



Buried Alive Under Debris but Escapes—Firemen work the debris rapidly to free John A. Asher, 25, whose automobile hurtled into a two-story brick building at 4046-48 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo. Asher's car was buried beneath tons of debris from the front of the building. Conscious throughout the ordeal he talked with rescue workers. Arrow points to his head. He received only fractured ribs, cuts and bruises. Damage to the building was estimated at between \$10,000 and \$20,000. (AP Wirephoto)

Chinese Reds Race to Build Rule Before Opposition Starts

(Editor's note: Fred Hampson, chief of the Associated Press staff in China, got out of communist Shanghai on Dec. 9 after four years in the great city. This dispatch, written as he sails for Hong Kong by way of Japan, tells of mounting opposition to communist rule.)

By FRED HAMPSON
Aboard the Sir John Franklin off Shanghai, Dec. 10 (Delayed)
Chinese communists are racing with time as the chill blasts of their first winter in power sweep over China.
They are racing to get their police state type of control consolidated and to end the civil war before internal opposition to their regime stiffens.
Their huge armies, their growing bureaucracy, costs of war and reorganization have imposed upon them the same burdens that crushed their Kuomintang (Nationalist party) enemies.

Sixty to 90 percent of the Chinese I pulled who were now opposed to the Reds.

Inflation is rampant again. Price controls have broken down. Discontent is widespread in both cities and countryside. Unemployment is at dangerously high levels. Worried farmers sell rice they ordinarily stockpile against the off season because they are afraid of more commandeering by the Red military. Taxes are high and getting higher.

There are reports afield of food shortages in some districts. But the controlled press and the limitations on travel make it impossible to get the facts. There still is enough food in the cities.

The communist New China News agency in a dispatch from Peiping on Dec. 4 admitted the Reds were in serious economic and financial difficulties. The dispatch obviously came from high quarters.

The dispatch concluded with the statement of Red leader Mao Tze-Tung: "Our situation can be generalized as follows: there are difficulties but there are ways and means and there is hope."
In propaganda of the communist press, which blithely insists that all is well, Mao's statement is a startling warning.

Town Resents Remark Made by Mrs. F.D.R.

Logan, W. Va., Dec. 19 (AP)—A magazine article by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in which she said the depression at the turn of the last decade turned this city into clumps of tent colonies today left the Logan Chamber of Commerce in an indignant frame of mind.

Apologies were remanded by Fred Haislip, head of the civic promotional body, from publishers of her book "This I Remember" and the magazine (McCall's) which ran the volume serially.

Logan is a coal mining region.

Burma Recognizes Communist China

Rangoon, Burma, Dec. 19 (AP)—Burma recognized communist China today.

The Burmese foreign office sent a telegram to the communist foreign minister, Chou En-Lai, saying:

"Believing the central people's government of China has the support of the people of China and bearing in mind the tradition of friendship between the Chinese and the Burmese peoples, the government of the Union of Burma confirms the recognition of China's people's republic and looks forward to establishment of diplomatic relations and an exchange of envoys."

O'Dwyer's Romance Gives Florida Town Big City 'Look'

Stuart, Fla., Dec. 19 (AP)—This Florida fishing town, drawn closer to New York by romance than by U. S. Highway 1, is experiencing a rush of metropolitan politicians and reporters.
More than a score of hotel reservations were made in the first few hours after announcement that New York Mayor William O'Dwyer and Model Sleazebag Simpson will marry here Tuesday morning.

Many reporters were on the scene today. Hotel keepers declined to give out the names of those making reservations, but admitted that "some of them are in politics."
The ceremony in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church is set for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"The city may try to do something for the occasion," said Mrs. Veronica Hendrickson, manager of the Flamingo hotel, "but we haven't had much time so far."
O'Dwyer met the 33-year-old Miss Simpson two years ago after she had taken part in a fashion show at City hall. Their romance had been reported frequently in recent months, but O'Dwyer refused to confirm rumors of a marriage.

He is a widower. Miss Simpson has been married and divorced, and recently the marriage was annulled by the Catholic church on grounds that her first husband, Carroll Dewey Hipp, was a non-Catholic.

How'd You Like to Take Bike Ride in the Air?

Lakehurst, N. J., Dec. 19 (AP)—How'd you like to take a bicycle ride in the air?

A Woodbridge attorney did it. He flew through the air with the greatest of ease inside the big hangar of the naval air station in a foot-operated bicycle type device suspended from a 5000 cubic foot helium bag.

Charles K. Paul, the inventor, and the man who took the ride, said the device, which he calls a pedalcopter, is "the safest flying machine imaginable."

The navy, in the person of Capt. G. F. Watson, said it "has no opinion pro or con as to the present or potential value of this device."

The demonstration was permitted as an accommodation to Paul, a civilian employee of the navy. Watson said: "Paul is a civilian attorney for the navy and a lieutenant commander in the U. S. coast guard reserve."

Paul pedaled away, swooping around the hangar at a height of 100 feet and made an easy landing.

He made the machine out of bicycle parts at a cost of about \$400 and said he used to about \$60 worth of helium in the bag.

Paul started work on his pedalcopter last May.

The pilot sits in the fuselage and operates with his feet a bicycle-style sprocket which rotates the helium bag and two flying rotors of the type used on a helicopter.

