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Larger-than-life bear now an international star

United Press International LONDON — Paddington Bear, that furry figure in a duffle coat and surplus had who arrived in England from "darkest Peru" and took his name from a railroad station, just turned 21

But in books he remains 9, the age he's been since his Aunt Lucy - now spending her twilight years in a America with a handwritten brown tag around his neck saying "Please

look after this bear." Paddington, the most famous member of his species since President Theodore Roosevelt inspired the Teddy Bear (1902) and A. A. Milne created Winnie-the-Pooh (1926), is part of virtually every Brit-ish child's life. His adventures are chronicled in more than a dozen books and a cartoon television series, and his stuffed, chubby persona

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peers out from toy counters every-where — along with countless Paddington "spinoffs.

Princess Anne, when she left the hospital with her baby son, Peter, carried a stuffed Paddington under

one arm He also is becoming a celebrity in the United States. Romper Room has just bought the Paddington television series and sales of stuffed Paddingtons are booming, along with library and school requests for his books

Pollution-plagued Athens plans clean-up What makes him so popular? "He's reliable," says creator Michael Bond. "He has his paws firmly on the ground. He has a strong sense of right and wrong, in a way that a lot of people would like to have. You can ATHENS, Greece — Athens goes into the 1980s with a brave new plan talk to him and know he's not going to pass on your secrets. designed to save the city from dis-

The line between Paddington and Bond is, the author acknowledges, loosely drawn

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than I am. The Browns - with whom Paddington lives - are very much my mother and father. His environment is a pre-war, safe one, as I knew it from childhood. He wears those clothes because I was earing a duffle coat and army surplus hat when I started to write about him."

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astrous overcrowding and pollution.

40 percent of the country's popula-

tion, live in the capital. Every day

some 50 families arrive from the pro-

vinces or islands, usually to join rela-

tives already established in the met-

ropolis. "Our goal is to stem the growth of

Athens and stabilize its population at

4.5 million by the end of the cen-

tury," said Undersecretary of Public Works Stephanos Manos, who com-

ing other cities attractive and by

creating sub-centers within the grea-

'We have to decentralize by mak-

missioned the scheme.

About 3.7 million Greeks, close to

Bond, 53, a genial, silver-haired bear of a man, describes Paddington former TV cameraman, first met is "More what I would like to be n I am. The Browns — with and raining," Bond said. "I missed the bus and went into a department store for shelter. There was one bear left on the shelf and I felt sorry for it, so I bought it as a stocking stuffer. And because we lived near Paddington Station, I called it Paddington. And one day I decided to write a

story about him. In little more than two decades, Paddington has grown into an international enterprise that brings in \$4

million in gross sales annually. Since Paddington has been translated into 20 languages, Bond's correspondence comes from children and adults - around the world.

Each gets a personal reply, often including a pawprint and line from

Paddington who signs himself "Padingtun," since, being only 9 and a bear, he hasn't yet mastered spelling.

"I write to please myself," says Bond, who has completed a book about a guinea pig named Olga the Polga and will publish one about an / armadillo named J. D. Polson who becomes president of the United States.

sulphur dioxide from central heating

systems and vehicle exhausts in the air that the marble surface of the

Acropolis temples has begun to

crumble. Last fall that Caryatids,

2,400-years-old stone maidens from

the Erectheum temple, had to be

moved into a museum for protection

covers the city, provoking compari-

nitrogen dioxide, hydrocarbons and

organic particles, a distinct health

hazard, especially for people with bronchial troubles," said Panayotis

Christodoulakis, an environmental

age flows untreated into the sea,

along with its industrial waste, some

of it containing cadmium, lead and

Saronic Gulf because there is no ox-

ygen left to breathe. And swimming

in polluted water gives fair-skinned northern tourists skin diseases."

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of the sun will be visible in parts of

Africa and the Indian Ocean Feb. 16,

and the federal space agency says it

plans to launch seven sounding rock-

The rockets, to be fired from the San Marco launch platform in the Indian Ocean off Kenya, will study

the solar corona while the sun's disc

is blacked out and also will examine

changes in Earth's upper atmos-

Five of the rockets will carry scien-

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WASHINGTON — A total eclipse

"The fish have moved out of the

carcinogenic oils, he said.

