

# U.S. Formosa Policy Reported As Still Barring Use of Troops

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—(AP)—President Truman was reported tonight to have reaffirmed an American policy toward Formosa which would bar any use of American troops to try to prevent the island from falling into communist hands.

On the other hand, the reported policy decision would allow continued economic help and political support as well as advisory assistance to support Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in his fight against expected communist attempts to take over the island, now the stronghold of the Chinese nationalists.

Formosa was one of many far eastern questions reviewed at a meeting of the national security council at the White House Thursday afternoon. Truman presided over the meeting.

Responsible informants tonight said that actually the session made no change in the American attitude toward Formosa despite many demands which have been made by members of congress that the United States should in effect place the island under the protection of American forces on the theory that Chiang will not be able to hold it.

The administration opposition to this kind of action is understood to be based on two points. One is the state department argument that such a use of American troops could be criticized throughout the far east as an imperialist move and would cost the United States greatly in influence in other parts of that area of the world.

The other point is that the joint chiefs of staff have repeatedly urged that Formosa was not of sufficient strategic importance to warrant the use of American forces in holding it although it is important enough to try to save by other means.

However, it was stated on good authority that if Chiang wishes to employ American military advisers, the American government would be willing for him to do so.

# Stocks Ride On High Wave Into New Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 31—(AP)—The stock market sailed into 1950 riding high on the crest of a 6 1/2-month advance.

Industrial stocks, on average, were priced at the best level since August 1946.

The general run of prices was just under the highest mark of the past three years.

Since the current advance started to roll in mid-June the market value of all stocks listed on the exchange has increased by around \$14,000,000,000. That, it can be said safely, is a lot of money.

At the present time the market appeared on the verge of breaking out of one of the narrowest price ranges in the history of stock trading.

Buying interest cooled off in the two-hour Saturday session as profit selling, plus a little short selling, clipped a number of leaders for fractional losses. More stocks advanced than declined but the averages showed a slight loss.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks finished the year at 72, off 2 of one point on the day. This compared with 84.5 at the end of 1948 and the low point year of 58.

Sales for the year totaled 272,203,402 shares, against 302,218,965 in 1948. The decline from last year resulted mainly from week after week of sleepy trading during the early part of the year. In the past several months daily volume has remained consistently above 1,000,000 shares.

# Blood of Saint Said to Liquify As 400 Watch

NAPLES, Dec. 31—(AP)—Canon Cattaneo Sanicandro, of the Cathedral of Naples, said today that the blood of martyred Saint Januarius had miraculously liquified before the eyes of 400 Argentine Holy Year pilgrims.

The miracle of liquefaction was said to have occurred as the Argentines and other Roman Catholic faithful visited the Chapel of the Treasure in the famed cathedral.

Sanicandro exhibited the silver reliquary, said to contain the blood of the early Christian saint, at the request of the Argentine pilgrims enroute to Rome.

The reliquary usually is exhibited only 16 times a year on religious occasions, and the archbishop of Naples announces results of the miracle to waiting crowds.

Saint Januarius, who was bishop of Beneventum (Benevento), about 4 miles northeast of Naples, was martyred under the Roman Emperor Diocletian about 305 A. D. His remains were placed in the crypt of Naples' chief church, now the cathedral.

The Catholic encyclopedia, quoting "Roman martyrology," says the saint's blood, "being set near his head becomes liquid and bubbles up as though it were fresh."

# Health Plan Hopes to Gain AMA Support

By Edwin B. Haakinson  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—(AP)—A new voluntary national health plan — tailored to win support of organized medicine — will be offered at the new session of congress by Senator Hunt (D-Wyo.), a dentist.

"I believe this will be acceptable to the American Medical Association and the American Dental Association," he told a reporter. "No health plan has a chance of passing congress without their support."

Although a supporter of most of President Truman's legislative "fair deal," Hunt has been battling the administration's national health plan including compulsory national health insurance.

"My plan would very closely follow the recommendations of the Hoover commission," he said, outlining major provisions as follows:

1. Establishment of a new cabinet rank department of health headed by a "professional leader who has not engaged in politics."

2. Operation of a voluntary government insurance program under this new department with a prepayment system to cover hospital, medical and dental expenses.

3. Use a deductible feature whereby a family or individual would pay the first part of medical expense each year, if able, such as \$25 to \$100, or possibly up to 5 per cent of annual income.

Hunt said his proposal would retain the present "necessary patient-doctor relationships" and at the same time insure against medical costs that now threaten many families.

"I believe that existing voluntary insurance programs would continue for awhile at least," he added. "Eventually, if the government insurance works well, it might cut into them. But nobody would be forced to pay for something he does not want."

# Year End Finds Tax Collections At 80 Per Cent

Marion county offices Saturday were busy taking down old calendars and putting up new ones and totaling records of the past year.

