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Sgt. and Mrs. David Rhodes and adopted son, Edgar... they fight to stay together.

Face Legal Battle to Keep Adopted War Orphan

Army Sergeant, Hoosier Wife Map Fight For Retention of Two-Year-Old Boy

GREENFIELD, Mar. 31.—A Greenfield home will be headquarters of an Army sergeant's fight to keep custody of the 2-year-old boy he and his wife adopted last Christmas in Vienna, Austria. It may take congressional action to hold the child here. Sgt. David Rhodes and his wife, the former Miss Madelyn Duncan, Greenfield, will arrive tomorrow at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Duncan.

When the Rhodeses arrived in New York after an Atlantic flight, they learned the child, Edgar Barry, cannot stay in his country any later than Apr. 20. They stopped in Pittsburgh for legal aid.

But their pet dog, "Linn," also "adopted" in Vienna, was able to come home with nothing more than an address tag.

Sen. Edward Martin (R. Pa.) already has interceded for the little family. Confronted by rejection of a visa for the child when he sought to leave Austria, Sgt. Rhodes wrote to a wartime buddy, Addison W. Arthurs, Pittsburgh broker.

Mr. Arthurs immediately wired Sen. Martin, and he obtained a temporary 60-day visa.

Sgt. Rhodes plans to go to Washington next week to plead his case before Congress and to do what he can toward pushing a law which will cover entry of war orphans into the United States.

"Somebody has to build a bridge so others can use it," Mrs. Rhodes said.

Mrs. Rhodes was employed by The Texas Co. in Indianapolis before she entered the WAC during the war. She met Sgt. Rhodes at Camp Atterbury.

She returned to The Texas Co. after the war, and in February, 1946, left to marry Mr. Rhodes, an Army career man.

"Against the Law" They have been in Austria the last three years. Recently he received a transfer to Ft. Dix, N. J.

When he inquired about passage for the child, the American legation told him "it's against the law" to return the boy to America.

While her husband was appealing to his Pittsburgh friends, Mrs. Rhodes wrote to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

"I'm very sorry," Mrs. Roosevelt responded. "Laws are made by Congress, and I couldn't change them."

The Rhodeses started adoption proceedings in October and were awarded the child on Christmas Day.

"The poor thing had rickets and couldn't walk a straight line," Mrs. Rhodes said. "We nursed him back to health."

Baruch Urges 'General Staff' For Peace

'U. S. Staggering From Crisis to Crisis,' He Tells War College

NEWPORT, R. I., Mar. 31 (UP)—Bernard M. Baruch said today that the United States is staggering "from crisis to crisis with the initiative left to the enemy" and to win the cold war must have "a general staff for peace," headed by a man "of the stature of Gen. George C. Marshall."

"What is needed is a nonpartisan group which will stay on the job until the cold war is won," Mr. Baruch said, "a group which would sit in continuous deliberation on the whole of the peacemaking, serving as a central point of decision and weighing all the many commitments pressed upon us."

Addresses War College The 79-year-old former presidential adviser spoke before the staff and students of the Naval War College here.

Mr. Baruch said the United States today is spreading itself "too thin, unable to achieve decision anywhere."

The "serious defeat" suffered by the United States in China, he said, "has stirred a good deal of public discussion of whether we are losing the cold war. Certainly there is sufficient reason to feel that what has been done so far is inadequate."

Mr. Baruch said the United States must "learn to pace ourselves in relation to the Russians and the threat of war." He said he believes that American intelligence could unravel enough of the Russian enigma to give us "an adequate basis for judging Russia's intentions as to war or peace."

Urges Eye on Russia "I do feel that we must vigilantly watch the over-all degree of Soviet mobilization for war and that we dare not permit too great a variance with our own mobilization, or we risk war," Mr. Baruch said.

But, he added, "he feels another war would not begin with an open attack on the United States."

"It seems to me quite likely that the test may come in the more subtle form of civil war, probably in Germany," he said.

"As a matter of fact, it might be said that a state of civil war already exists, because that is what the cold war really is—neither peace nor total war but a succession of civil conflicts, more or less violent, wherever the Soviets can foment such strife."

No Danger of Police State Even with increased military strength for "total peace," he said, there is no danger of a police state in the United States.

He urged "prompt enactment of a stand-by mobilization plan" providing for economic as well as military measures to meet war, to remove "our gravest source of peril" which he said is the time lag between the start of a war and complete mobilization.

"If our diplomacy is to be truly 'total,'" Mr. Baruch said, "we must mobilize not only public opinion but the necessary economic, military and political resources, applying these resources on the basis of an over-all global strategy. That is not now being done, I doubt that it will be done unless some central peacemaking agency is created."

At noon today 103 drivers had been arrested for speeding on city streets. The drive started last night with 63 arrests. There were 40 more this morning.

Highest speed clocked last night was 70 miles an hour. A Detroit, Joseph Sander, with his family in the car, was "passing through" Indianapolis on Kentucky Ave. He was fined \$37.50 in Municipal Court this morning.

A top speed of 62 miles an hour was recorded this morning in the 1700 block S. West St. Leonard Smith, 32, Bargersville, was arrested for speeding.

