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The Weather

Partly cloudy and warm-er today. Saturday mostly cloudy and mild. High today, 48; low, 30. High Thursday, 36; low, 9.

Beachhead Defenders Aided by Navy Rockets

From the Wire Services TOKYO (FRIDAY) - Short-range rocket firing ships today blazed into action off Hungnam - indicating the Communist forces are closing in on that last tiny Allied beachhead in northeast Korea.

While the U.S. navy rocket firing ships held off three enemy divisions, engineers methodically destroyed the war-making potential of the North Korean industrial center - Hungnam.

Shrinking Perimeter The deadly rocket ships joined the defense of a steadily shrinking perimeter into which the 60,000-man U.S. 10th corps withdrew.

Since Dec. 14, a military blackout has covered the 10th corps withdrawal. At that time, Moscow radio quoted the North Korean Red command as saying the corps was going aboard ships for evacuation.

Rocket ships were widely used in the latter part of World War II. A delayed dispatch disclosed today that U.S. army engineers Wednesday blew up the last bridge link to the beachhead - a 1,500-foot long steel and concrete structure three miles west of Hungnam. It had linked the port with the now abandoned Yonpo airfield.

A threatening buildup of Red strength presaged fresh assaults on the western Korean front. General MacArthur's headquarters meanwhile reported American casualties in Korea between Nov. 24 and Dec. 12 were 11,964. Other UN casualties, not counting South Korean Republicans, raised the figure for that period to 12,975.

With previous defense department figures, this indicated total American casualties for the war have exceeded 42,000. Thirty percent of these losses in dead, wounded and missing thus were suffered in 19 days after the Chinese Communists threw their hundreds of thousands of troops into an offensive which MacArthur has described as an entirely new and undeclared war.

The headquarters report said Chinese Red forces had suffered losses 10 times greater than UN casualties.

Railroad Dispute Settled, Give Wage Raise to 300,000 WASHINGTON - The railroads and four big unions agreed Thursday to a three-year pact settling a long wage dispute. The agreement raises wages of 300,000 engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen, retroactive to Oct. 1, and calls for future adjustments as living costs rise or fall.

This provision for flexible wages - reached under the eyes of U.S. officials - could set a pattern for government wage policy under the mobilization program.

26-Hour Conference The White House announced the peace plan after a night-long 26-hour conference. A railroad official estimated the agreement will cost \$131-million a year.

The possible effect on passenger and freight rates was not indicated.

The settlement included these terms: For 120,000 yardmen - a retroactive increase of 23-cents-an-hour with another two cents on Jan. 1 and adjustments geared to living costs. These are provided for each three months beginning next April 1 at the rate of one-cent-an-hour for each rise or fall of one point in the government's consumer price index.

For 180,000 road service workers - a retroactive increase of five-cents-an-hour, another five cents on Jan. 1 and the same cost of living arrangement.

The agreement also provides for an adjustment of one-cent-an-hour for each point in the rise or fall of the cost of living. The base point is 176 on the government's consumer price index - or about where it stands now.

Major Demand One of the major items in the four unions' demands was for a 40-hour week for yard workers, with the same pay they now get for 48 hours.

This was settled by acceptance in principle, but the 40-hour schedule is held up until at least Jan. 1, 1952.

The settlement is subject to ratification of bargaining committees which have been standing by here for weeks.

UN Cease-Fire Team Sends Third Message To Communist China

From the Wire Services LAKE SUCCESS - The United Nations cease-fire team sent a third cable to the Chinese Communist government Thursday pressing its previous unanswered bids for formal talks on halting the war in Korea.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie said he hoped the cease-fire group would succeed in stopping the Korean conflict and said it would not be the mediators' fault if they failed.

Lie said the present world situation is difficult, but he still believes peace can be preserved.

He talked with reporters here on the eve of a trip to Norway to spend his first Christmas with his family in five years.

Thursday's message was addressed to Chou En-Lai, Chinese Communist foreign minister. It said:

"We hope to receive your reply to our earlier messages regarding cease-fire arrangements in Korea. Political committee of UN assembly has now taken a brief recess but will meet again very shortly in order to consider amongst other things a full report from the cease-fire group. We propose to begin preparation of that report next week, and would, therefore, appreciate an early reply from you."

A spokesman for the truce team said the group would not meet again until after Christmas - probably in the middle of the week, depending on developments.

Stalin Celebrates 71st Birthday

MOSCOW - Marshal Josef Stalin was 71 years old Thursday but the Moscow newspapers made no mention of the fact in contrast to the gigantic celebration on his last birthday.

It was believed Stalin spent the day in the Kremlin, as usual, directing the affairs of the Soviet Union and conferring with top government and Communist party leaders. Normally he works until long past midnight.

The Literary Gazette, a magazine of the union of Soviet writers, marked the premier's birthday with a three column first page article entitled a "flood of greetings." The title referred to the greetings sent Stalin on his 70th birthday last year.

Winter, Warm Weather Arrive Together Today

Winter bows in officially at 6:14 a.m. (Iowa time) today - with the warmest weather Iowa City has enjoyed in weeks.

