



**Adopt Defense Plan**—Here to adopt a defense plan of the 12 Atlantic Pact nations, a group of foreign and defense ministers meet during a reception at the Foreign Office in Brussels, Belgium. Left to right are: Robert Schuman, French foreign minister; Paul Van Zeeland, Belgian foreign minister; Count Carlo Sforza, Italian foreign minister; U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson; D. V. Stikker of The Netherlands and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. (Acme Telephoto)

### Teaching by Television Fast Being Developed in Baltimore

Baltimore, Dec. 21 (AP)—Teaching by television—long a cherished dream of educators and TV executives—has moved closer to becoming a workable reality through use of the "split screen" technique.

This two-way television permits teacher and pupils, miles apart, to see, hear and talk to each other.

It retains the personal contact element in teaching—something that most television-education programs now lack.

The method was demonstrated here yesterday by a sixth-grade geography teacher and class for persons attending a TV-education clinic sponsored by station WBAL-TV.

There was a camera and receiver in front of both the instructor, Mrs. Barbara Long, at the studio and her students at the school. In that way, Mrs. Long could ask and answer questions and observe her pupils' reactions.

On the TV receiver, the split screen—technically known as a "horizontal wipe"—showed both Mrs. Long and the students. Since the program was carried on the station's regular channel, that permitted anyone sitting at home to check up on TV-education at work.

After class, the pupils were eager to express their enthusiasm for learning by television. Some spoke of how it would help "sick boys and girls who can't go to school, but are able to read and write and study."

One boy remarked: "If this keeps up, they'll have one teacher teaching ten classes."

Adults at the clinic also foresaw useful applications for the technique.

Charter Heslep, chief of the atomic energy commission's radio and television branch, felt it would be a valuable means of instruction in fields relating to atomic energy now that much material on the subject has been declassified.

Interest in the method also was shown by representatives of the armed services and the U.S. department of education and delegates from several eastern cities who attended the clinic.

However, some TV producers saw hitches. They said "intellectual actors" and "TV schoolmarm" would be needed to add showmanship to the teaching.

Plans were made to set up a middle Atlantic states television council, made up of representatives from the Philadelphia-Baltimore-Washington area, to develop and improve educational programs.

Representatives of television stations appeared enthusiastic even though such programs are on a non-profit basis. Stations normally provide the air time and schools the program with

### Con Composer To Win Pardon

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 21 (AP)—Frank M. Grandstaff, who composed the 70-page "Big Spring Cantata" in his prison cell, soon will be a free man.

It is believed he will be the first ever pardoned as an habitual criminal in Tennessee.

Before an announcement by Gov. Gordon Browning last night, the 49-year-old convict, composer faced the prospect of spending the rest of his life behind prison walls.

Browning said, "I am giving him a pardon to let him get out of the state. All the matters for which he was convicted were very small offenses and I am not satisfied to leave him there."

The governor said he would sign the pardon papers today or tomorrow. He added he understood Grandstaff will go to Indiana or Texas.

The cantata was the key that unlocked prison doors for Grandstaff's week of freedom in Big Spring, Tex., in October, 1949. It was inspired by a book written by Druggist Earl Philips. Grandstaff was guest of honor at the Big Spring centennial.

Grandstaff's record shows 20 offenses, mostly larceny. It was a Memphis larceny that brought him the life sentence 10 years ago.

Grandstaff said the first thing he'll do is go to the Catholic cathedral here "and drop down on my knees in prayer. Then I'll get in touch with the girl I should have married 30 years ago. Then I'll go to see my mother again."

The "girl," he said, is Mrs. Mildred McConkey of Fort Wayne, Ind. He said they plan to marry.

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—President Truman's holiday message to members of the armed forces says their mission "is to strengthen and to give hope to all who seek peace on earth."

The brief message, released last night, concludes: "May the real spirit of Christmas abide with you, and may all of us, in concert with all free peoples, come nearer in the new year to realizing man's ultimate dream of liberty, justice and freedom."

### Legion to Collect Toys For Children Overseas

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The American Legion announced today that its second annual drive to collect Christmas toys for children overseas will begin Dec. 26 throughout the nation.

The drive brought in 3,000,000 toys last year for European children. This year it will be enlarged to include the Philippine Islands and the children of veterans fighting in Korea.

The rose is regarded as the flower for June and the pearl or moonstone as the birthstone.

any additional costs shared among them.

### Movie Divorces Outnumber Marriages Three to One

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Hollywood, Dec. 21 (AP)—Love took a lacing in movie-star circles this year, with divorces outnumbering weddings almost 3-to-1. The local divorce courts looked like one-night stands as glamour girls whirled in to give their spouses the legal heave-ho.

While the judges got dizzy trying to keep up the pace, blonde Betty Hutton bounced into court, divorced Ted Briskin, dated a gang of local swains, and then decided she'd rather be Mrs. Briskin again.

She and her husband struggled along with a "commuter's marriage" between Hollywood and Chicago, where he works, until the second week in December. Then she announced she'd been right the first time and got ready to file for another divorce.

