

American Army Officer Beaten by Anti-U.S. Rioters in Shanghai

Demonstrators Hit Photographer, Try To Disrobe Woman

SHANGHAI, Jan. 1 (AP)—An American army officer was beaten on the head with bamboo canes, an attempt was made to disrobe his girl company and an Associated Press photographer seeking to film the incident was given a black eye by Chinese students today in a continuation of anti-U.S. demonstrations.

(The girl's nationality was not given but the area where the attack took place is popular with Russians, French, and other Europeans.)

The officer, a lieutenant, and the girl were walking along Avenue Joffre in the former French concession when set up by some of the 1,000 Chinese students who staged a parade in protest against the retention of American military forces in China.

The demonstrators, shouting obscene words at the pair, struck the officer on the head and grabbed the girl's clothing, the photographer was given a black eye and forcibly prevented from taking a picture of the incident.

The lieutenant, grabbing the girl by the hand, began forcing his way through the crowd which abruptly ceased the attack. The photographer swung his camera at his assailants and reached safety.

Grabbed by Neck
Louis F. Roth, American manager of an import firm but a resident of this country for so long that he considers China his home, was grabbed by the neck and shaken up.

The demonstrators carried signs reading "China is not an American colony" and others warning "Get out or we'll throw you out, get out, you beasts?"

The violence here was in contrast with the orderly if noisy demonstrations earlier in the week by thousands of students at Peiping.

It was at Peiping on Christmas eve that a Chinese girl reported to police that two U.S. marines raped her. Today a marine board investigating the incident made its report to Col. Julian Frisbe, marine commander at Peiping.

To Order Courtmartial
Contents of the report were not disclosed but it was learned from marine sources that Colonel Frisbe will order a courtmartial on the basis of its findings. Sources said that failure of Chinese police to offer their evidence weakened the case.

The two marines are in custody, one denying he was involved with the girl, the other saying she agreed to intimacies on a professional basis.

Salem Rains Below Normal In December

Despite some heavy rains and flood conditions, Salem's rain for December was 2.19 inches below the expected normal of 6.64 inches, the McNary field, U.S. weather bureau, announced early today. The rainiest day was December 14 when 1.97 inches of rainfall was recorded.

Temperatures were only slightly above normal, the mean daily was 41.6, compared to the expected 41.0 degrees. Average maximum temperature was 47.4, the average minimum 35.9. A 20-degree lowest temperature for the month was recorded on the 3rd and the highest was 59 degrees on the following day.

December experienced 24 cloudy days, three clear days and four partly cloudy days in Salem. Prevailing wind direction was south. No high winds were recorded.

Robinsons Start New Year Right

ORLANDO, Fla., Jan. 1 (AP)—The anniversary problem is simple for the Wendell Robinsons of Orlando.

Eight years ago they were married on New Year's Day.

Four years ago, they became the parents of the city's "New Year's baby" when Alexander Robinson was born at 12:01 a.m.

Today, Mrs. Robinson again was the mother of the first child of the new year when Joyce Ann was born at 2:06 a.m.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Boy, did my wife ever rip into me!"

Law Violations Credited to Sen. Bibbo

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Football Scores

ROSE BOWL
Illinois 45, UCLA 41
EAST-WEST
West 13, East 9
ORANGE BOWL
Rice 8, Tennessee 0
SUGAR BOWL
Georgia 20, N. Carolina 10
COTTON BOWL
Arkansas 0, Louis. St. 0
SUN BOWL
Cincinnati 18, Va. Tech 6
OIL BOWL
Ga. Tech 41, St. Mary's 19
RAISIN BOWL
San Jose St. 20, Utah St. 0
GATOR BOWL
Oklahoma 34, N. Car. 13

Holiday Accident Toll 101

By the Associated Press
The new year opened with a relatively small cost in human lives with 101 persons meeting violent death, 72 in highway accidents in the period that began at 6 p.m. local time New Year's eve.

California, which topped the nation in traffic deaths during the Christmas holidays, again led the list with 21 deaths, 15 on the highways.

Five persons perished in the crash of an air freighter near Charleston, S. C., and two couples en route to a New Year's party were injured fatally in a collision between their automobile and a train near Madison, S. D.

British Offer To Consider Palestine Plan

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—First indications of a possible settlement for troubled Palestine came today when a British official source promised "full and serious consideration" of proposals to divide the Holy Land into independent Jewish and Arab states.

