



BATTLE RAMPAGING RIVER—Troops from Camp Beale labor to bolster weakened section of the levee along the Feather River at Yuba City, Cal., in an effort to prevent a repetition of the Christmas week disaster which cost the lives of 33 persons when the city flooded. Engineers called the situation critical.

Princess Alexandra Is New Glamor Girl Of London Society

LONDON (AP) — "Alex" has become the new reigning glamor girl of Mayfair. Succeeding Princess Margaret, Princess Alexandra has taken over as leader of the gayest young crowd in London's fashionable night life.

Margaret, now 25, has abdicated gracefully in favor of her 19-year-old cousin with the misty blue eyes.

Most of Margaret's escorts and friends of other years have married and settled down to raise families. Though she still goes to parties with them, the tone is more sedate.

For two years Alexandra moved in Margaret's shadow but now the Duchess of Kent's pretty daughter has come out on her own. Society columnists for the past few weeks have heralded her as "The Princess of 1956."

Mayfair has noted differences between the two princesses.

Alexandra is easily approachable while Margaret was regal and somewhat aloof.

"If you go into a dance where Princess Margaret is present, you are immediately aware of her," said one Mayfair columnist. "She will be sitting at the best table, with an escort either side and a waiter hovering near."

"If you go to a dance where Princess Alexandra is a guest—you may not even be aware of it. She is a girl likely to get stuck at the bar like anyone else."

Alexandra has a boy friends aplenty. The gossip column rumors are sprouting. A friend said: "She thinks them howlingly funny."



PRIZE STUDY OF HOMEWORK—This picture of a pretty Chinese girl doing homework won first prize in a New York picture contest. Six-year-old Elaine Leong not only has to study her regular school lessons, she's also learning Chinese after classes. Her father, Sing Leong, took this picture of her writing Chinese characters in their Brooklyn home.

Garden Valley Residents Return From Denver Meets

By ADDIE SCHNEIDER

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tipton and Mrs. Tipton returned early Monday morning from spending a week in Denver, Colo. The Tiptons drove to Portland and flew to Denver to visit Mrs. Tipton's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Compton.

They attended the Rodeo Cowboys Assn. convention, the IRA convention and the Rodeo and Stock show which followed. Tipton is a member of the board of Douglas County Rodeo Assn. and attended the conventions as their representative.

The Tipton children, Karen and Billy, stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Tipton while their parents were gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Harms, Wichita, Kan. have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higbee while visiting friends in Garden Valley and Roseburg. The Harms who were former residents, have been visiting in California and continued to Arizona and other southern states. Mrs. Harms is an aunt of Mrs. Higbee and Mrs. Ray Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Norris have been confined to their home with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Lee were overnight guests of the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Ellingson. The Lees now live in Tiller where they are employed by the Maude S. Mine.

Red China Puts Conditional Add To Ending Force

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Red China disclosed Wednesday it had offered to renounce the threat or use of force on condition that the United States at the same time agreed to a meeting between Secretary of State Dulles and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai.

The disclosure was made by Communist Chinese Ambassador Wang Pingnan, who has been holding secret talks here with U.S. envoy U. Alexis Johnson for the past 24 weeks.

Wang issued a 2,500-word statement giving details of their negotiations on the U.S. proposal that force be renounced in the Formosa area and elsewhere in settling disputes between the United States and the Peiping government.

The Chinese Reds have long contended that their differences with the United States and tension arising from the Formosa issue can be resolved only by a top-level conference. This proposal has been rejected in Washington as amounting to recognition of the Communist regime.

Assistant Prosecutor Extracts The Truth

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP) — Even the assistant city prosecutor was surprised at his dexterity in extracting the truth.

Marcel Jutras of Edmonton was charged with the theft of an overcoat.

"Are you telling the truth?" demanded the assistant prosecutor, Paul Delaney, when Jutras denied the charge at his trial Monday.

"Well, as a matter of fact, I'm not," said Jutras.

"Six months," said Magistrate Gordon Scott.

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Baby Girl Developed In Abdomen Of Woman

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A baby girl, who developed in her mother's abdomen instead of the uterus, was reported "kicking along fine" in Toledo Hospital.

Doctors said there are records of only 50 other babies being delivered alive under similar circumstances.

This baby, born Thursday, developed within three weeks of the full term before her delivery. She weighed 4 pounds 13 ounces.

Doctors said the unusual pregnancy was caused by the failure of the microscopic ovum to return to the uterus of the mother after it was fertilized. The ovum ruptured the wall of the fallopian tube and went into the abdominal cavity, where it continued its development.

Sen. Hounsell Protests Listing Of Voting Records

PORTLAND (AP) — State Sen. John P. Hounsell of Hood River protested Tuesday against a State Federation of Labor listing of legislative voting records.

He said the compilation contains a "complete falsehood" in that it lists him as voting against the measure to make Portland State College a four-year school.

Hounsell was one of seven Republican senators listed by the labor federation as having voted "wrong" more often than "right."

The others are Sens. Donald Husband, Eugene; Philip Lowry, Medford; Lee Ohmart, Salem; George Ulett, Coquille; Gene Brown, Grants Pass, and Senate President Elmo Smith, John Day.

Hounsell said the labor federation listed the Portland State measure as S. B. 7. Actually that was a measure to increase the minimum salary that school boards may pay teachers, Hounsell said.

"S. B. 1 was the bill that made Portland State College a full-fledged member of the state system. I was one of the sponsors... and supported it," Hounsell said.

