

Blond Confesses Kidnap Threat

Betty Grable's Baby Target of 'Plot'

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 9 (UPI)—A drab little blond admitted today she sent Betty Grable a threat to kidnap her baby because she wanted some "easy money."

Mrs. Jane Bean, 20, told FBI agents she tried to extort \$5000 from Miss Grable because she was tired of being poor and hungry.

"It seems like everyone in Hollywood has lots of money," she said. "I need some myself."

The movie star and her husband, bandleader Harry James, didn't know about the threat until they read their newspaper. Her studio found the rambling longhand note in a pile of fan letters.

Arrive From Texas

FBI Chief Richard Hood said Mrs. Bean admitted writing it only a few days after she and her husband, Wilford, got here from Kaufman, Tex.

Mr. Hood said the letter threatened that 1-year-old Jessica James would be kidnapped unless Mrs. Bean got the \$5000. He refused to reveal the text of the note.

"She said she heard two men planning to kidnap Miss Grable's baby but said they wouldn't if she got \$5000," Mr. Hood said.

The letter said the money should be sent to Mrs. W. A. Bean and gave her address. FBI agents who went there found Mrs. Bean. She was arraigned yesterday and held under \$1000 bond pending grand jury action.

4th Extortion Note

It was the fourth time Miss Grable had received an extortion note. In 1941 a Pennsylvania youth signing himself "The Yellow Hornet" mailed a demand for \$2000 in cash and threatened "I'll get you in person." He was arrested and convicted.

The actress was under police guard for awhile in 1945 because of a reported kidnap plot against her.

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BREAKFAST IN INDIANAPOLIS—Members of the committee arranging the "Breakfast in Hollywood" sponsored by the Ladies of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, to be held Jan. 14 in the Riviera Club, are left to right, Mrs. Frank C. Thompson, Mrs. H. J. Kossman, Mrs. William F. Kiley and Mrs. Ralph Kriplen.



ESSAY CONTEST WINNER—Looking over the notice which awarded second place in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity national essay contest to an Indianapolis youth are (left to right) Dr. H. N. Middleton, Andrew W. Ramsey and the winner, Ted L. Jenner, Broad Ripple High School junior.

A 16-year-old Broad Ripple High School student today planned to put his prize money from second place in a national essay contest into a fund to send him to Wabash College.

Theodore L. (Ted) Jenner, son of Mrs. Theodore Jenner, 5809 Norwood Ave. and a junior at Broad Ripple, was named second place winner in the national essay contest sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The essay was part of the annual achievement week observance. The subject was: "Racial Democracy at Home as a Means of Fostering International Relations."

The Indianapolis youth was awarded a second prize of \$15 in the local district contest on a split decision. The first local prize of \$25 went to Miss Jacobs, also a Broad Ripple student and the third prize was awarded to Barbara J. Lauer of Washington High School.

Report China Reds Using Old Rifles

Only Crack Troops Have Good Guns

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (UPI)—The crack Chinese Communist Eighth Route Army has been equipped with new rifles but some Communist militia still are using muzzle-loaders of the Daniel Boone type, two UNRRA members said today.

Miss Winifred Hemingway, Washington, D. C., and M. L. Ditmanson, Chicago, were released Christmas Day by the Communists in exchange for eight members of the China Liberated Areas Relief Administration (Communist). Miss Hemingway entered Communist territory last June, Mr. Ditmanson entered in April.

Both said on their return they saw no evidence of Communists wearing Russian-made uniforms. Some troops wore Japanese overcoats occasionally, they said, and many wore United States uniforms.

"But for the most part," Mr. Ditmanson said, "they differ little from Nationalist troops in equipment and uniform."

The 8th Route Army, cream of the Communist military machine, is equipped with the best arms, including brand new rifles and field artillery. But the militia, the backbone of the Communist striking force, mostly uses locally made weapons.

"Many were old muzzle-loaders," Miss Hemingway said. "They looked like the kind Daniel Boone used."

She added that it was hard to tell a Communist from a Nationalist by uniform. "We never did find an airtight way of finding out which was which."

The Nationalist Air Force, which keeps both fighters and bombers going in good flying weather, has forced the Communists to scatter their headquarters among the villages, staying out of the larger cities, Mr. Ditmanson said.

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Luncheon speaker will be Dr. Harold F. Carr, pastor of Lakewood Methodist Church, Cleveland, O. Guests will include: Ben Watt, state superintendent of public instruction; Marion County legisla- War Memorial building. Moving tors; Gertrude McComb, president pictures will be shown.

SPCA Meeting Tonight

The Indiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc., will hold a membership meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in the World War Memorial building. Moving

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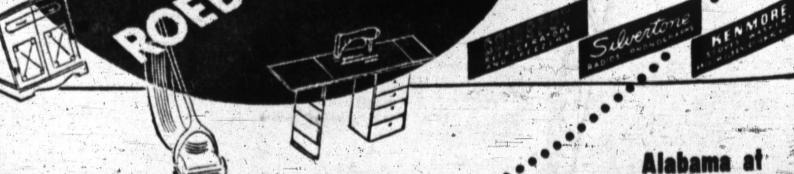
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