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NO MERE ACT—Adolphe Menjou is not just simulating anxiety as he looks through his luggage for a missing key chain. The film actor had real trouble this morning trying to find a lost bunch of keys in his room.

## Menjou Decries Feminine Slavery to Fashion Change

Women at Mercy of Designers, Says  
Movie Star Here to Autograph New Book

By HENRY BUTLER

"It's got me—absolutely got me, brother." That was Adolphe Menjou's anguished comment this morning while he searched vainly in his Columbia Club room for a gold key-chain with luggage keys and good-luck charms attached.

Here to autograph copies of his autobiography, "It Took Nine Tailors," in L. S. Ayres' book department from 2:30 to 4 p. m., the distinguished screen actor, most recently seen in "The Hucksters," was baffled by the disappearance of his keys.

"It's not the keys I mind so much. But I've had that chain with a gold-headed rabbit's foot and an old Chinese coin for 25 years," Mr. Menjou said as he rummaged through suitcases and emptied pockets. He was due in Ayres' tearoom at 1 p. m. for a luncheon with Ayres' executives and press representatives prior to the autograph party.

**Wore Black Suit**  
Mr. Menjou, whose book, a Whittlesey House publication, stresses the importance of good tailoring, this morning was wearing a coal-black unfinished chevron single-breasted suit with white shirt, gray and white check tie and pearl stickpin and British-made, two-tone black-footed high lace shoes with tan uppers.

"Nothing can be more important than a man's personal appearance. It is a reflection of his standing in the community," Mr. Menjou said, in intervals between his frantic search for the missing key chain.

Men should not try to follow each new style trend, Mr. Menjou believes. They should dress for their individual physique, making sure their clothes fit properly.

**Women Are Slaves**  
He decries feminine slavery to fashion change. "Women in this country are at the mercy of designers. A man can wear a dress suit for 10 years, but look how often women have to buy new things? What about the poor guy that's got to foot the bills?"

"My wife tells me it takes about \$10,000 to build an adequate wardrobe for all her social activities."

Mr. Menjou deprecates women's interfering with their husbands' shopping for clothes. "When a woman insists on taking her husband to the tailor, that's the end of it," he says.

On the serious side, Mr. Menjou, an avid reader, said he had just begun "Rainbow Country" and was "deeply shocked" to learn of the death of its author, Ross Lockridge Jr.

He also has read recently "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male," by Alfred C. Kinsey and associates of Indiana University.

His comment on the Kinsey Report was: "Wonderful—fabulous! Everyone in America should read it. He has done a job no one else has done."

Mr. Menjou currently is touring some 25 American cities autographing "It Took Nine Tailors," jointly written by him and M. M. Musselman.

## Eight Pollard Jurors Given Tentative OK

Counsel Emphasizes Self-Defense Laws  
By ROBERT BLOEM  
Times Staff Writer

GREENFIELD, Mar. 9.—The defense today tentatively accepted eight members of the jury which will try Howard Pollard, 25, Indianapolis, on charges of murdering Leland Miller in 1946.

Previously, the prosecution had tentatively accepted a full panel. Neither side has used its right to challenge jurors without cause and it appeared some members of the tentative jury might be dismissed later today.

During the examination of jurors, the prosecution emphasized a desire to have only jury members who would be willing to vote for the death penalty in event of conviction.

**Jury Gets Law Tips**  
The defense concentrated today on giving prospective jurors a brief law course on reasonable doubt of guilt, constitutional presumption of innocence and the laws of self-defense.

Defense attorneys' questioning of the jurors brought frequent objections from the prosecution, which charged defense lawyers with "going too far" in demanding that the jurors commit themselves to vote for acquittal if they find any reasonable doubt of Pollard's guilt.

The defendant, here in a change of venue from Marion County Criminal Court, is charged with slaying Miller the night of Apr. 10, 1946.

The body of Mr. Miller, an arthritic cripple, was found in a blazing shack near Ladoga. The hands and one foot of the victim, apparently cut off with a hatchet, were found in a burning brush pile near Ladoga.

**Holds to 'Luck Charm'**  
Throughout the see-saw legal maneuvering of nearly two years Pollard has never lost his confidence in the "luck" charm which has seen him through 18 previous trips to court without a conviction.

He appeared unimpressed as the prosecution brushed off one prospective juror after another who objected on principle to the death penalty.

Marion County Prosecutor Judson Stark, conducting the prosecution, said he would permit no one to sit on the jury who might refuse to vote for the electric chair should Pollard be convicted.

**11 Men, Woman on Jury**  
By the end of yesterday's session the prosecution had tentatively accepted 12 jurors—11 men and one woman.

Thirty-one persons were examined by Mr. Stark and Hancock County Prosecutor Melyville E. Watson, and 15 were rejected for unwillingness to vote for a death penalty in event of conviction. Four more veniremen were excused from jury duty for other reasons.

**Defense Attorneys** Frank Symmes of Indianapolis and Waldo Gling of Greenfield carried the bulk of the examination load today.