The weather bureau has forecast a mild and cloudy weekend, a welcome change from the sub-zero and near-zero temperatures which have hung over the state most of the time since before Thanksgiving.

The low predicted for this area tonight is 30 above, and the mercury might climb to around 50 sometime during the day.

In November and December various parts of the nation suffered through floods, blizzards, wind storms, drought and some of the coldest weather in years.

Even as winter approached, much of the eastern half of the nation was in the grip of a prolonged cold spell that had kept temperatures below freezing in the Midwest for 14 straight days.

Snow flurries swirled over the upper Ohio valley and the mercury registered 16 below zero at Bemidji, Minn., and 2 below at Binghamton, N.Y.

It was cold in Dixie with the temperatures 22 degrees at Macon, Ga. Florida's winter playground was recovering from three days of cold weather that formed ice on ponds and left beaches deserted. Natives couldn't remember the like in 40 years.

A 30-day forecast showed above normal snow and other precipitation for the east, Great Lakes and Pacific northwest.

November got off to a good start with a late "heat" wave that sent the mercury to record highs at many points. But thereafter winter howled in and dumped heavy snows on the east in the great storm of Nov. 25.

Alfred Bergdoll Gets Five Year Sentence

NEW YORK (AP) - The son of World War I's most notorious draft dodger was sentenced to five years in prison Thursday for refusing to don a military uniform - but American justice gave him a chance to change his mind.

Alfred Bergdoll, 23, German-born son of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, gave no indication in federal court whether he would accept the offer. He has 60 days to think it over.

He pleaded guilty Monday to violating the selective service act by refusing to report for a physical examination or induction into the armed forces.



General 'Ike' Relaxes

RELAXING BEFORE TAKING ON A HUGE TASK, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower shot a few holes of golf in Denver Thursday. Eisenhower has been appointed supreme commander of the West's new 1-million man army which is to be comprised of soldiers from the 12 Atlantic Pact nations and Germany. On his lap the general has a new western hat presented to him this week by Dan Thornton, governor-elect of Colorado.

Truman Meets Acheson, Hoover's Plan Rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Truman proclaimed U.S. solidarity with Western Europe Thursday and appeared to turn down Herbert Hoover's plan for American defenses based primarily on the oceans and key islands.

The President said the unity of Western Europe and the North Atlantic community is "vital" to their mutual security.

Expressed Confidence In a statement, he also expressed confidence that Western European nations "mean business" about setting up common defenses.

Former President Hoover, in his New York speech Wednesday night, pictured Western Europe as "confused with fears and disunities." He urged that the United States refrain from "landing another man or dollar" there.

But the U.S. high command proceeded with plans to send more troops to Western Europe.

Gen. J. Lawton Collins, army chief of staff just returned from North Atlantic Defense treaty meeting in London, informed reporters he expected some additional U.S. troops will be dispatched before next July 1. In response to queries, he said he could not indicate how many.

President Truman issued his statement after a conference with Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who returned Thursday morning from a Brussels meeting of the North Atlantic treaty council which reached final agreement to create an international defense army in Europe.

Acheson went to the White House where he gave Mr. Truman a full report of the Brussels meeting and also of his separate talks with French Foreign Minister Schuman and British Foreign Minister Bevin.

The President's statement said that Acheson, Bevin and Schuman reached "full agreement on how the three governments . . . would take up with the German government the problem of German contributions to the defense of Western Europe."

Wilson Begins Duties As Mobilization Chief

West Germans Agree to Furnish Troops to West

From the Wire Services BONN, GERMANY - Chancellor Konrad Adenauer announced Thursday night "there has been a big step forward" in plans to include West German forces in the West's project 1-million-man defense force against Communist aggression.

World Situation at a Glance

BONN, GERMANY - West German Chancellor Adenauer said West Germans will contribute soldiers to West's newly formed 1-million man army, if his country gets altered political status.

KOREAN FRONT - Threatening buildup of Red strength prefaces fresh assault on western Korean front. Quiet prevails at Hungnam beachhead evacuation area after Red attacks are smashed.

MOSCOW - Premier Stalin has 71st birthday, spends day working at desk in Kremlin. Nation does not have huge celebration it had for his 70th birthday.

UNITED NATIONS - Secretary General Lie says he believes peace can be preserved. Cease-fire team sends third telegram to Peiping requesting Chinese Communist government answer, and signify willingness to negotiate on Korea.

WASHINGTON - Mobilization director Wilson takes office and promises 50 to 100 percent more war material will roll off U.S. production lines in 1951 than in year after "Pearl Harbor."

HONG KONG - Communist China formally cuts off all trade with Japan and U.S.

Mrs. Rosenberg Okayed For Defense Position

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mrs. Anna Rosenberg Thursday won senate confirmation as assistant secretary of defense after a committee reported that charges of Communist affiliation against her were unfounded.

Mrs. Rosenberg, a manpower expert, already is at work in the \$15,000 job for which she was chosen by Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall.

The West German Chancellor was smiling as he emerged from a conference at which the high commissioners of the United States, Britain and France offered their first big concession for German participation.