About two-thirds of the city's sew-

In winter a low lying brown smog

The smog contains a nasty mix of

from the atmosphere.

sons with Los Angeles.

scientists.

"I don't write for children a don't think about children when I writing, because I don't think can come up with a composite ch to write for anyway." To a child, Paddington often over

shadows the real world outside his books.

Bond said one youngster told him he thought it was very funny to name a railway station after a bear.

The new plan calls for a British

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designed sewage treatment plan and strict zoning laws to curb ne industry around Athens. A new sub way, costing nearly \$1 billion, and roads costing \$2 billion will hand the traffic problem, the governmen hopes, although transportation im provements in Athens usually ru oveted political into trouble from archaeologists. Ronstadt, The Athenians themselves will he erformed for dmund G. Bro

defray the cost of rescuing the cit through new taxes on real estate, ser ane Fonda and vices and licenses for shops an re helping the businesses, now under study. mor keep his pr

iscally viable. But cynics recall that the only of Sinatra teame plans ever carried out were Pericle Martin last Nov rebuilding after the 480 B.C. Persi aise nearly \$100 invasion, the Roman Emperor Ha onald Reagan, rian's enlargement of the city nd raising help admired, and King Otto of Bavaria tewart and Mic scheme for the capital of newl President Car independent Greece in the 1830s. "It's up to the Athenians in the end," Gartzos said. "They have to are busily trying Ole Opry politie gers Tom T. Ha react and demand specific improv

and reportedly r he president. Carter is "mor music than ar Hall said at a Tenn., fundraise out 75 Opry star the president's h Nashville mus ous in their su leagan conce Angeles will estern favorite

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She was invited with Digby to open shopping centers and supermarkets, to receptions and parties. She even took Digby to meet Queen

life of glamor over, was shattered. woman was found dead in her autmobile after taking a massive dose of

she took it very badly," her husband, Norman Harrison, told an inquest Friday. "The dog's death was a shock and her life changed considerably afterwards.

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ly-planted trees line the sidewalks. ter Athens area. At the moment all services are in the middle of the city and the traffic problem is horrendous Three-quarters of Greece's indus-

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the Plaka, the old quarter beneath

the Acropolis, and hundreds of new-

In the spring, giant neon signs will come off buildings along a central boulevard so that passers-by can enjoy the splendor of neo-classical try is concentrated around Athens architecture. along with all government offices, 70 percent of doctors and half of the These are good things, but the plan has to provide more than country's privately-owned cars.

cosmetic changes, and parts of it are just Utopian," said Costas Gartzos, Trees, parks and playgrounds make up only 3 percent of the Athens area. Tall apartment blocks tower an architect and one of 30 Greek city planners who have joined forces to above narrow streets choked with work on the new scheme. traffic. A recent survey showed the

We have to consider people's city is one of the world's noisiest, basic social needs in housing, recreathreatening the physchological tion and waste disposal, and we have to make sure the government under-Under the new plan, vehicles are stands. barred from certain districts, notably

Pollution control may play a decisive role in the future of Athens, Gartzos said. There now is so much

Owner commits suicide after her celebrity dog dies

United Press International. ROTHERHAM, England — Mrs.

Cynthia Harrison apparently could not live without her shaggy English sheepdog, Digby, a television star. She also became a celebrity when Digby captured the hearts of millions of Britons in paint commercials

But Digby died unexpectedly at the age of 7 and Mrs. Harrison, her Just before Christmas, 14 months after Digby's death, the 46-year-old

'It was a very sudden blow, and



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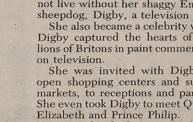
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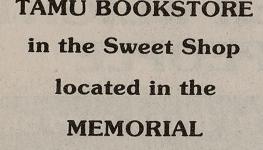
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