

# Movie Cowboy, Hindu Calm Stampeding Elephant Herd

By CAL BRUMLEY

GONZALES, Tex.—(AP)—A singing cowboy riding a stallion and a tiny Hindu mounted on the smallest elephant in captivity quieted a frantic elephant herd stampeding across Texas hill country near here.

That's right—stampeding elephants in Texas—cow country.

The elephants stampeded while being filmed in a movie jungle scene.

It was like the old cattle stampedes—when a herd could be sent thundering by a few pistol shots. Pistol shots—blank ones—started the elephants scramble here yesterday. They were part of a herd of 25 belonging to Daily Brothers Circus, in winter quarters here.

Cowboys and handlers hazed the elephants by Jack Orr's newsreel camera once. Orr, from Dallas, Tex., said the fake stampede was unrealistic.

Circus owner Ben Davenport told his cowboys to fire some blanks.

Dudley Autry, brother of screen cowboy Gene Autry, and Chuck Carson, Hollywood stunt man, obliged. Both are circus performers.

The elephants were frightened into a real stampede. The mountainous beasts shook the Texas prairie sod. The porch from one house was brushed aside. Sections of fence were laid flat.

Cameraman Orr had to run for safety. "I haven't seen Orr since he got out of the way," Davenport said. "But we found part of his trousers he lost getting away."

Handlers fled.

But not Autry and the little Hindu, Singh, from India.

"Autry picked up Singh on the horse and rode into the herd," Davenport said.

"Singh found Butch—that's the smallest baby elephant in captivity—and hopped astraddle his neck. Butch, 2½ years old, and Singh managed to mill the baby elephants."

Davenport explained that the baby elephants could not keep up with their larger relatives.

Autry spurred to the head of the running elephants. Shouting and waving his hat, he started the herd milling. Others joined him and kept the animals circling "just outside the city limits" of Gonzales, the circus owner said: "They ran four or five miles."

Davenport estimated a crowd of 2,000 gathered at a distance to watch the milling herd. "The best thing is that nobody was hurt seriously," he said. "The animals stopped just short of a school house."

Two circus men were shaken up. Rex Williams, 26, former marine, was knocked down and cut slightly. Raymond Freivogal, 30, utility man, stumbled and fell between some logs. He was bruised, but the logs—part of the scenery—saved his life.

Orr and Davenport had draped a wooded ravine with scenery to imitate a jungle. The camera was set up near some logs which the elephants had to jump over.

The camera, set automatically, photographed most of the stampede. It was finally buried by the charging beasts. But the film was uninjured.

## COMMUNISTS IN CHINA WITHDRAW

NANKING, April 6.—(AP)—A general withdrawal of Communist troops from the Yangtze River front appeared underway today.

Capital observers hoped it meant an end to 22 years of hostilities in the Civil War. But it was far too early to tell.

Peace talks reportedly were underway in earnest at Peiping.

There were various reports of a general Red cease fire order. Communist attacks on Nanking, 150 miles southwest of here, halted.

Red troops marching toward the river from the north suddenly did an about face. Observers felt they might pull back a few miles and await developments at Peiping.

The Reds appeared headed north all along the river front from Nanking to Shanghai.

## Boyle's Column . . .

# Concerning Clowns, Kings, Crowds; A Modern Fable

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK.—(AP)—It began at the carnival—in fun.

"Let's march!" cried the clown, who had his audience, all he needed to be happy.

The laughing crowd lined up behind the jolly clown and the throng grew . . . "step-and-a-half, step-and-a-half . . . step-and-a-half."

They marched and marched, and then somebody called, "where are we marching?" . . . and the emboldened clown replied:

"To the palace . . . we'll show the king his loyal subjects."

And word spread through the crowd. . . .

And somebody phoned the palace

and said:

"King, your majesty, the people are marching your way, sir . . . They're marching."

He consulted his record in office and quickly called out the guards, and said to his prisoners:

"Gents, this is it. The common man suspects the worst—which may or may not be true. Man the machine guns, but don't fire unless you feel I feel it is necessary."

Along the wild crowd came.

"Halt!" said the first guard who didn't hear the crowd's cry. "God save our merry king!" On the glad group came.

"Fire!" screamed a rattled subaltern . . . And the rifles rattled. Bodies fell. The crowd surged back into a mob.

A stranger stepped forward, a man who hadn't marched with them at all.

"Why are we against the king?" he screamed rhetorically, and turned to the dazed men:

"What are we short of—food, beds or freedom?"

"I'm short of breath," puffed the amazed clown.

"Breath?" hollered the stranger. "A man can't live without breath. Let's attack the palace so men can breathe again!"

So the mob swarmed behind the stranger and attacked the palace while the wondering king and his mistress watched from an upper balcony.

"I don't know what to make of this nonsense," said the king. The clown didn't either.

"Why, I've got my breath back again—I can breathe all right," said the poor clown.

