

Chiang Blockade Held Ineffective

Fusan, Korea, Oct. 11 (AP)—Capt. Henry Scurr of New York, master of the Isbrandtsen freighter Flying Independent, said today the nationalist blockade of communist-held Shanghai is ineffective.

The Independent, first American ship to enter Shanghai since the blockade was established, arrived here Saturday night from Shanghai. Nationalist warships intercepted the outboard Independent and held it for nine days.

"The blockade is ineffective or we never would have got into Shanghai in the first place," Scurr said.

He disclosed that a nationalist destroyer which challenged him while enroute to Shanghai followed the Independent into port when its identity had been established.

Scurr said the destroyer's captain and deck officers had been murdered in a mutiny by communist members of the crew who turned the warship over to the communists.

It was sunk four days later by a nationalist warplane, he said.

The Independent will sail Wednesday or Thursday for Kobe, Japan, enroute to the U.S.

Ten-Year-Old Boy Suicide, Hangs Self

Klamath Falls, Ore., Oct. 11 (AP)—Ten-year-old Larry Bailey of Merrill, Ore., committed suicide by hanging himself, Klamath County Sheriff Jack Franey said today.

Franey said the boy's body was found Sunday night hanging by a rope from a tree two miles south of Merrill. Franey said Larry had told an older brother he was hitchhiking to Porterville, Calif., the family's former home.

Larry's father, Alexander Bailey, told the sheriff the boy was lonesome for his friends in Porterville and had been dependent ever since the family moved to Merrill a short time ago.

An eight-unit coaxial cable, designed primarily for television, can handle as many as 1800 long-distance telephone conversations at the same time.

Tariff on Cherries to Continue, Says Word Here

Message has been received by the Cherry Growers and Industries Foundation, that the present tariff of 5 1/2 cents on unpitted and 9 1/2 cents on pitted brined cherries was continued under the new trade agreements recently negotiated at Annecy, France. This means that the present tariff rates have not been reduced in the Italian trade agreement.

Commenting on the tariff situation, Mr. Shinn said: "This is good news to the many cherry growers on the Pacific coast, as the entire sweet cherry industry is dependent on the brined cherry outlet to absorb a large portion of the sweet cherry production."

"Six thousands acres of cherries bring on an average of a million dollars annually to growers and workers in the Salem area. If this industry were to be deprived of its brined cherry market due to cheap foreign competition, this large income would be lost."

"Prior to the establishment of the present existing tariff, Italy furnished practically all of the brine cherries used for the manufacture of Maraschino and Glace cherries in the United States."

"The Cherry Growers' and Industries' Foundation is made up of the chief cherry grower organizations and cherry briners and packers on the Pacific coast. During the past three years this organization has put forth much time and effort in support of adequate tariff protection on brined cherries."

"In November, 1948, representatives of the Cherry foundation were joined by the Eastern Maraschino Cherry and Glace Fruit association in testifying before the tariff commission and the president's committee on reciprocity information in Washington, D.C. The Cannery Workers' union and National Red Cherry institute also appeared in support of tariff protection on brined cherries."

"The Salem Chamber of Commerce, the national farm bureau and many other organizations have been active in support of the cherry industry to the end that adequate tariff protection on brined cherries be maintained."

Apple Packers to Vie Yakima, Wash., Oct. 11 (AP)—The third annual world championship apple packing contest will be held here November 19 with expected participants from the Pacific northwest, British Columbia and the Appalachian mountains competing.

Grandmother Kills Family

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 11 (AP)—The gunshot deaths of the entire family of a much-decorated aviator pilot today were ruled "murder and suicide."

Justice of the Peace Whit Boyd issued the inquest verdict pinning the four fatal shootings on Mrs. Edith S. Walker, a grandmother about 60.

Bodies of Mrs. Walker, her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Finch, 33, Penelope (Penny) Finch, 8, and Richard Allan Finch, 7, were found in their beds in the Finchs' modest suburban home yesterday.

