

KIDNAP

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In Paris, today, the father of the kidnapped child -- refused to give the police any help. Having got back the four-year-old boy, Millionaire Automobile Industrialist Roland Peugeot stated -- that he ~~had~~ paid money to the kidnappers. The belief being -- that it was One Hundred Thousand Dollars, the ransom they demanded. ^{And,} ~~PXXX~~ in gold -- so as to avert the possibility of marked money. With the ransom -- a promise from the father that he would protect them, By giving the police no information; -- and by refusing to prosecute them if they are caught.

The police are taking a sympathetic view. Putting no pressure on the family -- as yet. The officer in charge of the case -- stating today: "We have left the parents to enjoy the happiness -- of having found their child." But, just the same, ~~xxx~~ they are making an intensive search. Watching railroads, buses, and

airports. To keep the kidnappers -- from getting out of Paris. Also -- combing the Parisian underworld for tips or clues.

They've little to go on -- except for ~~meager~~ descriptions of the kidnappers. When four-year-old Eric Peugeot was found last night on a street, after having been released by his abductors -- the child could give little information. Telling, merely -- of the room where he was held. ^{There was} ~~There was~~ a television set -- and the kidnappers treated him well.)

There was a report, this morning, that the kidnappers had been caught. But that, it turned out -- was false.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In the capital of the Dominican Republic, there is a great Cathedral -- with memories of Christopher Columbus. ~~In fact, it is claimed that the discoverer of America is entombed there.~~

Yesterday, a solemn religious ritual -- for Maundy Thursday. When sounds of shots rang out -- reverberating through the Cathedral. A gun-fight -- between Government agents -- and a terrorist.

They say that Alberto Calderon, a native of the Republic of Colombia, was involved ~~in~~ in revolutionary activities against Trujillo, the Dominican strong man. Government agents were trailing him -- ready to make an arrest, when Calderon darted into the Cathedral -- in the middle of the Lenten services. There -- shooting at his pursuers, as they followed him. The multitude of worshippers -- ducking to cover.

Calderon made a dash through the Sacristy,

and upstairs -- to the living quarters of Archbishop
Ricardo Pittini. The Archbishop -- not there.

In ^a~~the~~ final burst of shooting, the terrorist --
was killed. Two home-made bombs -- found in his
possession. So -- they say.

POLITICS

Here's what sounds like -- a hint, ~~the~~ the political question -- whom does former President Truman favor -- for the Democratic nomination?

In New York, today, H.S.T. declared -- that Republican newspapers want to see Kennedy or Stevenson get the plum at the Democratic National Convention. "But," he added, "our party is going to nominate -- somebody who can win." Which would seem to sound -- like a negative hint. Back in Nineteen Fifty-six, of course, Truman was against Adlai Stevenson. Arguing -- that he couldn't win. Now he brackets the two names together -- Stevenson and Kennedy. Insistant rumor is that the former President is -- for Symington. But ~~this~~ this he denied again, ~~today~~ today. Saying: "I honestly haven't made up my mind who I favor."

Another item from the political front -- a headline story printed in the New York Herald-Tribune. today, That Governor Brown, of California, has promised

Senator Kennedy -- his own backing. And the Convention
votes -- of the California Delegation. But this is denied --
by Governor Brown.

CANDIDATE

At Beardstown, Illinois, Homer Dahman - won and lost, at the same time. Homer - the candidate in the Primary election on Tuesday.

He ran for the G.O.P. nomination - as State's Attorney for Cass County, Illinois, and lost by a comparative landslide.

But he got forty-five write-in votes on the Democratic side - and the Democrats had no candidate for the Primary at all. So Homer - won the Democratic nomination. Today County Clerk Leo Fitzgerald said: - he's obliged, by law, to certify the nomination.

The Democrats - embarrassed. Not saying - whether or not they'll vote for their official candidate. Homer, a Republican - would probably vote against himself.

PICKETS

This Good Friday - a banner day for pickets, at - the White House. Banner day - quite correct. They were carrying banners - one hundred and sixty-five pickets, proclaiming an assortment of messages.

The largest group - students from New England colleges. Most of them - white. Picketing the White House - in support of racial integration in the South.

Some other pickets demanded the destruction of American stockpiles of "nerve gas." I didn't know we had stockpiles of such deadly stuff - but, maybe we have.

There were pacifists protesting against the income tax - because some of the money is used for armament. And there was one picket at the White House who carried a sign which read: "Eisenhower is anti-God."

SATELLITE

American scientists at Vandenberg Air Force base in California have put another Discoverer satellite into orbit around the earth's poles. But the big test comes tomorrow, when the satellite ejects a capsule full of instruments from 200 miles out in space. Air force planes over the Pacific near Hawaii will try to catch the 300-pound capsule and bring it safely down to earth. If they succeed, it will be another step ahead in the program one day to put a man into space. Dick, would you like to be that man?

PONY EXPRESS

The Pony Express - delivered the mail at San Francisco, today, after having ridden all the way from St. Joseph, Missouri. Re-enacting - the days of the old Wild West, when the bold buckroos of the Pony Express - carried the mail across the plains and mountains. But - a re-enactment with a difference. This time three men and a horse - riding in a truck.

Twelve days ago, the commemoration began in a big way - at St. Joseph. Relays of horsemen - carried the mail bags to Salt Lake City in high style. There they were to have been relieved by riders from California, who, however, did not show up. So that left three men and a horse - to complete the trip to the Coast. Which they did - mostly by truck.

They were to deliver a letter from Governor Blair of Missouri and to Governor Brown of California. And so, at Sacramento, ~~at Sacramento~~, a few blocks from

the State Capitol, they got out of the truck - and one Express rider, with a big Wild West kind of mustache, mounted the horse. Cantering on - with the mail bags. But, when he arrived at the State Capitol - he couldn't find the letter! Which never was found - only a lot of embarrassment.