Ironically, the whip hand in the state's case against Pollard continued to be held by a convicted bandit, Harry Adams, currently doing a 15-year stretch in the reformatory for armed robbery.

**May Refuse to Testify**  
Adams, said to be the only eyewitness to the shooting of Miller which occurred at the Pollard home at 1812 Spahn Ave., has said he would refuse to testify.

After a brief appearance at the court house yesterday under subpoena, he was returned temporarily to Pendleton.

Mr. Stark said he probably would call Adams to the stand, however, even if it were only for long enough to say that he had nothing to say.

Previously Adams had been counted on to break down the self-defense plea which is expected to be Pollard's trump card in the trial.

**State Democrats To Back Truman**

Times Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Indiana Democratic State Chairman Pleasant Greenlee arrived here today prepared to tell President Truman that the state is for him for another term.

"Hoosiers don't check out on the President for all the wrong reasons," Mr. Greenlee said.

"We feel that he is a progressive and courageous chief executive and that his present unpopularity will pass and he will be re-elected."

**To Meet McGrath**  
"I came here to confer with National Democratic Chairman McGrath and his assistant, Gael Sullivan. I intend to tell them and also the President that Indiana will be for the Democrats come next November. Our electing the Mayors in all of the large cities is a straw in the wind."

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## OVER THE HILL TO THE POORHOUSE (UNESCORTED)

# If You've Peeled Spuds You Can 'Cook' At Julietta



NOON MEAL—The inmates of Julietta sit at long board tables to eat a meal of starchy gruel, white bread and brown coffee. Buckets in the center table are used to carry in the food from the kitchen.

## 3-Way Race On In State GOP

Democrats Split Over Governorship  
By NOBLE REED

Maneuvers among Indiana Republican leaders today appeared to be heading toward a three-way contest for the Governor nomination.

In the Democratic camp, forces were split wide open with no concentration anywhere on alignments for Governor candidates despite the party's optimism on chances for victory next fall.

Announcement last night of Walter Helmke, Ft. Wayne attorney and Allen County GOP chairman, that he would be a candidate for Governor, apparently set the stage for Gov. Gates' forces in the Republican state convention drive.

**Follows James**  
Mr. Helmke came on for Governor formally at a special meeting of Fourth District leaders at Ft. Wayne last night.

His announcement came rapidly on the heels of Lt. Gov. Richard T. James' withdrawal as a GOP candidate for Governor.

Mr. James will resign as Lieutenant Governor and quit the campaign for U. S. Sen. William E. Jenner for the governorship nomination.

Forces associated close to Gov. Gates' office had been relying on Lt. Gov. James to act as a buffer against the off-the-campaign of U. S. Sen. William E. Jenner for the governorship nomination.

**Fast Play**  
Mr. Helmke's entrance into the race was seen by observers as a fast play on the part of the regular organization Republicans to build their fences against the Jenner movement.

The third GOP governor candidate in the race is Hobart Creighton, speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives. He is picking up farm delegates on a three-way split between the Jenner forces and the regulars.

Sen. Jenner yesterday indicated strongly that he intends to get into the governor race in a telegram to the Indiana Republican Editorial Association yesterday.

The GOP editors earlier had demanded that he get out of the governor picture and "stay on the job in Washington."

**Issue Another Blast**  
At another meeting here Sunday, a committee of the editors sent another blast to the senator, demanding that he resign as U. S. senator immediately if he intends to run for governor.

Sen. Jenner's reply said he would be guided by his own "conscience and lessons of political experience" in decisions affecting his political future.

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NOON MEAL—Administrative employees receive this pork roast for dinner while inmates eat macaroni. The roast was prepared in the employees' modern electric kitchen.

## Religious Training Setup To Continue in County

Board Says U. S. Supreme Court Ruling Does Not Cover Method Used Here

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER, Times Church Editor  
The local West-day Religious Education Board intends to go ahead with the instruction of public school children on release time in the city and county.

Dr. Floribel A. Pfeiderer, administrator of the schools, thus stated the plans of the local authorities.

Dr. Pfeiderer's announcement came on the heels of a decision handed down by the Supreme Court yesterday which struck down an 8-year-old instruction program in Champaign, Ill. The administrator said today:

"The Indianapolis setup is not parallel to that of Champaign where classes were held in schoolrooms and no rent was paid to the school for the use of the building."

**Held in Churches**  
"Fortunately, when the Indianapolis system was set up this probable interpretation of the constitution (by the Supreme Court) was taken into consideration. In Indianapolis, classes are held in the churches nearest the schools. Enrollments are obtained through PTA members calling in the homes of children and not through recruitment in the public schoolroom."

"The Indiana State law has not been declared unconstitutional. It permits the release of children up to 120 minutes (for religious instruction) each week on condition that none of the taxpayers' money is used. The Indiana system is operating under the 1943 law."

"Ten thousand pupils are released from school each week to attend 373 classes in Indianapolis and Marion County."

"The plans are to go ahead with instruction under the terms of the Indiana state law."