Increased Independence

The Western Allies had offered increased independence to West Germany, and declared that they were willing to consider any concession the Germans may demand as a price for furnishing troops for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's European defense army.

The Western occupation chiefs - High Commissioners John J. McCloy of the United States, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick of Britain and Andre Francois - Poncet of France - met for five hours with Adenauer.

A communique said the occupation powers had agreed to place their relations with West Germany "on an increasing degree of a contractual basis." This implied a sweeping away of occupation controls in return for German participation in the defense of Europe.

Long Pull

But it will be a long, hard pull yet, toward both creation of German units, with a German share in General Eisenhower's international command, and increased independence for West Germany.

An authoritative Allied source said the controversial question of the size of the German contingents was not touched on.

Reports from Brussels indicated the Allies' plan was based on German combat teams with a maximum of 8,000 men each.

The Allies assured Adenauer that there was provision for a German share in the command. But they reiterated there was to be no German national army and general staff on the old Wehrmacht pattern.

GM Will Sell New Cars at Rollback Price

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson predicted Thursday that 50 to 100 percent more war material will roll off U.S. production lines in 1951 than "in the first big year after Pearl Harbor."

He did not specify what year he meant. Nor did he give any comparative figures.

Better Condition

Testifying before a senate-house committee, Wilson declared the U.S. is in "far better condition" from a production standpoint now than it was on the eve of World War II.

Appearing with Wilson, Economic Stabilizer Alan Valentine said his agency intends to "stabilize" wages in the auto industry to go along with the recent mandatory rollback in new car prices to Dec. 1 levels.

In Detroit, yielding to the government price rollback edict, General Motors lifted its ban on sale of new model Chevrolet, Pontiac and Cadillac automobiles. It agreed to sell them at 1950 model prices.

Valentine also reported that the economic stabilization administration (ESA) is now "working on meat prices."

Even as Valentine testified, the wage stabilization board announced it has reached unanimous agreement on the question of wage controls covering 1-million auto workers. The nature of the agreement was not announced.

Sweeping Powers

Wilson will have sweeping powers to run all the government's mobilization activities - production, procurement, manpower, transportation, and economic stabilization. He will be responsible only to the President.

Elsewhere on the mobilization front:

1. Working at top speed, the senate voted \$20-billion in new defense funds and approved \$1.6-billion for military construction projects, many of them top secret.

2. House leaders decided to postpone a vote until Jan. 1 on a controversial bill granting new emergency powers to President Truman.

3. A new congressional battle appeared in the offing over former President Hoover's proposal to shorten America's defense lines and arm this country "to the teeth" to defend its Atlantic and Pacific frontiers.

Senate GOP leader Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska said Hoover's suggestions "collide directly with those of President Truman and congress and the public must decide who is right."

Sen. Herbert Lehman (D-N.Y.) called Hoover's speech Wednesday night an appeal to "return to complete isolationism."

In another development, Chairman William H. Harrison of the national production authority confirmed that his agency plans to set up an all-industry "controlled materials plan." It will be similar to the wartime program for allocating basic defense metals to industry.

Mrs. Caraway Dies, Former U.S. Senator

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway of Arkansas, first woman ever elected to the United States senate, died Thursday after a lengthy illness. She was 72.

Mrs. Caraway, a Democrat, served in the senate from November, 1931, until January, 1945. She was appointed to succeed her husband, Thaddeus Caraway, who died while a senator. Later, she won one special and two regular elections.

She suffered a stroke last January which left her partially paralyzed. Her condition declined gradually in recent months.

A relative said Mrs. Caraway's body will be taken to her home at Jonesboro, Ark., for funeral services and burial. However, the time of services is indefinite pending arrival of one of Mrs. Caraway's two sons, Col. Forrest Caraway from his post at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

A second son, Cpl. Paul Caraway, is stationed at Trieste, Italy.

The Cold, Cruel, Bitter Retreat From Changjin to Hungnam



A Last Look at Dead Friends

BRINGING OUT THEIR OWN DEAD, grim American troops walked behind a truck laden with U.S. troops who had fallen in the bitter fighting as the trapped forces battled from the hills toward the Hungnam port area to be evacuated. The U.S. force was withdrawing from the Changjin reservoir area, where they were cut off two weeks ago. This and the picture at right were made by a photographer who was with the troops.



Grim GIs Escort Their Dead

TAKING A LAST LOOK AT FALLEN COMRADES, a GI turned for a look at dead American soldiers as he pushed along the road from the Changjin reservoir area to the Hamhung-Hungnam sector. The soldiers were part of the U.S. force which reached the reservoir area and then were trapped by the Communist push from the Manchurian border, and which has now pushed down to the

38th parallel. Fighting men from this same group are now being evacuated by sea from the Hungnam area. Reports from the area have indicated that all American dead were taken from the reservoir and retreated area and buried in an American cemetery in the Hungnam area. These pictures of the bitter retreat are among the first to reach this country.

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## Interpreting the News —

# Russian Oil Shortage Prevents War, Experts Believe

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Some experts on Russia in Washington think the Kremlin is several million barrels of oil away from touching off World War III.

