

## Zero Weather Creeps East

### Ice Cream Social Held in Minnesota

**By UNITED PRESS**  
A still, clear cold wave, with temperatures down to 26 below zero, crept silently across the Midwest Wednesday behind a 60-mile-an-hour blizzard which left several persons reported missing and whole towns isolated.

The vast cold front, extending from Ontario, Canada, to the Gulf of Mexico, enveloped the Dakotas, Montana and Minnesota with the nation's coldest temperatures.

Grand Forks, N. D., shivered in a temperature reading of 25 below, Fargo, N. D., had 23 below, Alexandria, Minn., also had 23, Redwood Falls, Minn., 20 below and Lewiston, Mont., 26 below.

**THE DEEP FREEZE** moved into the area in the wake of a "quickie" blizzard which struck so suddenly that many persons were marooned on short trips.

But the storm had some lighter touches.

Determined residents of Stillwater, Minn., observed their third annual outdoor ice cream social although many had trouble ignoring the howling snowstorm.

**BATHING BEAUTIES**, wearing long underwear under their suits, paraded through the storm in weather 10 degrees above zero as the band played "In the Good Old Summer Time."

Several businessmen donned straw hats and sports shirts and "putted" snowballs around until the snow became so deep they had trouble finding the green.

It was better than last year, however, when blow torches were brought out to thaw the ice cream which froze solid in below-zero cold.

The West Coast, except for the Pacific Northwest where showers and snow were common, had near normal weather.

## Police Arrest Payroll Clerk

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.**—(AP)—Ernest L. Whetzel, Jr., who fled Camp Gordon, Ga., with a Coast Guard payroll and a blonde waitress, has been arrested here and \$20,000 of the money recovered.

Chief of Police Richard M. Allshire said the missing 36-year-old Coast Guard pay clerk was seized Monday night in a night club a block from the police station.

He quoted Whetzel as admitting he left Camp Gordon Jan. 3 with \$30,000 of Coast Guard funds.

The FBI reported that Whetzel left with the waitress "simultaneously with the discovery that \$45,338.99 was missing from the safe of which he had custody as payroll officer."

Allshire said Whetzel told him he "had been going through the payroll for some time" and took only \$30,000 when he left.

## Taft Narrowly Misses Wreck

**MADISON, Wis.**—(AP)—Key highways came within inches of putting a tragic end Tuesday to the two-day Wisconsin tour of Sen. Taft.

The car carrying the Republican presidential aspirant spun around twice on the slick pavement 10 miles south of here and wound up facing in the opposite direction only scant inches out of the path of a big semi-trailer coming from the other way.

"I was scared for a minute, like we all were, but it turned out all right," said Taft after the party arrived here for a reception officially opening his state campaign headquarters.

**TOO MUCH TO HANDLE**  
**LOUISVILLE, Ky.**—(AP)—Transportation of a 1400-pound safe proved too much for burglars here. They got the safe out of a window of a motor company but when they tried to make off with it in an automobile, the car bogged down on a mud road.

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**CO-ED TURNS BULLFIGHTER**—Pretty Patricia McCormick gives a flashing display of cape work and cool courage as she fights her first bull in her debut as a professional bullfighter at Juarez, Mexico. The 22-year-old former student at Texas Western College, El Paso, killed two bulls, winning the cheers of the crowds for her cool courage, and two bull's ears for her skill.

## Communist MIGs Out in Force; Allied Patrol Escapes Ambush

**SEOUL, Korea**—(AP)—Allied jets shot down two Communist MIG-15s over Northwest Korea Wednesday, probably destroyed another and damaged a fourth.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said gun films showed that one Red plane listed earlier as a probable definitely was destroyed.

The Russian-type MIGs were out in force all day, but there was only one aerial battle. Allied pilots said the MIGs fled across the Yalu when the U. S. F-86 Sabre jets headed toward them.

Scattered fighting broke out all along the frozen 145-mile ground front. The heaviest engagement was on the Central Front where

an ambushed Allied patrol fought a brief engagement with an unknown number of Reds in the early morning darkness.

Despite the lull in ground fighting the U. S. Eighth Army said the Allies killed, wounded or captured 3,483 Reds in the past week. Total Communist casualties since the first of the year were put at 13,292.

The swirling jet battle over Sinanju pitted 19 Sabre jets against 22 MIGs. About 38 other MIGs watched the fight.

Carrier-based planes Tuesday hit hard at the battered Communist rail lines in Northeast Korea. UN warships pounded Red targets on both the East and West Coasts.

