

U. S. 7th Fleet Praised As Fighting Instrument

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—The U.S. 7th Fleet which protects Formosa and the Pescadores, was described Monday by its outgoing commander as "a wonderful fighting instrument of tremendous power and influence for good in the Far East." Vice Adm. Alfred M. Pride handed over his command aboard the cruiser St. Paul in Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Pride said his successor, Vice Adm. Stuart H. Ingersoll, is "fortunate in coming to this finest of all fleets." Pride will become Pacific Fleet air commander with headquarters in San Diego, Calif.

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Potato Growers Divert Crop To Feed Or Starch

PORTLAND (AP)—Pacific Northwest potato growers up to Dec. 19 diverted to feed or starch production 303,000 sacks of 100 pounds each in this growing season. Robert H. Eaton, in charge of the Department of Agriculture's marketing office for fruits and vegetables, reported that Tuesday. He reminded growers that beginning Jan. 1 and running through March the diversion payment will be 40 cents a hundred pounds, down 10 cents.

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EMOTION PACKED REUNION—Overcome by emotion, former German prisoner of war Fritz Merten and his sister, Margarette, break down in tears as they meet in Friedland, Germany. Merten, one of 600 former German soldiers freed by the Russians, hadn't seen his sister since 1935. Sadness marred his homecoming. His wife, who hadn't heard from him, had declared him dead in 1949 and remarried. The 600 war prisoners were the first released by Russia since repatriations suddenly stopped in October. —NEA Telephoto

Mother Of Four Backs Testimony

WEATHERFORD, Tex. — The mother of four children has backed up the accusation of her husband, charged with killing their former family pastor, that the minister "committed adultery with my wife."

Mrs. Walter Vaughn of Denver City, Tex., told a reporter that the Rev. Chester Stevens "made his way into my home under the pretense of help as my pastor. It was just pretense. It wasn't for the purpose of doing good."

Her husband, a slightly bald, thin man of 47, was charged here last night with firing six shots that instantly killed the Baptist minister in the front yard of the latter's home Saturday. A bond hearing for him was set for today.

Vaughn, looking tired and grief-stricken, told reporters: "Why, he came into my house under false pretenses and he committed adultery with my wife. . . . My wife told me . . . I learned about it in November . . . I trusted him completely."

Asked about her husband's statement that the minister came to the Vaughn residence for the purpose of committing adultery and did commit it, Mrs. Vaughn said "yes, it was true."

The Vaughns were members of the Denver City Baptist Church where Rev. Stevens was pastor until two months ago when he became pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church near here.



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Christmas Proves Hustle, Bustle For President's Wife

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—It's still hustle and bustle for Christmas, even if you are the wife of the President of the United States.

Mamie Eisenhower reportedly has done her Christmas shopping the year round and had all the packages wrapped and tied weeks ago.

"But is any woman ever prepared for Christmas?" her social secretary, Mrs. Mary Jane McCaffree, asked rhetorically Tuesday.

The Eisenhowers plan for Christmas still are not finalized, as they say in government circles, because of the question of arrival of a fourth grandchild, Maj. and Mrs. John Eisenhower expect the baby around the first of the year.

At any rate, Christmas will be in the White House for the first time since Dwight D. Eisenhower became President. And there'll be the excitement of children skipping around the mansion. They are the presidential grandchildren—David, 7; Barbara Anne, 6, and Susan, going on 4.

The family tree is upstairs in the west hall of the White House, used as a sitting room by the Eisenhowers. Downstairs in the formal East Room is the traditional ceiling-high tree.

The Eisenhowers plan to return to Washington Wednesday. Sometime before Christmas they will give the traditional reception for the White House staff.

Christmas dinner will be a family affair. Their son and daughter-in-law, if she is able, will be there, along with Mrs. Eisenhower's Gordon Moore of Washington and mother, Mrs. John Sheldon Doud and her two daughters.



BECOMES CITIZEN

RIVERHEAD, N. Y. (AP)—P. G. Wodehouse, 74-year-old British writer, has become an American citizen in ceremonies in Suffolk County naturalization court.

Wodehouse, a resident of nearby Remsenburg since 1947, is working on his 75th book.

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