

# One-Time Laborer Named As Special Counsel to Truman

By W. JOYNES McFARLAN

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—Fifteen years ago a young North Carolina law graduate came to Washington hunting a job. He got one at \$2,100 a year which led to an assignment to help a senator from Missouri.

And on Feb. 1 he will become the \$20,000 special counsel to the United States.

Thursday President Truman announced—to Charles S. Murphy and newsmen—that Murphy would succeed Clark Clifford, who is resigning to enter the practice of law.

After the news conference Murphy related to newsmen that his first federal job was as a laborer at \$1,500 a year in the Wilmington, N.C., post office in 1928.

Later he worked in Durham as a post office clerk. In Durham he attended Duke university and the Duke law school. He got his law degree in 1934.

"I came right out of Duke to Washington," Murphy related. "I got a job in the senate legislative counsel's office."

The next year Senator Truman asked the office to send some one over to give him some aid.

Murphy drew the assignment. After that Mr. Truman, who liked Murphy's ways, called on

# Hornsby, Jr., Crash Victim

(By United Press)

Rogers Hornsby, Jr., son of the former baseball star, was identified as one of the 16 victims of five plane crashes throughout the nation.

Young Hornsby was one of the 11 air force fliers presumed killed in the crash of a B-50 four-engine bomber in coastal marshes near Savannah, Ga., last night, air force officials disclosed.

He was the son of the second baseman who won National league batting championships for six straight years while playing for the St. Louis Cardinals and the Boston Braves.

The B-50—a modified version of the B-29 Fortress—crashed just five minutes after taking off from the Chatham air force base on a routine training flight to Texas.

Five persons died elsewhere in crashes of four smaller planes.

# Maudeen Robl Named Court Prophetess

Stayton — Court Queen of Peace, Catholic Daughter of America, held its regular meeting and Christmas party at Stayton with a large attendance.

Maudeen Robl was elected Prophetess to fill the vacancy in that office by the resignation of Peggy Manley, who is now residing at Cottage Grove. The usual Christmas food showers were given with collections at the homes of Louise Heuberg, Sublimity and Clarissee and Laura Lindemann, Stayton. Clothing and bedding for a needy family was left at the Rose Bell home. The good will offering was made which will be used for Christmas charity.

The court voted to sponsor the National Educational contest of the Catholic Daughters. This consists of original poems with a Catholic theme. Religious articles will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in the three divisions. The winners will have an opportunity to compete in the state and then the national contests.

Brines produced in conjunction with oil are an important source of iodine.

# Holiday Calls For Gatherings

Salem Heights, Dec. 24—Many residents of this community have made plans to entertain over Christmas while many others will be guests of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Allen, Bill and Dorothy will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Allen in Corvallis. Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Hammett, John, Charles and Louise will spend Christmas day at Mr. Hood's.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McElroy, Daria, Roy and Nancy will be the guests of Mrs. Elsie Crowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Clark, Stuart, Ann and Michael will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dretzler, Loretta, and Mrs. Helen will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Robertson, Joy and Eddie.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dill, and Terri Dill will have as guests Mrs. Rose M. Dill and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Winkle of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Olson, Lane, Dennis, and Mrs. E. Shumaker, Mr. and Mrs. L. Forstrom, Sam and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bacon, Barbara, and Edward will have as guests Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Meron Butler, Fred, Ann, Roberta, Jane, and Mrs. Bell will have as Christmas day guests Mr. and Mrs. Eric Butler, Miss Lola Hamer and Miss Ruth Shinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barber and Gerald will spend Christmas in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas will have as guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bates, Loretta and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kibber, Steven, David and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker, Joanna and Jenny, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Waddle and Judy, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larsen of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson and Candice will spend Christmas day in Portland with Mrs. George Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Baker will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kent in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Waddle and Judy will drive to Sheridan to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Meron Miller, Donald, Gail and Larry will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rosamere in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bartlett, Sue and Russell will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Risse, Loren, Diane, Robert and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Ramsdell, Valerie, Delmer and Charles will have as guests Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Conye of Woodburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Conye and Greg of Portland and Miss Helen and Laura Conye.

Dr. and Mrs. John Ramasse, Linda, Bruce and Judy will be the guests of Mrs. L. M. Ramasse.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Woods will have as guests Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Olson, Claudette, Larry and Sharon, Rev. and Mrs. N. Ballew, Kenneth and Janet of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Jones and daughter, Lois are spending the Christmas holidays in St. Paul, Minn., visiting with their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Barne, Deimer, Robert, Roger and Bill will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bronson in Corvallis.

Many families are attending Christmas eve parties in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bates will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bates for a

# WILL IT HELP US?

## Recognizing Communist China Filled With Many Ramifications

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—Diplomacy may sound high-toned and nice but it's a tough, rough-and-tumble, coldblooded business. And you'll get a chance to see how coldblooded in the next few months when the arguments get stronger about the question: Should the United States recognize the new communist government in China?

The U. S. is now withholding recognition. In the end it may give it, but probably not for months, and probably not before many others have done so.

The communists have all but kicked the nationalist government of Chiang Kia-Shek off the continent of Asia.

The nationalists still cling to the claim that they're the real government—although now they are holed up in the island of Formosa, off the China coast.

Recognition of a new government simply means acknowledgment that it's the government in control, capable of doing business.

When one government is overthrown and a new one takes its place, Secretary of State Acheson has said, recognizing it is really only recognition of a reality, of a set of facts. It doesn't necessarily mean approval of the new government.

This country doesn't approve the suppression of civil liberties in the countries behind the iron curtain in western Europe, for instance, but we recognize their governments have official representatives there. But what American interests do they protect by being there?

Mostly, they're helpful in keeping the U. S. informed on what's going on. They can send out full, uncensored reports since diplomatic mail can leave unopened. It's just about as cold as that. But Acheson laid down three conditions under which this country will recognize another government.

# 1. Does it control the country?

There's no doubt the iron curtain countries control their territory. But there may be some question as to whether the new communist government in China has such control.

2. Do the people of the country support the new government? This is a nice question but—The U. S. can hardly apply this rule to the iron curtain countries which it has recognized because there, the U. S. has protested, the communists got control by rigged elections or other unfair means.

3. Does the new government intend to live up to the international agreements or commitments—such as trade treaties or membership in the United Nations—made by the overthrown government?

In the case of the iron curtain countries, under rule No. 3: Most of them were on the enemy's side, or in enemy hands, through the years of World War II, so the promises of the old governments have little meaning.

Maybe what follows will give an idea of what recognition of the Chinese communists might mean: Right now it seems they're fed up on Russian dictation and want to break away, as Marshal Tito did in Yugoslavia. Yet they might hesitate to do so, unless they could get assurance of help from us.

If we had an ambassador there, such a deal might be arranged.

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## Legion Women Hosts

Detroit—The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored a children's program at the new grade school gymnasium. All children in the canyon were invited. There were treats and a movie. This has come to be a yearly affair with the auxiliary here, this being the fourth Christmas party given.

Back in September 1897, Francis P. Church, the editor of The New York Sun received the above letter. The editorial reproduced, from The Sun of September 21, 1897, was his inspired and eloquent reply.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas

eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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You and Yours  
a Very  
Merry Christmas

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