

# STORMS, FLOODS STRIKE SOUTH, MIDWEST

## Little Sympathy Is Awaiting Mme. Chiang, on Way to U. S. To Ask More Funds for China

Administration Has Lost  
Confidence in Kai-shek  
Because of Incompetence

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Madame Chiang Kai-shek's arrival here this week is expected to touch off a fresh drive to get the United States to underwrite China's war against its Communist foes.

Authoritative informants said today that as the Chinese president's wife she will be shown "every courtesy," but they made clear privately they have little sympathy with Madame Chiang's unofficial mission.

This attitude has been openly shown in the hands-off policy the State Department has tried to follow as far as possible in dealing with her trip. In announcing Saturday night that she would travel here in a U. S. Naval transport plane, the department emphasized that it was made available "at her request." There was no expression of welcome and no official word on arrangements which might be made to expedite her mission after the scheduled arrival Wednesday.

The fact is, Madame Chiang's trip dramatizes a dilemma in which Secretary of State Marshall and President Truman presently find themselves in connection with the Chinese crises.

No Confidence in Chiang  
On the other hand, according to responsible informants, they wish to avoid any word or action which might embarrass the Chiang government in its struggle with the Communists. And they are hopeful some way may be found by which the United States can help to prevent a Communist conquest of all China.

On the other hand, the administration leaders appear to have lost all confidence in Chiang's ability to reorganize his military and political strength so as to halt the Communist tide and eventually reverse it.

Feeling thus, they apparently consider it impossible for the United States to underwrite Chiang's war with an all-out aid program which would involve an estimated expenditure of several

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN Paris John Foster Dulles, acting U. S. chief delegate, stands up in the U. N. assembly, hooks his thumbs in the armbolts of his vest, looks at the Russian delegation which had been intimating in pretty strong language that we hate communist countries and said in a flat voice:

"The United States does not hate countries which have communist governments."

"What we hate is the use of force, coercion and terrorism to make others accept your views. Abandon those methods and you will remove the only serious obstacle to world security."

THAT'S putting it about as well as it can be put.

If the Russians want communism, well and good. Let 'em have it.

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## Mother, Six Children

### Perish in Flash Fire

DETROIT, Nov. 29.—(AP)—An arson squad detective was investigating a flash fire which last night swept the floor of a crowded frame multiple dwelling taking the lives of a mother and her six children.

The dead were identified as Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins, 42. Her six children ranged in age from nine years to two months.

The father, Jesse, 48, and another child, Gustafson, 13, were in serious condition at receiving hospital. Both jumped from a second floor window.

Hospital attendants said more than a dozen injured were brought in for treatment.

Cause of the blaze is not known.

## Advertising Advice, Survey For Lower Insurance Rates Subjects in C. of C. Bulletin

"Recently the business people of Southwestern Oregon paid a known amount of \$1,054.50 to a fake representative of a publication who has been operating without a city license or a Chamber of Commerce permit," states the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce bulletin which has just been issued to its membership.

"Our recommendations are: Don't buy from any solicitor unless he has a license from the city and/or solicitor's permit from this office. With the possible exception of school papers and veterans organization publications, we do not issue permits unless the applicant has been granted a city license. Follow these recommendations and you will have annually more than you invest in Chamber of Commerce dues," the bulletin says.

Other information included in the bulletin says the Chamber of Commerce has been assured by the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau that its engineer will make a

survey of this community for the purpose of determining whether or not it will qualify for a class 5 rating instead of class 6, the present rating. The saving would be 12 1/2 per cent on all residential insurance premiums and a smaller reduction on commercial insurance.

The Chamber office is working on a list of all organizations—civil, service, veterans and fraternal—giving their officials, meeting places and dates. The information should be available

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## The Weather

Cloudy today and Tuesday,  
afternoon showers Tuesday with  
snow over mountains.

Sunset today 4:40 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:24 p. m.

Established 1273

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## Higher Taxes In Store For Corporations

Price, Ration Curbs Also  
To be Asked of Congress,  
Sen. O'Mahoney States

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) served notice on a "few giant corporations" today he aims to put double check-reins on their profits—higher taxes and federal price and ration curbs.

"I don't want to re-enact OPA," he told reporters, "but I do want to control the present regimentation of prices and rationing of products by concentrated private interests."