The Russian position on oil appears to them not too different from Hitler's when he gambled on World War II, hoping that he either had, or would win, enough supplies to carry him through.

Our tanks get two miles to the gallon of gas. On a trip to Europe a B-36 uses more than a tank car of gasoline and 10,000 pounds of lubricating oil.

### Russia Short of Oil

For that kind of warfare the west is set up to carry on indefinitely. Russia according to these men's belief, is only supplied for a lightning war. But that lightning war could be prolonged if the Russians could grab the Middle East oil fields and supply enough air protection to keep them in production.

Apprehension concerning the possibility of such a coup was evidenced in Tehran when Iran's Premier Ali Razmara ordered

all garrisons in a "state of alert" because of the critical world situation. Iran is one of the Middle East's largest oil producers. Right now here is how the East-West production of oil stacks up:

The U.S. is turning out 2,311,000,000 barrels of oil a year. The western hemisphere turns out 3,075,000,000.

The West uses production from the Middle East, 660,000,000 barrels a year. The richest fields lie in Iran; these turn out 251-million barrels a year.

The Russians are turning out only 324-million barrels of oil a year. Moscow gives out no such trade information, but this is the best guess of men who work for American Oil companies and the U.S. government.

### Baku Sole Supply

The only known important Russian supply lies in the Baku oil fields, north of the Caspian sea. Drilling here has been so heavy since 1945 that the Russian call some fields "second Baku."

Whether "first" or "second" Baku, all of those fields are within range of Western Allied planes flying from the Mediter-

anean, where the U.S. is keeping a fleet, and from North Africa where there are air fields which are not decimated by the military. There is a second Russian oil supply in Romania, in the Ploesti oil fields, but that oil is so low grade that it takes a good deal of fancy refining.

The Russians might prolong a war by grabbing the Middle East fields, but they are even more vulnerable to Western bombing than their Baku fields.

The West would like to keep the Middle East fields for its own use, but there would be little tenderness in Washington for the area if held by the Russians.

### Middle East Out

So it is felt that the Middle East fields would be cancelled out if both the East and the West fought for them.

If the experts quoted are correct, the Russians have so little oil margin that if they had to go into a prolonged war they would be up against a serious choice between oil for planes and oil for their tremendous mechanized state-owned farms.

That choice brings a wry smile to the faces of Washington military supply people. They know you have to have both oil for machines and food for fighting men in any prolonged war.

# Pearl Harbor Leads Way in Mobilization

PEARL HARBOR — As the nation braces itself for all-out mobilization, America's key naval shipyard in the Pacific stands one step ahead.

Pearl Harbor naval shipyard started mobilizing early last summer. It had to.

### "Ghost Shipyard"

When America's first Korean-bound warships steamed into Pearl Harbor, this "ghost of a shipyard" wondered how it could make the urgent pre-battle repairs in time.

Once muscled with 6,500 peacetime workers, the yard had lost nearly half its crew in 1949 when the navy's budget was cut.

"We weren't ready for Korea," said Capt. John H. Spiller, in charge of shipyard production. "Our crew of 3,500 was down to bed rock."

But ships awaiting repair lay in the harbor, and they were needed for war.

"Our nucleus crew went to work and did a first class job," said Capt. Joseph S. Lillard, acting commander of the shipyard. "For our speed we thank the good Lord."

### 130,000 Hours Overtime

While the crew was logging 130,000 man-hours of overtime, the shipyard boosted its number of civilian employees to 5,150. The monthly payroll jumped to \$1,812,000—an increase of almost \$600,000 since June.

As more men hired on, a 48-hour work week eased back into the 40-hour schedule. The shipyard commander said there

are still at present no plans for shifting again to the 48-hour week.

But all the way around it's been a close shave, officers said. When the battleship Missouri entered Pearl Harbor with extensive damage from an east coast hurricane, yard workmen swarmed aboard even before Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Arthur W. Radford could greet the skipper.

After four days of around-the-clock labor, workers had installed all the Missouri's new guns and repaired the severe deck damage. But when the navy ordered the "Mighty Mo" to sail, the wiring system was still badly fouled.

### Repairs at Sea

A small crew of shipyard workers sailed with the battleship finishing the job on the way to Korea. They flew back from Tokyo. "Repair isn't our only job," said one shipyard officer. "Look at the ships we've pulled out of mothballs."

Since June this year the shipyard has de-mothballed 34 vessels, mostly smaller craft. At present, 12 more are losing their peacetime wraps.

Ships under foreign flags also receive service at Pearl Harbor. Shipyardmen have worked on French, Canadian and some U.S.-built vessels of the South Korean fleet.

More than 100 ships have stopped at Pearl Harbor since June; 54 are receiving service now and seven are awaiting entrance.

Although the navy wants to hire more skilled labor, there is no thought for the time being of striving for men half the World War II peak of nearly 25,000 workers.

# East, West Use Germany as Strategic Pawn

By ARTHUR GAVSHON and CARTER L. DAVIDSON

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (AP) — The international crisis has made a political powder keg out of Germany, and the western allies are waiting to see whether Soviet Russia will put a torch to it.

