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TRUMAN SAYS CERTAIN REDS WOULD END COLD WAR

STIFFER PENALTIES URGED IN WAKE OF U. S. SPY PROBE

3 Killed In Crossing Crash Near Montreal

Saipan Continues Rescue Mission In Better Weather

BY JAMES J. STREIB
ABOARD U. S. S. SAIPAN EN
ROUTE TO GREENLAND, Dec. 27
—(AP)— Calming seas today per-
mitted the aircraft carrier Saipan
to resume a cruising speed of 27
knots (about 30 miles an hour)
after rough weather had forced
her to slow down for 12 hours.
Winds had dropped off sharply
but the sky was mostly overcast
as the ship raced for Davis Strait
and a try at recovering 13 United
States Air Force men stranded 7-
800 feet up on the Greenland ice
cap.

The navy and air force mean-
while began co-ordination of their
efforts to rescue the marooned
men. Seven were stranded when
forced down Dec. 9. Others have
joined them since when other
rescue attempts, by plane and
glider, failed.

The air force sent Col. Bernat
Balchen, an authority on Arctic
operations, to the scene. He took
off from Ladd Field, Alaska in a
C-54 equipped with rescue gear,
and headed for Blue West One,
an American base on Greenland.
Still another rescue try was de-
layed today. An air force official
in Washington said that a C-52
air transport towing a glider to
Greenland was forced to turn back
to Labrador because of bad weather.

The improved weather permitted
an inspection of outside damage
sustained by the Saipan during the
first day's high speed run out of
Norfolk, Va. Damage appeared to
be confined to external equipment,
particularly life rafts and radio
utennas.

Clergyman Calls Robber's Bluff

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 27—
The bluff of an armed hold-up
man was called early tonight by
Rev. Eric Strain, pastor of the
Gospel Tabernacle Church, who
refused to comply with the bandit's
demand to "stick 'em up"
and also declined to part with
any of his money.

The minister was alone in the
church when the gunman entered
with a companion and asked for
a handout before the hold-up at-
tempt.

Ten minutes later two men, presu-
mably the same pair, went into
the A. F. deForest, Limited, to-
bacco store, showed clerk Clarence
G. Hazlett the butt of a gun
pointed at him through a coat
pocket, and forced him to hand
over an undisclosed amount from
the till.

A widening search for the band-
its was under way tonight.

BLAME DOG FOR DEATH

VANNE, France, Dec. 27—(AP)—
The family dog climbed into the
cradle of 11-month-old Marcel
Rouil here today and went to
sleep on the baby's chest. The
child died of suffocation.

Coming Events

*Card party and dance, Tra-
ville Hall, Dec. 29.

*Auction and Dance in Vernon
Hall, December 29th.

*Unloading Old Sydney Coal at
Milton today. Vernon Gillespie.

*Box Social and Social Pleasant
Grove Hall, Thursday, December
30th, in aid of school.

*Dance and Card Party, Kelly's
Cross Hall, Wednesday night, Decem-
ber 30th. Prizes. Lunch served.
Good music.

*See Jack Carson and Ann Soth-
ern in "April Showers" at Mac-
donald Bros. Theatre, tonight,
Show 8 P. M.

*The Annual Meeting of the New
Haven Farmers' Institute will be
held in the school on December
31st, at 8 o'clock.

Nanking May Become Major Battle Area

NANKING, Dec. 27—(AP)—
Continuing troop movements into
Nanking heightened the general
belief today that the Chinese Gov-
ernment hopes to hold the Nanking-
Shanghai area against the Com-
munist indefinitely.

Far more soldiers and supplies
are entering the Nanking sector
than are going north to the war
fronts across the Yangtze River.
This strengthened the belief of
observers that Generalissimo Chiang
Kai-Shek is planning his main de-
fences on the south bank of the
Yangtze and that his capital, on the
south bank, might itself become a
battleground.

The Government appeared hope-
ful of holding a firm left flank at
Wuhu, also on the south bank 52
miles southwest of Nanking. The
Yangtze, one to two miles wide,
would make a formidable front.

