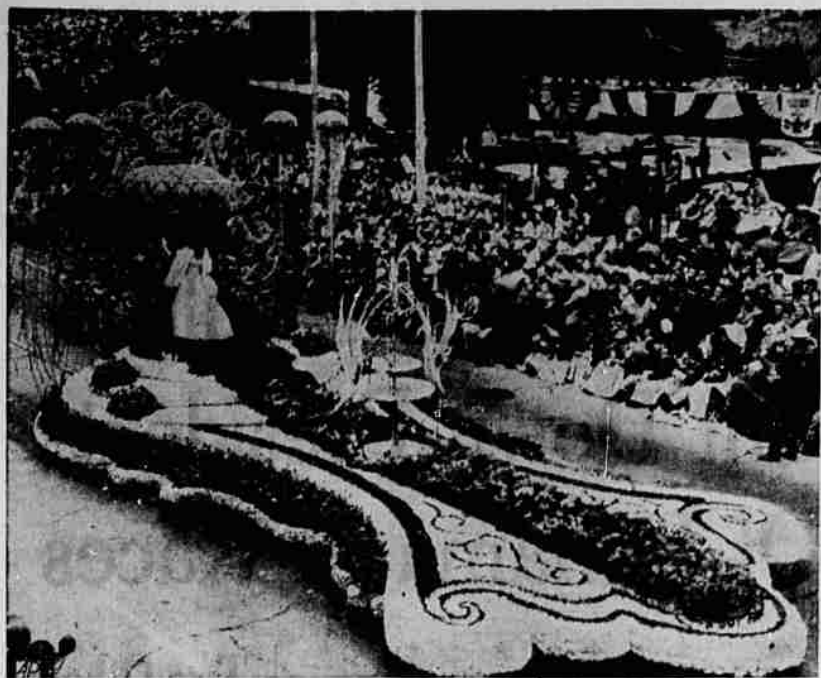




SWEEPSTAKES WINNER—This gorgeous float, entered by the City of Long Beach, Calif., won the sweepstakes award as the most beautiful of all the floats in the Tournament of Roses parade at Pasadena New Year's Day. Miriam Stevenson, winner of the Miss Universe beauty contest in Long Beach last summer, is the float's only occupant.

Administration Says 8,008 Workers Fired

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration reported Monday that the number of persons it has dropped from the federal payroll and classified as security risks has reached 8,008, of whom 2,096 had "subversive data" in their files.

Of the total, 3,002 were listed as fired outright and 5,006 as having resigned before final determination of their cases. The total represented about one third of one per cent of the approximately 2,317,000 federal workers.

This new report on operations of its controversial security program was issued by the administration just two days before the convening of the new Democratic-controlled Congress, which promises to give the operation close scrutiny.

FIGURES A "HOAX"

Many Democrats have challenged the figures, calling them a "hoax," and a "numbers game." Sen. Johnston (D-SC), in line to head the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee in the new Congress, has said that group will conduct a full inquiry.

Germany Recalls Envoy

BONN, Germany (AP)—West Germany recalled her top diplomat from London Monday because his wife had described Britain at an official Christmas party as "an enemy foreign country."

The Bonn government expressed regret for this expression, which it termed unacceptable.

The diplomat, Charge d'Affaires Oskar Schlitter, and his wife Daisy, former German beauty queen and actress, returned to Bonn.

They were recalled to answer questions about British and German newspaper reports of Mrs. Schlitter's remarks at the party given by the West German mission in London.

Soon afterward, an official announcement acknowledged that the envoy's wife had used the expression. The announcement said Schlitter, who served in Nazi Germany's diplomatic missions in Washington and London before World War II, had been "sent on leave" pending a decision on the affair.

In London, the British Foreign Office brushed the incident off as "a purely internal German affair."

London newspapers, splashing the story, quoted Schlitter's wife as telling the party of employees at the German mission, "My husband and I find again and again what treacherous ground London can be, and realized again and again that we live among enemies."

Mrs. Schlitter denied intending to impress on the mission staff she explained that she meant only to impress on the mission staff that they must pull together because they were "in foreign surroundings."

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Bing Crosby's Son Faces Drunk Charge

LOS ANGELES (AP)—One of singer Bing Crosby's twin sons, Dennis, 20, was to appear in Municipal Court Monday to face a drunk charge.

