

## MASS HYSTERIA PERILS WORLD, REPORT CLAIMS

'Reason Is in Retreat,' Says Rockefeller Foundation In Making Grants.

NEW YORK, March 31 (U. P.)—Mass hysteria threatens to "completely overwhelm" the world, the Rockefeller Foundation said today in the section of its annual report dealing with international relations.

"To speak of research in the field of international relations in such an anxious and disillusioned hour as this may seem almost like a jest," the report said in the section entitled "The Retreat From Reason."

"Everywhere reason is on the defensive and we live in danger that mass hysteria will completely overwhelm it at a time when it is most needed as a safeguard."

### Facing Cultural Crisis

"If there have always been wars and rumors of wars, never before has there existed the possibility of such material havoc and cultural disintegration."

"It may be, as a recent writer has said, that this arid period in which we are living is the watershed between two forms of civilization, and that the future beckons to a promised land more pleasing than we dream. This optimism is creditable, but for the moment, at least, the world is facing a cultural crisis in which reason is everywhere in retreat."

**\$800,000 Granted**

The report announced that grants of more than \$800,000 had been made to organizations working on the problem of international relations, including the Institute of Pacific Relations, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Foreign Policy Association, the Geneva Graduate Institute of International Studies and Centre d'Etudes de Politique Extrangere, Paris.

"Never has there been a greater need of intelligent understanding of the social forces that are moulding the future. Such an understanding must be based on realities, and not on intuition or wishful thinking," the report said.

### U. S. INDICTS NINE IN COSTER FRAUD CASE

NEW YORK, March 31 (U. P.)—Nine persons, including three directors of McKesson & Robbins, Inc., were under indictment today after a three-months' Federal Grand Jury study of the tangled affairs of F. Donald Coster-Musica, ex-convict president of the big drug firm.

The indictments, which named Coster-Musica's three surviving brothers, two brothers of his widow, and a suspected blackmailer in addition to the three directors, charged mail fraud, violation of the Securities & Exchange Act, and conspiracy.

Each, if convicted on all 14 counts, would be liable to 58 years in prison and fine of \$50,000.

### CZECH SHOE LEADER MAY BUILD IN U. S.

NEW YORK, March 31 (U. P.)—Jan Bata, head of a \$300,000,000 Czechoslovakian industrial empire, who voluntarily left the country when it was occupied by Germany, may construct a shoe plant in the United States, it was indicated today.

John B. Atkinson, North American representative of the Bata Shoe Co. said upon his arrival from Europe en route to Boston, that Mr. Bata was coming to the United States, probably in May, and that a factory may be established since the company owns 2600 acres of land on the Eastern Seaboard.

### ACTOR ABSOLVED IN ATTACK ON ACTRESS

HOLLYWOOD, March 31 (U. P.)—A middle-aged actor was absolved today in the slapping of actress Delia Bogart, 17, latest victim in a series of attacks upon women.

The 43-year-old movie bit player was brought into a room at police headquarters, while through a peephole Laura Lee, young dancer, scrutinized him. Miss Lee had rushed out with a golf club to drive off Miss Bogart's attacker.

"No, that's not the man—not tall enough," she said.

Miss Bogart's condition was improving.

### PROFESSOR ATTACKS COFFEE-LIQUOR IDEA

CHICAGO, March 31 (U. P.)—A German physician discredited today the assumption that the drinking of coffee can abolish the effects of alcohol beverages.

Professor Mueller, director of the Institute of Forensic Medicine of Heidelberg University, reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that he had found no change in the alcohol content of the blood of persons who drink substantial quantities of beer and then partook of very strong coffee.

### WHAT'S THE LATEST—HERE IT IS, YOU DOPE!

HASTINGS, Neb., March 31 (U. P.)—"What's the latest—dope?" passes for the ultra-modern, streamlined 1939 wisecrack.