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Israeli & Egyptian Armies Clash In Spreading Battle

Five Families Lose Homes In Saint John

(By The Canadian Press)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 27—
Five families lost their homes to-
day when a two-alarm fire of un-
known origin swept through the
rear of a two and one-half story
wooden tenement building on Ex-
mouth Street, causing damage es-
timated at \$10,000.

The burned-out tenants were
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lawson, Mr.
and Mrs. Leo Bennett, H. B.
Moorehouse Douglas Crawford and
Fred E. Hayter.

The Bennett and Lawson fami-
lies lost most of their household
possessions.

(By James M. Long)
TEL AVIV, Dec. 27—(AP)—Israeli
and Egyptian armies clashed in a
fierce and spreading desert battle
near the Egyptian frontier today
and a Jewish communique said
Arab sniping had broken out in
Jerusalem.

Israel said seven Jewish soldiers
were wounded when Arab snipers
opened fire from the walls of the
old city. It was the first time since
the United Nations cease-fire agree-
ment for the Holy City was signed
Dec. 1 that the Jews officially re-
ported sniping from Arab lines.

Israeli military leaders veiled
their progress and plans in the
Negev desert of Southern Palestine
behind a virtual news blackout.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—(AP)—
Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United
Nations acting mediator for
Palestine, said tonight that de-
spite the current fighting in the
Negev the end of the Holy
Land war is in sight.

They seemed intent, however, on
flinging the Egyptian army out of
the Holy Land and into Egypt's
Sinai Peninsula.

A remark by David Ben-Gurion,
Israeli Premier, in a speech last
night gave point to this belief. He
spoke of an "Egyptian exodus in
reverse" and said he felt optimistic
about the desert fighting, which
now is in its fifth day.

The Israeli version of the Jeru-
salem shooting said the Arabs first
opened fire on a party of soldiers
walking in the open between Jew-
ish positions. The Arabs shouted to
them to get out of the so-called no-
man's land and the Jews retraced
their steps. When they reached an
open space beyond the lines, gun-
fire was heard again and Israeli
soldiers were wounded.

According to the cease-fire agree-
ment signed by the Jerusalem mil-
itary commanders, Lt.-Col. Moshe
Dayan of Israel and Col. Abdullah
El Arabi of the Arab Legion, freedom
of movement is permitted between
the lines but not in the no-man's
land.

The Negev fighting, now in its
fifth day, raged along a nine-mile
front just north of the Egyptian
border.

(An Egyptian Cabinet Minister in
Cairo called it a "general clash" and
said his country's military position
was "good." He gave no details.)

Observers' Report

PARIS, Dec. 27—(AP)—
United Nations observers today ac-
cused Israeli forces of attacking
Egyptian units in the Negev in
violation of truce agreements, but
mediator Ralph J. Bunche said he
is not blaming either side.

The observers' lengthy report to
the Security Council tended to
support Egyptian complaints that
Israeli forces had reopened hostil-
ities in violation of the Council's
truce order. The report carried
Bunche's signature.

Subsequently Bunche told re-
porters at Lake Success, N. Y.,
that he was unable to say who
fired the first shot in the renew-
ed Negev fighting. The battle in
that desert area of Southern
Palestine now is five days old and
has spread almost to Egypt's
frontier.

The mediator explained that his
report contained statements from
observers on the Egyptian side
which tended to lay the blame on
Israel. He said he was unable to
include statements from observers
on the Israeli side because the
establishment of U. N. observers' posts in the Negev had not been
permitted.

DAUGHTER BORN TO FORDS

DETROIT, Dec. 27—(AP)—Mr.
and Mrs. Henry Ford today be-
came the parents of their first
son, a 7½-pound boy born at the
Henry Ford Hospital. Mrs. Ford
and the baby were reported doing
well. The Fords have two other
children, both daughters.

