

### Bonnie Simpson, Burned Last March, Won't Be Home For Christmas This Year

Waynesburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — Eight-year-old Bonnie Simpson, horribly burned in a fire last March 28, isn't complaining a bit because she won't be able to leave the hospital for Christmas at home.

The only dark spot in the holidays for the courageous West Virginia tot and her family is the fact that her daddy needs a job.

Bonnie was more dead than alive that morning eight months ago when an ambulance brought her to Greene County Memorial hospital from the village of Fairview, W. Va., just across the state line.

She was warming herself in front of an open heating stove just after she got out of bed when her nightdress suddenly burst into flames.

**Tiny Body Seared**  
Her grandmother, Mrs. Rose Brock, 68, beat out the fire with her hands, but not before most of her granddaughter's tiny body was seared.

Twenty four hours later, the sorrowful family was struck another telling blow. Bonnie's father, Lewis Simpson, lost his job as a structural steel worker at Fairmont, W. Va. He hasn't had steady work since.

For weeks, Bonnie was near death. She remembers nothing about the first 12 of the 28 painful skin grafting operations which have been performed. Devoted doctors and nurses gradually brought her back to the point where it is believed Bon-

nie can go home—not for Christmas, but some time next year.

**Stream Of Gifts**  
That news, plus the stream of Christmas gifts and cards that already are piling up high in her hospital room, brightened Bonnie and brought a smile back to her face.

It made her family happy too, but Christmas still will be a bleak one for her mother and father and two brothers, Gary, 6, and Donnie, 4, unless Simpson can find steady work again.

Since his job ran out last March he hasn't been able to find another in his trade and has had only parttime work on nearby farms. Because he is a resident of West Virginia, he can't apply to Pennsylvania for welfare aid on his daughter's hospital bills.

But Simpson, like his daughter, is not complaining. He said it will be a "good" Christmas for him just knowing Bonnie eventually will be able to come home.

### Expanded Missile Program Starts

Washington — (U.P.)—The Defense department is greatly expanding its ballistic missile program in an effort to beat Russia in the race for the so-called ultimate weapons of the future, informed sources said Saturday.

To give impetus to the top priority program, the Defense Department has established a top-level committee within the Pentagon to oversee development of all ballistic missiles.

The new program is understood to have been approved unanimously by President Eisenhower, the National Security Council, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Defense Department.

The decision reflects a feeling among the nation's leaders that in the interest of national survival this country must be first to develop ballistic missiles. It also reflects a concern that Russia is making rapid strides in developments of the fantastic weapons.

### Tennessee To Arrive In Hong Kong Tuesday

Hong Kong — (U.P.)—The Hong Kong government announced Saturday that American turncoat Richard Tenneson will arrive at the colony border from Red China next Tuesday.

The announcement said the date was confirmed by the British Embassy in Peiping. Tenneson was one of the American soldiers who refused repatriation and chose Communism after the Korean War.

Maps of the 19th century show early geographers printed the words "interminable swamp" across lower Michigan as late as 1839 and thought the upper peninsula was infested with wild animals and Indians and was "unfit for civilization."

### AF Officials Probe Crash Of Jet Plane Into Hospital Roof

Sheffield, England — (U.P.) — U.S. Air Force officials Saturday opened an investigation into the crash of an American jet fighter plane which plowed through the roof of a crowded hospital near Sheffield Friday night with its wingloads of ammunition exploding.

A 46-year-old mother of five children was killed when the F84F Thunderstreak skimmed the glass roof of a ward in the Lodge Moor Hospital, tore along a glass-covered corridor into another ward and blew up on a lawn outside. Seven other persons, including three children, were injured.

The pilot, Lt. Roy Evans, 24, Pulaski, Tenn., bailed out before the crash and parachuted safely from 35,000 feet. He was hospitalized for "observation" and Air Force officials said he would be questioned as soon as his condition permits.

**Forced To Bail Out**  
Evans radioed his base at Sculthorpe shortly before the crash but his engine was afire and he was trying to crashland. A few minutes later he sent a message saying he was forced to bail out.

