



Trumans Off for Vacation—Secretary of State Dean Acheson bids farewell to President Truman, Mrs. Truman and Margaret as the first family leaves Washington for a vacation in Florida. Margaret, who had just completed a concert tour, sported a brand-new camera for the vacation. (Acme Telephoto)

From the Lighter Side

(Of the Reader's Digest)

The new rector had just come over from London and was still somewhat unfamiliar with American English. At a party in his honor an attractive young matron arrived late. As she was making her apologies, the rector looked startled, dropped her hand rather hastily and avoided her the rest of the evening.

Later, aware of having said something wrong, but unable to imagine what, she told her husband about it. He suggested she reconstruct her conversation from the time she had arrived. With her first words he let out a hoot.

She had said: "I am so sorry we are late. I was having trouble with my sister."

A young father was telling a group of friends what a bad time he had when his baby was born. Finally a young matron inquired: "Who had that baby, anyway?"

The young man nodded toward his wife. "She did," he answered quite seriously. "But she had an anesthetic."

Co-ops to Develop Phosphate Industry

Portland, Dec. 1 (AP)—Pacific supply co-operative convention delegates were told yesterday there is enough phosphate rock in the northwest to supply co-op members for 100 years.

They also heard of plans to develop it. Charles Baker, co-op general manager, said there are at least 5,000,000 tons of the rock in the dry ridge deposit near Soda Springs, Idaho. He said a perpetual lease with the government had been signed this month by a co-op subsidiary for mineral rights to 1500 acres of the deposit.

New Zealand Ousts Laborites

Auckland, N. Zealand, Dec. 1 (AP)—New Zealand voters in parliamentary elections today ousted out Prime Minister Peter Fraser's labor government after 14 years in power.

A groundswell of anti-labor sentiment gave opposition national party candidates a firm lead which political observers said would result in nationalist control of the 80-member parliament.

The opposition nationalists had gained eight seats, in early returns—which political observers said definitely indicated a defeat for the laborite government in power since 1935.

It was predicted by these counts that the nationalists probably have 46 seats to labor's 34 in the new parliament.

The labor party gained power in 1935 in a landslide election which gave it a majority of 30 in the 80-member house. This lead was cut at subsequent elections. In 1946 labor had to rely on its four Maori native supporters to hold the majority. "European" representatives were divided evenly between the nationalists and the laborites—each with 38 seats.

The labor party has been led by Fraser since 1940. The national party is headed by Sidney George Holland, who would be the next prime minister if the nationalists hold their gains.

Heavy anti-labor sentiment was reported from many scattered districts. The main issue



"Sure Cure"—Jack O'Leary, 24, of Glendale, Calif., demonstrates one of the more than 2000 remedies that have been suggested as "sure cures" for his 17-month siege of hiccups. Here, he drinks water through a pencil clenched between his teeth. This was supposed to do the trick, but he still hics once every five seconds. (Acme Telephoto)

Atlantic Pact Scheme Lauded

Paris, Dec. 1 (AP)—General Omar Bradley, America's No. 1 soldier, said today he was "both satisfied and gratified" with the Atlantic pact defense scheme drafted here this week.

Bradley and U.S. Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson paid an informal visit today to the General Pershing post, American Legion.

Johnson tomorrow meets the defense ministers of the other 11 Atlantic pact nations to consider the new integrated defense plan which the 12 army chiefs of staff drafted Monday and Tuesday.

Bradley told a reporter the defense plan outline was completed in the 12-nation meetings, but "some regional details remain to be worked out."

He said he would confer with Canadian military chiefs in on details of the North American regional defense system, one of

Record Tells of Belt Strangling

Roseburg, Dec. 1 (AP)—By means of a wire recording, a jury this morning heard Joseph Louis Kiel, Myrtle Creek, tell in his own words how he allegedly killed Stanley James Tucker, Springfield, by strangling him with a belt.

"Something new" in trial work in Oregon, the recording was admitted in evidence over the objection of the defense. Circuit Judge William G. East ruled that the statement was voluntarily given, after he had listened to the recording after the jury was dismissed Tuesday afternoon.

"Now tell us just exactly how you killed him?" the jurors heard the voice of District Attorney Robert G. Davis ask.

"Well, I took my belt off and choked him with it," the voice of Kiel came over the machine.

Under questioning of the district attorney, Kiel told details leading up to the alleged crime and disposition of Tucker's body under a bridge near Riddle Oct. 30. The recording was made after Kiel's arrest the night of Oct. 30.

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Storm Washes Out Bridge—One of the heaviest storms ever to hit the northwest washed out a 200-foot span of the Capilano river bridge at Vancouver, B. C., and virtually isolated the community of West Vancouver. The storm left 28 persons dead, hundreds of homes flooded and untold millions of property damage as it roared over the Pacific northwest states. (Acme Telephoto)

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five interlocking regional plans in the scheme to defend the North Atlantic area from any possible aggression.

Bradley conferred earlier today with General Jean De Lattre De Tassigny, who commands grand forces in the five-nation Brussels alliance—another of the Atlantic pact's regional areas.

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