The grief-stricken husband and father, American airlines Pilot Richard Gordon Finch, arrived today from Ann Arbor, Mich., where he had been visiting his parents. He and his pretty wife were estranged.

Finch, 37, showed up at his lawyer's office.

Truman Tops Best-Hatted Men

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 11 (AP)—President Truman today topped the list of the "10 best-hatted men of 1949."

The 10 men were honored by Harry Rolnick, hat manufacturer, because they "showed pride" in their hats.

In addition to Mr. Truman, others on the list include: Walter Winchell, Anthony Eden, Joe DiMaggio, Jack Benny, Robert Taylor, Bernard Baruch, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Adolphe Menjou and Dean Acheson.

Folk Dancing Class Will Be Formed at Y

A class in folk dancing, an activity that has come to the fore during the past two years, will be formed at the YMCA Wednesday night with Miss Alice Ward as instructor.

The class will be for beginners with the program being conducted in the large gymnasium which can accommodate 50 couples. All persons who hold full or affiliated memberships in the Y may take the course of 10 lessons without charge.

Miss Ward was formerly affiliated with the San Francisco YMCA and is said to be well versed in folk dancing.

2 Percent Business and New Corporate Tax Plans Offered

By JAMES D. OLSON

A two per cent business tax, based on net earnings in lieu of the present personal property tax and a corporation tax of a rate yet to be determined in lieu of the present corporate income tax, was proposed Monday before the legislative interim tax committee.

Rep. Giles French, of Moro, a member of the committee and the proposer said that a subcommittee of which he is chairman, had discussed the proposals and tentative bills embodying the new ideas will be drafted by the legal department of the tax committee for further study.

French proposed that the two new tax proposals carry no exemptions, maintaining that the present personal property tax has so many exemptions as to make it "virtually inoperative." He said there were 14 exemptions in the corporate income tax law and that his proposal would eliminate these.

The corporation tax French has in mind would be somewhere in the vicinity of from five to six per cent but he explained to the committee that the exact amount of the tax would be determined later by the need of funds.

Under the French plan a certain percentage of the business tax, if put into effect, would be returned to the counties as an offset to the personal income tax collections now made.

Sen. Howard Belton, chairman of the committee, suggested that the tax plans could be presented at meetings of the committee planned in various parts of the state. This, he said, could be done whether the main committee approved the plan or not.

Rep. French agreed that such a plan was worthy and by presenting the plan at such meetings, determination could be had

as to whether the plan would be given popular support.

French contended that the present personal income tax law is not equitable as the present tax is placed on inventories on hand at a certain time, whereas his proposed tax would be based on profits gained from the sales of such goods.

Need of presenting the entire state tax picture to the people of the state in a comprehensive manner was favored by members of the committee. Chairman Belton was authorized to consult with the headquarters of the Council of State governments in Chicago, to ascertain if they have any ideas along this line that the committee can utilize. Sen. and Mrs. Belton are making a pleasure trip east, beginning next week and he plans to spend a week in Chicago.

Four Diphtheria Cases Reported in Jackson

Medford, Ore., Oct. 11 (AP)—Four cases of diphtheria, one of which resulted in the death of a 13-year-old boy, have been reported in Jackson county since last Thursday, it was reported today by Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer.

All four cases were in the Lincoln elementary school.

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City Detective A. C. Howerton already had advanced the theory the grandmother shot her daughter, two grandchildren, and then herself.

Howerton, a veteran homicide officer, said Mrs. Walker's fingerprints were found on a pistol which lay near her hand. Fingerprints of the grandmother, about 60, also were found on the cartridge clip, he said.

On leave of absence from American Airlines because of ill health, Finch during the war flew air transport command planes on presidential missions to Teheran and Cairo.

Mrs. Finch filed suit for divorce Sept. 16, charging unkind, arbitrary and abusive treatment.

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