The pilotless plane crashed into the hospital roof like a blazing meteor. Ammunition exploded as it smashed through the crowded wards. The explosions and the whine of ricocheting bullets mingled with the terrified screams of patients and nurses.

### Frightened German Learns of Fire Box

Schenectady, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Firemen here even answer the "doorbell."

Seventeen firemen aboard five trucks rolled up to St. Joseph's School only to find a "frightened to death" German who handed a letter translated.

The firemen discovered that the man, unable to read the letter written in English, had intended to go to St. Joseph's Convent to ask one of the nuns to translate it.

On the way, he mistook the school for the convent and, finding it locked, rang the "doorbell." It turned out to be the fire alarm.

He told the firemen that in Germany convents have little boxes at the front door with a bell to be rung for admittance. When he saw the little box on the school, he just opened it and pulled the bell.

Before leaving the scene, the firemen explained to the German what an American fire alarm box looks like and how it operates.

### Iverna Completes Maiden Voyage

New York — (U.P.) — The Cunard liner Iverna completed her maiden voyage to New York Saturday. She was welcomed by fireboats, helicopters, blimps and the whistles of all ships in the harbor.

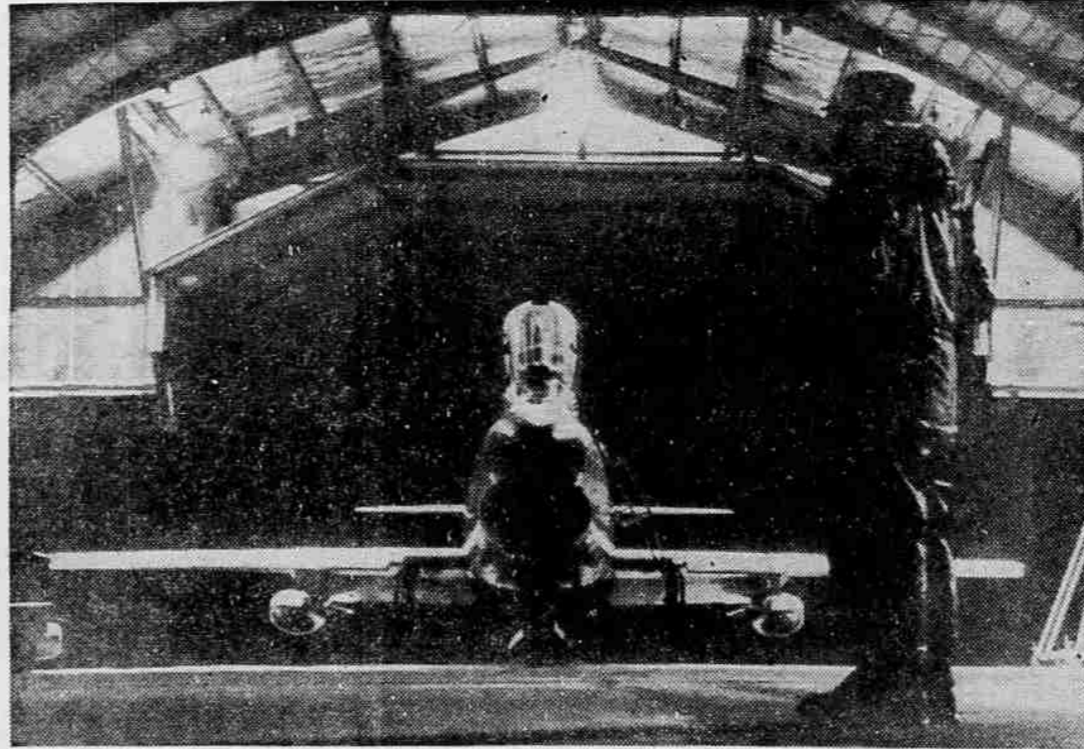
The Iverna is a 22,000 ton passenger-cargo vessel with accommodations for 850 first and second class travelers.

### Correction Work in Politics Said Wrong

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — Correction work should be taken out of politics, a noted prison warden said recently.

Dr. Walter M. Wallack, warden, of the Wallkill, N. Y. Prison, said at a meeting of penal institute officials that young persons should be encouraged to take up correction work as a career.

