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Cobra Kissing Is Cinch Says This Jungle Man

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BOMBAY (U.P.) — Do you want to kiss a cobra?

Just look up John A. Royola, former associate of Frank ("Bring 'em back alive.") Buck, and now custodian of a deckful of animals and snakes which the American ship Flying Enterprise is carrying to New York.

Royola has caught more than 500 cobras bare-handed and has kissed at least one. He likes cobras.

"I feel sort of like an uncle to them," he said.

A Hawaiian-born Filipino and closely resembling Sabu the movie actor, he substituted for the star during the filming of Kipling's "Jungle Stories."

"My part was to give the cobra a realistic kiss," Royola grinned. "Easiest money I ever earned."

Gunpowder Helps

During the war he caught cobras for the army in the Philippines. When snake-bite serum was scarce he cauterized a bite by emptying gunpowder into the wound and lighting it with a

match. He said it was a sure cure for any venom "if it is done pronto."

It was in Koh Sichang, 50 miles from Bangkok, that Capt. Kai de Vermont, master of the "Flying Enterprise," turned over the forward deck of his ship to Royola's "zoo," which he caught near the Siam-Burman border.

Five baby elephants with one inch of tusk for each of their five years of age were chained on the deck. In between its use for the seamen, the 550-pound "babies" kept cool by spraying themselves from a drum full of water.

One hundred and fifty monkeys shrieked and chattered in cages across the deck from the 30 cobras, five pythons and a "red-band" snake, a small reptile which Royola says is the deadliest snake in the world.

Bears Like Toys

Three Malayan honey bears which look as if they came straight from a toy counter were caged across from a mandril monkey, appropriately named "Killer."

This vicious monkey, about 24 inches high, with angry red eye sockets and fiery red eyeballs could kill a man easily, says Royola.

"I'd rather handle a thousand cobras than one mandril," he said.

Paradoxically, Royola puts a devenomed cobra into the Killer's cage when it becomes unmanageable, since the cobra is the only living thing the mandrill fears, according to Royola.

Besides a few wild cats, civet cats and one sea otter, there were two three-month-old aardvarks. These ant-eating animals with pink-tipped snouts are as affectionate and tame as the five gibbons which amused visitors and crew with their antics.

To Help Research

Royola will deliver the snakes to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The monkeys are going to the American Institute for Cancer Research. The other animals are headed for zoos throughout the United States.

Royola and his two Malayan assistants "milk" the cobras once a week. The venom is crystallized to preserve it for snake-bite serum and blood-clotting fluid for internal hemorrhages.

Royola, who claims the snakes know his footsteps at feeding time, pulled a cobra out of the cage with a short, hooked stick. He worried it a bit to anger it enough to strike, then seized it just behind the head and above the hood, and "milked" the venom into a small vial. Afterwards he squeezed open the cobra's mouth and fed him two raw eggs through a funnel.

HOUSING'S LIKE THAT

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bruchy didn't want to leave their rented house. They were jailed on disorderly conduct charges. The police said Mrs. Bruchy attacked them with a butcher knife and her husband joined her with an ice pick.

Seminole Get Break On A u t o license

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (U.P.)—The dwindling band of Seminole Indians in Florida stays one up on the "palefaces" every year when it comes to buying automobile license plates.

The Redmen are the only Floridians who don't have to pay for their license plates.

The policy started about 17 years ago during the administration of Gov. David Sholtz, who

wanted to help the seminole with their problems.

Sholtz took his entire cabinet of state officials down the Tamiami Trail to hold a pow-wow with the Indians, and explained through an interpreter that Florida wanted to assist the Indians in any way possible. But the

Indians turned down his offers, and said they didn't want any help from the palefaces except free licenses to dress up their cars and make them look pretty.

So when the black and yellow tags go on sale Dec. 1, the Seminoles will be about the only Floridians who won't be grumbling.



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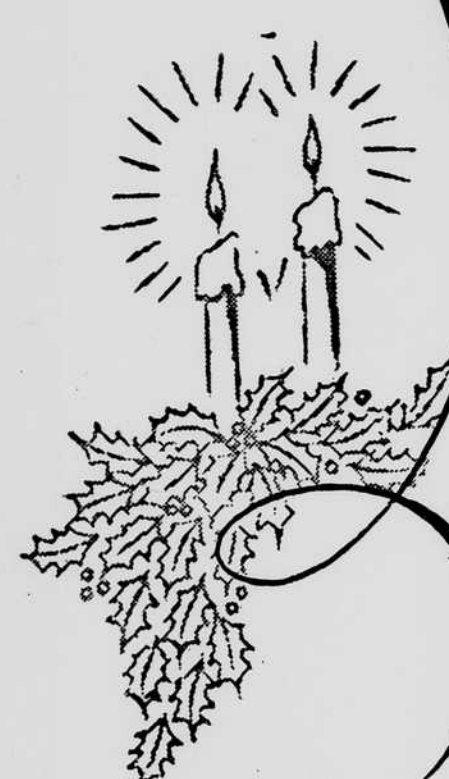
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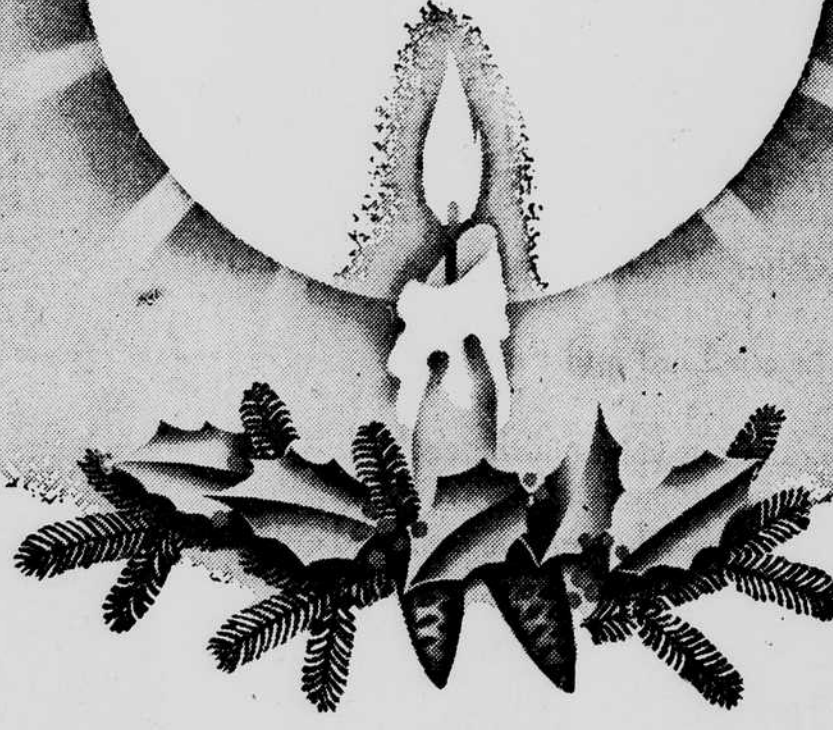
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