The Atlantic pact nations made it known Tuesday they are offering planes, guns and ships to conquered West Germans if they will join Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's international army.

At the same time the United States, Britain and France agreed to meet Russia for a showdown on Germany "and other problems." Their notes saying so are reported to be on the way to Moscow. Informed sources in London said the notes will be delivered to the Kremlin today.

Whatever the "other problems" are, one thing is clear: leaders of

both East and West regard even a defeated Germany as a major military factor in calculations of strategy.

### Diplomats or Soldiers

The big question today is: Will Russia use her diplomats or her soldiers to keep the Germans in military quarantine?

The Soviet government's official newspaper, Izvestia, raised Wednesday the cry that the Brussels decisions were made "by orders from Washington."

### That was expected.

Russia accused both Britain and France last weekend of violating their treaties with the Soviets by backing German rearmament.

The five "Western European union" nations started Wednesday to fuse their armies into Gen. Eisenhower's new international force. Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg de-

clared at a Brussels meeting of their foreign ministers to put at Gen. Eisenhower's disposal the joint staff they have built up in more than two years of peace-time military cooperation. This is the staff at the United Nations defense headquarters in Fontainebleau, France, under British Field Marshal Lord Montgomery. The U.S., Canada, Italy, Portugal, Norway, Denmark, and Iceland are the other members of the 12-nation Atlantic alliance.

### Negotiations to Start

The U.S., British and French high commissioners will start negotiations with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in Bonn today, looking toward use of 150,000 Germans in a 1-million-man force proposed to be built up in two years.

The West Germans appeared united against such service unless proposed concessions to them are increased to full equality. It was disclosed here that the Germans would once again be permitted to man not only infantry weapons, tanks and coast defense vessels. In addition, a high German officer will sit on Gen. Eisenhower's planning staff.

### How Could He Win?

BERLIN (AP)—It was a sad day for Max Zander when he sued his wife for divorce in an East Berlin court. He charged Mrs. Zander, who moved to the West during bombing raids on Berlin, deserted him.

Notified, she returned to East Berlin. She brought along letters Zander had written her, telling of miserable living conditions in East Berlin and the Soviet zone.

The court decided Mrs. Zander deserved the divorce. Then it sentenced Zander to two years in prison for "preaching false rumors, slandering the Soviet army and endangering internal peace."



# Schoolmaster, Priest Wrote Beloved Carol 'Silent Night'

By THE CENTRAL PRESS

High in the Austrian Alps, in the region known as the Tyrol — "the land in the mountains" — is to be found the birthplace of "Silent Night, Holy Night." Here, the towering Tyrolean peaks, centuries old and famed for their snow-capped grandeur rise in lofty simplicity into the cool, clear air, guarding little smiling, peaceful valleys.

Far up in these Alpine mountains, where love of music is nature's gift to every child, nestles the remote town of Oberndorf, Austria. It was here that in 1818 lived a devout young Lutheran pastor, the Rev. Joseph Mohr.

Together with his friend, the village schoolmaster and church organist Franz Gruber, Pastor Mohr gave the world this beautiful and most famous of all Christmas hymns.

The two men, both lovers of great music, had often talked of the fact that "the perfect Christmas song had not yet been found." Meditating on this thought, Mohr sat in his church study on Christmas eve, 1818.

Outside, the hushed silence of the night heightened the snow-covered beauty and peaceful stillness of the mountain scene. The purity and calmness of the high peaks filled his heart with radiant peace and joy of the first Christmas tidings, "Jesus, the Saviour is born."

### Sudden Inspiration

The thoughts which had been long forming in his mind suddenly found clear, musical expressions that night in the song which we have since come to know and love as "Silent Night, Holy Night."

The next morning, Christmas day, the Rev. Mohr hurried to his friend's home with the manuscript of his precious song. Gruber read it intently and exclaimed with uncontrolled enthusiasm, "Friend Mohr, you have found it — the right song — God be praised!"

### Words Set to Song

Gruber, thrilled with the spirit of his friend's verses, at once set to work to compose a perfect melody for "the perfect song."

Finally, the soft, flowing air we now use came to him. "It sings itself, your song," he cried to the delighted priest. Gruber's contribution to music lies in the beauty and simplicity of the tune, in its perfect blending in spirit with the pastor's verses. The two men then sang the hymn over together, to have it ready for the church devotions that night.

Later the same evening, when the villagers were gathered in the little gray church, the Rev. Mohr and Gruber sang their new Christmas song before their first audience. It touched these listeners deeply, and after the service, they thanked the two friends with tears of joy in

their eyes.

The story of how the song spread from its mountain home in the Tyrol, to become a Christmas favorite in all parts of the world is full of interest. Only very slowly did it come into fame.

### Nearly Forgotten

For nearly a year after its first appearance the song lay almost forgotten in Gruber's desk. Then in November, 1819, the church organ had to be repaired, and the repair man, when he had finished with his work, asked Gruber to play something to test the organ.

