



DEAR ABBY

In The Spirit Of Things!

DEAR ABBY: In these days when everyone is so eager to knock the teen-agers, I want to tell you about an experience I had with one. She is a 14-year-old neighbor girl who has sat with my children many times. A few days before Christmas I gave her a little gift. On Christmas Day I found the following note in my mailbox:

"Dear Mrs. Blank: I have no money to buy expensive Christmas gifts but I want to give you something, so this letter is good for one evening's babysitting. Love, Gloria"

Knowing that this little girl wanted to give something of herself meant a great deal to me. Sincerely, Mrs. Blank

DEAR ABBY: Women are always getting lectures on how they must be slim and trim if they want to get a man and hold him. So they pass up bread and deserts and count calories like crazy. But how about the men? You don't see them passing up a bottle of beer or anything good to eat. They aren't even ashamed. They stuff their faces and let their stomachs hang over their

trouser tops. Who wants to kiss a walrus anyway?

HUNGRY

DEAR HUNGRY: A lady walrus. Now eat something, dear, you'll feel better.

DEAR ABBY: I am a school teacher. Each Christmas I receive many gifts from students. Some good and some not so good. This year I received several things in poor taste, among them a pair of earrings with large multi-colored stones. They were hideous and I gave them to my wash woman. The other day the mother called me saying her daughter gave me "those lovely earrings" by mistake and she wanted them back. I told her I would "look for them," hoping she would forget it. She didn't. Yesterday I received a very ugly letter, demanding I return the earrings at once. What can I do? I can't tell her the truth. Is it proper to ask for a gift back? I'd hate to lose my job for a 29 cent piece of junk.

NEEDS HELP

DEAR NEEDS: The child obviously gave you the earrings without her mother's knowledge. Buy another gift for your "wash woman" and explain the situation to her. Then, next time a

child gives you a gift, "thank" the mother.

DEAR ABBY: My girl friend and I had a discussion about how old you are before you become an old maid. I say you become an old maid at 23 and remain an old maid until you are married. My friend says that you are not an old maid as long as you are still looking; you just haven't found the right person yet. Sign me—WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: Technically, an old maid is a maiden lady who has never married. Maiden ladies have been known to marry at 80. Your friend is right. Until a lady gives up and quits looking, she is not an old maid.

Sixth Victim

TYLER (AP)—The sixth person has died of injuries from the Christmas Day two-car crash near Henderson. She was Margie Hutchins, 17, of Burnet, Tex. Her mother, Mrs. Iris Hutchins, 43, died earlier Thursday in a Henderson hospital.

Only Virginia Sue Hutchins, 16, is alive after the crash, and a Henderson hospital lists her in critical condition.

Dr. Kelsey Is Head Of New Drug Office

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Frances O. Kelsey, hailed as national heroine for keeping thalidomide off the American market, today was put at the head of a new U.S. office which will pass on requests to test new drugs on humans.

Her appointment as director of the investigational drug branch was part of a reorganization at the Food and Drug Administration's new drug division which was approved today by Secretary of Welfare Anthony J. Celebrezze. In a statement Celebrezze said the retooling of the drug division into five branches will permit the FDA to cope with its increased responsibilities in the new drug area.

As a backlash of the outcry over thalidomide—a sedative blamed for deformities of thousands of infants born in Europe—Congress last October enacted a law giving the FDA stronger authority over production and

sales of prescription drugs. To carry out the new law and to make administration changes the FDA proposed a rash of tighter regulations which after being discussed and criticized are now being redrafted.

An FDA spokesman said today that the regulations dealing with the testing of drugs on humans will be issued fairly soon.

Dr. Kelsey's investigational drug branch, according to the FDA announcement, "is being established to evaluate reports of proposed clinical tests of new drugs" which manufacturers and others will submit in compliance with the investigational drug regulations.

"Frankly, I don't know what it (the new job) will consist of" until the regulations come out, Dr. Kelsey told a newsmen.

But broadly her duties, for which she will receive \$15,045 yearly, will be to check on reports of firms proposing to test new drugs on humans.

She will be operating under new powers which give the FDA au-

thority, among other things, to require substantial evidence that a drug is effective as well as safe before it may be approved for marketing.

Bar the marketing of a new drug until it has received the affirmative approval of the FDA which also received additional time to pass on the safety and effectiveness of the drugs.

Require that new drugs be tested on animals before they are given to humans in clinical testing.

Other branches included in the reorganization approved today are:

The control evaluation branch will continue under the direction of Dr. Earl L. Meyers. It will evaluate the adequacy of laboratory and manufacturing controls proposed by manufacturers.