O'Mahoney did not single out any corporation by name but he said those dealing in basic commodities, such as steel, "are in a position to fix their own prices and distribution." In this way, he said, most items needed by the average family are subject to a corporate rationing system.

"As long as shortages exist in the basic commodities," he said, "we should have government allocation."

O'Mahoney is due to become chairman of the Senate House Economic Committee, a strategic congressional policy post where he can give powerful support to administration proposals.

His current venture, retiring Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) directed the

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## Tri-City Union High School Unit Proposal Launched

Proposal to form a union high school district embracing Myrtle Creek, Canyonville and Riddle was discussed at a joint meeting of the school boards of the three communities at Myrtle Creek last week, according to the Myrtle Creek Mail.

Speaker at the meeting was J. L. Turnbull, school building consultant to the State Department of Education, who told the gathering that the formation of a union high school would be a solution to existing overcrowded classrooms that now exist.

The unionization program was recommended for Canyonville and Myrtle Creek on the basis that each district is unable to finance its own building needs to keep its schools standard, thus endangering the basic school support from the state. Loss of the fund would raise property taxes to maintain a non-standard school.

Turnbull recommended that Riddle become a part of the union high school district in order to broaden and enrich the curriculum of its high school, in spite of the fact that the district is financially unable to take care of its building needs at the present time.

Paul Froehlich, clerk of the Myrtle Creek district, was directed at the meeting to draw up petitions to be circulated in the three communities, which would call for an election on the proposal.

The combined area has a bonding capacity of \$643,900. Claud Freeman, of the architectural firm of Freeman and Hayslip, Portland, who was present at the meeting, estimated that the cost of a new high school building with an auditorium and gymnasium would be approximately \$500,000.

Mr. Baldy Forest Fire  
Placed Under Control

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Forest service fighters closed in today for perhaps the finishing blow to a fire high on the slopes of 10,800-foot Mt. Baldy.

With damage confined to brush and timber area estimated at less than 1,000 acres, foresters said they hoped to control the blaze today.

Mt. Baldy is one of the highest peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains, 39 miles east of Los Angeles. The fire, starting Friday night and whipped up by strong winds Saturday, threatened resort cabins for a time, but the U. S. forest service said they were no longer in danger.

Ailing Greek Premier  
Still Clings to Life

ATHENS, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Aged Premier Themistokles Souphoulis, given up by his doctors as a hopeless case two days ago, sat up at the edge of his bed today and ate a hearty breakfast.

Souphoulis, 88, suffered two severe heart attacks last week and on Saturday doctors abandoned all hope for him and said he might not last 24 hours. He was given last rites of the Greek Orthodox church at that time.

Gen. Napoleon Zervas, Greek National Party leader, was rushed to the hospital today with a "severe" heart attack, official sources said.

## SHARES WEALTH

### Tot Drops Bills In Street, Burns Mama's Rings

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Ronnie Sue Moskowitz, an angel-looking four-year-old, has her own share-the-wealth plan.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Moskowitz, are the victims.

A couple of months ago, mama caught the little blonde peeling \$5 bills from daddy's bankroll and tossing them out of a window of their Brooklyn apartment.

Grateful passersby pocketed eight of them before mama put an economy program into effect.

Last Saturday, Ronnie threw two diamond rings, valued at \$1,500, into the garbage because "mama wasn't wearing them."

To make matters worse, the maid dumped the garbage into the incinerator.

Daddy, proprietor of several stores, singled his hands in an unsuccessful attempt to fish the rings out of the incinerator. Then he went to a night club with his wife and friends to "celebrate" his 25th birthday anniversary.

Yesterday, two policemen poked around in the ashes and recovered the rings. Daddy said he would take them to a jeweler to learn the amount of damage.

American Vets Plan  
Purge of Communists

CLEVELAND, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The 33-year-old founder of the American Veterans committee, Gilbert A. Harrison, was its new national chairman today. He was elected on a program to oust Communists.

Following the balloting last night, Harrison declared all known, established Communists will be tossed out of A. V. C.

The organization's third national convention adopted a resolution in its final session yesterday asserting:

"We instruct our incoming national leadership to continue using all means appropriate under the constitution to clean out and keep out members of the Communist party from our ranks."