The beautiful melody of "Silent Night" came back to Gruber's mind, and he played it with all its powerful simplicity and beauty. So entranced was the organ-builder that he begged to take a copy of the song home with him to his little town across the mountain.

### Finally Published

From one music lover to another, the hymn was passed on. Still it was without a name, and was known simply as "The Tyrolean Song," because it had first come from the Tyrolean Alps. With that title it was printed in 1842 for the first time, fully 25 years after it had been composed.

From that time on, the song has been translated into many other languages and carried to all parts of the world to become the most famous and best loved of all Christmas songs and hymns.

# Russians Shop for January Christmas

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russians thronged stores Wednesday in holiday shopping for Christmas celebrations that come with the New Year.

The Russians do not observe Christmas, Dec. 25.

Instead, there are celebrations throughout the country on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day resembling a combination of Christmas and New Year's.

In addition, religious believers celebrate the Russian Orthodox church Christmas on Jan. 6.

Loads of fir trees already are on sale, and most Russians will have one in their home with a tinsel sign under it "Grandfather Frost" — the Russian equivalent of a combination of Santa Claus and Jack Frost.

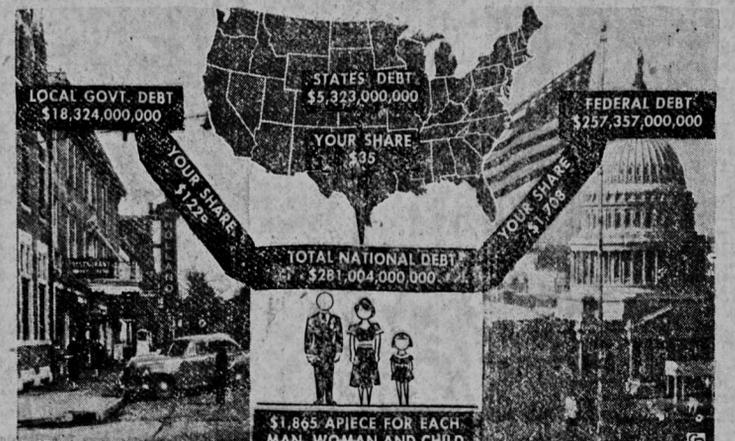
# American Nations To Meet February

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreign ministers of the 21 American republics will meet here early next year at the request of the United States to lay plans for safeguarding the hemisphere against any Communist aggression.

The council of the Organization of American States (OAS) accepted this government's suggestion, brushed aside the usual formalities and discussed mid-February or shortly thereafter as the date of the emergency session.

The U.S. request to the council declared that "the aggressive policy of international communism, carried through its satellites, has brought about a situation in which the entire free world is threatened."

## Each of Us Owes \$1,865, It Will Soon Be More



TODAY THE TOTAL NATIONAL DEBT IS \$281,004,000,000, only \$1,865,000,000 under the wartime peak of 1946, and still going up. Presently Congress is rushing legislation on national defense which is aimed at spending about \$20-billion, a portion of which will be raised in pay-as-you-go type of taxes. What the national debt will be a year from now no one will estimate. Census bureau computes the above division for local, state and federal shares. State and local together are at an all-time high, but in 1932 the local debt was higher, \$134 for each person. Locally financed relief for depression struck families had caused that.

# Margaret Listed in Who's Who in Music

CHICAGO (AP) — Who Is Who in Music, Incorporated, publisher of a book of biographies of persons in the music field, has disclosed printed proofs of a new entry. It starts:

"Truman, Margaret; American concert singer. Lyric and coloratura soprano. Presently concertizing in a limited number of appearances throughout America and recording. Born 17 February 1924 to Harry S. and Bess (Wallace) Truman. Her father (is) an ama-

teur pianist."

Further down, it reads:

"Her engagements are limited to thirty each season, must be dignified programs, stipulate that there shall be no advance in admission prices, and are booked at fees in the middle range of approximately \$1,500 for concerts and \$3,000 for broadcasts."



# WSUI PROGRAM CALENDAR

Friday, December 22, 1950

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Music for the Connoisseur
- 9:30 a.m. Baker's Dozen
- 10:00 a.m. The Bookshelf
- 10:15 a.m. Before the Doctor Comes
- 10:30 a.m. Ways and Wax
- 11:15 a.m. Music of Manhattan
- 11:30 a.m. Christmas Calendar
- 11:45 a.m. Here's to Veterans
- 12:00 noon Rhythmic Rambles
- 1:00 p.m. Musical Chats
- 2:15 p.m. Sailor Dan

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## UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR items are scheduled in the President's office, Old Capitol

- Saturday, December 23
  - 8:00 p.m. — Basketball: UCLA here. Fieldhouse.
- Thursday, December 28
  - 7:30 p.m. — The University club, Holiday bridge with guests. Iowa
- Saturday, December 30
  - 8:00 p.m. — Basketball: Pitts-burgh U. here. Fieldhouse.
- Tuesday, January 2
  - 7:30 a.m. — Resumption of classes.

(For information regarding dates beyond this schedule, see reservations in the office of the President, Old Capitol.)