Harold Domogalla, chief tax deputy, said that at year's end nearly 80 per cent of this year's record county tax roll had been collected. This, he said, is a better average than for 1948 at this time. It is also, said Domogalla, somewhat lower than the easy-money years but "quite a bit" higher than the 1930s.

Cupid worked slowly this past year with victims of the marriage bug totaling several hundred less than in 1948. Marriage license applications issued in 1949 at the county clerk's office came to 882 compared with 1,129 in 1948, second busiest marriage year in county history. The peak was reached in 1947 with 1,229 applications.

Divorce cases filed in circuit court also declined to 332 in 1949 from 349 in 1948.

Both the district attorney's office and the sheriff's office reported a substantial increase in their activities in 1949.

Fees and recordings both declined during 1949 at the office of Herman Lanke, county recorder. Fees received totaled \$25,823 in the past year as compared with \$28,752 in 1948. The peak year was 1946 with \$29,739.

Lanke's office recorded 19,732 deeds, mortgages and other instruments during 1949 compared with 21,849 in 1948. Lanke attributed the drop-off in fees and recordings to a general decrease of the post-war real estate boom. Net profit gained by the office was more in 1949 than 1948, said Lanke, due in part to a reduction in personnel.

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# Hard-Hatted Five Dead as Montana Girl Goes Berserk



SILVERTON—Clifton Hadley, Silvertown, is shown rubbing his head and holding the safety hat that saved his life in a logging operations accident in the hills near here recently.



SILVERTON — Henry Burkhardt, Silvertown logger, whose life was saved by his safety helmet in an accident in the woods recently.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 31—(AP)—A 21-year-old brown-haired girl, apparently cool and methodical at her bloody chore, killed her mother, two brothers and a sister here today, then turned a short-barreled .22 caliber rifle on herself.

Coroner R. E. Sayatovic said tonight Lorraine, "nice looking" daughter of Butte Miner John A. Knapp, fired a single shot German-made rifle six times as she stalked through the family's five-room frame house.

Lorraine died in a local hospital, a bullet wound in the center of her forehead.

Her sister, Winifred, 7, died a few minutes earlier. Her mother, 42, died on the way to the hospital. Her brothers, Fay, 12, and Ernest, 4, were killed instantly, Sayatovic said.

Sayatovic said he does not plan an inquest.

**Shot Through Skull**  
The groaning mother, Ernest's body nearby, was found by police in a combination living-dining room. Mrs. Knapp had been shot through the base of the skull, apparently as she sat sewing.

Fay's body and Winifred, shot twice, were in a "sort of store room," Sayatovic said. Officers found Lorraine in a bedroom, the rifle still clutched in her hand.

The father was working when son George, 18, found the bodies today. Sayatovic said George and a brother, Jack, 16, had been helping a neighbor fix his car. The boys said they had been gone from home about an hour.

**'Peculiar Mood'**  
When they left the house, they told the coroner, Lorraine was in a "peculiar mood—she didn't pay any attention to us when we talked to her. Instead, the coroner quoted them as saying, Lorraine was arguing about her wristwatch, which she said a neighbor had stolen. Sayatovic said the girl had the watch in the hospital.

The father, who has been a logger here about 30 years, had no explanation for the tragedy tonight. He told Sayatovic that Lorraine was "all right" when he went to work this morning.

But Sayatovic said her brothers told him the girl threatened suicide last night and was packing to leave home this morning.

Lorraine "seemed odd," Sayatovic quoted the brothers as saying. The coroner said the girl had worked in a garage in Dillon, southwest of here, until six weeks ago.

Sayatovic said the gun was one the father had given George.

# Safety Hats Save Lives Of 2 Loggers

SILVERTON — Identical accidents to Clifton Hadley and Henry C. Burkhardt, both of Silvertown, and both employed by A. H. Sacher, independent logger of star route, Silvertown, were prevented from being fatal to the two workmen by hard hats. One hat was badly dented; the other, slightly.

The similar accidents happened within two months, according to an account by the state industrial accident commission.

Hadley's accident differed from Burkhardt's only in that Hadley lost more than three weeks from work; Burkhardt lost only three hours and a week-end.

Both hats were supplied by Sacher, the employer, in keeping with the general safety code of the state industrial accident commission which requires that employers furnish such protective means and that employees use them. All fallers are required to wear hard hats at work.

When Hadley had his accident he was engaged with another logger in felling a second growth Douglas fir. The terrain was steep and rocky, limiting his movements. As the tree fell it struck standing maple.

A section of maple limb, 5 inches thick by 10 feet long, was hurled back more than 80 feet to where Hadley stood. It struck him on the hard hat above and back of the left ear. Despite the hard hat, he was knocked unconscious, developed a big swelling, and had two stitches taken in his scalp.