The source implied, however, that Britain would not offer such a plan herself. He said the plan would be studied if Jews or Arabs offered such a proposal at the scheduled Jan. 21 resumption of the London conference on Palestine.

Other indications of an approaching effort to solve the problem were announcements that the British cabinet will concern itself almost solely with the problem at a meeting next week, and that Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, Palestine high commissioner, was flying to London for conferences. Reports from Jerusalem said Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, commanding general in Palestine, would accompany the commissioner.

Babes Arrive On New Year's

Two baby boys began life with the new year yesterday at Salem General Hospital. The parents of the boys are Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Ramey of 570 Locust st., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ediger of 525 Hawthorne ave.

About 2000 babies were born in Marion county during 1946, figures compiled by the county health department show. The tentative estimate shows approximately 200 more babies born in 1946 than in 1945.

Exactly 1788 infants were born during the first 11 months of the year and late figures from Salem Deaconess and General hospitals and outlying towns and cities bring the total near 2000.

General Denies China Reports

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Alfred H. Noble, marine corps officer back from duty in China, said today the recent reports from China depicting American marines as taking part in the Chinese civil war are pure fabrication.

General Noble said the reports are the work of dissident elements which, for reasons of policy, want the marines out of China and use propaganda to build up the most trivial incidents.

Sorority Reports 'Hannah' Missing

"Hannah," antiquated Model T Ford owned and operated by the Delta Gamma sorority at Willamette University, is missing again, the girls reported to city police last night. An anonymous telephone caller told members of the sorority at about 8 p.m. yesterday that police had the vehicle, but checks at headquarters proved to be no avail.

"Hannah" was missing one day last week, too, the girls say, but was found in Sweetland athletic field.

U. S., England Agree To Standardize Arms

Complete Military Alliance Rumored

By WILLIAM B. KING
LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—A government official confirmed today that the United States and Britain had agreed to standardize "certain items of military equipment," and British newspapers said the armies of both nations would be trained so that they could swing into action under one supreme commander.

Simultaneously, the Paris Socialist newspaper Aurore declared that British and American armies would soon be forged into a single fighting arm, extending from the North Pole to the Rio Grande, from Asia Minor to Japan.

Expanding a previous account in which it said that Britain and the United States would sign a secret accord March 15 to fight together in the event either was attacked, Aurore said that

equipment and training of all English-speaking armies would become uniform.

New Year's Welcome Lonely As Horn Tooting Premature

By Ed Lewis
Staff Writer, The Statesman
New Year's celebrants, it seems, have been several hours ahead of themselves for a number of years.

The year 1947 actually began shortly after 11:37 a. m., January 1. For though birth of the new year is customarily celebrated as the clock tolls midnight on December 31, an accumulation of slightly less than six hours each year is not taken into consideration, it was pointed out yesterday by Dr. Herman Clark, professor of physical sciences at Willamette University, in an interview.

Messersmith, Byrnes Talk Of Argentine

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes today talked over Argentine and other Latin America matters with Ambassador George E. Messersmith in a meeting which apparently averted for the moment any showdown on Argentine policy.

The two conferred for one hour and 20 minutes on this New Year's holiday. Talking to reporters, Messersmith left unchallenged reports that he was in sharp conflict with Assistant Secretary of State Braden over state department handling of relations with Argentina.

Of his meeting with Byrnes in the full secrecy of the secretary's office, the veteran envoy would say only that "we discussed problems of the American republics in general rather than any specific problem."

He will see Byrnes again, he said, and expects also to see Braden and to talk with President Truman before he leaves on his return trip to Buenos Aires. His trip to Washington was his first since the assignment to Argentina as Braden's hand-picked trouble shooter and tough-handed diplomat for dealing with President Juan Peron last spring.

Weather

	Max	Min.	Precip
Salem	38	34	.03
Portland	42	32	0.4
Chicago	27	23	0

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today. Continued cold with highest temperature today 39. Lowest 25.

Hostilities End Order Affects Oregon Laws

President Truman's proclamation declaring the war at an end will have the result of making the state civil service law and the public employees' retirement annuity law effective on July 1, 1947. The language of the state laws was that they should become fully effective on that date or on the duration and six months, whichever was later. The state employees' association had prepared amendments to present to the legislature to make them effective July 1 next, since the war actually was long since over and soldiers and sailors most of them had returned. The amendments now will not be necessary.