Five Injured In  
Traffic Crashes;  
2 Drivers Cited

Five persons were injured in traffic accidents near Roseburg last Saturday, and one of the drivers involved was cited to appear in Justice Court this morning for driving in the left lane of traffic, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported. He also reported the arrest of a Tiller man on a drunken driving charge Sunday night.

Woodman Black, Roseburg, was cited to appear in the Justice Court, after his car had side-swiped an automobile driven by Earl C. Arehart, also of Roseburg, on the Pacific Highway three miles north of the city. The latter car was "badly damaged," Sgt. Harrell said.

Mrs. Arehart and the Arehart's son, Don, were taken to Mercy Hospital for treatment of scalp lacerations and bruises. Mrs. Arehart also suffered broken ribs. Both Arehart and Black were injured slightly. The accident occurred at 6:10 p. m.

An "inexperienced" motorcyclist was injured at 4 p. m., when he turned into the path of an automobile on the Garden Valley Road at the north entrance of the Roseburg Veterans Hospital, Sgt. Harrell reported. The motorcyclist was named as Monta W. Guy, an attendant, whose machine was struck by a car driven by Maxine Helen Mehlfors, Roseburg, Sgt. Harrell said.

The manager's office at the Veterans Hospital reported this morning that Guy was "getting along satisfactorily" today.

Sgt. Harrell reported the arrest of Frank Henry Bierlich of Tiller at midnight last night on a drunken driving charge. He was taken to the county jail and was to be arraigned before Justice of the Peace Nina W. Pletzold at Canyonville this morning.

The arrest occurred on the Pacific Highway south of here, Sgt. Harrell said.

Rezoning Proposals To  
Be Considered Tonight

Hearing on the rezoning of three areas from residential class 2 to business status will be conducted by the City Planning Commission at 7:30 tonight in the City Hall.

Areas proposed for rezoning include that bounded by McClintock and Lane Sts., between S. Main and S. Stephens Sts.; the east side of S. Stephens St. between Mosher and Brockway, and the east side of Fowler St. between Deer Creek and Court St.

Also to be considered at the hearing tonight will be the areas recently annexed to the city, including Sundale Village and Taylor's Addition. It was reported by City Recorder William D. Bollman.



WHIPPING ADVOCATE WHIPPED—Eric Wildman (center) is seized by boy students at Horsley Hall, Ecclestone, England, as he lectured in favor of whippings for students. Wildman, 27, who calls himself president of the National Society for the Retention of Corporal Punishment in Schools was given seven licks with one of his own whipping canes by the boys who wrestled him to the floor. Wildman runs a firm which manufactures whipping canes for schoolmasters. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London.)

Selection of Jury  
To Try White For  
Murder Started

Selection of a jury to try Francis Stanley White, 42, charged with the murder of 80-year-old Willis Moffitt, was expected to take up most of the day, as White's trial opened this morning in Circuit Court.

By 11 o'clock, only three of the 12 jurors had been chosen, while one prospective juror had been excused and another had been passed over.

The trial will be conducted by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly. The state will be represented by District Attorney H. A. Canaday and Fred A. Miller, Salem, assistant attorney general. White is being represented by Edward M. Murphy and Robert C. Davis, defense counsel appointed by the court.

White has steadfastly maintained his innocence since the fatal beating and robbery of Moffitt the night of Aug. 13. Moffitt died two days later in a Eugene hospital and while still partially conscious, gave a description of his assailants which led to the arrest of White and an alleged accomplice, Elmer Moser.

Moser is serving a life term in the state penitentiary, having pleaded guilty to second degree murder Nov. 13, two days before he was scheduled to go on trial for the Moffitt death. Both Moser and White were indicted by the Douglas County Grand Jury for the murder, but Moser earlier had confessed his part in the crime.

The aged welfare recipient was robbed of \$30 by his attackers, according to reports from the police.

Booth-Kelly Co. Gets  
Row River Plant Control

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Nov. 29.—(AP)—The Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. of Springfield, has acquired a controlling interest in the Row River Lumber Co. The announcement was made by Elliot H. Jenkins, executive vice-president of Booth-Kelly, who said there would be no personnel changes.

Nation's Industrial Picture  
Spotty, Disclosure in Survey

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Business as a whole is still good despite signs of weakness in several important directions, an Associated Press survey of strategic regions showed today.

Business leaders studied anxiously such straws in the economic wind as these:

(1) A decline in department store sales.

(2) Scattered shutdowns or layoffs by small companies.

