



Mail Call—Patty Grover, 8, of Camden, N. J., smiles happily as she reads one of thousands of cards and letters that have come to her since her mother, Mrs. Dorothea Grover, wife of an unemployed welder wrote a Camden newspaper that extra Christmas cards would make the invalid child happy. Patty, who has suffered from asthma most of her life, has piled on her bed bundles of letters and cards and some of the gifts that have come with them to her home at 921 Howard street. (AP Wirephoto)

LOVE MAY WIN YET

Duke's Daughter Slides Down Bedsheet Into Arms of Lover

Madrid, Spain, Dec. 20 (AP)—A dawn elopement by a duke's daughter who slid down a bedsheet rope to the arms of her handsome bullfighter boy friend was frustrated this last weekend by an angry papa. But love may win out, after all.

The lady is Angelita Perez de Soane, 18-year-old daughter of the Duke of Pinohermoso. The duke opposed her marriage to a 24-year-old bullfighter, Luis Miguel Gonzalez, known to bull ring fans as Dominguin.

Angelita wrote Dominguin a fortnight ago that her ducal papa was about to put her in a convent to block the match. The letter brought Dominguin back from a Caracas, Venezuela, bull ring.

Early Saturday morning Angelita slid down a sheet from her bedroom. Dominguin left her with some friends who chaperoned her while the suitor futilely tried to get a marriage license.

The duke meanwhile spent his Saturday complaining to the police. The officers finally arrested Angelita's hosts for kidnapping.

In the stormy scene that followed in Madrid's police headquarters, Angelita insisted she had not been kidnapped, she'd left of her own free will. Dominguin said he regretted the escapade. The duke admitted he, too, had acted hastily.

Angelita was back home today, but the word went around Madrid's gossiping society circles that the duke probably will permit the match after a little more convincing from Dominguin. Madrid society thinks the nuptials will take place in time to permit the bridegroom to appear in a Quito, Ecuador, bull ring on January 10.

The duke should be getting used to bull fighters in the family. Another of his daughters married Toreador Domingo Ortega in 1938.



'Hot Lollipop'—Billy Coleman Beavers, Jr., (above), 10-months-old, innocently plays with the business end of his mother's electric iron cord shortly after he was brought home from an Atlanta, Ga., hospital. Several hours earlier he had been playing with the same cord and, baby-like, stuck it in his mouth when, WHAM! he was knocked out—mama had forgotten to pull the other end from the receptacle. He regained consciousness at the hospital, was treated for burns and shock and dismissed. (AP Wirephoto)

Nothing Like Christmas Spirit? Charley Knows That There Is

Philadelphia, Dec. 20 (AP)—Don't tell Charley Willis there's no such thing as Christmas spirit. Charley works in the Philadelphia Inquirer library. Months ago, he and his fellow workers decided to chip in a quarter each a week to create a Christmas party fund. The name Sunshine club was chosen.

Two months ago, Charley's 3-year-old daughter was critically burned in a gas stove mishap.

Without taking a formal vote, the Sunshine club gave Charley the \$160 in the club treasury to help defray medical expenses. And the scheduled party at a Philadelphia restaurant was cancelled.

Restauranteur Frank Palumbo heard the story and tonight Charley—his daughter well on the road to recovery—will join his friends at the party they planned, with Palumbo picking up the check.

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Mao's Trip to Moscow Shows Stalin's Policy Supreme in Asia

(Editor's Note: John Roderick, AP correspondent now stationed in London, spent several months in 1946 as the only United States correspondent in Mao Tze-tung's remote cave capital at Yenan. He became acquainted with Mao and reported the inner workings of the struggling Chinese red regime. Following is derived from his background experience there.)

By JOHN RODERICK

London, Dec. 20 (AP)—Mao Tze-Tung, the west's favorite candidate for an Oriental Tito, has made his first known trip outside his native China to pay personal homage to the man he frequently has said he reveres—Joseph Stalin.

Only last summer one Yugoslav leader said he expected the Chinese communists that lion-manned Mao rules to follow Premier-Marshall Tito's example of rebellion against the Kremlin.

A month ago another top Yugoslav party strategist said he foresaw an eventual conflict between Moscow and Mao's government in Peiping.

A segment of the western world has shared this feeling, a feeling that is more of a hope than a conviction.

Mao could have let the cauldron of speculation bubble by staying in Peiping's winter palace and keeping an oriental silence.

But despite frail health, he arrived in Moscow last night after an eight to ten day journey over the trans-Siberian railway, in time for Stalin's birthday next Wednesday.

In a speech upon his arrival in Moscow, the Chinese Red leader said strengthening of relations and friendship between China and Soviet Russia were among the most important problems of the moment. He added that thanks to the correct international policy of Stalin, these and other tasks would be realized in full.

