



JOVIAL TRIO—United States Secretary of State Dean Acheson (left), British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman (right) share a laugh at Lancaster House in London as they attend the opening session of the Big Three foreign ministers conference. The first day of the conference was overshadowed by a sensational French proposal for pooling the coal and steel industries of France and Germany, and perhaps all of Western Europe.

Freedom of Religion Suffered Setback When Communist Forces Conquered China

(Editor's note—Here is the second of two dispatches on the status of religion and the clergy around the world. Today's dispatch deals with the Far East and the Pacific.)

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Freedom of religion suffered one of its worst setbacks when the communists conquered China.

The world's most populous nation, China long had been a fertile field for missionaries. With 463,500,000 inhabitants, its population is more than twice that of the Soviet Union and three times that of the United States. The new Red rulers of China, like their communist comrades of eastern Europe, already have begun gradually suppressing religious freedom and bending church institutions to their will.

Forces Holding Own
A United Press survey showed, however, that the forces of religious freedom are more than holding their own throughout the rest of the Far East and middle east.

Here is a country-by-country survey of the status of religious freedom in those areas:

Far East and Pacific
China—The communist government at Peking has restricted the spiritual activities of Christian missionaries, but permits those who operate schools and hospitals to carry on their work. Mission property is taxed heavily. All but a few dozen Roman Catholic schools in north China have been placed under state control and the pupils subjected to communist indoctrination. The movement of missionaries, like that of other foreigners, is limited because they are considered potential spies. Buddhist and Taoist monks and nuns have been forced to work on the land or in factories. The official creed of the government is atheistic materialism.

Indonesia—The constitution of the United States of Indonesia guarantees freedom of religion. The country is 92 per cent Moslem, 3 per cent Roman Catholic, 3 per cent Protestant, and the remainder Hindu.

Japan—The post-war constitution guarantees freedom of religion, and it is working well in practice as well as theory. The state, which once sponsored Shintoism, is forbidden to exercise any political authority over religion or engage in any religious activity.

Shrines Torn Down
Korea—(Southern)—The Liberation of southern Korea from the Japanese brought freedom of religion. Japanese Shintoism was the state religion during the Japanese occupation, but all the Shinto shrines have been torn down. The most active religious group in modern southern Korea is the Christian—500,000 Protestants and 500,000 Catholics. Russian orthodox priests were deported last year, but Korean converts still hold regular services in Seoul under a Korean pastor.

Malaya — There always has been complete religious freedom. The Islam faith predominates, with 2,575,000 adherents, closely followed by the Chinese national religion (Confucianism) with 2,560,000.

Philippines—The United States instilled the principle of religious freedom in the Philippines, and the new republic has kept it alive. About 80 per cent of the population is Roman Catholic.

Thailand — The constitution guarantees freedom of worship, but the king must be a Buddhist. About 75 per cent of its 18,000,000 subjects also are Buddhist. Next comes Islam, with 1,500,000 Moslem followers.

Middle-East
Egypt—The constitution designates Islam as the state religion, but other faiths generally have complete freedom. There still is some persecution of the CPTS (Ancient African Chris-

tians) and a few sects of the Greek orthodox church, mostly in the form of discrimination against their employment in public services.

Iran—The state religion is Islam, and the Shah, prime minister and cabinet members must be Moslems. However, there is no real suppression of or discrimination against other faiths. The Christian, Jewish and Zoroastrian minorities each elect a representative to the Iranian senate and house.

Iraq—There is complete religious freedom and no state church.

Israel—The May, 1948, declaration of independence guarantees religious freedom.

Religious Freedom
Lebanon—There is religious freedom in principle. Each faith has its own religious court, which deals with marriages, divorces and other personal affairs according to its own tenets. Judgments are executed by state courts. The government controls and supports financially only the courts of the Moslem Sunni faith, which has the largest number of followers in Lebanon.

Syria—A constituent assembly charged with writing a new constitution is considering making Islam the state religion, but there have been many protests against it. Each faith has its own court, as in Lebanon, and

Swiss Bell Ringers Plan Appearance Here

The oldest set of Swiss hand bells in the United States will be featured in a concert by the Mason Swiss Bell Ringers, nationally-known novelty musicians, at First Baptist church on Friday, May 19, at 8 p.m., according to the Rev. W. A. Dawes, church pastor.

The program will consist of familiar gospel songs and hymns. There will be no admission charge but a free-will offering will be taken.

Other instruments which will be played are the musical glasses, singing saw, triple octave chimes, Vibraharp, Solovox and a mystery "Victor Theremin" which has no keyboard, strings, reeds or pipes and plays without being touched.

The bells which will be used were brought to the United States in 1847.

