

# \$16,000 Haul in College Robbery

Baltimore, Feb. 7 (AP)—Four gunmen staged a swift and apparently well-planned robbery at Morgan state college here, getting away with \$16,000 in cash.

Pistols in hand, they entered the college library on the run, held 16 persons at bay and then made off with the day's receipts in registration fees.

It took them just three minutes. The bandits, all young Negroes, appeared at the library just a few minutes after the last student had paid his mid-term fees.

The tallest of the four jumped up on the counter of the cashier's cage and said, "This is a holdup. We want the money. Drop it and step back."

He ran down the counter to the point where eight cashiers were counting the receipts and gave handful after handful of bills to one of the other gunmen, who stuffed them into a canvas bag.

As they prepared to leave one turned and said, "Take a good look at me, and if you recognize me . . ." He shook his gun at the cashiers and ran through the door.

The four reportedly fled by automobile.



"Forgotten Man"—J. R. Robertson, above, took the witness stand as the "forgotten man" in the San Francisco perjury-conspiracy trial of Longshore Leader Harry Bridges. Through nine weeks of the government's case, Robertson's name was mentioned only twice. Robertson is the second of the three defendants summoned to testify in the trial. (Acme Telephoto)

# Soil Meeting Set Thursday

A hearing on organization of the proposed north Marion soil conservation district will be held by the state soil conservation committee, according to Harry L. Riches, county extension agent.

The hearing will be Thursday, February 9, beginning at 2 o'clock in City hall at St. Paul and continued at 8 o'clock in the high school at Gervais.

Landowners in the north part of Marion county have three petitions requesting the establishment of the north Marion soil conservation district. A representative of the state soil conservation committee will conduct the hearing and will discuss some of the advantages that may be obtained through a soil conservation district and will explain the procedure of organizing.

# Tokyo Rose May Be Released on Bail

Washington, Feb. 7 (AP)—"Tokyo Rose"—whose real name is Iva Toguri D'Aquino—may be released from prison on bail by order of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

The clerk of the supreme court said yesterday he had received word that Justice Douglas will sign an order permitting Mrs. D'Aquino's release on \$50,000 bail. The clerk mailed the proper documents for Douglas to sign.

At Tucson, Ariz., where he is recovering from a riding accident, the justice declined comment.

Charged with treason in connection with wartime propaganda broadcasts, Mrs. D'Aquino was sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined \$10,000 in U.S. district court in San Francisco last October 6. She now is in the federal reformatory for women at Alderson, W. Va.

She has filed an appeal at San Francisco. Pending appeal action, any supreme court justice is authorized to sign an order granting bail.

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# WHAT'S BEHIND EXPLOSIVE ISSUE

## Potential Cold-War Powder Keg Found in Indo-China

(Editor's Note: For the first time, Russia has recognized a government at war with one of the big three western powers—that of rebel leader Ho Chi-Minh in the new Indo-Chinese state of Vietnam. French troops supporting Emperor Bao Dai are fighting Ho's forces.)

(The United States is expected to throw its moral support behind France soon by recognizing Bao Dai.)

(These factors make Indo-China a potential powder keg in the East-West cold war. Here is the background.)

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The struggle for Indo-China has moved onto the international stage and may become a more explosive issue than China. France set the stage by making the three most populous Indo-Chinese states as autonomous, independent country within the French union, known as Vietnam, beginning December 30.

Some 100,000 French troops went right on battling pro-communist rebels, headed by the veteran Moscow-trained revolutionary, Ho Chi-Minh.

Until Dec. 30, the struggle between the French and Ho was a private war in a French colony. When Vietnam became independent, anyone could take sides.

Communist China recognized Ho's clandestine regime as the legal government. So did North Korea and the Soviet satellites of eastern Europe.

Russia itself took the fateful step Jan. 30. It was the first time that one of the big four powers had recognized a government with which another of the big four was at war.

More nations are expected to take sides on a straight east-west basis within the next few days. Reports from Washington and London indicate the United States and Britain will recognize Bao Dai soon.

At stake are 123,979 square miles of mountains, jungles, rice paddies, cities and villages on the south China coast comprising the former Indo-Chinese states of Tonking, Annam and Cochinchina. There live 21,000,000 of Indo-China's 25,000,000 inhabitants.

Bao Dai was crowned Emperor of Annam in succession to his

father in January 1926. He was only 13 then, all authority was in the hands of the French resident-superior, and Bao Dai was sent to France to be educated. He acquired not only an education but a liking for automobiles, tennis, table tennis, ice cream, rumba music and detective stories.

The goateed, slender, aesthetic Ho became President of Annam at the end of the war and, soon afterward, Premier and foreign minister of the newly-formed Vietnam state. He proved a well educated, clever executive who spoke five languages.

France reached a temporary agreement with him and his government in 1946. It was to prevail until a formal treaty for Vietnamese independence could be completed.

But differences arose over what rights Ho's government should have. Clashes between Ho's own armed forces and French troops finally exploded Dec. 19, 1946 into revolt.

Ho and his government fled to the jungles of Tonkin in northern Indo-China. From there, he directed his army of regulars and partisans against the French.

Into the breach stepped the Bao Dai.

He signed an agreement with the French last March providing for Vietnamese independence within the French union. The agreement, which also granted the French military and naval bases in the new state, took effect Dec. 30.

His army has joined the French army in the field against Ho. So far, the three-year battle with Ho has cost France 10,000 to 15,000 troops killed and 20,000 or more wounded.

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## Patrons Oppose Telephone Toll

Aurora — Stockholders of the Canby Telephone association voted unanimously to oppose establishment of a 5-cent toll charge for interchange calls to Aurora, Needy, Molalla, Colton, Monitor, Marquam and Mt. Angel.

Calls between subscribers of these companies have long been free. The suggestion that a toll be charged was made by officials of the Public Utilities commission when some of the companies applied for authority to increase rates. Meetings of Molalla and Needy telephone stockholders previously had gone on record as opposing the toll.

The company reelected Howard C. Belton to a three-year term as director, and elected Neal Thompson for a two-year term. Mr. Thompson succeeds B. E. Dean, who declined to serve again.

The association showed a profit of \$5,465.12 for the year, somewhat less than last year's margin, the difference being due to increased county taxes.

Bridge Club Invited  
Dayton — The Knowldean Bridge club was entertained in the home of Mrs. Virgil Frink in McMinnville. Mrs. Clare Heider

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# Triplets Born to Madras Mother, 19

Bend, Ore., Feb. 7 (AP)—Triplets, two boys and a girl, were born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ashcraft of Madras, Ore., at Bend hospital here.

The first boy arrived at 10:17 a.m. He weighed four pounds, 11 ounces. The girl was born at 10:28 a.m. and weighed four pounds, nine ounces. The second boy arrived at 10:50 a.m. and weighed five pounds.

The mother is 19. The Ashcrafts have another daughter, Sandra Lee, 17 months.

The attending physician, Dr. Raymond Jones of Redmond, said it was the first set of triplets he had delivered in 22 years.

# Women to Be Drafted Into Polish Army

Warsaw, Poland, Feb. 7 (AP)—Women are to be drafted into the Polish army for the first time in history.

The Polish diet (parliament) yesterday passed a conscription act calling for military training if women in ground forces, air force, navy and anti-aircraft units.

Brig. Gen. J. Mieczyslaw Watrowski, former chief of the political section of the ministry of national defense, said the bill corresponds to the defense needs of the "people's Poland" and the "close alliance with Soviet Russia's endeavors to establish world peace."

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