The medical evaluation branch will check on safety and efficacy data in new drug applications. The director is still to be named.

The new drug status branch, under Dr. John F. Palmer, will consult with manufacturers and others about applications.

The new drug surveillance branch will review inspector's findings designed to reveal whether approved new drugs are being properly marketed and will evaluate reports of adverse reactions to drugs. A director will be named later.

Dr. Kelsey became known as

the heroine of the thalidomide episode by refusing to permit U.S. marketing of the German drug despite what she described as the "great pressure brought to bear."

For this, Dr. Kelsey, 48, re-

ceived a gold medal for distinguished government service from President Kennedy who told her that the hopes "we have for all our children" were riding with her decision to bar the drug.

"WE FLY AWAY"

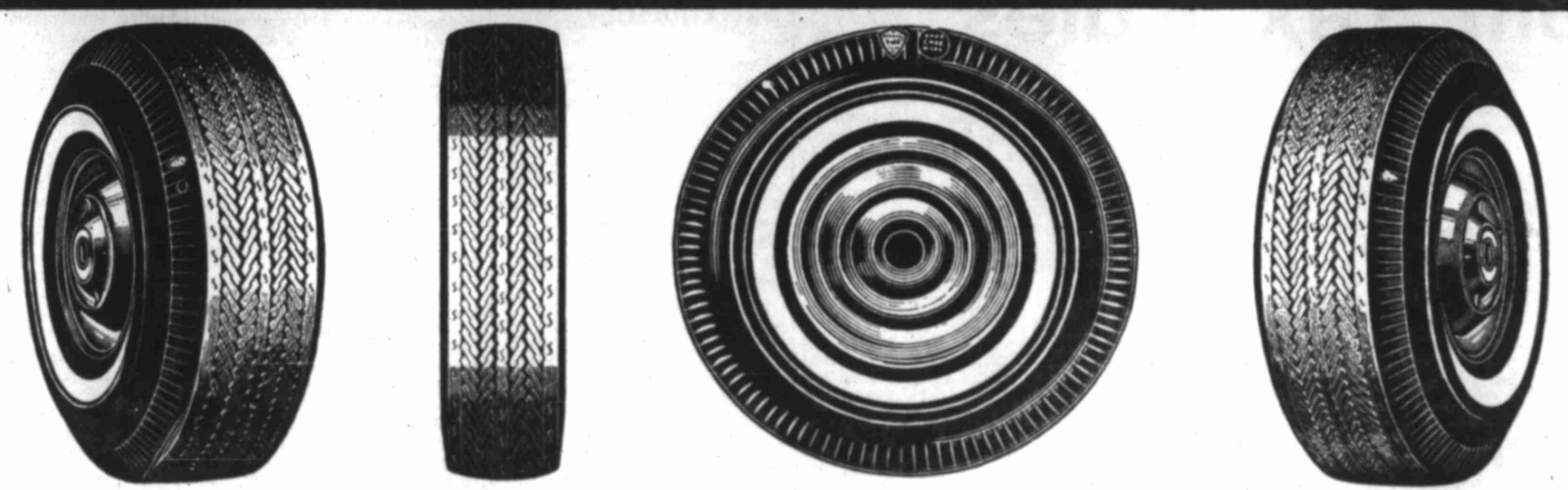
Science will never find the secret of death! Every man must someday be silent while others tread soft carpets and cover his form with flowers of sadness and weep tears of separation. The

passing of this year calls us to the awareness that life is transient and eternity is certain. The Scripture says: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. When you have read these words almost 100 people will have gone to meet their Maker, their destinies being sealed at death. How foolish to delay obedience to God in deception of life's moments! God is not playing with Eternity, so why should I? I have two appointments: Death and the Judgment. I shall keep them both. "We spend our years as a tale that is told . . . and we fly away." Ps. 90:9-10. Only fools mock at obedience, death, and God.

You are invited to the Northside church of Christ, 601 N. Rannels Sunday: 10 A.M. Bible Classes, 11 A.M. Worship, 6 P.M. Worship. Wednesday: 7:30 P.M. Bible Classes.

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N.Y. Unhappy As California Calls Top Spot

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California, or some of its chambers of commerce, whooped it up today to celebrate the state's disputed claim to the biggest population in the nation.

New York, still No. 1 in the 1960 census, has challenged California's claim. Each state had an estimated population of 17.4 million this month.

California residents were urged by state officials and some chambers of commerce to give a four-day "California First" celebration a rousing sendoff with bells, cannons, auto horns and factory whistles.