## The 38th Crossed, Recrossed



A U.S. EIGHTH ARMY JEEP crosses the much crossed 38th parallel. The parallel, an arbitrary border set by Russia and the U.S. following World War II, was the scene of many border skirmishes before the Russian backed North Korean Communists started the present war by crossing the border in force June 25. With U.S. and United Nations involvement in the war, the tense world situation which has grown out of the war, the United Press editors had little difficulty in selecting the war story as tops for the year.

# United Press Editors Select Top 1950 Story

NEW YORK (AP) — The war in Korea with United Nations and later Chinese Communist intervention was the biggest news story of 1950 in the opinion of the editors of The United Press who have announced their annual list of outstanding news events of the year.

The attempt of two Puerto Rican assassins to kill President Truman at Blair House in Washington on Nov. 1 was the second biggest news story, the U.P. editors decided. In third place the editors put the off-year elections which unseated the Democratic senate leadership and resulted in gains for the Republicans in the house.

The U. P. editors pointed out that as in previous years several of the biggest stories in 1950 were continuing ones. The Korean war, the UN attempts to solve the Korean crisis, which was placed fourth, and the congressional drive against Communists in the United States, placed sixth, were in that category this year. None of the three had been resolved at the year's end.

In 1949 the "10 biggest news stories" as selected by U. P. editors, included three continuing stories — Communist overrun China, coal — steel strikes threaten American economy, (3rd)

and high naval officers challenge unification policy, (4th). The No. 1 story in 1949 was President Truman's announcement of an atomic explosion in Russia.

In 1948, there were four continuing stories among the "10 biggest." They were the Berlin airlift, (2nd), the high cost of living, (7th) and the U.S. spy investigations, (8th). The top story that year was President Truman's election.

The 1950 list in full: 1. War breaks out in Korea; UN and then Chinese Communists intervene. 2. Puerto Rican assassins try to kill President Truman at Blair House. 3. Off-year elections unseat Democratic leadership in senate. 4. UN attempts to solve Korean crisis.

5. Brinks express robbed of more than \$1-million in Boston holdup. 6. Congress starts drive against Communists in the U.S. 7. Western powers re-arm against communism. 8. Alger Hiss tried and convicted of perjury in state document stealing.

9. Pope proclaims assumption dogma to climax holy year. 10. Dr. Hermann Sander tried and acquitted of "mercy murder" of woman cancer patient.

## GENERAL NOTICES

GENERAL NOTICES should be deposited with the city editor of The Daily Iowan in the newsroom in East Hall. Notices must be submitted by 2 p.m. the day preceding first publication; they will NOT be accepted by phone, and must be TYPED OR LEGIBLY WRITTEN and SIGNED by a responsible person.

UWA applications for 1951 orientation, "Code for Coeds," and the Spinsters' Spree are now available at the office of student affairs. Orientation council applications are due Dec. 8. The others are due Jan. 5.

NORTH GYMNASIUM handball and badminton courts will be open to University students, staff and faculty from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the following days: Dec. 16, 18 to 22 and 26 through 29.

LIBRARY BOOKS charged from Macbride hall reading room from Sunday, Dec. 3 through Wednesday, Dec. 13, will be due during the holiday period on the date stamped unless renewed. Books charged out on Dec. 14 will be due on Jan. 2; on Dec. 15 and 16, due Jan. 3.

FRENCH PH.D. reading examination will be given Saturday, Jan. 13, 1951, from 9-11 a.m. in room 221A Schaeffer hall. Make application by signing the sheet posted outside room 307 Schaeffer hall. No applications accepted after Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1951. Next exam will be at the end of the second semester.

RESERVE BOOKS may be charged from Serials — Reserve reading room for the holiday period beginning Friday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. These books will be due by 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2. One copy of each reserve book will be held for use in the reading room during vacation.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY hours at Macbride hall reading room and serials reserve reading room will be: Saturday, Dec. 16, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 17, closed; Monday, Dec. 18, through Friday, Dec. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Dec. 23 through 25, closed; Tuesday, Dec. 26, through Friday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to 12 noon; Sunday, Dec. 31, closed; Monday, Jan. 1, closed; Tuesday, Jan. 2, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Departmental libraries will be posted at each library.

# Calsbeek's Leg Injury Improves



FRANK CALSBEEK Scoring Touch Returns

Iowa's chances against UCLA Saturday night have been enhanced by the continued improvement of Frank Calsbeek's injured thigh. The Hawkeye captain has shown more speed in practice and looks at home again on his deadly pivot shots.

The Iowa squad winds up this week's drills today before meeting the Bruins here Saturday night. The much-traveled west coast team will arrive in Iowa City after losing to Bradley, 79-74 Tuesday and taking their lumps from Long Island university Thursday by a score of 90-71.

It's Calsbeek who may cause the Uclans' defense ample grief. His 16 points against Notre Dame showed Frank approaching his usual scoring form for the first time this season.

It couldn't come at a better time with the conference season only two weeks away. Iowa will open the Big Ten race at home meeting Purdue here Jan. 6 and then entertaining Illinois' youthful club two days later.