(3) Easing agricultural prices.

(4) Some business expansion plans either canceled or postponed.

(5) An uneasy inertia in textiles and other soft goods.

The question was: Are these real danger signals this time? Or are they false alarms, like the one which early in 1947 and again at the beginning of this year caused recession worries?

A check of the business pulse in six regional areas of the nation showed a mixed trend. Layoffs, for example, were becoming more frequent in New England and the middle Atlantic states—but employment was still swinging upward in the southwest.

Prices were easing in the south, but still edging higher in the Midwest.

On the Pacific Coast, employment appeared to be holding the same level it has maintained with little or no change for two years. Industrial leaders noted that the election results had no apparent effect on business expansion, which was expected to continue "indefinitely" as a result of California's population growth. However, industrial development in new plants or expansion was off slightly during the first eight months this year as compared with the postwar average.

## Wind, Rains, Snow Plague Many Areas

Five Persons Killed In  
Traffic Mishaps, Lines  
Felled, Cities Periled

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The elements hit the nation in various forms yesterday. Floods and high winds struck the south. Rain and snow plagued many areas.

At least five persons were killed in automobile accidents attributed to the weather. Another was missing.

Rain-swollen rivers left their banks in three Southern States—Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Hundreds of persons were forced to flee their homes. Property and crop damage was estimated in hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Four Negroes were injured in a windstorm which hit Fort Davis, near Tuskegee, Ala. A brief snowstorm struck parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas and then moved Southeastward, with the snow changed to rain or slush and strong winds diminishing.

Three died in Georgia and Alabama highway accidents, and another person was missing. Two were killed on a slippery highway in Pennsylvania.

Southern floodwaters originated in Northern sections of Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

Convicts Transferred  
Many roads were inundated. Near Montgomery, Ala., 335 convicts were evacuated from a prison farm to the Kilby State Prison, nearby, when the Tallapoosa River rose. Homes were evacuated in scattered floods around Birmingham and Phenix City, Ala., Atlanta, Columbus and Macon, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn.

Peachtree Creek overflowed at Atlanta, forcing residents of a fashionable northside residential section to flee. Macon had the highest flood level in its history in the Ocmulgee River. Highways in the vicinity of Rome, Ga., were in danger of flooding. At Columbus, Ga., the warehouse area was in danger and workmen removed merchandise from buildings.

Power Lines Down  
A number of Kansas and Oklahoma communities were without electric service yesterday as the result of a snow and wind storm.

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Tomb-Guarding  
Soldier's Bullet  
Wounds Woman

ARLINGTON, Va., Nov. 29.—(AP)—Pvt. William O'Connor, 20, paced back and forth in front of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Some 500 yards away, Mrs. Irene Coslett, 24, and her husband, First Lieut. Robert T. Coslett, were listening to Saturday night radio programs in their second-floor apartment.

O'Connor heard a noise. "Who goes there?" he demanded three times. No answer. O'Connor fired two shots into the air.

A .30 caliber rifle slug crashed through the wall of the Coslett apartment. It hit Mrs. Coslett below the left knee, then penetrated her thigh.

Army investigators said the bullet apparently came from the rifle of O'Connor.

"The soldier was acting within orders," an Army spokesman said. "Instructions are to guard the tomb with their lives. All the soldiers there are especially picked men."

The slug was removed from Mrs. Coslett's thigh at a hospital. Her condition was described as good.

Army Transport Splits  
Open at Alaskan Port

SEATTLE, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Engineers today are inspecting the Army transport Sgt. Charles E. Mower which split open while moored at Whittier, Alaska.

The 365 persons aboard were reported safe.

The ship broke open Saturday shortly after it finished a stormy trip from the Aleutians. It was bound for Seattle.

The Seattle port of embarkation said it had been told there was a nine-foot crack up the starboard side and a five-foot split across the deck plates near the break in the hull.

Automobile Licenses  
For '49 Now on Sale

Sale of 1949 automobile licenses opened this morning on the second floor of the courthouse, at a table in the corridor.

The sale of licenses is being handled directly by the Secretary of State's office and not by the sheriff's office, as in past years. Motorists will also receive their license plates here, instead of through the mail.

Levity Fact Rant  
By L. F. Reisenstein

Suggested resolution No. 1 for the new year: To greet it with a smile and ponder the impending state deficit of nearly \$30 million at the same time.