The helium bag is above the pilot's head, the rotor blades are below his feet. The apparatus on which Paul sat looked like a baby carriage with a horizontal shaft in the center.

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Navy Gets Order to Give Salute to Top Civilian Brass

Washington, Dec. 19 (AP)—The navy has orders today to be more careful about saluting top civilian officials of the government.

Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, told navy men here that "failure of naval personnel to recognize, and to render proper military courtesies to, officials of the government entitled thereto, has been commented upon unfavorably."

Police Halt Elopement Of Duke's Daughter

Madrid, Dec. 19 (AP)—Police broke up the elopement of a duke's daughter and a bullfighter Saturday.

Angelina, Pinyo Hermoso of the Angels, dressed in a red and white outfit, slid down a rope of knotted bed-sheets from her balcony into the arms of Luis Miquel Dominguin, one of Spain's leading bullfighters, Friday night.

They ran to a waiting automobile and sped away. But they were spotted by a watchman on the estate and the duke asked police to intercept them.

Police later found the missing lovers, Angelina at the home of socially prominent friends and Dominguin at the home of bullfighter friends.

The duke took Angelina home and told Dominguin to keep away from his door. Police released Dominguin, and he vowed he would win Angelina yet.

He has been trying for two years. The duke has forbidden the marriage on the grounds Dominguin is a commoner.

Formosa Commander Asks U.S. Arms Aid

Taipei, Formosa, Dec. 19 (AP)—Gen. Chen Cheng, military commander of Formosa, predicted today the Chinese communists would launch an amphibious assault on Formosa next March.

The attack on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's island fortress cannot be made before then because of unfavorable weather, Chen said in an interview.

The general accompanied his prediction with a plea for military aid from the United States.

"If Taiwan (Formosa) falls to the communists, it will be impossible to defend the Philippines or Southeast Asia," he said.

"The entire American defense strategy based on the Pacific islands will crumble and become worthless. The American people should recognize this and they should hope and insist that the U. S. government stand the situation in the face of the cold facts. It is a serious mistake to permit sentiment to affect their judgment."

Pratum WSCS Guest

Pratum — Mrs. William de Vries was hostess to Pratum WSCS at her home for the Christmas meeting. Mrs. Adam Hersh lead devotion. Mrs. Harvey Meyer was in charge of business meeting. Mrs. deVries served refreshments to 22 women and several children.

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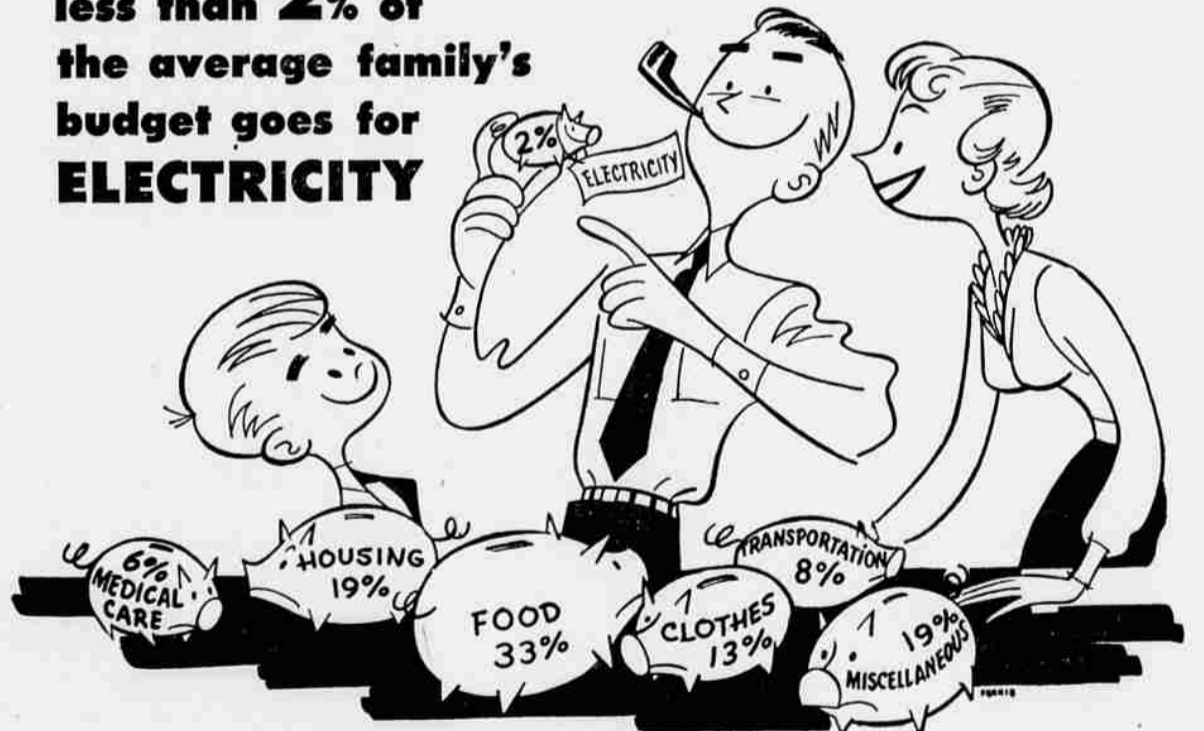
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