Though UCLA's ranking as the ninth team in the nation probably has taken a beating because of their twin defeats on the road, the Bruins still pose a large threat to Iowa's 48 game win streak at home against non-conference foes.

## UCLA Loses, 90-71

NEW YORK (AP) — Long Island university's skyscrapers, paced by 6-9 Sherman White and 6-11 Ray Felix, staged a scoring festival Thursday night, rolling up their season high as they whipped UCLA in a wild free-scoring basketball game, 90-71. A Madison Square Garden crowd of about 16,000 attended.

# Queen of Roses Welcomes Wolverines to California



FOOTBALL PLAYING HAS ITS MOMENTS, despite all the sweat and practice associated with it. Above, for instance, Michigan Coach Bennie Oosterbaan (left) and Wolverine Capt. Al Wahl got their lapels adorned with roses by a couple of other California adornments. That's Queen of the Roses Eleanor Payne and Princess

Nancy Robinson keeping the company happy. It'll be strictly business New Year's Day when Michigan tangles with the unbeaten, but once-tied Golden Bears of California in the Rose Bowl. The Big Ten representatives have posted four straight wins over west coast foes, but Michigan goes into the game a touchdown underdog.

# Waldorf Fears Michigan Passes, Line Strength

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Lynn (Weepy) Waldorf took one look Thursday at Michigan's spotty 1950 football records, another at his undefeated California bears and then got out the crying towel as he prepped his boys for the Rose Bowl battle with the Big Ten club.

"Why, we have the poorest club we've brought to the Rose Bowl in three years," said Waldorf, "and I believe Michigan is stronger than either Ohio State or Northwestern, the teams that whipped us on New Year's the past two seasons."

How Proud Pappy came to such a conclusion is hard to understand, but he is noted for being an eternal pessimist. Told that his boys had been installed as half-point favorites in some quarters and by as much as seven in others, he couldn't fathom the reasons.

agree. It's true, the team doesn't get quite as good blocking as its predecessors.

But the Cal backfield, featuring Johnny Olszewski, Pete Schabarum and Jim Monachino, is the best that has gone to the Rose Bowl for any team in recent years. And neither of the recent California teams had a linebacker of the ability of Les Richter, the all-American guard.

This team, too, has less experience, with many of the players only sophomores (such as Olszewski) or juniors (like Richter). But it has more ground power and it hasn't yet met a team able to bottle up its crushing running attack.

The sole weakness so far this season has been on pass defense. Nearly every team the Bears have played all year has been able to move easily through the air. And in Ortmann the Wolverines possess the Big Ten's finest passer, in the opinion of Waldorf.

"That's why I believe Michigan should be the favorite," says Pappy. If the Wolverines win, it will

## Hickman Selected To Lead All-Stars

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Tribune announced Thursday night that Yale's Herman Hickman will coach the 1951 all-star football squad against the professional champions.

The newspaper said Hickman had accepted the position in Miami, where he now is coaching a group of northern college seniors for an all-star game with southern players Christmas night.

The Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc., annually sponsors the all-star game. Last summer's classic was won by the all-stars, coached by Dr. Eddie Anderson, 17-7, over the Philadelphia Eagles.

The 1951 all-star game will be on Aug. 17 in Chicago. The graduated collegians will play the winner of next Sunday's Cleveland Browns - Los Angeles Rams professional championship game at Cleveland.

GAVILAN IN 10-ROUNDER NEW YORK (AP) — Kid Gavilan risks his New York ranking as No. 1 welterweight contender tonight when he faces young Joe Miceli, a 22-year-old comer from this town's east side, in the main ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden.

## Cage Results

Long Island 30, UCLA 71  
Tulane 67, Northwestern 49  
Oklahoma 48, CCNY 43  
Hastings (Neb.) 49, Iowa Teachers 46  
Holy Cross 64, Vanderbilt 62  
Great Lakes 73, Upper Iowa 69

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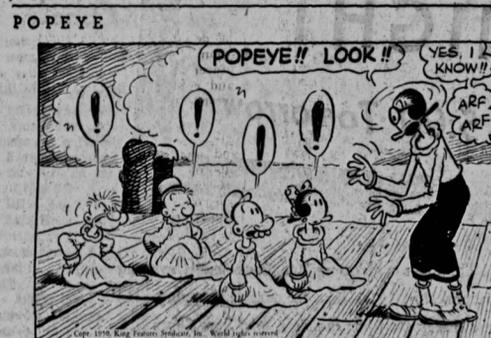
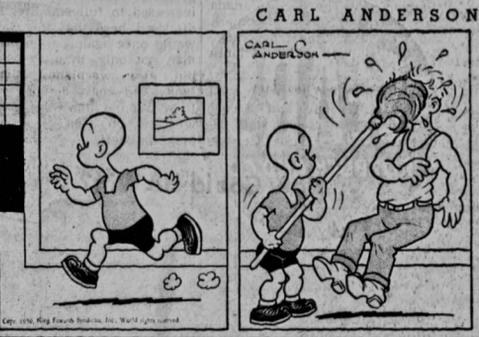


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