

## Command Changes Hands



PARIS—Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther (left) shakes hands with Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway as he takes over as Supreme Commander in Europe from Ridgway at SHAPE headquarters near Paris. Gruenther, a few minutes after the change, declared the downfall of Lavrenty Beria and uprisings in the Soviet satellites do not herald the dissolution of the Soviet empire. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Paris to The Statesman.)

## Girls Decline Offer to Join Marine Corps

ATLANTA (AP)—The United States Marine Corps has invited Gene Van Buskirk and Arden Smith to enlist, hinting that being a Marine is better than being drafted.

But both girls, who recently graduated from Atlanta's Henry Grady High School declined with thanks after receiving promotional material from the Marine Recruiters.

Arden reported she was "sort of shocked" when she saw the envelopes marked "official business" but quickly "figured it was just another case of my name being mistaken for that of a man." She said she once received an offer for a free trial of an electric razor.

Gene said she has received many letters addressed "Mr. Gene Van Buskirk," principally from colleges.

The girls ordinarily don't mind, but both said their confusing names did cause them to

## Industrialization In China Woeful

HONG KONG (AP)—The Communist China Ministry of Heavy Industry finds a lot to criticize in current efforts to industrialize the country.

The central committee paper Peoples Daily said these faults were listed:

"Too much adventurous tendency, wrong concepts of design and not enough designers; bad quality construction and not enough construction; alarming waste and irresponsibility."

Also hit were the "continuance of fatal accidents and damage to equipment, weak concepts of business accounting and chaotic control of cost accounting."

CONNECTICUT WOODS  
HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Connecticut, almost exactly 5,000 square miles in area, is known as a densely populated, highly industrialized state. Nevertheless, more than two-thirds of it is covered by woodland.

miss out on several gifts which Atlanta business firms sent to other girl graduates.

## Wanted Youth Invites Arrest

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—An 18-year-old Dallas, Texas, fugitive, wanted on suspicion of several burglaries, called the local police to see if anyone wanted him for arrest.

Assured that he was wanted, the young man put the receiver back on the hook, opened the telephone booth door to leave. On hand to greet him were two detectives—with handcuffs.

## Cat Grieves Over School Term's Finish

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP)—One of the seven pupils who received a perfect attendance record at the Winter Beach Elementary school isn't happy because school is out.

He is Toby, a cat that began attending classes the first day last September, and not only was present every day, but also attended PTA meetings and all other school functions.

Not only did Toby show up for flag raising every morning, enter school through the private entrance the teacher, Mrs. Meta Chesser, cut for him in a screen door, and occupy a front row chair at all PTA meetings, he once took a part in an operetta. Every time the girl playing Miss Muffet got off her tuffet, Toby took over.

If Toby decides to hang around school during the summer vacation, pupils have volunteered to bring him a daily ration of milk. But just to let the record show he doesn't have to rely on charity, every few days during the school term Toby showed up with a young rabbit which he carefully left at the door of the school cafeteria.

## Moliere Translated Into Monokoutouba

BRAZZAVILLE (French Equatorial Africa) (AP)—Moliere's "L'Avare" (the Miser) will be played in yet another new language here soon. A speaker of Radio Brazzaville is preparing in cooperation with native artists a translation of "L'Avare" in monokoutouba. The performance will take place in Brazzaville. Monokoutouba is a sort of native esperanto, "the railway language." It is a spontaneously born combination of dialects spoken by native workers who helped build the railway from Brazzaville to the sea coast.

## Alaskan Volcano Erupts



ANCHORAGE, Alaska—Smoke and ash pour from the crater of 11,050 foot Mount Spurr, one of three Alaskan volcanoes which suddenly erupted July 9, 80 miles west of Anchorage. The terrific eruptions spread a cloud of smoke and ash over thousands of square miles. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

## Barber's Pal



MARA CORDAY  
She Likes Barbers

## Pin-Up Shuns Beauty Shop For Barbers

By JAMES BACON  
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Mara Corday prefers a barber shop to a beauty salon any day. Curvy Mara, one of the nation's top photographer's models and pin-ups, says you can't relax in a beauty parlor.

"Your most innocent remark," she moans, "is given alleys treatment."

What few beauty problems this girl has, she solves at home, such as fingernails, etc. For her hair trimming and thinning and facial massages, she hires a regular barber shop. She's getting ready now to work in Martin and Lewis' latest "Money from Home."

She contends that beauty parlors deal more in gossip than in beauty.

"You always learn the entire and lurid history of the woman who preceded you under the hair dryer. That's what cured me because I knew the customer who followed me learned mine."

She has done television dramatic roles, usually as a femme fatale, and has had some bit roles in movies.

Does she find barbershop conversation too ribald?

"Quite to the contrary," she answers, "the repartee is both stimulating and provocative. It's certainly on a much higher plane than what can be heard in any ladies' powder room."

## Fags Shorten Smoker's Life

LONDON (INS)—An article in the British Medical Journal says non-smokers can expect to live a little longer than smokers. Author of the article, P. G. Moore, of the Department of Statistics, University of London, analyzed the death-rates among smokers and non-smokers.

He conceded that the results could not be regarded as exact, but he claimed they showed that a moderate smoker aged 25 had a reduction of about 2.2 per cent in his expectation of life.

For a heavy smoker, the figure was 5.7.

The expectation of life of a man of 25 was 45.9 years if he were a non-smoker, 44.9 if he smoked 15-25 cigarettes a day, and 4.2 if he smoked 25-50.

STORM HAVEN  
PITTSBURGH (INS)—A steel-topped automobile is a safe refuge in a storm since the steel body carries lightning to the ground even though the bolt has to leap across rubber tires. Engineers have proved this by striking automobiles with three million volts of man-made lightning—while drivers sit safely at the wheel. The only effect on the car's a small pit mark in the paint where the bolt strikes.

## Well-Known Covered Bridges Fall From Use

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Covered bridges once dotted the Nutmeg landscape but today there are only three remaining. One is

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the Comstock Bridge of the boundary line of the townships of East Hampton and Colchester, Conn. The other two are Bull's Bridge in Kent, and the West Cornwall Bridge in Cornwall.

Comstock is no longer used for traffic but is preserved on its original site as a museum.

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