



**Bojangles Laid to Rest**—Members of Masonic order stand in silent tribute (left) as the body of Bill (Bojangles) Robinson is borne to the Abyssinian Baptist church in New York. About 30,000 persons—the small and the great—crowded around and into the church to pay their last respects to the famed Negro dancer. (Acme Telephoto)

## US Denies Flood Loss Liability

Portland, Dec. 1 (AP)—Federal attorneys have denied in pre-trial conferences that the government must pay for flood loss in the Memorial day destruction of Vanport.

U.S. District Attorney Henry L. Hess and department of justice aides told Federal Judge James A. Fee the federal law provides that the United States shall not be liable for damage by floods. They argued that the Portland housing authority, which leased Vanport and managed the government-built housing area, was not a federal agency.

The government's attorneys also touched on the claim of survivors that they were lulled into complacency by a notice issued the day of the dike break. The federal attorney said it was not issued by the government.

The courtroom was packed as 44 attorneys filed claims for 478 persons. Pre-trial conferences continued today.

Judge Fee ordered the suits segregated into three classes: property damage, injury claims and death claims.

Plaintiffs' attorneys noted that in an earlier suit involving death claims, Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson had ruled the Portland housing authority is an agency of the federal government.

Modern pins made of wire were first produced in France and Germany.



**Air View of geometric patterns** that look like silos and odd shaped towers. Now turn the picture upside down. The silos turn out to be Quonset huts. It's a view of Burnt Creek, iron mine project between Labrador and Quebec. (AP News-features)

## Tito Celebrates Independence

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Dec. 1 (AP)—Premier Marshal Tito threw an independence day party Tuesday night.

From a social standpoint, it was a big success. Of all Belgrade's top-ranking officialdom and diplomats, only the representatives of Russia and her satellites were missing.

The Soviet-directed communist blast earlier in the day calling for overthrow of Tito's regime didn't dampen the spirits of the gay party. In the lavishly decorated old royal palace Tito laid on a sumptuous buffet dinner.

From caviar to bananas and nuts it was well done.

The party climaxed nationwide celebrations of the sixth anniversary of the founding of the Yugoslav Republic—a nation that started out as one of Russia's staunchest allies and today is her bitterest enemy.

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## France, Poland In Reprisal War

Paris, Dec. 1 (AP)—Diplomatic relations between France and Poland today became a vicious circle of reprisals arising out of arrests in both countries of alleged spies.

Polish Ambassador Jerzy Putnam handed a note to the French yesterday declaring Poland, "against its will and with aversion," was forced to arrest Frenchmen in retaliation against French reprisals.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman told newsmen "I think we are stronger," meaning there were more Poles in France than Frenchmen in Poland upon which possible reprisals either by arrest or expulsions could be carried out.

The series of arrests and counter-arrests began two weeks ago when Andre Robineau, a French consular employe, was arrested by the Poles and charged with spying.

France later arrested the Polish vice consul at Lille, A. M. Szczerbinski, on spy charges. In a note yesterday France said he was being offered legal assistance and demanded that Robineau be given like treatment.

The note charged that Robineau and 16 other Frenchmen in Poland are in jail without being permitted to see lawyers or French diplomatic representatives.

## Belgium Relaxes Dollar Control

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 1 (AP)—The government relaxed control over exchange rates between the Belgian franc and the U. S. dollar today by giving official blessing to limited fluctuations in trading prices.

The basic official exchange rate of 50 francs to \$1 will be maintained. But official prices on the Brussels stock exchange will be permitted to fluctuate up or down one per cent according to demand.

Previously, fixed selling and buying rates were set by the Belgian National bank. Free market rates have been quoted unofficially in the past, however.

The new system will tend to permit the buying and selling rates to be fixed by free trading.

Free market quotations have

## East Germany Army Denied

Berlin, Dec. 1 (AP)—Berlin's Soviet-licensed press today denied as fabrication a report that east Germany is setting up a 360,000-man communist people's army.

The British-licensed Social Democrat said yesterday that east zone officials and Soviet officers had set up plans for six big army groups, to be armed with Russian weapons and supervised by communist commissars.

"Social Democrat tries with this fabricated report to divert public attention from organization of a west German mercenary army under American command," said Vorwaerts, organ of the socialist unity communist party.

While the Social Democrat and Vorwaerts traded charges, the British licensed Der Tag, organ of the conservative Christian democrat party, printed what it said was a facsimile of an east zone recruitment call.

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## Grant of \$12,208 For Pollution Study

Washington, Dec. 1 (AP)—Washington and Oregon were included in grants for the study of pollution control announced yesterday by the federal security agency.

A total of \$782,979 was apportioned to the 45 participating states.

Grants to the states included: Washington \$13,473; Oregon \$12,208; Idaho \$9,069; Alaska \$9,212.

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## Great Britain Cuts U.S. Lumber Imports

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 1 (AP)—Britain cut her timber imports from the United States by almost 90 per cent during the first half of this year, the United Nations economic commission for Europe reported today.

At the same time, British imports from Canada were reduced by one half, but Canada remained Britain's largest single supplier of timber.

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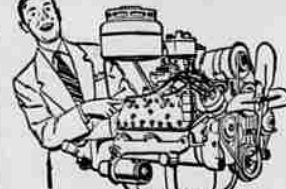
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