**Supreme Court Rules**  
The U. S. Supreme Court ruling yesterday held that religious education in public schools is unconstitutional.

The court's lone dissenter, Justice Stanley F. Reed, said the majority opinion was so sweeping that it could forbid schools from excusing children during school hours to attend religious classes at their own churches.

A concurring justice, Robert H. Jackson, said the decision could include a ban on classical art subjects, such as literature or

## Roaches Race Around Kitchen Walls, Floors; Meat-Block Catch-All

Noodle Gruel Ladled With Old Tin Can; Coffee Tastes Heavily of Chicory

(Second of a Series)

By RICHARD LEWIS

After The Times received complaints on bad food at Julietta, the Marion County Home for the Aged, I went over the hill to that particular poorhouse to sample the meals.

I had visited the place on a conducted tour five years ago. At that time, we lunched quite well. We were escorted into the administrative dining room which served, we were told, the same food as the inmates received, only under less crowded conditions.

There is a social agency report which shows that a group of Indianapolis social workers shared a similar experience in 1946, when they went to inspect the place. I decided to take an unescorted tour.

Last week, I walked into Julietta, my GI shirt and jacket soggy from winter rain, looking for a handout. They told me I would have to see the superintendent. He was out, they said. I waited.

The visitors' waiting room at Julietta is neatly and drowsily furnished to achieve the atmosphere of genteel, but thrifty comfort. There was some literature on the table: A Readers Digest for July, 1946, a treatise on the Panama Canal bound in red vellum and a pamphlet outlining the educational opportunities to be found at Vassar College.

An elderly employee in coveralls sat down and asked pleasantly if I was looking for a job. I could be, I said.

"They need a cook for the inmates," he said. "Ever cook?" I had. My experience in that art consisted of spells of KP at Ft. Bragg, N. C., in 1943, and a week-end shaving potatoes in an infantry replacement depot in England, 1944. Also, I boil a nifty 3-minute egg.

"Not much to the cooking," said the employee. "It's easy in the inmates' kitchen."

"Not much work?" I asked. He shook his head and grinned. I was summoned then to the office of Supt. Dally E. McCoy, a pleasant, white-haired gentleman with rimless spectacles.

"Sit down," he said. "Tell me about yourself."

**Roaches Travel Across Kitchen 'Thoroughfares'**  
This was the inmates' kitchen at Julietta. It was a square, high-ceilinged room with a floor of aggregate badly cracked. Roaches traveled back and forth in the thoroughfares provided by the cracks. Most of their business seemed to center about the garbage can which stood against the east wall.

In the center of the room stood a long, board table, with wooden benches running along each side. Against the west wall stood a cast iron coal stove, mounted on bricks. What appeared to be the oven door was sealed shut with a rust of dried grease and soot.

The heating plate on top of the stove was cracked. One fire well was filled with coal, but the cast iron top plate was missing. A tin stovepipe guard with a round hole in the center took its place.

**T. s. Disappear Around Here**  
You had to watch things around there, they told me. Things disappeared.

I hung up my jacket on a nail near the north door and shoved the paper bag between some mops. Then I asked if there was anything to do for supper.

The cook shook his head and indicated the steam kettles. "That's it," he said.

I ate my supper just before the inmates had theirs. The cook ladled the noodle gruel out of the steam kettle with a tin can wired to the end of a short, wooden pole. He dumped a helping into a tin plate and handed it to me without comment. Then he gave me a cup of coffee from the second steam kettle.

"Help yourself to the bread," he said.

That was supper. The noodles were warm and sticky. The coffee served the superintendent, the administrative employees and a number of other employees I couldn't then determine, was a study in contrast to the one which fed the inmates.

It contained a modern electric stove, a new refrigerator of about eight cubic feet, modern sinks and was cheerfully illuminated.

I saw meat, potatoes and a vegetable being prepared there by a frail, white-haired lady who, I was told, was the cook. I returned to the shabby inmates' kitchen.

The food cellar, I was told, was downstairs. Crates of eggs were stored down there. Just outside the food cellar was a dark cranny where employees urinated rather than walk all the way around to the first floor toilet.

At 5 p. m., the inmates began lining up outside the dining hall. They waited apathetically while attendants set out the tin plates of noodle gruel, which the kitchen

men were ladling out of the steam kettle with the tin can.

At 5:15, the aged, chow line shuffled into the hall. One of the mess attendants said there were 300 there for supper. I couldn't check this because a number of inmates hobbled out of the dining room as soon as they saw what there was for supper.

The men had entered the mess hall at 5:17 p. m. At 5:30, it was empty again and the mess attendants were scooping up the tin plates, tin cups and tin spoons for washing in the sinks on the west wall of the dining room.

"How'd you like the supper?" I asked a crippled inmate. He was a big man, his cheeks tanned with age, and he limped on a heavy cane.

He seemed to size me up as an employee, since I had come out of the kitchen, and answered in a single word.

"Slop," he said defiantly. He hobbled away, thumping his cane. (TOMORROW—The menu at Julietta.)

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