Biggest surprise of the year was Barbara Stanwyck's announcement last week that she was divorcing Robert Taylor after 11 years of what everybody thought was perfect bliss. Their pals said the marriage fizzled because Barbara got fed up with being a "telephone wife."

"They never could get together," a confidante explained. "They were always separated by an ocean or a mountain or the gate of some movie studio."

Petite Nancy Sinatra made headlines when she won a legal separation from Frankie-boy, plus one-third of his million-dollar earnings.

She said Frankie wouldn't come home nights and was rude. She didn't mention Ava Gardner, whose romance with the bow-tied crooner had been making round-the-world gossip for months. The day Nancy won her freedom, Frankie held hands with Ava in a New York night club.

Bette Davis dumped husband No. 3, William Grant Sherry, in Mexico. Actor Gary Merrill did the same thing to his wife. Then Bette and Gary said "I do" before a Mexican judge.

A week later, Bette's ex-mate anked down the aisle with the nurse who used to take care of the Sherry's three-year-old daughter.

Martha Vickers announced she couldn't get along any more with Mickey Rooney and hired a lawyer, making it the third divorce in a row for Rooney. But she indicated divorce plans were being dropped so their baby's Christmas wouldn't be spoiled.

Evelyn Keyes divorced Director John Huston, Kirk Douglas's wife set him free, and Jackie Coogan's wife became his third "ex."

Jack Carson's wife waited four years, decided he wasn't coming back home after all, and told it to a judge. Wanda Hendrix, the tiny actress who mar-

ried the nation's most decorated soldier, sobbed real tears on the stand when she said she and Audie Murphy couldn't make a go of it.

Other glamour couples who split up included Ann Dvorak and Dancer Igor Dega, the Louis Haywards, the Robert Montgomerys, Janet Blair and Lou Busch, Groucho Marx and Kay Gorcey, Joan Blondell and Mike Todd, Benay Venuta and Armand Deutsch, Myrna Loy and Producer Gene Markey, and Faye Emerson and Elliott Roosevelt.

Arline Judge—out of pictures but not out of husband-material—divorced her sixth and was rumored to have her eye on No. 7.

And, as the end of the year rolled around, the "Battling Hiltons" were headed for the divorce courts. Luscious "Liz" Taylor and Nicky Hilton, Jr., after seven months of wedded misery, promised each other their freedom for Christmas presents.

Shirley Temple, divorced from John Agar in 1949, decided just a year later to score one for marriage. She wed Millionaire Charles Black, a television executive, in a surprise ceremony last Saturday, only 10 day after her divorce from Agar became final.

### Margaret Truman Plans Radio Contract

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Margaret Truman is negotiating a long term exclusive contract with the National Broadcasting company for both radio and television appearances, Charles Barry, vice president in charge of the NBC radio program department, announced today.

A contract has not yet been completed, but the theatrical trade paper, Variety, said Miss Truman would receive \$4,000 for each appearance with an income approaching \$200,000 annually when her program moves over all NBC AM-Video circuits.

Miss Truman, other than her singing, recently appeared in the field of comedy when she traded humorous remarks with Mistress of Ceremonies Tallula Bankhead on the NBC Sunday night radio program, "The Big Show."

### Roberts School Play on Tonight

Roberts—The children of Roberts school will present their Christmas play, "Peter Rabbit and the Christmas Spirit", on Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at 8:00 at the schoolhouse. The following children will characterize the colorful three-act musical play:

Sally, Joan Sneed; Mother, Bernice Beals; Peter Rabbit, Stevens Eyerly; Mr. McGregor, Donald Miller; Jack Frost, Paul Mullican; Snow Queen, Sandra Shorey; Mother Rabbit, Sherry Filsinger; Santa Claus, Vernon Papenfus; Frost Elves: Richard Mullican, James Sneed, Kenneth Graves, Oliver Holcomb, Silas Ellis, Gary Filsinger, Gary Schaffer, Joe Curtis, Keith Austin, Bernard Papenfus, Jimmy Osborn, Bobby Snook and Gary Kleen.

Snow Fairies: Marcella Norwest, Vernita Norwest, JoAnne Squires, Alice Lockhart, Judy Danna, Karalyn Jenness, Dorothy Lockhart, Sandra Ellis,



**Comes Home**—Mrs. Bettyann Culver, 30, stricken with polio last July, is wheeled for Washington's Union station by her husband, Sidney Culver (left) and her father, Basil O'Connor, president of the national foundation for infantile paralysis, as she arrives from Warm Springs, Ga., where she has been undergoing treatments. She will spend Christmas with her five children at the family home near Winchester, Va. (AP Wirephoto)

### Street Roller Hits Boy

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—A heavy street roller—one of those used

to level pavements—reversed suddenly yesterday, knocking down Stanley Willoughby, 8, and rolling over both his legs. Stanley later walked out of a hospital.

**Eugene Guard Seeks Radio**  
Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The federal communications commission has received an application from the Eugene Broadcasters, Inc., Eugene, Ore., to assign the license of station KERG to the Guard Publishing company of that city.

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