Knock, Knock! Who's It? Just a Mubbibi Sarim

Cincinnati—(UPI)—Maybe you didn't know it, but that fellow knocking at your door to ask all those questions for Uncle Sam was nobody but a mubbibi sarim.

Anyway, that's what they called a census taker about 3,700 years ago in the ancient city of Mari in what is now Syria, Dr. George E. Mendenhall of Wittenberg college, Springfield, O., told the American Oriental society here.

In those days the census was about the same thing as a military draft. Dr. Mendenhall said. The mubbibi sarim didn't bother to count the women. The names of the men were written on clay tablets and they went directly to war. Dr. Mendenhall said his translations indicate.

ATTENTION STREET CLEAN
Baltimore (UPI)—The Women's Civic League of Baltimore is looking for the most glamorous street cleaner in the city. The league offered a prize of \$40 for the four street cleaners who show courtesy to the public, proper handling of containers, care and cleanliness of equipment, etc. Garbage collectors also are eligible.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 3:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Helicopter Pilots Save Stranded Woman

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 16 (UPI)—Two Bell aircraft helicopter pilots were the central figures yesterday of a dramatic rescue in which they saved a woman stranded on a rock above the American falls after their craft had crashed and exploded.

The airmen, Owen Neihaus and Joseph Cannon, were dispatched to the scene by Bell yesterday morning in answer to a call for aid from park reservation police and firemen who were unsuccessful in attempts to reach her.

The woman, identified as Mrs. Jeannette Bugay, 25, of Niagara Falls, was taken to Mt. St. Mary's hospital. She was treated for shock and exposure. She was not able to say at once how she became stranded on a rock in mid-stream about 300 feet above the falls.

The pilots were hospitalized for treatment of shock and burns.

Neihaus and Cannon were tossed into the rushing water when their helicopter, hovering over the rock where Miss Bugay was perched, was pulled down into the current. The motor of the craft exploded, but no fire followed.

The impact knocked the young woman into the water, fortunately close by Neihaus and Cannon. The two airmen grabbed her and

'Poppy Days' Set Here By Mayor D. L. Flynn

Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, have been proclaimed "Poppy Days" in Medford by Mayor Diamond Flynn.

On those days memorial poppies will be distributed on the streets by volunteer workers of the American Legion auxiliary, who will receive contributions for the Legion and auxiliary activities in behalf of disabled war veterans and needy youngsters of veterans.

Flynn in his proclamation urged residents to wear poppies on those days in memory of those who lost their lives in the two world wars. He said, "The memory of their service and sacrifice should be forever kept bright for the inspiration of our own and future generations."

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Strange Facts about Water.

Water makes the rainbow

Nature's most colorful manifestation of water is the rainbow. Countless drops of water, hanging in the sky, act as minute prisms, bending the sun's rays of varying wave length, and reflecting their spectral colors in a gorgeous arc.

WATER LENDS BRILLIANCE TO BEER

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WASHINGTON—Lyle C. Wilson, chief of the United Press bureau in the capital, discusses with White House press secretary Charles G. Ross, right, a message on taxes from President Truman.



ABOARD THE U. S. CARRIER FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT OFF CUBA—As the "angel" helicopter—which hovers near the ship when planes take off and land—prepares for a flight, U. P.'s science editor, Paul F. Ellis, climbs into the cabin.



FRANKFURT, Germany—Out on bail after U. S. authorities jailed her for spying for the Russians, Regina Rowleska tells her story to U. P. correspondents Walter G. Rundle, center, and Jack Meehan.

AT THE SOURCE OF THE NEWS



TAIPEI, Formosa—During a visit to the military hospital, marking her first public appearance since returning from the U. S., Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek grants an exclusive interview to Arthur Goul, of United Press.

LONDON—Veteran U. P. correspondent Harold Guard interviews Serete Khama, whose marriage to an Englishwoman brought a threat by the British Government of banishment from his Bamangwato tribe.



TOKYO—Russian member of the Allied Council for Japan, Lt. Gen. Kusma Derevyanko, refusing to listen to American charges of Soviet failure to repatriate thousands of Japanese, walks out of a council meeting. To get a statement by the general, U. P.'s Earnest Hoberrecht goes along with him.

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HOLLYWOOD—In an exclusive interview, Humphrey Bogart states his views on pandas and other night-club fauna to U. P.'s science correspondent, Virginia MacPherson.

RIO DE JANEIRO—At the South American conference of U. S. ambassadors, Thomas R. Curran, United Press vice-president for South America, talks with U. S. Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, Edward G. Miller, right. Seated at the left is Herschel V. Johnson, American ambassador to Brazil.

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