But nobody heard him. They

were watching their king and his mistress gasping at rope-end for air.

When the deed was done, and sorry doubt was turning the mob back into a group of people again, the stranger stepped forth and said:

"I am your king now—I accept your will and it shall be done."

"March!" said the new stranger king. "Step . . . step . . . step . . . step . . . step . . . And the people marched. The clown, just for fun, started to go "step-and-a-half . . . step-and-a-half" . . . and they shot him down.

Moral: In a world of high and low fools the purposeful man may pull the trigger.



Miss Ann Fleetwood will represent the Spanish Club at the Cotton Ball and Pageant. A Tessie from Del Rio, Miss Fleetwood will be escorted by Dave Kreager.

## CAR PRICES CUT AGAIN

DETROIT April 6.—(AP)—The downward movement in car prices continues.

Effective Monday night, Nash-Kelvinator Corp. announced a reduction of \$20 to \$120 on its two series of cars.

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## Hot Water Will Be Cut Off Tomorrow

Hot water will be cut off in all dorms beginning tomorrow morning at 8:00, according to Allen Madley of the Housing Office.

The water will be off all day Friday and possibly until Saturday in order that emergency repairs may be made.

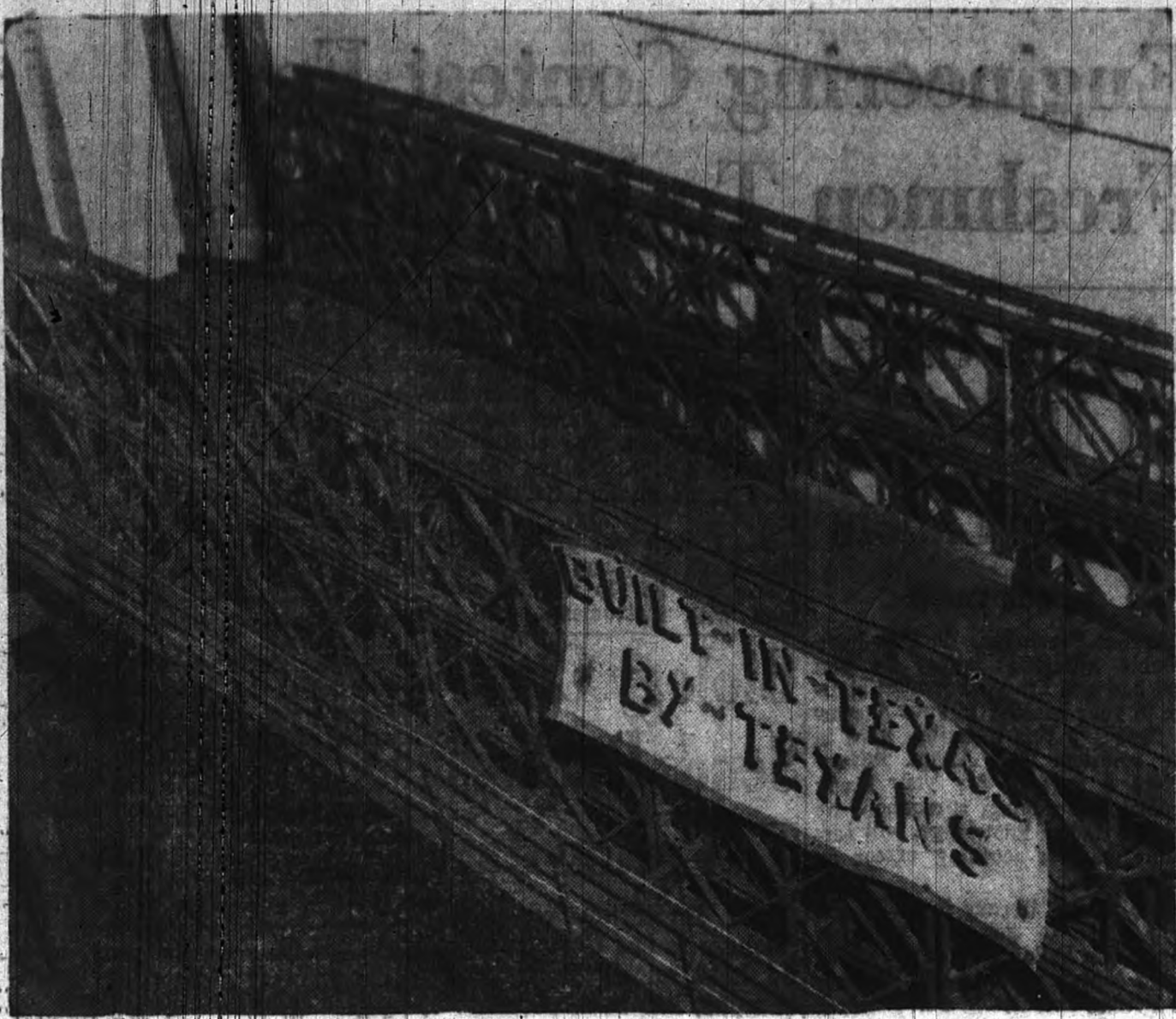
## CHINESE FACTIONS STILL BARTERING

NANKING, April 7.—(AP) Acting President Li Tsung-Jen tonight was reported to have rejected a communist ultimatum for the virtual surrender of the Nanking government.