Under the civil service act appointments to office during this period have been temporary, after July 1st next appointments made under the act will be permanent. Payment of annuities now may start after July 1 next to retired workers.

New Revolt In Indo-China

PARIS, Jan. 1 (AP)—The French press agency reported today that French forces had overcome another rebellion in Indo-China, this time in western Cambodia at the opposite extremity from strife-torn Tonkin in the north.

The dispatch said the rebellion was launched by a "two or three thousand" man army of Cambodians calling themselves "Issarak" or "free men," who have now been broken into small guerrilla bands after three weeks of fighting in which they lost a large number of followers through desertion.

Food Handlers' Strike Slated

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1 (AP)—An employers' spokesman said tonight that the threat of a food handlers' strike tomorrow in most of Southern California had been narrowed to about 10,000 clerks in 2,000 stores in Los Angeles and vicinity.

The AFL Retail Clerks union is demanding \$60 for a 40-hour week instead of the current \$40. The employers have offered \$55. Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the local clerks union in the Los Angeles harbor area, said a majority of the 130 stores there have signed contracts at the new figure and that clerks in 14 major markets that have not yet signed would be on hand tomorrow.

Irish Crash Toll Raised to Thirteen

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Dudley Hill, 34, TWA radio officer, died today from injuries suffered Saturday in the crash of the Constellation Star of Cairo, the doctor amputated the right leg of the pilot, Herbert Tansey, as the last hope of saving his life.

Hill's death brought to 13 the total number of fatalities from the crash, which occurred near the Shannon, Eire, airport. The radio officer's father, William T. Hill of Alexandria, Va., arrived at Limerick, Eire, yesterday to be with his son.

CONSTRUCTION IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Jan. 1 (AP)—Seattle's first major 1947 construction project, a 4 1/2 million dollar group of low-cost apartments for veterans, was announced today.

'Misuse Of Office' Reported

By Edwin B. Haakinson
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—A majority of the senate war investigating committee reported tonight that Senator Theodore G. Bilbo (D-Miss) "misused his high office for personal gain" and violated federal statutes.

Along with this finding the senate was advised in a statement by Chairman Kilgore (D-W.Va) that the report and evidence have been sent to the attorney general "for such action as may be just and proper."

That announcement, made by Kilgore in filing the report with the secretary of the senate, followed the disclosure by a justice department official that an inquiry into Bilbo's affairs by the department "has been in progress in Mississippi and Washington for some time." The official said the investigation was independent of any committee proceedings.

Senate to Decide
"Final judgment concerning the matter of improper conduct affecting the fitness of a senator to serve must be made by the senate as a whole," Kilgore said, and under our form of government conclusions concerning statutory violations of the criminal code are reserved to the courts.

For this reason, Kilgore said he sent the Bilbo report "and the record of hearings and other evidence to the attorney general for such action as may be just and proper."

Democrats May Join
The report, indicated that republicans may be joined by some democrats in a battle to oust Bilbo. The Mississippi democrat to a third term last November after serving 12 years as a United States senator and eight years as governor of Mississippi.

Bilbo told his colleagues, in a letter he made public tonight, that "I certainly have no objection" to submitting the record and testimony to the justice department. He urged the senators to approach his case with open minds.

Troops Remain Unaffected by Truman Order

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Any idea occupation troops might have had about getting home early because of President Truman's proclamation of the statutory provision of the two-year maximum for duty in certain foreign stations.

The statute was one of a number which again became operative with the presidential proclamation. It stipulates a two-year limit on foreign service of troops in the Philippines, the Asiatic station, China, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Panama Canal zone.

It contains, however, an exception which provides longer service in the discretion of the secretary of war when necessary for "temporary emergencies."

Patterson said these "temporary emergencies do exist in the areas listed."

Ruml Resigns Bank Position

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Beardsley Ruml has resigned as chairman of the New York Federal Reserve bank, but will continue to serve on the bank's executive committee, the Federal Reserve board announced today.

Ruml had served as chairman for nine years, an unusually long time, and officials here said he had asked to be relieved because he could not spare the time necessary from his business as board chairman of R. H. Macy and company.

The position, like other Federal Reserve bank posts of the kind, carries no compensation.

Unhappy New Year For Homer J. Knox

PASADENA, Jan. 1 (AP)—It wasn't a very happy new year for Homer J. Knox, who came from Klamath Falls to see the Rose Bowl game.

Knox told police three men held him up while he was strolling down-town; robbed him of \$300 and his Rose Bowl ticket.