

Latest Russian Move Makes Agreement On Berlin More Difficult



These "walking skis" demonstrated by five-year-old Judith Ann Gopetz, a spastic, are one of the newest developments in orthopedic equipment. They were demonstrated at the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults convention in Chicago.

Community Chests Campaign Results

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BERLIN, Dec. 8 — (AP) — The Communist pitch splitting Berlin is interpreted here to mean Russia does not intend to compromise its cold war against the west.

Outing the legally-elected city government from the Soviet sector and setting up a puppet Communist regime makes it immeasurably more difficult for the west to come to agreement with the Soviets over the Berlin blockade.

The west refuses to discuss the German problem as a whole as long as the Soviet blockade continues. Thus there can be no settlement over divided Germany. Without a settlement on Germany there can be no political peace for the rest of Europe.

To try to dissolve the two city governments and set up one to administer all Paris agreement brings up more fundamental questions than raised thus far at Paris.

Either the west would have to repudiate all or part of the freely elected government in its sectors or the Russians would have to throw out all or part of their Communist regime.

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Britons Still Have Dreams of Land of Plenty

LONDON, Dec. 8 — (Reuters) — Three years after the end of the Second World War the dream of every Briton is still a land where people can buy as many eggs as they want, eat as much meat as they can hold, and purchase bananas off any street fruit barrow.

Food remains the most persistent topic of conversation in every Briton's home, and Britons see no prospect of rationing ending for years to come.

Since the end of the war they have grumbled over the dead weight of their fare than at the meagre quantity of it. And, near the end of 1948, the dullness is an even grayer shade than in 1945.

The points system, under which each person is allotted 24 points a month with which to buy tinned foods and delicacies, for some time saved the ration from unrelieved monotony. But now the government drive to save hard currency has cut down imports of tinned food-stuffs.

Former standbys such as tinned baked beans, steak-and-kidney puddings and dried eggs are not easy to get. Almost all that can be obtained with points are cheeses, tinned soups and spaghetti.

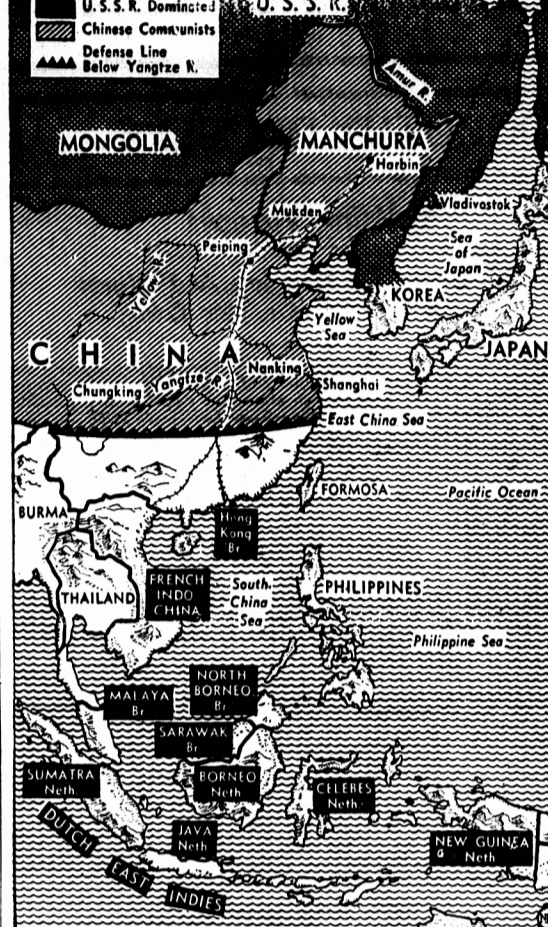
The basic ration per person looks shockingly meagre when put on a plate. This, with variations in the type of meat, goes to feed one person for a whole week: Two lamb chops, two rashers of bacon, one shell egg, four ounces of margarine, three ounces of butter, one ounce of cooking fat, one small slice of cheese, two ounces of tea and half a pound of sugar.

Potatoes now are off the ration and vegetables are plentiful though much more expensive than before the war. Fish is unrationed and abundant.