Catholic Cardinal Arrested For Treason In Hungary

Two Lose Lives In Ontario Fire

ORILLIA Ont., Dec. 27—(CP)—
Two persons were killed and a
third badly burned today when
fire swept through a two-storey
home here.

Mrs. Arthur Buss, 31, and her
daughter Elizabeth, two, were killed.
A second daughter, Susan, seven,
is in hospital and not expected to
live.

The family had come here from
England in August.

News In Brief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—(AP)—
A leading Democrat, returning to
Washington for the convening of
Congress, declared today "there is
nothing that business need fear
from this administration."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—(AP)—
Britain is discussing with Aus-
tralia and New Zealand a United
States proposal to set up a system
of international control over the
Antarctic.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27—(AP)—
At least 55 children died in ac-
cidents during the Christmas
week-end holidays which took nearly
400 lives throughout the United
States. Fires took 32 young lives.
Most of the childhood fatalities
occurred in homes. The predomi-
nance of fire deaths was in contrast
to the chief cause of adult fatal-
ities—traffic accidents.

18 Below Recorded In Maritimes

HALIFAX, Dec. 27—(CP)—
The Maritimes yesterday shivered
in the lowest temperatures of the
year, the Dominion Public Weather
Office said here tonight.

Seven islands, on the New
Brunswick north shore, experienced
a low of 18 below zero and at
Chatham, N. B., 90 miles north of
Moncton, temperatures drove resi-
dents under blankets when the
mercury slipped to 11 below. At
Moncton, the temperature fell to
four below, a low for the year.
Four above zero was the lowest
reading at Charlottetown.

Retail Price Of Meat Down 13 P. C. in U. S.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27—The general
wholesale price of all meat in the
United States has declined about
10 per cent since the mid-Septem-
ber peak, the American Meat
Institute reported today.

The retail price of meat, the re-
port said, declined 13 per cent in
the same period.

Procedural Changes Are Recommended

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—(AP)—
Stiffer penalties for contempt
were recommended today by re-
presentatives Karl Kundt (Rep.
S.D.) and Richard Nixon (Rep.
Calif.) along with a list of pro-
cedural changes for the House of
Representatives un-American ac-
tivities committee.

Both are members of the com-
mittee and Mundt, a senator-elect,
has been acting chairman.

In a joint statement, they sug-
gested that the proposed changes,
designed in the main to give
greater protection to witnesses
and accused persons, be put into
effect when the Democrats take
over the committee next month.

Republicans have been in control
of the committee for the last two
years.

Mundt and Nixon did not specify
how much stiffer they would
make the penalty for persons
convicted of contempt of Congress.

They left that up to the incoming
Congress with the comment that
offenders "should be severely and
appropriately punished."

The existing law under which
numerous persons have been tried
for contempt of the un-American
activities committee provides a
maximum penalty of one year
imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine.

These are the procedural changes
which Mundt and Nixon pro-
posed.

1. The committee should take
under advisement the "feasibility
and desirability of excluding cer-
tain types of information media
(other than regular news report-
ers) from open hearings of the
committee. We suggest that ex-
pert counsel selected from among
the recognized publicity media be
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Acquitanla Docks With 1,656 Aboard

HALIFAX, Dec. 27—(CP)—
After spending Christmas on the
gale-lashed Atlantic, the liner Aquil-
anla docked here today with 1,656
persons on her gaily decorated
decks. Included in those aboard
was a stowaway, Walter Patrick
Lucas, an Australian who boarded
the ship at Southampton.

Passenger list is made up
of British immigrants and in-
cludes 300 children.

End Of Australian Drought In Sight

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 26
(Wednesday)—(CP)—A steady
soaking rain gave drought-stricken
Queensland farmers their best
Christmas present in years.

Rain began to fall Christmas eve
and recordings up to five inches
have been reported from some of
the most parched areas. Although
only scattered thunderstorms have
hit Queensland's main sheep-graz-
ing lands, the Weather Bureau
forecasts general rain in that area
within the next day or two.

This will mean the end of
Queensland's three-year drought
one of the worst in the state's his-
tory.

