



Heavy Seas Damage—Heavy seas accompanying a wind and rain storm which left as much as 7.50 inches of rain in some parts of the Santa Barbara, Calif., coastal strip, tossed this 40-foot fishing boat and 22 other fishing and pleasure craft onto the shores of Santa Barbara harbor. (AP Wire-photo)

OLD-TIMERS PUZZLED AT 'SIN'

What's This 'Morale' Stuff In the New Service Life?

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill., Dec. 12 (AP)—Back in 1927, two kids marched together through the gates at Chanute field, Rantoul, Ill., and signed up. They wanted to be fliers, see something of the world and maybe cash in on the glamor AAA if any. They both made it. The other day, the two guys marched through the same gate, one behind the other. They'd been transferred back to the same base at the same time and neither had seen nor heard from the other in more than 22 years. It was quite a reunion.

The two are Capt. Michael Brown and Warrant Officer Jack Taylor. Brown had heard that his old pal Taylor was dead. I ran into the graying Mike Brown the other day here at Scott. Mike was sent here along with other officers in the command to attend a public information convention for the air force training command. The way Maj. Gen. Bob Harper runs things in the air force, rank doesn't mean much. Particularly when things are informal, you can talk back if you feel like it. No questions asked. No rank busted. Mike Brown sure felt like it. The subject of service morale came up and Mike full-backed out of his chair and gave rank the old what-for. In 22 years the captain has been around and he made it plain he was getting sick of hearing about morale. "When Jack Taylor and I volunteered," he said, "we had to go to Webster to find out what morale meant. We peeled our spuds and picked up the cigaret butts and if there was any lack of morale—whatever that is—we didn't have it. We were in the service because we liked it." The young fry at the conference squirmed a little and lifted a roomful of eyebrows. "Talk about public information," said the captain. "You tell us we have to get name bands to entertain the boys. We have to bow low to the Chamber of Commerce. We have to get the camp stuff printed in the newspapers. Where does that get you?" The captain said that in his day this business of morale was taken care of very ably by a tough Top Kick. Then—as rank put a little red around the starched collars—he went on. During the second World War, he said, all the boys heard about was morale and sin, sin, sin. "We old-timers," he added, "began to wonder if there may be wasn't something to this sin stuff." Sin, the way he looks at it, will take care of itself if a man who wears the uniform considers himself a gentleman at all times and doesn't go running to Webster to find out what the word "morale" means. "In the old days," he said, "if a man didn't like the kind of treatment he got—he packed his duffel and got out of the service. We didn't coddle the boys. They did their stint in K.P., cleaned up the barracks and didn't talk back. If I get in trouble for talking like this in front of the high command—I

guess I can still take it." The captain cooled off a little then and sat down. With: "Thank you, sir."
Countess, Blonde Call It a Draw
Los Angeles, Dec. 12 (AP)—The countess and the blonde thought it over and decided to call it a draw. Attorneys for Model Ariel Ames, 26; Mrs. Rella Fowler, who says she is the Countess Orgrabyzewski of Lithuania; and her ex-husband, Edward M. Fowler, 43, came up with a solution for the legal tangle resulting from a hair-pulling brawl Nov. 26 on the Sunset Strip involving their clients. "We want these Americans to know our publication, to become acquainted with both it and the Soviet people." It said it is offering special gift-rate Christmas subscriptions—\$1 for 24 issues—so its readers can "join with us in building friends in the cause of peace, international understanding and good fellowship." The Bulletin is a slick-paper magazine offering a strictly Soviet view of world affairs.

Osage Orange Log Sent Medford Carver
Parker, Kan., Dec. 12 (AP)—A 740-pound Christmas present from a summer vacation acquaintance was en route today to an Oregon amateur wood-carver. It was an Osage orange post, nearly two feet in diameter and more than six feet long, with the address of Harold H. White, Medford, Ore., burned on one end. The giver is Byrd C. Burham, 32, Kansas City, Mo., who met White last June and learned the Oregon farmer had worked with many kinds of wood but never with the midwestern Osage orange. Cut on an eastern Kansas farm the heavy log required a \$30.80 freight shipping charge.

