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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# Several Job Offers Given to Blind Man

Josef Carl Engressia Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., a young blind man who got in trouble with one phone company but was offered a job by another, may not end up with a telephone career after all.

Engressia, 22, described as an electronic genius, was fined \$10 in Memphis City Court on charge of malicious mischief. South Central Bell had served out a complaint charging him with using his own equipment and whistles to trip circuits and make worldwide telephone calls without having to pay for them.

A job offer came hereafter from W. S. "Babe" Howard, president of the Stourban Millington Telephone Co., and Engressia showed up for an interview with Howard on Thursday.

Howard wants the young man, but says he has also learned that a national firm in Minnesota has offered Engressia a high-paying engineering post. And Engressia has gotten several other job offers, Howard said.

"I advised him to go and check them all out," said Howard. "We can't compete salary-wise with what he has been offered. He is a little partial to coming out here. And the job offer remains open if he wants it.

"I'll let him come out and fiddle with our equipment all he wants to. If he wants to take another job and pursue this hobby with phones, we'll give him some old equipment," Howard added (AP).

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### POOR REPRODUCTION.

Some 1,000 posters depicting a \$3 bill with a likeness of President Nixon have been seized by Secret Service agents in a Beacon Hill art studio in Boston.

Ted Kennedy, one of four brothers who own the studio on Joy Street, said two agents who went there Thursday afternoon told him they had to seize the posters because American currency may not be reproduced.

Kennedy said the plate used to print the poster, measuring about 2½ feet by one foot, was seized earlier at a Cambridge printing company.

Gerald Bechtle, assistant special agent in charge of the Secret Service office in Boston, said law forbids reproduction of U.S. currency in whole or in part except for numismatic, educational, historical or newsworthy purposes (AP).

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**STICK-UP.** The long arm of the law is looking for a thief who rigged up a long arm of his own in Chicopee, Mass.

Police said a thief used a stick to reach through an open bedroom window and hook a pocketbook containing \$300 sometime Wednesday night.

The stick was found outside the window at the home of Mrs. Mary Lincoln, whose money was stolen.

Officers said they found traces of bark from the stick on the window (AP).



Josef Engressia Jr.

**SEPARATED.** William Proxmire, D-Wis., and his wife of more than 14 years are separating but do not plan a divorce, he announced in Washington Friday.

Proxmire and his wife, the former Ellen Sawell, were married in December 1956. It was the second marriage for each. They have a 9-year-old son, Douglas, and each has two children from their first marriages.

"By mutual consent, my wife and I will be living apart for a time. We are not planning a divorce," Proxmire said. "There will be no further statement by either of us (AP).

**READER SAVED.** Legislation outlawing sale of hallucinogenic drugs such as LSD got a second reading in the Maine Senate Friday in Augusta, Maine. Well, sort of a reading.

Sen. Floyd Harding, a Presque Isle Democrat, stood to demand that the Senate secretary, Harry Starbranch, read aloud the specific drugs the bill would ban.

Starbranch got as far as the first word, dimethoxymetamine, when Sen. John Quinn, a Bangor Republican, mercifully asked that further reading of the bill be waived.

The next word was methoxymethylenedioxyamphetamine (AP).

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**IT ISN'T LITTER.** A Rochester, N.Y., city judge Thursday dismissed charges of littering brought against an ardent anti-litter activist, H. Everest Clements.

Clements, 62, was arrested on littering charges May 2 when he posted two signs next to Interstate 490, identifying a trash-filled nook as a "litter garden." Police claimed Clements' signs themselves constituted litter.

But in his ruling Judge Wilmer J. Fallov of City Court agreed with Clements that the signs were not litter. He said the state legislature's intent in enacting an anti-litter law was to restrict the throwing of material from vehicles onto highways, not other activities (AP).