

Kidnaping Told By Missionary

Clark AFB, Philippines—(U.P.)—Dr. Homer Bradshaw, American medical missionary from Pennsylvania held for nearly five years by the Communist Chinese, said yesterday he and his wife were "kidnaped" by the Reds.

The Bradshaws were released from Red China earlier this week. They crossed the border to freedom at Hong Kong and were flown here in a U. S. Air Force hospital plane.

Both were in pitiable physical condition when freed. They are being treated for malnutrition and beri beri in the 8208th U.S. Air Force hospital here. In addition, Mrs. Bradshaw is emotionally upset and only occasionally realizes where she is and that she is free.

However, Air Force doctors said the two Presbyterian medical missionaries may be strong enough to travel to the United States in two weeks.

"We were kidnaped," Bradshaw said flatly when he described the arrest of him and his wife by the Chinese Communists on March 2, 1951.

"We were separated and the conditions were abominable. I don't want to talk about what happened there. It was there that Mrs. Bradshaw was driven into her mental depression."

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington (U.P.)—My friend Norman C. Consterdine of Detroit is the only man I know who looks upon failure as a compliment.

Norman has invented a lot of things. All of them to help people. Like how to wash a window without leaning out or risk your life and limb. How to swat a fly without moving off the couch.

Things like that. None of these ever have been patented.

But, according to my Detroit friend, some of his ideas have been picked up, patented and put on the market. Instead of being sore and running for a lawyer he says.

"I find this situation most heartening. It serves to cast a certain favorable reflection on the basic soundness of the ideas themselves. It gives me a great lift."

Moves One Finger

A great lift is what Consterdine needs. It's something he never has had in his life, except from the daily confession his

parish priest hears at his bedside.

The man is 39 years old. He never has walked, or moved a muscle, hardly, except his one typing finger. He's been a bed-ridden victim of cerebral palsy since boyhood. His speech comes with hesitation. He can't even feed himself. He depends on his mother for everything. That includes lifting his movable finger atop a typewriter, which Mrs. Consterdine props in front of him on a couple of pillows. It takes the man three days to write a letter such as he wrote me.

But Norman isn't complaining.

The guy knows that the patent laws are tricky. It is hard, indeed to protect your brain children if you don't have a patent lawyer. Norman never could afford one.

Wants To Help

Norman's father died when he was young. His stepfather died not long ago. His mother has been his nurse and has taken care of his every need. For 39 years.

He wants to do something for her, "to take some of the load off."

So, if he can swing it somehow, Norman hopes to go into some kind of business, which he can handle from his bed. A business that might help well people. And what is best of all, at the yuletide, he thinks maybe he could get handicapped people to work for him as salesman.

It's folks like Norman who make us thankful we can be up and kicking. Whatever he has in mind, let's wish the man luck.

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Thefts, Burglaries Reported to Officers

Burglary of the Tabu Dinner house, 305 South Riverside ave., and the Phoenix High school were reported to law enforcement officials Wednesday and yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Lappin, co-owner of the Tabu, told police approximately \$50 in nickles were stolen early yesterday from a pinball machine. Entry was made through a window, it was said.

Ernest R. James, principal of the Phoenix school, reported to sheriff's officers that the building had been entered Monday night. Burglars entered the main office, but officials said they could find nothing missing.

Also reported to police was the theft of \$65 from a purse owned by Sally Mary Olson, 405 Earhart st., and theft of a \$14.95 aluminum wheelbarrow from the home of Overt C. Hanson, 705 Palm st.

Chile Labor Group Halts General Strike

Santiago, Chile—(U.P.)—Chile's United Labor Central has called for a general strike in support of an outlawed strike by 14,000 copper miners now in its second week.

Some 236 workers at the Dupont explosives factory at Calama walked out in sympathy with the copper workers.

Labor Central announced that a membership vote on a general strike would be taken next Wednesday. It also demanded release of 33 copper strikers held for trial on charges of violating the law for the defense of democracy.