Drive Not Limited Police were not centering the campaign in specific areas but cruising patrol cars and motorcycle officers were operating on main thoroughfares.

Twelve speeders were nabbed on E. 35th St. last night while others were apprehended this morning principally on Meridian St. and Capitol Ave.

Police officials announced a determination to reduce speeding and reckless driving. Chief Rouls said it was only part of a safety campaign aimed at reducing traffic fatalities and injuries.

Here's One Reason Railroaders Go Wrong

MOBILE, Ala., Mar. 31 (UP)—This should discourage any innocent little children with ambitions to be a railroad man.

A flat car loaded with pine knots caught fire on the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad late yesterday.

Trainmen hurriedly disconnected the flaming car and switched it under a water tank.

The wooden tank caught fire. City firemen were called from Prichard, Ala.

Before they could get any water on the blazing tank and car, a Southern Railway train passed by on another track and cut the fire hose.

Trial Witness Held The FBI announced today the arrest at Mobile of Wilma June Spencer, 25, on a charge of unlawful flight to avoid giving testimony at a murder trial in Whitley City, Ky. She will be removed to Kentucky for the trial beginning Apr. 13, the FBI said.

Watts Sentenced To Die In Electric Chair July 12

Insults Across the Sea—

'How About Neon Ties, Crew Cuts, Mr. Ruark?'

Columnist's Blast at English Male Attire Brings Remarks on Zoot Suit, 10-Gallon Hat

LONDON, Mar. 31 (UP)—London's top tailors denounced the American male today for going in for "weird neon-light ties" and crew hair cuts that "look like the stubble left behind by an atomic blast."

The attack by the fashionable tailors of Saville Row came in reply to charges by Indianapolis Times Columnist Robert Ruark that British men dress "worse than any men alive." (The Ruark charge was printed in The Times Mar. 22.)

Mr. Ruark said the American male, by contrast, is the "cleanest, neatest, most tastefully dressed he-creature in the world." Joining the battle through their trade organ, "Tailor and Cutter," the British tailors asked Mr. Ruark to bear in mind it was America that sired the zoot suit and that in Kentucky "you have to throw the men on their backs before you can get boots on them."

Ruark said British men seem to get their hair cut with a knife and fork. That's nothing, said the British, compared with American hairdressing habits.

"Let us consider the U. S. crew cut (or hydrogen head) which resembles nothing so much as the razed stubble of Hiroshima," they said.

Find Kidnaped Baby Unharmed

Second Lost Infant Is Believed Dead

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (UP)—Diane Ranzie, 6 months old, was found unharmed today, 12 hours after being kidnaped from a perambulator parked in a Brooklyn theater lobby, but police held little hope of finding a second stolen baby alive.

The second infant, Chaneta Holden, born prematurely 10 days ago, disappeared from an incubator at Lincoln Hospital last night a few minutes after the Ranzie girl had been whisked from her carriage by Mrs. Catherine Palmore.

The infant's mother, Mrs. Clarence Holden, said she feared the baby had been dropped or injured by a hospital attendant and hidden.

Police, theorizing that the child had never left the hospital, searched laundry chutes, incinerators, waste baskets, drainage pipes and every opening large enough to conceal a baby's body.

Assistant District Attorney Charles Cahill ordered Mrs. Palmore booked for kidnaping. Diane was found asleep in bed with Mrs. Palmore and her daughter, Lois. She took the child, she said, because "I was freezing cold and I just decided to take it home."

She lives in a 10-family tenement a few blocks from the scene of the kidnaping. Mrs. Palmore is the mother of four children.

Mrs. Geraldine Ranzie, Diane's mother, gabbled with relief when the baby was returned to her at a Brooklyn police station.

"My baby! My baby!" she cried. "How could she do such a thing? So tiny. So helpless. That's terrible! I was thinking all night that she was cut up. Thank God she's safe! I'll never take her to a movie again!"

Mrs. Ranzie, who left Diane in the theater lobby while she watched a double feature with another child, said she did not know Mrs. Palmore.

Police learned of Diane's whereabouts from Mrs. Palmore's brother, George Bell, who had been living at her home for the past few weeks.

The Holden baby was reported missing by a special nurse in charge of the five incubator babies at the hospital. She said all five were sleeping peacefully at her last check.

March Goes Out With a Ba-a-a

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
6 a.m. ... 35 10 a.m. ... 46
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8 a.m. ... 38 12 (Noon) ... 52
9 a.m. ... 42 1 p.m. ... 54

Ba-a-a-a March tripped out of Hoosierland like a docile little lamb today. Gentle warming southerly breezes promised afternoon high temperatures ranging from 54 near Lake Michigan to 60 along the Ohio River.

Here in Indianapolis, the weatherman said heavy clouds would be accompanied by a low tonight of 44 and warming tomorrow to about 60.

Indianapolis was expected to share in the general forecast of light spring showers late tonight and tomorrow.

