

Mme. Chiang Talks With Marshall; Says Encouraged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Madame Chiang Kai-shek came away "encouraged" yesterday after a four-hour talk with Secretary of State Marshall about China's need for urgent aid in her battle against Chinese Reds.

The wife of China's Nationalist president emerged smiling after seeing Marshall at Walter Reed hospital. She told newsmen: "We talked about China and I am encouraged."

Then she added: "I would like to know anybody who has seen and talked with General Marshall and does not come away encouraged."

It was her second visit to the secretary, who is undergoing a check-up at the hospital.

Madame Chiang said further plans for her stay in the United States to press her appeal for aid for China have not been completed.

At the White House, meantime, President Truman received two visitors concerned with the Chinese situation.

The first was Paul G. Hoffman, the economic cooperation administrator.

Hoffman called to say goodbye before leaving for the Far East.

The second visitor was Sena-

Distinctive Ma



Rosemary De Camp, veteran screen mother, was named "America's Mother of Distinction" by Dr. Paul Popenoe, director of the American Institute of Family Relations. In private life she is the wife of Hollywood Municipal Judge John Schilder. They have three children.

Execution Date For Murderer Jake Bird Fixed

TACOMA, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Superior Judge Rosellini, after listening to an hour's oration by the condemned man, Friday set Jan. 14 as the execution date for Jake Bird, axe slayer of two Tacoma women and confessed slayer of many others.

Rosellini's action in setting the Jan. 14 date came as a surprise. He has several times said the date would be Jan. 7. He did not explain his change of mind.

Bird, however, had mentioned the Jan. 7 date in his long and rambling discussion as being further evidence of the unfairness of his trial and handling since the murder here on Oct. 30, 1947 of Mrs. Bertha Kludt and her daughter, Beverly June, 17.

"The truth is not in you, Mr. Bird."

Bird's speech to the court was intended to be in support of his motion for a stay of execution to permit filing an appeal with the U. S. Supreme Court.

Judge Rosellini overruled the motion, signed the warrant and concluded the proceedings with a remark in a low voice: "I urge you to seek God for your salvation."

Two Convicts Die For Slaying Alcatraz Guard

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Two convicts from Alcatraz Prison were executed in San Quentin Prison Friday for the slaying of an Alcatraz guard in an attempt to escape.

They were Sam Shockey, 36, kidnaper from Oklahoma, and Miran Thompson, 31, murderer of a policeman in Texas.

In the 1946 Alcatraz Prison rioting the two were involved in the killing of Guard William A. Miller. Two guards and three convicts died in that outbreak of violence and Marines were called into the struggle to subdue the prisoners — who never escaped from their cell building.

Oil Tideland's Control Still Aim of Truman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—President Truman is going to renew his request to Congress for Federal control of the oil tidelands.

Certainly, Mr. Truman replied when he was asked about it at his news conference.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the Federal Government has paramount rights to the oil-rich lands under coastal waters.

As a result, legislation was introduced in the 80th Congress to give the states title to those lands. There was no final action on it.

Garageman Victim Of Handlebar Shooting

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Andrew Frantz, 31-year-old garageman who accidentally shot himself with a bicycle handlebar, explained he didn't know it was loaded.

Frantz was making the handlebar into a handle for a welding

torch when he realized something was inside the bar. He rested the bar on his stomach and tried to hammer the obstruction out.

It exploded. The obstruction, sheriff's deputies said, was a 16-gauge shotgun shell.

Frantz was recovering in a hospital today.

Just why the shell was in the bike handlebar is still a mystery. Garage owner Herbert Fenwick said the handlebar was in the garage when he bought it.

Segregation Of Races Denounced

CINCINNATI, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Racial segregation was denounced as "unnecessary and undesirable" last week by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

The nation's largest Protestant group went further then ever before on the subject, declaring that "as proof of their sincerity, the churches must work for a non-segregated church and a non-segregated society."

The action was taken in approving a report by a study committee on human rights. There was some scattered opposition.

The "human rights" report was approved without a dissenting "no" on a voice vote.

Bishop John S. Stamm of Harrisburg, Pa., senior bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, was elected president of the Council.

He succeeded Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, the first layman ever to hold the presidency of the organization.

Mrs. Mildred McAfee Horton, president of Wellesley College, was elected vice president, replacing Bishop Stamm. During the last war, she became the first woman ever to be commissioned by the U. S. Navy, heading the WAVES.

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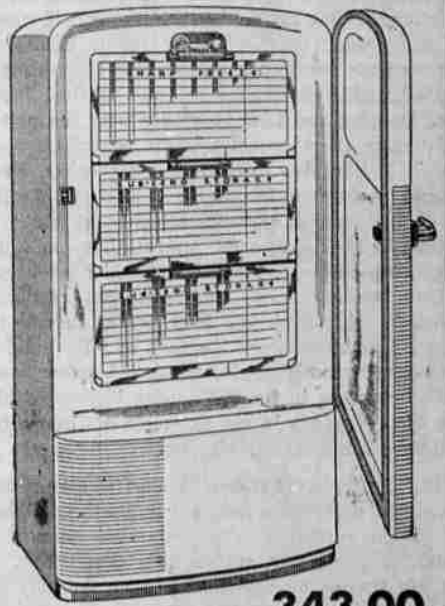
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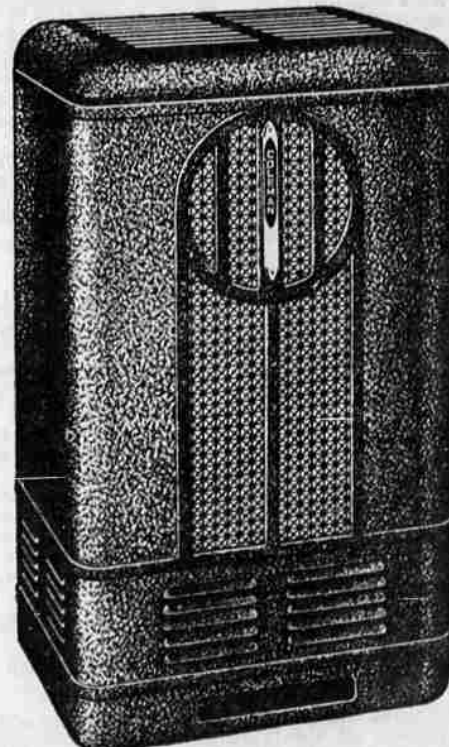
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