Workers at the huge American-owned mines at Chuquibambilla, Potrerillos and El Teniente went on strike.

Resolution Condemning Israel Being Prepared

United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—The United States, Britain and France are preparing a strongly worded resolution condemning Israel for its attack last week on Syrian positions near the Sea of Galilee, informed sources said yesterday.

The Western Big Three were expected to present the resolution at this afternoon's session of the Security Council when Syria announced it would demand economic sanctions against the Jewish state.

At Least 13 Perish As Result of Fires

By UNITED PRESS

Fires yesterday killed at least 13 persons, and destroyed the storied Wayside Inn at Sudbury, Mass.

At Davenport, Ia., three children were killed and six persons injured when fire broke out in a two-story frame house, touched off by an explosion that severely damaged the structure.

Two downtown stores were destroyed and a third damaged at Herrin, Ill., despite the efforts of firemen from seven Southern Illinois cities. The owner of a music store suffered a heart attack as he watched the blaze destroy his establishment.

Girls Burn To Death
Two little girls burned to death at Nashville, Tenn., when one of the children apparently started a fire with kerosene. Their mother and two brothers were injured.

Three children, four years old and under, died at Indianapolis when fire swept their tarpaper home while their 20-year-old mother was making a brief visit at a neighbor's home with two older children.

The 269-year-old Wayside Inn, a landmark of American history, went up in a column of smoke and flame. Firemen tried to save the venerable building, but 10 degree below zero cold and sparse water supplies made the fight impossible.

Oil Refinery Burns
Another blaze burned through two tenement houses in New York, killing two little girls, their mother, and an aged woman.

At Warren, Pa., fire blazed at the United Oil Refinery Co. plant, and Fire Chief Hartwell Willey, 45, was killed when an explosion blew out the walls of a building.

Portland—(U.P.)—The office of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said he had received a report from the Secretary of the Army promising further study of the proposed Milwaukie, Ore., site for an Army reserve training center.

Three-fifths of the components of smog come from automobiles and buses, burning of trash, and heating of homes, stores and office buildings.

Current population of Greater Boston is about 2,370,000.

The Wayside Inn was immortalized in Henry Wadsworth

Longfellow's "Tales of a Wayside Inn" and the grandfather clock of which Longfellow wrote was among the priceless antiques which were destroyed. In the centuries past, such famous men as George Washington and Gen. Lafayette had stayed at the inn, located outside Boston.

Bitter Winter Storm
London—(U.P.)—Bitter winter storms swirling over Europe downed a plane at sea yesterday off Scotland and caused a train crash in Northern England. Two ships were reported in distress in heavy seas in the Baltic.