Most families spend their rations in one grand spree at week-ends, leaving the rest of the week to take care of itself.

By Ronald MacLurkin

Red Danger on the China Front



The surging Communist tide in China is a threat to the rich southeast Asia colonies area of France, Great Britain and the Netherlands, without which those nations "can't survive and we will only bleed ourselves white trying to keep up the home countries," declares Rep. Walter Judd, of Minnesota.

Either way, she says, the Chinese people will be demanding results which the government will be too helpless and inexperienced to provide. Then she says, the United States must step in with food and goods, thereby winning the people and stopping the war.

This would all be very nice, of course. But the United States, rich as she is, has limited resources. Talk of shipping enough food to win over the people of China is like talking of enough buckets to fill the ocean.

If a new government is formed in Nationalist China, the United States can do a lot to help it help itself, but that's about all.

By J.M. Roberts, Jr. Associated Press News Analyst

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New Power Development On St. Lawrence Proposed in Report By Engineers

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 — (CP) — Without making any promises, the Government released today an engineers' report outlining four alternative projects for multi-million dollar developments of either or both the power and navigation of the St. Lawrence River.

The report affects one of the five sections of the proposed St. Lawrence waterway and brings it up to date with studies on the international section farther up the river.

Specifically a review of a 1926 study, it was made by a five-man board headed by R. A. C. Henry, head of the Air Transport Board, with Quebec hydro engineers making the study and estimates of costs.

By DOUGLAS HOW

The proposed alternatives: 1. Improvement for navigation alone by building a new deep-water canal and providing Victoria Bridge and other bridges with a lift span over it.

2. A new canal with full practical development of power, an ultimate installation of 1,200,000 H.P. hydro-electric generating capacity. This could be done in two ways:

(a) Construction of a single lock — locks would conform with those of the Welland ship canal — below Victoria Bridge to overcome a difference in water levels.



Elizabeth Bentley, self-confessed member of a Communist spy ring, who repented and exposed the espionage activities of her former comrades in a congressional investigation, is shown just before she spoke in the Christian culture lecture series at Aquinas Institute, Rochester, N. Y. Miss Bentley recently followed the example of Louis Budenz and embraced Catholicism.

Minister Who Broadcasts In Gaelic

EDINBURGH, DEC. 8 — The Rev. George N.M. Collins, B.D., minister of Free St. Columba's Church, Edinburgh, has been nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

The Moderator - Designate's family connection with the Free Church goes back to the Disruption of 1843. His maternal great-grandfather, Neil Macleod (Bain) of Assint, Sutherland, having been one of the outstanding men of that period.

Mr. Collins was born in London, but removed in his early youth to his mother's native parish of Assint. Later, he returned to London with a view to taking up journalism as a career, but finally decided to study for the ministry of the Free Church.

Since his ordination in 1926 Mr. Collins has ministered first in the Free Gaelic Church, Greenock, and since 1938, in Free St. Columba's. He has taken a full share in the work of the Church in general and has been entrusted from time to time with the convenerships of several of the standing committees.

Although not a native Gaelic speaker, Mr. Collins achieved distinction as Professor W.J. Watson of Edinburgh University, and has frequently preached and lectured in the Gaelic programmes of the B.B.C. He has twice gone on preaching missions to exiled Scots in Canada and the United States.

Since 1929 he has been clerk of the Southern Synod of the Free

Libel Action By An M. P.

LONDON, Dec. 8 — In the King's Bench Division on Thursday the jury returned a verdict in favour of the defendants in the action in which Mrs. Elizabeth Margaret Braddock, M.P., of Zikzag Road, Liverpool, claimed damages for alleged libel from Tillotson Newspapers, Limited, the proprietors, printers, and publishers of the Bolton Evening News.

Mrs. Braddock complained of the following paragraph headed "Revelry by Night" in the issue of that newspaper of May 1, 1947: "In the middle of this untidy burlesque, Mrs. Braddock, who represents the Exchange Division of Liverpool, danced a jig on the floor of the House finishing in the seat vacated by Mr. Churchill, our greatest House of Commons man. The whole performance was nauseating, a sorry degradation of democratic government by discussion, the nadir, let us fervently hope, of this Parliament."