President Accuses GOP Of Foreign Policy Sabotage

McCarthy, Wherry, Bridges Singled Out In Key West News Conference 'Attack'

By MERRIMAN SMITH, United Press White House Reporter
KEY WEST, Fla., Mar. 31.—President Truman today threw into the 1950 congressional campaign the harsh accusation that GOP opposition was willing to "sabotage" American foreign policy and endanger world peace for sake of a political issue.

In words stronger than his "give 'em hell" epithets of 1948, the Chief Executive said that efforts of some Republican leaders to torpedo bipartisan foreign policy during the cold war were just as bad as trying to shoot our soldiers in the back in a hot war.

He picked out three Republican Senators—Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska and Styles Bridges of New Hampshire—as primary targets for his "sabotage" accusation. Sen. McCarthy has been the moving force behind a Senate investigation of alleged disloyalty in the State Department.

"Asset to Kremlin" The greatest asset that the Kremlin has is the partisan attack in the Senate to sabotage the bipartisan foreign policy of the United States," the President told newsmen here, permitting direct quotation of this remark.

The setting for Mr. Truman's unusually stern criticism of his political opposition was the peaceful, tropical surroundings of the winter White House yesterday afternoon. The President had invited reporters to a hot-dog and lemonade lawn party.

After most of the party food was consumed, the President gathered the correspondents about him in a circle. He sat in a wicker chair in the shadow of a graceful palm tree and held his first news conference in three weeks.

Growing Concern For days the President had pondered with growing concern the mounting attacks on State Department personnel by the Communist-hunting McCarthy.

He had attempted to curb Mr. McCarthy's attacks by words of praise for Secretary of State Dean Acheson and State Department personnel denounced by Sen. McCarthy as Communists.

Yesterday, one simple question unleashed the chief executive's full feelings on the subject.

"Mr. President, do you think there is any disloyalty in the State Department?" a reporter asked.

In a steady voice the President said he thought the greatest asset the Kremlin had was Sen. McCarthy.

Warning to the subject, the President said that with the in-dorsement of the Senate, Sen. McCarthy and others were actually attempting to create an issue with which to seek control of Congress this fall.

Truman 'Targets' Answer Attack

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (UP)—Senate Republicans defended themselves today against President Truman's charge that their attacks on the State Department are helping the Kremlin.

The three GOP Senators singled out specifically by Mr. Truman had this to say about his statement in Key West, Fla., that they are sabotaging the bipartisan foreign policy:

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, Wis.—He wants to "plead guilty of sabotaging foreign policy in the Far East. . . I wish someone had sabotaged it sooner." The State

BULLETIN

COLUMBUS, Ind., Mar. 31.—Robert Austin Watts today heard Judge George W. Long rule that he must die July 12, 1950, for the November, 1947, slaying of Indianapolis housewife Mrs. Mary Lois Burney.

By DONNA MIKELS
Times Staff Writer

COLUMBUS, Ind., Mar. 31.—At 2 p. m. today Robert Austin Watts was to receive the sentence of death in the electric chair.

He heard his fate in the verdict of a Bartholomew County jury yesterday as it returned from 20 hours and 33 minutes of deliberation, but the formal death sentence was to come from the presiding trial judge, George W. Long.

Judge Long was expected to set a date, by law at least 100 days away, for Watts to die in the electric chair at Indiana State Prison, Michigan City.

However, an interview with Watts yesterday indicated the date set by Judge Long will be postponed by appeal, just as Watts' last death sentence by a Shelby County court was.

Watts was convicted and sentenced to die in Shelby County in January, 1948, for the 1947 murder of Indianapolis housewife Mary Lois Burney, but he won several reprieves during a series of appeals which finally resulted in an order for a new trial from the U. S. Supreme Court.

To Follow Same Trail "Yes, sir, I'm gonna go right back to the U. S. Supreme Court," Watts said after his second conviction.

"We got grounds for appeal, we made sure of that," he added. Watts talked easily and almost jokingly to reporters. The dejection that marked his attitude when he first heard the jury's verdict was gone.

He said the verdict was just what he expected it would be. Told that everyone else involved in the trial was expecting a sentence of life imprisonment or a hung jury, Watts said he had thought either of those possible when the jury remained out such a long time.

But, he added as he saw the sealed verdict being passed from the jury foreman to the judge, he "expected the same thing I got in Shelbyville."

Still protesting his innocence in the Burney slaying, Watts also said he was guiltless of the series of rapes introduced as evidence by the state during the trial. He said "all my troubles" stemmed from a "political frameup."

Doesn't Blame Jury He said he felt that he had good attorneys in this trial and he "guessed" the jury was fair. He said the jury could be expected to do little else "with all that prejudice and stuff the state threw in."

Watts took the stand in his first trial but declined to testify, on advice of his attorneys. In this trial, asked if he thought it would have made any difference had he taken the stand, Watts said, "Now."

He said he had wanted to argue his case himself before the jury but had been talked out of it by his attorneys. He said he kept extensive notes throughout the trial and would use these in filing appeals.

Watts said he would contact New York lawyers, interested in his case as the result of the last appeal, to help him go to the Supreme Court.

Watts said he didn't "expect anything" from the Indiana Supreme Court but was confident

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