During the drought it is esti-
mated that almost 5,000,000 sheep
and more than 1,000,000 head of
cattle have died.

May Be First Woman In British Cabinet



DR. EDITH SUMMERSKILL

Parliamentary sources said that
Dr. Edith Summerskill (above),
46-year-old "glamour girl" of the
British parliament, may become
the country's first woman of
cabinet rank. Present Food Min-
ister John Strachey is scheduled
to take over one of the service
posts in the impending reshuffle
of Prime Minister Attlee's govern-
ment, these sources said. Dr. Sum-
merskill, who is undersecretary of
the food ministry, will in that
case be given strong support for
promotion to food minister, par-
liamentary sources said.

Condition Of Sumner Welles Is Improving

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—(AP)—
Sumner Welles showed continued
improvement tonight under treat-
ment for exposure suffered when
he collapsed in a frozen field a
mile from his home Saturday
night and lay for hours in sub-
freezing cold. He was conscious
but still on the "serious condi-
tion" list at a hospital.

A sufferer from insomnia, the
former Undersecretary of State
frequently went for such strolls
and Mrs. Welles "is satisfied that there was
no foul play."

Says 13 Million In Russian Labor Camps

BERLIN, Dec. 27—(AP)—
The Russians have herded more
than 2,000,000 Germans, including
many women and children, into
forced labor camps in the Soviet
Union, Kenneth Royall, United
States Army Secretary, charged to-
day.

Royall emphasized this figure is
in addition to prisoners of war still
held by the Russians.

Royall had announced in New
York earlier this month that 13-
000,000 persons are held in Russian
forced-labor camps.

NAVY TESTS PLANE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—(AP)—
The United States Navy is testing
its big, hard-hitting plane, the
Martin "Mauler," in flights from
the carrier Kearsarge off the east
coast. The single-engine 22,000-
pound "Mauler" is heavily armed
with torpedoes, and has a range
of more than 2,000 miles and a
speed faster than 300 miles an
hour.

Yugoslavia Threatens To Divert Trade To West

BELGRADE, Dec. 27—(Reuters)

—Marshal Tito, Yugoslav Prime
Minister, today threatened to di-
vert Yugoslav exports of raw materi-
als to the west if the Cominform
countries continued "to violate
trade agreements."

Tito, speaking in the Yugoslav
Parliament debate on the budget,
said Yugoslavia would be com-
pelled to do this to obtain "from the
other side" the machinery she so
badly needed.

Referring to plans to industrial-
ize Yugoslavia, Tito said this did
not suit "many states" which ex-
pected Yugoslavia to remain a
source of raw materials for their
industry.

Yugoslavia had decided to ex-
ploit all her own resources "con-
trary to their advice" as it had
done through iron ore to justify con-
struction of a heavy industry, and
could also produce some of its coke
needs.

U. S. President Levels Blast At Soviet Gov't

Declares Agreements Made At Potsdam And Yalta Broken By Soviets.

By ERNEST B. VAOCARO
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27—(AP)—
President Truman disclosed for
the first time today that "certain
leaders" in Russia are "exceeding-
ly anxious to reach an agreement
with the United States to end the
"cold war."

Talking "off the cuff" at a lun-
cheon here, the President accused
the Russians of violating "sacred"
agreements and said the Soviet
Government "has a system of
morals that are not moral."

Then, saying the Soviet Gov-
ernment has not kept important
agreements made at Yalta and
Potsdam, he added:

"There are certain leaders in
the Government of that great
country who are exceedingly anx-
ious to have an understanding
with us."

He did not identify the leaders
or suggest what overtures may
have been made by them.

The occasion was a luncheon
honoring Eddie Jacobson of Kan-
sas City, his former partner in
the haberdashery business.

After discussing the tension in
Israel and other parts of the
world, he said uneasiness every-
where was affected by "the inabil-
ity of one of our Allies in the
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BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR
FOR LIGHTER BREAD, CAKES AND PIES

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