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but they will respect his bril- city service.

Air Force Has Ejector Tower

Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., Dec. 12 (AP)—The air force began operations here today of an ejector launching tower that will hurl pilots through the air at 40 miles per hour to stimulate emergency escape from high-speed jet aircraft. The 28-ton tower, the first of its kind installed for pilot training, was built by a former naval officer, Merrill A. Mader, now a civilian engineer with the Allis-Chalmers Company, Milwaukee. Mader said the tower has a standard jet plane seat mounted on an inclined track 100 feet high. The pilot, equipped with full flight gear, is strapped to the seat and shot into the air by the explosion of a 37-mm. cartridge. Mader said the pilot will travel 40 miles an hour at the start and will rise to a height of 50 feet subject to a pressure of 15 times the force of gravity. The pilot is returned to the ground by a special braking mechanism on the track. The tower, Mader said, is similar to the pilot ejector mechanism now installed in jet aircraft. He said explosive force is necessary since air pressure makes it impossible for a pilot to escape from a plane traveling 500 to 600 miles an hour. The tower installed here was built from a test model developed at Wright-Patterson Field in Ohio. An air force spokesman said all personnel of the jet fighter training school here will go through tower tests beginning this week.

Soviet School Organ Barred

Washington, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Soviet embassy's English-language magazine, barred from a number of American schools, today invited subscriptions from "many thousands of Americans eager for more truth" about Russia. The latest issue of the USSR information bulletin, after listing some of the "fine articles and revealing photographs" it has carried in the past to give a "thorough-going, rounded picture" of the Soviet Union, says: "Your relative, neighbor or shopmate is missing all these things through no fault of his or her own. We believe you could help us—and them—and therefore are addressing you on this page." "We want these Americans to know our publication, to become acquainted with both it and the Soviet people." It said it is offering special gift-rate Christmas subscriptions—\$1 for 24 issues—so its readers can "join with us in building friends in the cause of peace, international understanding and good fellowship." The Bulletin is a slick-paper magazine offering a strictly Soviet view of world affairs.

Cross-Arctic Sledder Finds Cold Likens Him to Saint Nick

(Editor's Note: Following is another in a series of dispatches from Cecil A. Moore, New England engineer, currently mushing across the Arctic on the longest dog-sled trip ever attempted.)
By CECIL MOORE
(Written Exclusively for the United Press)
Koidern, Y. T., Dec. 12 (AP)—There are times I feel I am running competition to Santa Claus on my cross-continent trek. For the last two weeks, the weather has been below zero. Right now it's minus 20. And as the dogs and I plow along, ice forms on my beard and on the dogs. It makes us look like old Saint Nick himself. The food situation is rather grim at times. Once I ran out of dog food and had to buy oatmeal, cornmeal and grease to feed the huskies. I had to give them all my meat one night and found I had only fried bannock and tea left for three days. I walked into an Indian camp but all the natives were drunk and wouldn't sell me anything. The shortage of feed will cost me about 60 miles, for now I'm changing course to head for Burwash landing at Klauune lake where I hear they're catching fish. I shot at a wolf while riding on the sled the other day. The animal was getting rather close and had been following me for some time. But the dogs were acting up and jolted the sled to spoil my aim. The skin and bounty would have given me an extra \$50 which would have come in handy to buy more food. The cold is really biting, even though I'm dressed for it. In addition to the ice in my beard, every once in a while my eyelashes freeze together. When King Winter sets in here, he really sets in hard. All my water comes from melting ice. Barring accidents, I hope to make Whitehorse in about eight days.

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Aussies' New Prime Minister Free Enterprise Believer

By BARBARA GORMLY
Sidney, Dec. 12 (AP)—Robert Gordon Menzies, the 54-year-old Melbourne lawyer who will be Australia's next prime minister, is a fervent believer in the free enterprise system. He is probably Australia's sharpest debater in parliament and on the stump.



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