Mrs. Braddock, who denied that she had danced a jig or had sat in Mr. Churchill's seat, said that the words complained of meant and were understood to mean that she behaved in an undignified and unseemly manner, and had been guilty of a disorderly breach of the rules governing the

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New Freight Service Link With Maritimes

MONCTON, Dec. 8 — A new, fast manifest export and import daily freight service between Maritimes ports and Central and Western Canada for Canadian shippers and importers was announced here today by Edgar A. Robertson, general superintendent of transportation at Atlantic Region, Canadian National Railways.

"We have been investigating the possibilities of stepping up our freight service between Halifax and Saint John and Montreal and west for some time," Mr. Robertson told newsmen. "I believe we have worked out a service which will be a boon to both the Maritimes ports and the shippers of export and import traffic."

The operation of a fast import freight train direct from Halifax and Saint John to Montreal will go into effect immediately, said Mr. Robertson. It will permit a second morning delivery of this traffic in Montreal and will speed up delivery to western points by 24 hours.

Mr. Robertson also announced the establishment of another new C.N.R. freight service for shippers of export freight from the Lake St. John district and along the Northern St. Lawrence River. It will be operated on a fast schedule to Moncton, where it will make quick connection for the ports of Saint John and Halifax.

Saguenay River Town Grows In Importance

PORT ALFRED, Que., Dec. 8 — (CP) — Port Alfred, already rated Canada's sixth largest port, is expanding.

So far as Port Alfred on the Saguenay River is concerned it is a small, typical French-Canadian town with a population of 3,500 and most of the people are farmers or work at the docks.

But when the talk is of ports and business haggled and possible expansion in the future, then Port Alfred folk get voluble in their company town many hundreds of miles from the open sea.

For next year their new \$3,500,000 wharf will be finished to aid in an already large export-import business based entirely on the aluminum industry of Arvida, Que., and the surrounding paper mills.

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Exports Business

Some 85 per cent of the port's business is exporting — to South America, Newfoundland and Texas. The remainder is importing materials necessary for the various companies.

The large increase in storage and dock facilities has been made necessary by unprecedented peacetime activity in Arvida.

More than 335 ships passed through the current season and probably mean that the amount of tonnage to be handled next year will increase.

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FURS BY AIR

JOHANNESBURG — (CP) — South Africa's karakul industry has grown wings. In the season just ended, one firm has flown 40,000 pelts worth \$200,000 (\$800,000) to the London market.

Shipping by air rather than by boat saves time, and it is expected that ostrich and wool farmers will soon be doing

OLD SETTLEMENT

The first colonization of Puerto Rico by the Spaniards was in 1508.

Drug Injections By Pressure Jet

LOTION, Dec. 8 — (CP) — A new method of injecting drugs by a high-pressure jet without syringing or needles is described in the British Medical Journal. It is based on the fact that an extremely fine high-pressure jet of liquid can pierce the skin without producing pain.

Shipped like a large flashlight the injection instrument forces the liquid, under pressure varying from 2,300 to 3,500 pounds per square inch, through the skin. It is claimed that the jet injection "causes no pain and saves considerable time."

If the skin is wet however, or is tilted, the injection produces a cut and sometimes a blister. It cannot be used for carefully-placed injections or for the injection of oily liquids.

"Perhaps the greatest drawback at present is the cost of the apparatus," the Journal says. "Jet injection is, however, the first basic change in injection technique for nearly 100 years."

47 YEARS OLD

The Chinese Republic was founded in 1911.

Advertisement for F. R. McLaine featuring "GRAND GIFT ITEMS FOR CAR OWNERS". It lists various car accessories like heaters, defrosters, car robes, mirrors, batteries, chains, tires, electric clocks, rear view mirrors, and seat covers. The ad includes the company name, address (169 Grafton St.), and phone number (860).

Advertisement for suits and overcoats by The Greendal Co. Ltd. It features a large illustration of a man in a suit and hat. The text promotes "Suits" and "Overcoats" with various styles and colors, offering discounts of 20% and 10%. It lists regular prices and discounted prices, and includes the company name and address.