"There is no reason why correctional service in this country should continue to be supplied as is now largely the case, through political preferment when it could so easily be changed to make it possible to recruit qualified people who will render a lifetime of devoted service," he said.



OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE—A member of the 95th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron stands guard in front of hangar at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D. C. The F-86-D jet plane he guards stands ready to take to the air. This base, as others across the nation, was alerted and taking part in "Operation Crackerjack," an all-out surprise test of American and Canadian defense network.

### Man Finally Realizes Pastoral Ambition

Franklin, Neb. — (U.P.) — It took the Rev. Earl D. Weed a long time to realize his ambition to be a minister in this small community.

He left Franklin as a young man and acquired a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion.

Along came the World War I, and he enlisted as private, serving with an ambulance unit. He later got a commission as a chaplain. He was wounded twice, won the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, with one oak leaf cluster.

Weed decided to stay in the service, also serving as a chaplain during World War II. He retired as a colonel in 1947.

### Largest Underground Parking Lot Success

Chicago — (U.P.) — The largest underground parking lot in the world — Chicago's cavernous Grant Park facility — proved successful in its first year of operation. Park Commissioner Joseph W. Cremin reported.

As the garage observed its first birthday in September, Cremin said it accommodated 1,220,000 cars and collected \$1,045,898 in fees during its first 12 months.

The garage, which has a capacity of 2,359 autos, handles more than 4,000 cars a day at an average rate of 86 cents a customer. It employs 60 persons on three shifts.

"Revenues collected were sufficient to cover operating expenses," as well as bond requirements," Cremin said. He predicted that the 30-year revenue bonds which financed the project could be retired in 26 years if business continues at the first year pace.

### Santa Claus Given 'No Kissing' Orders

Lancaster, Pa. — (U.P.) — Santa Claus was given a "no kissing" order today by authorities trying to halt an epidemic of Paratyphoid fever in this community.

City health officials said it would be permissible for Santa to shake hands with children who come to tell him what they want for Christmas—but no kissing.

### BEECH LORE

Kent, O. — (U.P.) — One of the smaller tree families is that of the beech. Only six species grow all over the world, with only one, the American beech, native to this country. Some people believe this tree is lightning-proof, but this isn't so at all, say (Davey) tree experts.

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**'KILLER' CRACKERS**  
Singapore — (U.P.) — The federal Malay government Saturday revealed that large quantities of "killer" firecrackers that have been claimed 11 lives and injured more than 30 others, were manufactured in Malaya, although earlier lots were smuggled abroad.

New York baseball teams lead both major leagues in the number of pennants won—the Yankees with 20 in the American league and the Giants with 15 in the National league.

**ROK Assembly Vote For 'Atoms-For-Peace'**  
Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — The Republic of Korea National Assembly approved unanimously Friday an "atoms-for-peace" agreement with the United States.

In accordance with the agreement, initiated in Washington last July, the United States will help Korea set up a research atomic reactor and lease up to 13.2 pounds of enriched uranium for reactor fuel.

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### Nobel Prizes Are Awarded To Four

Stockholm, Sweden — (U.P.) — The four scientists—three of them American—and the extreme-leftist author who won this year's nobel prizes received their \$38,720 awards from King Gustav Adolf here last night.

The 1954 peace prize was presented to the United Nations refugee office at a banquet in OSLO attended by Norway's Crown Prince Olav. The peace prize for 1955 has not yet been awarded.

Prof. Willis E. Lamb, of Stanford, and Polykarp Kusch, of Columbia, shared the 1955 physics prize. Prof. Vincent Du Vigneaud, of Cornell, received the chemistry prize.

The medicine prize—for which Du Vigneaud was also a contender—went to Dr. Hugo Theorell of Sweden. Icelandic Novelist Halldor K. Laxness, already a Stalin prizewinner, won the literature prize.

UN Refugee Commissioner G. J. Van Heuven Goedhart, of The Netherlands, accepted the peace prize on behalf of his office. He said it will be used to help resettle 125 Romanian refugees from Communism who are now living in misery on a Greek island.

King Haakon VII, bed-ridden by a broken thigh, was absent from the Oslo award ceremony for the first time in 47 years.

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