice National AAU Indoor Women's champion, the New York high school senior also hurdles, broad and high jumps and even puts the shot.

### Zionist Group Pledges Third Party Support

BOSTON, May 31 (UP)—Some 300 delegates to the 27th national convention of the Labor Zionist organization of America headed homeward today, pledged to support the formation of a third political party based on organized labor.

The group passed a resolution at the closing session yesterday calling for the formation of such a party and pledging support for political candidates "devoted to a pro-labor policy and to the furtherance of liberal aims and objectives."

The resolution also condemned the U. S. state department for giving "aid to anti-democratic forces whose only claim to support is anti-Communism."

And it opposed: "Illegal activity of the FBI such as wire tapping and other invasions of the rights of citizens." "Antiquated and unjust quota system of the immigration laws." "The 'vicious campaign' of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R., Wis."

The Taft-Hartley act. "The activities of the House Un-American committee and the creation of local committees whose purposes are similar." Earlier, the delegates attended a luncheon to Eliahu Elath, recently appointed Israel minister to England and former Israel ambassador to the United States.

### Korea Election Has Heavy Vote

SEOUL, Korea, May 31 (UP)—Final returns from 60 scattered constituencies in yesterday's south Korean assembly election indicated today that the government of President Syngman Rhee may lose much of its parliamentary support.

These returns showed that non-partisan candidates — many of them middle-of-the-roads and liberals—had captured 37 of the 210 assembly seats being contested.

At the same time the opposition Democratic Nationalist party had captured nine seats and the government party only five.

Despite Communist threats to cause trouble, the election was peaceful, with only scattered violence. It was estimated that 80 per cent of the 8,000,000 eligible voters went to the polls.

### Artist Charges

BROWNSVILLE, May 31 (UP)—A Canadian artist and his wife, who charged they were arrested and mistreated by police at Matamoros, Mexico, over the weekend, were en route to New Orleans today to life their complaints with their consul.

Speaking on the armaments race between Israel and the Arab states, Elath said his nation "would like to spend her limited means not on arms but on the absorption of the hundreds of thousands of immigrants by building settlements, farms and schools."

### El Paso Police Charge Several Following Raids

EL PASO, Tex., May 31 (UP)—Officers said today that a series of raids on El Paso business houses and two residences had dealt a crushing blow to horse race and baseball gambling in El Paso.

The raids yesterday resulted in the arrest of eight men and the confiscation of four Western Union baseball wire tickers, racing forms and baseball tickets, telephones and a short wave radio.

The raiding squads of city police and sheriff's deputies stuck the Plaza Club, Bob's Smoke Shop, Johnson's Bar, Kemp's Magic Shop, Five Points Smoke Shop, The Texan Club and two houses.

At one of the homes, located in an exclusive residential district three telephones were found along with a short wave radio tuned to a baseball broadcast. One of the telephones was a direct connection with the El Paso long distance switchboard.

Arrested and charged with book-making were Dave Lawson, H. H. Dennis, Bob Morris, Elton Ray Gish, Joe Premsky, Kenneth B. Sour, Donald E. Perez and John Phieffer. The men later were released under \$750 bond each.

In addition, five felony counts were filed against Paul H. Elmer, operator of the Silver State News Service at Anapra, N. M. Elmer's home was the second El Paso residence raided.

### City Changes Mind, Rehires Queen Heckler

BEBINGTON, Eng., May 31 (UP)—Sidney Cooper, the 46-year old garbage man who joined a royal procession with a garbage truck and got himself fired from his job, was reinstated today.

The city council put Cooper, father of eight children, back on the payroll in line with the requests of the present and former mayors of Bebington and more than 1,000 other residents.

Cooper allegedly boasted that he and his orange garbage truck got more applause than Queen Elizabeth and her entourage as the procession rolled toward the docks on May 3 to permit the Queen to launch the new aircraft carrier Ark Royal. Witnesses said that Cooper bowed and waved to the cheering throngs.

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The Bebington residents sent a petition to the Queen asking her to help set aside the "unnecessary harsh" action by the city council. But it was understood that Buckingham Palace did not intervene.

Edward Rose is believed to have been the first American to take up permanent residence in the Big Horn Basin Wyoming.

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icans, testified they were attacked by a mob when they tried to protect a Japanese interpreter whom they had instructed to take notes of speeches at the rally. Koehn said he was kicked several times in the stomach and hit in the mouth while down, then was stoned. He said he was knocked down twice. Other witnesses said Koehn's head was bloodied.

**Lucas Has Doubts**  
WASHINGTON, May 31 (UP)—Senate Democratic Leader Scott W. Lucas said today that July 31 still is the target date for congressional adjournment, but he expressed doubt that it can be met.

**B-25 Crashes, Burns**  
BUCKLEY, Ill., May 31 (UP)—An airplane identified by a witness as a B-25 crashed and burned on a farm near here today and onlookers said they found no sign of life in the wreckage.

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