Semi-official Chinese quarters said Li still was making a desperate attempt to bargain with the Reds for better terms.

Li also was said to have turned down a proposal that he go to Peiping, where peace talks now are in progress.

He was reportedly invited (presumably by the Reds) to go to Peiping and serve on a joint committee which would supervise the handing over of the Nationalist armies to the communists.



The M2 Bailey is one of three bridge models being displayed in Ross Hall. Built by January graduates in the Corps of Engineers, they are used to familiarize military science students with bridge construction.

## Cook's Tour . . .

# Annex Dormitories Sport Signs From All Over U. S.

By ROBERT BYNES

Driving your car down the main street of the Annex, you couldn't help but notice the remarks scribbled on the attractive quarters, black in color, which line the street. Written there are some of the expressions that have been brought from all parts of Texas and every state represented here.

Among the names and expressions are many thoughtful quotations and titles, such as "Tarpaper Tavern," whose name is derived from the hospitable conditions contained herein. One might observe an old discarded skull or two hanging over these portals. "Club 228" contains a sign that offers \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of anyone guilty of arson in the city limits of Groesbeck, the sign being temporarily borrowed from the office of the sheriff.

Then there's the "Lunatic Lounge," which is proud of its son of Sinton, the land of woo. The "Flop Inn" is in grave need of bedbugs, which must be alive and blonde, for "Junior" is lonesome. Signs from every place that has seen one of "God's gift to women" are apparent.

"Para-dise Lost" has its walls lined with such signs. By observation, a spectator at the Annex might think that this was the New Orleans city limits, for that's

just how one of the signs in the barracks area reads. Countless numbers of customers that visit the many service stations throughout Texas are still looking for signs directing them to the ladies' rest rooms.

One barracks, not to be outdone by the various other Annex "resorts," term theirs the "Last Resort." This includes one large, spacious room, with a beautiful approach-way, one sandy path. The bar is equipped with television to assure the interest of the customers until the last coin is drained from every pocket.

"Red and Joe" are in charge of the distribution of cots to day sleepers in barracks "Fall Inn." Here we have local cadets hailing from Floresville, the home of the gophers, from Amarillo, the paradise of the Panhandle, and Gainesville, the home of the meanest women. "Purgatory Inn" has two revivals nightly, beginning at dawn and lasting until dusk, featuring talent from far and wide.

Just turn your tiny feet to Laredo, where the land is blackest and the people are whitest. On your way, detour through "Cowntown," "Big D," the key city "Big A," noted for peaches, peas, peanuts, pigs, pottery, potatoes and petroleum. You might run across the "Lone Ranger from Granger." But before you pass through those

pearly gates on the road to "Santon," dine awhile "where the temperature is 20 degrees cooler all year around," where the drinks are made with what's left from the day's washing, the "Old Black Joe" whatever that may be.

And when you look back on your visit to the "land of enchantment," think of the many nights spent listening to the tall home-town tales woven by the firm believers in "Texas Brags," the Texas Aggie freshmen.

## ONE MAN PYRAMID CLUB



## Robinson Refuses Coaching Position

Jackie Robinson, who was a crack basketball at Baylor University prefers saving souls to coaching.

In an interview here last night he said he had turned down a \$4,000 a year job with a University athletic staff. He did not name the university.

Robinson, 21, said he will enter Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth this fall to study toward a doctor of theology degree.

Robinson helped the United States Basketball team win the Olympic title last year. He was unable to play basketball last season because of an injured leg.

H. M. AMSLER, HOUSTON EX. EXPIRES IN KEY WEST, FLA.

HOUSTON, April 6.—(AP)—The body of H. M. Amsler, 51, Houston oilman, was to arrive here today from Key West, Fla. He died there Sunday while on a business trip.

## HOW TO OUTWIT HUNTERS

BOISE, Idaho.—(AP)—An open season on cattle is suggested by a means of reducing the killing of cattle during big game hunting seasons.

"Every year," says John J. Highgate, "scores of cattle—to say nothing of horses, mules, sheep and other hunters—are shot by hunters who mistake them for game animals. Deer and elk are thereby saved, and continue to roam our hills in unabated numbers. All we have to do is to declare an open season on cattle and close the season on deer and elk."

## RABBIT, RABBIT, WHO HAS A RABBIT?

BIRMINGHAM, Eng.—(AP)—Even a magician has a hard time getting his hands on a rabbit in a country where meat is as scarce as it is in Britain.

At a show of the British Magical Society here over the weekend, one slight-of-hand artist reached into a hat to pull out a bunny. The best he could do was a stuffed one.

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