Some chambers demurred, saying it smacked of Texas-style bragging.

Dissenters noted that bigness had its problems, such as smog, congested freeways, crowded schools and high taxes.

Los Angeles, which probably has more to toot about than any other area, planned no special observance.

CROSSED UP

Sam Porter, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce manager and president of a state association of chamber managers, said some cities got merchants to wear 3-inch diameter badges with "California 1st" superimposed on a map of the state.

But said Porter: "The governor crossed us up. He's already announced three times that we've passed New York."

Some communities have already observed the state's emergence and others were celebrating today.

Buckskin-clad mountain men planned to ride from the Mother Lode gold mining country to Sacramento with a leather scroll.

An illuminated sign on the San Francisco side of the bay bridge flashed population estimates showing California leading New York.

Newspapers scheduled special editions. A state organization was working on a "California first" float for the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena.

Truckee, historic way station on the emigrant trail near Donner Pass, planned to give a family of new arrivals a civic welcome.

OTHER CLAIMS

The State Economic Development Agency noted that California had numerous other firsts, including:

First state to utilize geothermal power, harnessing natural steam geysers.

First in aircraft, electrical and construction industries.

First in amount of gold mined and in annual production of numerous other minerals.

First in registered private aircraft and automobiles.

First in honey bees, milk production per cow, vegetables and alfalfa.

First in wine production, in 48 specialty crops and farm cash receipts.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown proclaimed the statewide celebration and announced the state's 120,000 civil servants would get a holiday next Monday. Some city and county governments followed suit; others declined.

Sacramento County employees sued the Board of Supervisors to get the extra day off, but lost in Superior Court.

124 Cubans Hurt In Train Collision

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Two passenger trains collided 10 miles south of Havana today and injured 124 persons, six of them seriously, Havana Radio said.

The broadcast, heard at Key West, said both locomotive engineers who suffered minor injuries, were arrested pending an investigation.



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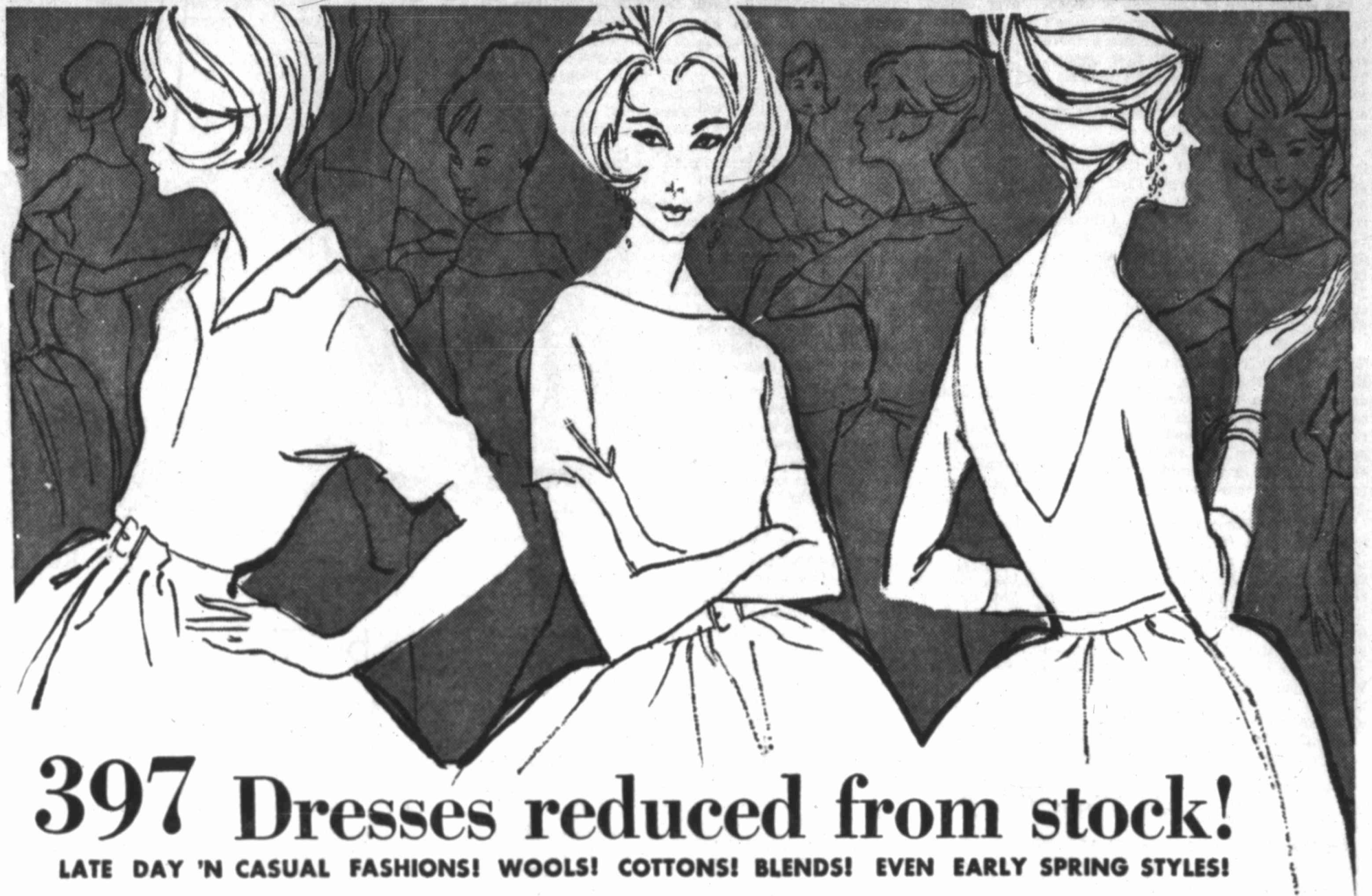
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Howard County court house offices are to be open Dec. 31. The Howard County Commissioners Court repeated its decision of just before Christmas—that the court house employees would be given a Christmas eve holiday ahead of Christmas with the understanding that no such shutdown would be in effect on New Years eve.