# Stock Meet At Dallas January 4

DALLAS — The annual meeting of the Polk County Livestock association will be held Wednesday, January 4, at the Dallas city hall beginning at 8 p.m., announced Stanley B. Fansher, county extension agent.

There will be an election of officers, discussion of plans for the coming year, and appointment of delegates to the Western Oregon Livestock meeting to be held in Corvallis. Pat Hardy, livestock marketing specialist, will be the featured speaker and will discuss price trends in marketing livestock.

Those interested in livestock are invited to attend this meeting.

Burkhardt was likewise falling a second growth fir with another man in rough country with a heavy deciduous growth of alder and maple. They worked in a creek bottom. A 4-inch limb of maple about 6 feet long was thrown back 100 feet when the fir fell. Burkhardt saw the limb in the air but could not move fast enough to escape it. It struck on top of his hard hat. He was knocked dizzy, but not unconscious.



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# Valley Briefs

Jefferson—Mr. and Mrs. Brown Hice and children returned last week from four months in California and at present are making their home in Marion.

Amity—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Warren are the parents of a daughter, born December 26 in the McMinnville hospital. The Warrens have an older daughter, Sara Lee.

Monmouth — A son was born early Christmas morning at The Dallas hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Logan Wallace of Monmouth. This is their second child and son. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, Monmouth. A. F. Huber is great-grandfather.

# Stephen Early Hints at Plan For Retirement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—(AP)—Deputy Defense Secretary Stephen T. Early hinted today he might return to private life next spring, but there were indications that President Truman and Secretary Johnson would urge him to remain.

Early, who was the late President Roosevelt's press secretary, left his job as a vice president of the Pullman Standard Car manufacturing co. last May 2 to become Johnson's chief lieutenant in the defense establishment.

He explained, in answering questions by reporters today, that when he left the company he offered his resignation, but that he was asked instead to take a leave of absence with a "general understanding" he would return at the end of a year.

Early added: "That is approximately what my plans are now, although I assure you that there is absolutely nothing definite about it."

Early's income as vice president of the Pullman company reportedly was more than double the salary he got when he started out on the deputy's job last spring—\$12,000. But increases provided under amendments to the national de-

# Airlines Chalk Up New Safety Record in '49

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—(AP)—The nation's scheduled airlines had their safest year of flying in 1949.

Only one passenger lost his life for each 100,000,000 passenger miles on domestic and international routes. This was about 25 per cent better than in 1948, the previous best year, and 63 per cent better than in 1947, one of the worst. A passenger mile means one passenger carried one mile.

There were four fatal accidents in 1949, all on domestic routes, in which 93 passengers and 11 crew members were killed. This was the smallest number of accidents and the lowest death toll in five years.

The domestic carriers had five fatal accidents, with 83 passengers and 15 crewmen killed in 1948. The International Airlines had one accident in which 20 passengers and 10 crewmen died the same year.

The lower rate of passenger deaths is due in a large part to the greater volume of travel, estimated at around nine billion passenger-miles by government statisticians.

Two of the four airline accidents resulted from collisions with military-type aircraft. Three accidents taking 89 lives occurred within less than six weeks in November and December.

Those crashes had a serious effect on end of the year business.

The decrease in accidents is an important index of safety improvement, since the airlines increased

passenger and federal pay acts have now increased it to \$20,000.

Under the unification law, Early's job is that of a plant manager for the huge and complex defense organization when Johnson is here. When Johnson is absent, Early "acts for and exercises the powers of the secretary of defense."

Early left the White House a few months after Mr. Roosevelt's death in 1945 and went to the Pullman company.

# City Reconsiders Purchase of Fort

ASTORIA, Dec. 31—(AP)—The city of Hammond reconsidered today on its proposal to buy Fort Stevens from the government.

The price for the 155 acres of the fort is \$51,000, and the town would have to put up \$10,000 immediately. There also would be \$2,500 insurance and repairs to some of the buildings.

The city still may go through with it, though, since the only way to get several sites and buildings wanted is to buy the fort.

"Just as merciless and cruel haters of humanity as those upon whose crimes you will pass judgment."

He declared three "learned Japanese bacteriologists, Shiro Ishii, Kitano and Wakamatsu," who should be in the defendants' dock were sheltering in Tokyo "under the wing of those reactionary forces of the imperialist camp which themselves dream of the time when they will be able to hurl atom bombs and lethal bacteria against humanity."

The Soviet military court at Khabarovsk, by sentencing 12 former Japanese army officers on charges of experimenting with germs, struck a "blow at anglo-American imperialists," Izvestia said.

The government newspaper gave more than four full pages to the trial in Siberia, which concluded with 25-year sentences for four former commanders of the army in Manchuria, and sentences of from two to 20 years for eight other officers.

Prosecutor L. N. Smirnov, in summing up the six-day trial, told the court its verdict "should sound a formidable warning to the instigators of a new world war."

These instigators, he added, are

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