Dennis was a passenger early Sunday in a car driven by Howard Norman Gilmore Jr., 21, a Stanford University student from Atherton, Calif.

Police stopped their car on Wilshire Boulevard after Patrolman George Santman and James Whitehead said it had swerved at three pedestrians and then took off at 55 m.p.h.

Gilmore was booked on suspicion of drunk driving. The officers quoted Gilmore: "I know those fellows, I served at. I don't think I came close."

Two of the pedestrians also were booked on drunk charges and identified as Paul B. Mardeich, 22, Sunnyvale, Calif., and Joseph Eldon Gresham, 23, Saratoga, Calif.

Gilmore was released on \$250 bail and the other three on \$100 each.

Officers said young Crosby was very polite and very cooperative.

Copter Ends Mercy Flight

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (AP)—A helicopter completed a mercy flight Sunday to bring an infant born with a spinal growth to a General mission hospital on the northern tip of Newfoundland.

Mrs. Raymond MacLean gave birth to the baby Wednesday at her home in Green Island Cove, 40 miles southwest of the hospital at St. Anthony's and on the west side of the peninsula.

A nurse who attended the birth reported it by radio as Siamese twins, but the hospital reported Sunday night it was a single baby born with a large mass of tumors attached to its spine. Doctors at the hospital were expected to attempt an operation to remove the growth but no other details were available.

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Suez Canal Due to Open

Tugs Haul Tanker Away From Bridge

ISMAILIA, Egypt (AP)—Convoys of ships weighed anchor at both ends of the Suez Canal Monday and prepared to break up the worst traffic jam in the 85-year history of the "Big Ditch."

Officials estimated that the first of the 157 vessels which have been idled since a tanker got stuck in a swinging bridge last Friday would start moving again at noon. Workers who sweltered around the clock succeeded in freeing the 10,892-ton Liberian tanker "World Peace" from a 480-ton span of the steel bridge Sunday night.

Then tugs hauled the ship down the canal with part of the bridge still stuck on her superstructure. As soon as word got round that the stoppage soon would be cleared, passengers rushed back to their ships from hasty sightseeing trips to Cairo and historic spots of upper Egypt.

The "World Peace" sideswiped the bridge Friday and dragged the 480-ton span, built in World War II as a rail crossing, along for 90 feet before ploughing 12 feet into the soft sand of the canal bank.

After three days and three nights of frantic laboring while more and more ships piled up at each end of the canal, workmen got the ship freed from the bridge work.

Jutting parts of the wrecked bridge still impeded traffic, however, and it was not until they had been cut away that shipping could move.

Sheriff, Successor Trade Blows in Texas Town

ATHEENS, Tex. (AP)—The incoming sheriff took over and the outgoing sheriff stepped down New Year's Eve. Both agree Monday things were strained.

"He hit me once and I hit him once," said retiring Sheriff Jess Sweeten.

"I knocked him down and he pulled one of his 45s. One of my deputies took it away from him," said new Sheriff J. W. Brownlow.

The two agree it happened in front of the jail a few minutes before Brownlow was to take over at midnight New Year's Eve.

Brownlow said he went down to the jail that night to take over and that Sweeten called him "a sorry . . ."

"He was wearing two 45s," Brownlow continued. "I knocked him down and he pulled one of his 45s. One of my deputies took it away from him. Then I knocked him down again and he reached for the other 45. We took that away from him too. Then we gave the guns to one of his deputies who took him home."

"Oh, no," counters Sweeten. "If I'd drew my gun, I'd 'a used it."

Sweeten said: "Wasn't nothing to it. Just two blows passed. He hit me once and I hit him once. I wasn't knocked down and neither was he."

Did he call Brownlow a name?

"Well, I may have," said Sweeten, a 6-foot-plus lawman who won fame in the east Texas area during 20 years in office. "I mighta said something."

Brownlow said he was a deputy for Sweeten 4½ years, resigned last April and ran for sheriff himself. Sweeten did not seek re-election.

Sweeten said he saw Brownlow on the street Sunday.

"I threw my hand up and waved at him. He turned away. Ain't no hard feelings . . ."

"Some of the folks thought I had been whipped pretty bad," Sweeten added. "There were all sorts of rumors going around. But they quieted down when I went downtown. Guess they were surprised to see I wasn't skinned up."

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