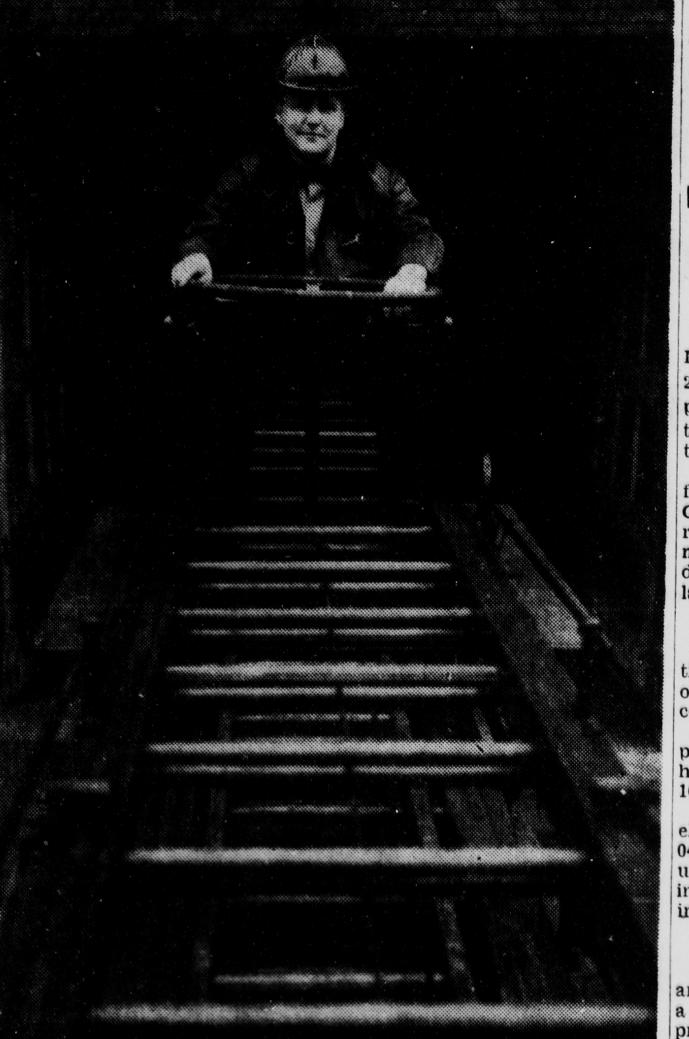
Mark Campbell, celebrating his 55th birthday today, recalled that his grandmother, who was 12 when British forces under Gen. Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington, told him the favorite wisecrack of her day was:

"There ain't no more corn . . . Wallis; Gen. Washington shelled it off."

### MOSKINS CLOTHING COMPANY

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### Back-Seat Driving Really Tough



### Firemen Might Get Left When Truck Turns Right

Louis Bortlein, back-seat driver of the long hook and ladder truck at Fire Station 13, took time out from the checker board today long enough to explain just how he does his job.

You've probably often wondered how he makes those grotesque turns at the truck if he got lost in thought instead of watching his job.

Fred Pierson, who sits in the driver's seat—that is, the front one—was helpful, too.

It's no easy job getting the unwieldy vehicle out of the station at Kentucky Ave. and Maryland St., with the streets at the front door running every which way. The drivers can't get it to make a right hand turn to go southwest on Kentucky. They've got to make that trip by going north on Capitol Ave. and then backtracking.

But about the steering.

When Fireman Pierson turns the front steering wheel, which is on the right side of the truck, he signals Fireman Bortlein just as he would if he were driving his own automobile, with Capt. A. R. Rosemeyer, who sits on the left front seat, collaborating in the signalling. Then when the rear of the truck reaches the exact point at which the front driver steers left, the rear driver steers right and vice versa.

Firemen don't know why the rear-seat driver is called a "lillerunner." But everyone at each of the four stations which have the big ladders is schooled at driving in both the front and back seats. The student at the back seat gets his lessons on the way "home" from fires, not to them.

The rear driver has a lot of problems. The ladder projects out about 12 feet over the chassis and if he doesn't turn just right, he'd wipe out the parked automobiles or anything else in the path. Then when he goes under several overhead railroad crossings where the clearance is low, he's got to jump out of his seat and hang on the side.

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