## First Cavalry Out of Combat

### Ready to Defend Japanese Islands

**CAMP CRAWFORD, Hokkaido, Japan**—(AP)—The battle-hardened U. S. First Cavalry Division has been pulled out of Korea to defend Japan's northernmost island.

Russian troops on Habomai Island are only 3½ miles away. The Russian-occupied Kuriles are 10 miles to the east. Russia's Sakhalin is less than 30 miles to the north.

**MAJ. GEN. Thomas L. Harrold**, division commander, said Wednesday: "I can assure you this: If they land here we'll be ready for them with everything we have. "We feel we are as much on the front line here as we ever were in Korea."

The division's move from Korea was completed New Year's Eve—but was withheld by censors. The 45th Division, former Oklahoma National Guard unit, replaced the First Cavalry in Korea.

**IT IS AN IRONIC** touch that the famed dismounted cavalry is now the key division in the U. S. Defense Force for Japan.

The cavalrymen were flown into Japan from the Philippines to cement the surrender in 1945.

Five years later the division was rushed to Korea to help stem the Red invasion.

Now, after 17 months of bitter combat, it is back in Japan to defend a former enemy.



(AP Wirephoto)

**RELUCTANT**—Will Rogers Jr., will play the leading role in the film biography of his father's life, but would rather someone else got the job. "I never sought the role," Will said, "and acting doesn't come easy to me." He was pressed into the role when the studio hit casting problems and technical difficulties on the picture.

## Japanese, China Ready for Treaty

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Japan, with the backing of the United States, will seek a peace pact shortly with Nationalist China.

It will mark the formal end to a state of war which has existed between the two since July 7, 1937. But, since the actual shooting stopped on Aug. 5, 1945, it is more important today because it is another American victory over Communism.

Actually, any pact with the Chinese Nationalists is more symbolic than real and must remain so as long as the Chiang Kai-shek government remains bottled up on tiny Formosa while the great body of the Chinese mainland stays in the hands of the Reds.

**BUT THE PACT** is a blow at the prestige of the Reds, both in China and Russia, and is an indication of the high regard held by the Japanese for the United States.

It is also a practical application of that high regard.

Japan, stripped of all her possessions outside the home islands and of her war potential, knows she would be a "sitting duck" for Russia should the United States withdraw its military and economic support.

Russia would like nothing better than to rush into the vacuum created by any such U. S. withdrawal.

So, even though the Chinese mainland is her natural trading area, Japan has elected to go ahead and sign with the Nationalists.

There is at least one other reason for the Japanese action which puts her inevitably at the side of the United States.

**THE REALISTIC** Japanese have a high regard for any nation able to conquer them militarily and they were genuinely amazed at the sympathy and understanding shown them during the occupation under Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his successor Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

They were unimpressed either by Russian tirades or expressions of "sympathy" from the state of affairs which saw Japanese prosperity rise under the occupation to its highest level since Japan's invasion of China.

Instead, the Japanese still want to know what happened to more than 300,000 Japanese prisoners taken by the Russians at the end of the last war and still unaccounted for.

**DOG LEGALLY PARKED**

**PLATTSMOUTH, Neb.**—(AP)—A small boy riding on a sled pulled slowly by a dog halted at a parking meter in the business district. He stuck a penny in the meter and left the dog waiting on the sled while he went into a store nearby.

## Church to Discuss Religious Freedom

**SPRINGFIELD**—Seventh-day Adventist Church members will devote Saturday morning church services Jan. 26 to discussion of ways by which laymen can help to defend religious freedom in America, according to Raymond Cales, pastor of the Springfield, Cottage Grove, Deerhorn and Oakridge area.

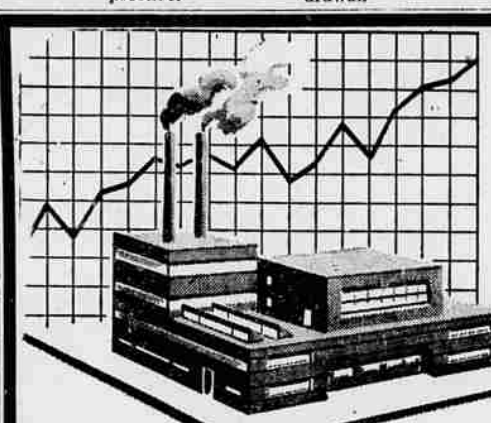
The sermon of the morning will review recent threats to this liberty as seen in the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, revival of Sunday laws, the Green River Ordinance prohibiting sale of gospel literature, and other developments.

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