"You may contend that the error is a regrettable mistake," Hounsell said in a letter to J. T. Marr, federation secretary, "but in my opinion no reputable organization would countenance such carelessness and permit the circulation of a printed document obviously intended to influence the political future of the 90 men and women in the Oregon Legislature."

Hounsell also objected to other wording. He said the federation explained House Joint Memorial No. 2 as asking "Congress to permit partnership construction of John Day Dam."

Hounsell said the memorial actually asked Congress either to indicate intention to build the dam promptly with federal funds or pass legislation to allow the use of private funds for its construction.

The AFL listed perfect voting records for Sens. Phil Brady, Joseph K. Carson Jr., and Harry George, all of Multnomah County, and Morris Sweetland, Clackamas County; and by Reps. Ben Anderson, Gust Anderson, and Norman Howard, all of Multnomah County.

Of the 60 House members 26 were listed as voting "right" more often than "wrong."

SIEGE STATE EXTENDED

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — The Chamber of Deputies voted 147-63 last night to approve a second 30-day extension in a state of siege for Brazil.

Under the new act, the modified martial law would continue until Feb. 28. It must be approved also by the Senate.

An adult with normal mentality may become insane, but he can never become feeble minded.

Plans To Solve Drainage Problem Talked At Meet

EUGENE (AP) — The need for comprehensive planning to solve the many drainage and sewage disposal problems of fringe area residential districts was emphasized here Monday night as Lane County groups met with members of a state legislative interim committee on local government.

Most of the dozen persons who spoke before the committee and who submitted written reports called for some legislation to permit wider programs for local surface drainage, and legislation giving more power for enforcement of drainage laws.

Some called for legislation to help in the financing of local roads and other improvements. Others asked for revisions of drainage laws to permit the county or other units to lay out comprehensive, area-wide plans of solution.

Harry D. Morrison representing the Oregon Library Assn., also called for legislation to permit combined city-county library service in some areas.

The interim committee will study the suggestions submitted here and in other cities, then make recommendations to the Legislature when it convenes in 1957.



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS—Caroline Purcell, 9, leaves school with a joyous leap on the fifth anniversary of her delivery from blindness. Five years ago, the little girl from a farm near Cumming, Ga., was said to have cancer, which was making her blind. Doctors said her eyes would probably have to be removed. But charitable persons in Atlanta took her to Mayo Clinic, where a diagnosis showed she did not have cancer and would see again. Today she is a normal, bright-eyed child, daughter of a tenant farmer of Big Creek community near Cumming.

American Fighter Pilots Are Playing New Game Of Darts

WENDOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AP) — American fighter pilots are trying a new game of darts — played at nearly supersonic speed high above the earth — to sharpen their shooting eyes.

In a twist on the old game, the object in this one is to hit the dart — with bullets and cannon fire from jet fighters. It's a serious and difficult game that for the first time gives pilots a chance to test their aim on a target as hard to hit as enemy aircraft, maybe harder.

The naval ordnance test center in Inyokern, Calif., invented the new target, and both the Navy and Air Force have adopted it.

Air Force sharpshooters from Tactical Air Command are here now working out new techniques and looking for ways to improve the target.

The target is called the Dart because that's what it looks like — a red-pointed steel and plywood dart 12 feet long and 4 feet across the rear of its four fins. A jet tow plane hooks on and snatches it off a "cradle" in the same way gliders are launched. But the Dart doesn't glide. It screams across the sky, looking like a comic strip drawing of a ship from outer space, at the end of its 2,000-foot nylon tow rope.

For many years, fighter pilots have practiced on towed targets in the shape of long, rectangular banners. These have too much air resistance for the tow plane to get up much speed. Not until the Dart came along, an Air Force officer said, was there a target that gave pilots a chance to practice under conditions close to those of combat.

Meany Rejects School Aid Plan Of Eisenhower

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — AFL-CIO President George Meany today rejected President Eisenhower's school aid plan. He proposed that Congress vote four times the amount the administration has asked.

Meany called on Congress to provide at least a billion dollars a year for the next five years. Eisenhower wants 250 million dollars a year for five years, with the money to be used to help states and local school districts build needed facilities.

The chief of the newly combined AFL-CIO outlined organized labor's legislative aims in an article in the American Federationist, his organization's monthly magazine.

Meany said education aid should be "the first order of business" in this session of Congress. He said Eisenhower's plan is inadequate.

"The administration's program, while making a significant concession to the need for federal aid, adds up to another manifestation of the 'too little, too late' policy," Meany said.

"Labor believes that stinting the schools is the height of false economy. In order to build the necessary schools and provide higher pay standards for teachers so as to attract more qualified people to this profession, the federal government should commit itself to an investment of at least a billion dollars a year for the next five years."

Neuberger Asks School Benefits For Veterans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Restoration of educational benefits for veterans was proposed Wednesday by Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) as "a matter of simple justice for our soldiers."

In a Senate speech prepared to accompany introduction of his bill, Neuberger said the United States is stationing servicemen in spots "which are either unpleasant or in localities in which to live or in close juxtaposition to our possible foes."

"Why should these boys," he asked, "be denied the GI Bill benefits which went during World War II to many servicemen who never left the shores of the United States?"

Neuberger said he was joined in introducing the bill by Sens. Morse (D-Ore.), Magnuson (D-Wash.), Margaret Chase Smith and Payne (R-Maine), Mansfield (D-Mont.) and McNamara (D-Mich.).

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