The court house will be closed on Jan. 1.

The commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday for the final meeting of the board for 1962.

It will be the last meeting for Ralph White, commissioner, and County Judge Ed Carpenter. White will be replaced on the board effective Jan. 1 by Ray Nichols while Carpenter leaves his office on that date to become a state legislator. Lee Porter, county auditor, becomes county judge to succeed Carpenter.



YOUTH CHOIR, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OAK CLIFF
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Visits Parents

OBERAUDORF, Germany (AP)—U.S. rocket expert Werhner Von Braun has arrived here to join his parents for a family get-together over the New Year's holiday.

Runway Job

ABILENE (AP)—A bid of \$3,185,552 by the H. B. Zachry Co. of San Antonio was the low bid Thursday on a project to extend and strengthen a runway at nearby Dyess Air Force Base.

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Robert Merrill's TV Stint Brought Him Close To Home

By CYNTHIA LOWRY
AP TV - Radio Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—The career of Robert Merrill, the Brooklyn born baritone, has taken a new twist since the night, several years ago, he first sat down, crossed his knees comfortably and, prodded gently by Jack Paar, started reminiscing.

Merrill was then no stranger to broadcasting. He had been singing in front of microphones since his teens. He once had a radio show of his own. He had become a Metropolitan opera star, a recording star and a concert star.

"But after the exposure on the old 'Tonight Show,'" he continued, "people started hailing me on the street, addressing me as 'Bob' and treating me like an old friend."

"I think that being recognized as a person has resulted in my being more effective because I can introduce TV friends—particularly young people—to good music."

Merrill, a likeable, lively fellow who helped pay for his voice training at one point by singing in a burlesque house, says that he grew up with a feeling of distrust about the very word, "culture."

"It sounded snobbish, unpleasant and suggested dusty museums to me," he admitted. "But my father loved music, and used to bring home phonograph records, of Enrico Caruso and other great singers. I played them over and over—but I never thought of that kind of music as 'culture.'"

Merrill will be soloist on Sunday

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"Persons who want to come to the dance should call soon to be sure they can get in. Reservations will not be accepted after Monday noon and earlier than that if the spaces are all taken," he said.

The Classics, a popular young group from Odessa, will provide music. The dance begins at 9 p.m. and will continue until about 1 a.m. New Year's Day. Members of the Hi-Y Council and its sponsors will be in charge of the dance.

Admission is \$1.50 for each person and the public is invited. Membership in the Y is not required. It will be a semi-formal affair, Flint said.

Proceeds will go into the Hi-Y fund to sponsor the many activities of the group.

Border Quickie Divorces Hurt

CUERNAVACA, Mex. (AP)—A clampdown on the "quickie" divorce business has put five men, including a prominent lawyer and a mayor of a nearby town, in jail here. The group was said to have worked with border operators to grant foreigners the divorces.

Long Rig Tow

ORANGE (AP)—Pulling an offshore drilling rig, the Dutch tug Mississippi has started on a four-month trip to Borneo. The tow is one of the longest ever started from here.



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