His visit underlines the solidarity of Marxist and Stalinist communism in the Far East. The hammer and sickle never seemed more powerful in Asia than it does today.

Mao, unlike many of his disciples and colleagues, never travelled abroad. His education as a historian and philosopher came in Chinese schools.

His dynamic prime minister, Chou En-lai, studied in France and speaks a smattering of English. Mao's commander-in-chief,

aging General Chu Teh, visited Russia in the mid-1920's.

Mao's visit gives the chance for Moscow and Peiping to blueprint the future of communism in the Far East. In this, the peasant's soon who became one of the most powerful of the world's leaders may take no back seat to Stalin.

Mao has his own ideas of what to do inside China, where his forces are concentrating on a policy of agrarian reform and development in contrast to Russia's emphasis on the industrial proletariat.

But in international affairs Mao is viewed as ready to lend a sympathetic ear. Even before he came to power over 450 million Chinese, his pronouncements and those of Moscow had a decidedly similar ring.

One of the chief subjects he will discuss either with Stalin or with Russian ministers probably will be China's attitude toward Britain and the United States, if and when they recognize the Peiping government.

Another probably will be the decision of how slow or how fast to go at turning Peiping into an eastern Moscow and Mao himself into an Asiatic Lenin. Asia's millions, in the communists eyes, are only waiting for the word.

A. P. President Dies New York, Dec. 20 (AP)—David T. Bofinger, president of the great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., died Monday while attending a luncheon at the Hotel Biltmore.

Bofinger, 63, collapsed at his table. Cause of death appeared to be a heart attack.

Kreugen Put On Probation

Edward H. Kreugen, 958 Highland avenue, Monday received a suspended one-year jail sentence in circuit court, was placed under three years probation and fined \$500 for contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl at Hillcrest school for girls.

In Salem district court he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$150, given a suspended six-months jail sentence and placed on probation for a year for aiding the same girl to escape from the school.

Kreugen worked as a carpenter at the school and was convicted recently at a jury trial for aiding the girl to escape August 3.

Henry G. Walp, Detroit, who had entered a plea of guilty to passing a worthless check at Mill City, was continued for sentence to December 23.

Orvil Edward Nelson, Colfax, Wash., transient and army veteran of World War II, charged with passing a worthless check was released until February 1, 1950, so he may undergo surgery at U.S. veterans' hospital in Portland. He had pleaded his innocence to the check charge.

Postmistress in Powers Indicted

Portland, Dec. 20 (AP)—A postmistress under indictment for misusing federal funds was free today on \$1,000 bond.

U. S. Commissioner Robert A. Leedy said Mrs. Gwendolyn H. Stammerman, 44, postmistress at Powers, Ore., the past six years had appeared here yesterday voluntarily. She was indicted secretly earlier.

The commissioner said the woman was accused of personal use of \$717.20 of postal funds. He said the woman explained her adding machine was faulty and that she had held up COD's to cover the shortages.

The U.S. navy's first submarine was stubby and cigar-shaped.



Kindness Repaid—Paul Haruo Kasai, 16-year-old Japanese youth, is all smiles as he arrived in San Francisco, aboard the President Cleveland, en route to Greybill, Wyo., where he will attend school. He will live with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt who will finance the boy's education as repayment for a debt of gratitude. Schmidt, now a building contractor, was a prisoner of the Japanese at Osaka and was given food by Paul, then only 11. (AP Wirephoto)

Scotts Mills Garden Club Is Entertained

Scotts Mills—Mrs. Maud Doolittle was hostess to the Scotts Mills Garden club held at the IOOF hall. Members of the Mt. Angel Garden club were guests.

Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucht of Mt. Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fursong, Mrs. Paul Splonski, Mrs. Margaret Splonski, Mrs. Joe Bielenberg and Mrs. Marion Groshong and daughter.

O. H. Brougher gave a talk on the transplanting of wild shrubs and lilies. He also presented the club with a gavel made from native maplewood.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wanda Edlund of Monitor.

Brady Lays Down Gavel in Huff

Portland, Dec. 20 (AP)—Teamster Phil Brady presided last night at his last AFL Portland Central Labor council meeting since he took over the job of president 15 years ago.

He didn't lay down the gavel quietly, either. Brady took a

verbal fling at what he said were "carping critics and mudslingers" who opposed his tenure. He was recently defeated by a write-in candidate of the Electrical Workers' union in the annual election. His successor, Roy F. Renoud, takes office in January.

Brady laid at rest any ideas the teamsters might pull out of the council and the state federation. He said the union would continue to work with both labor organizations.

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