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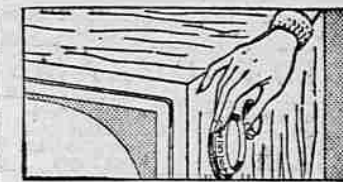
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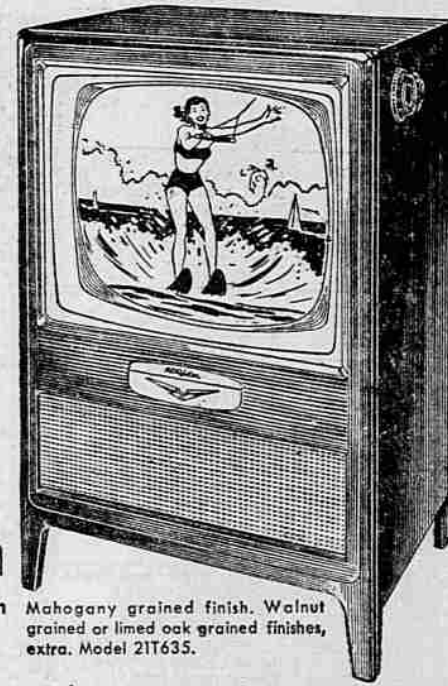
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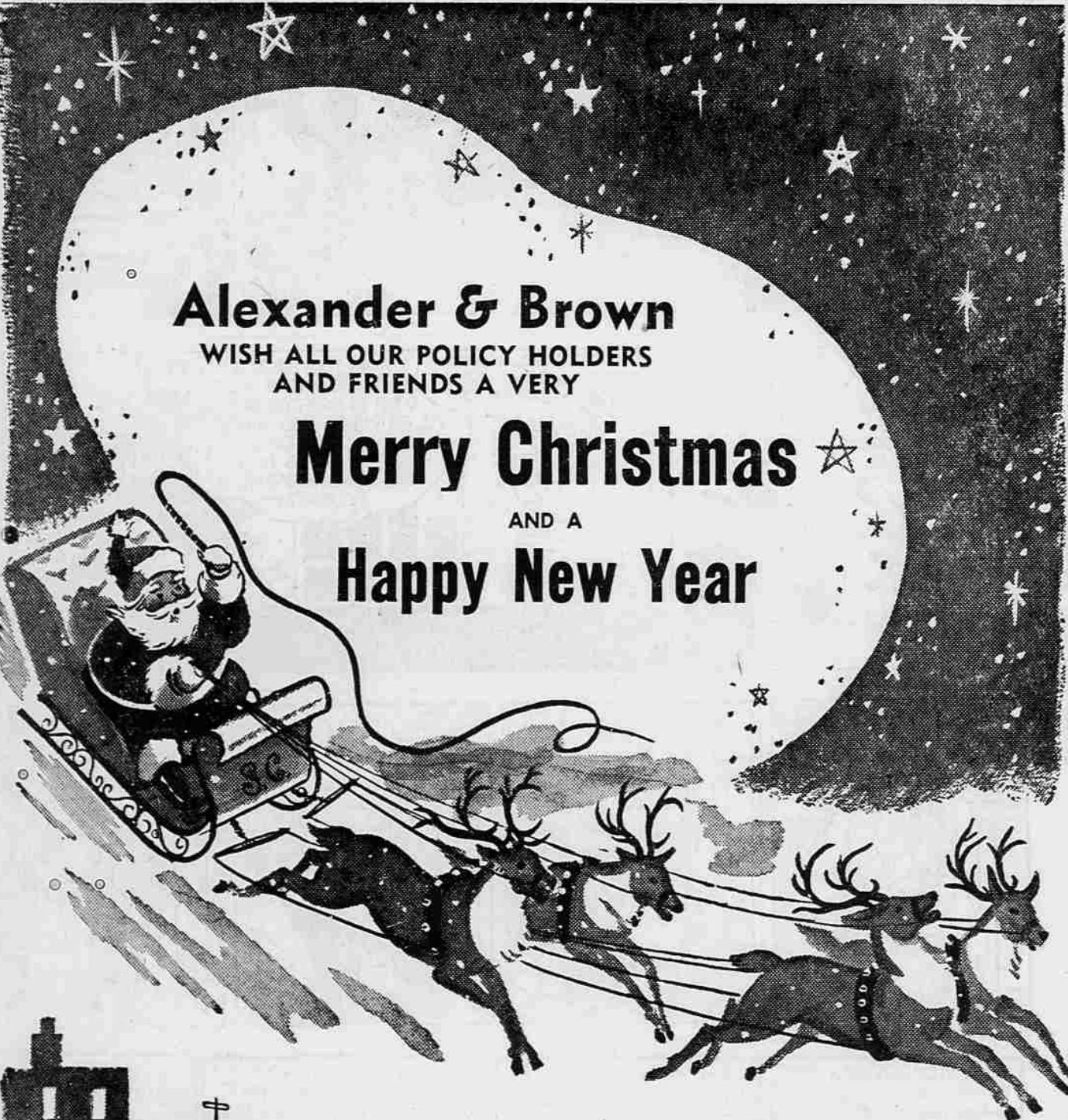
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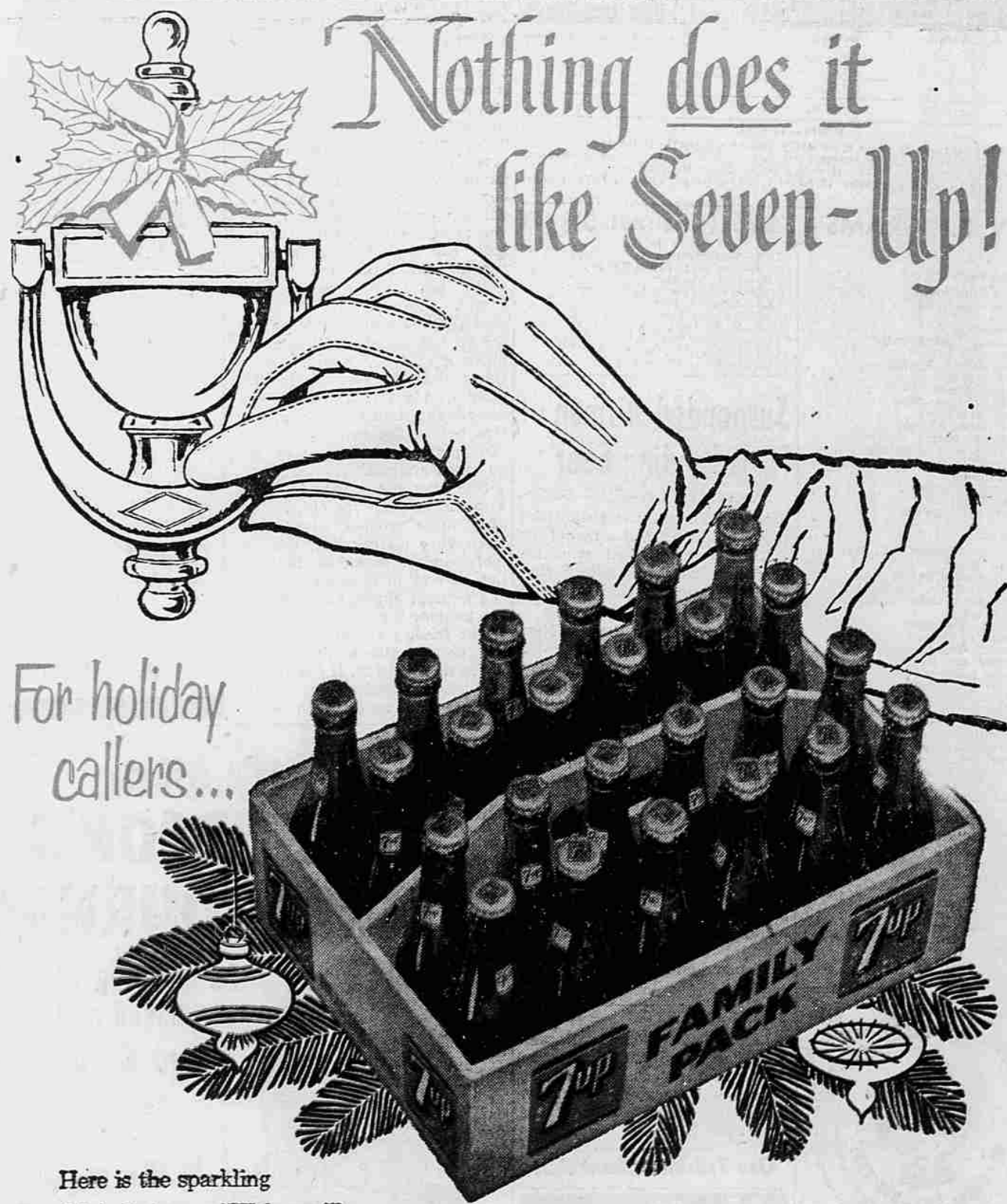
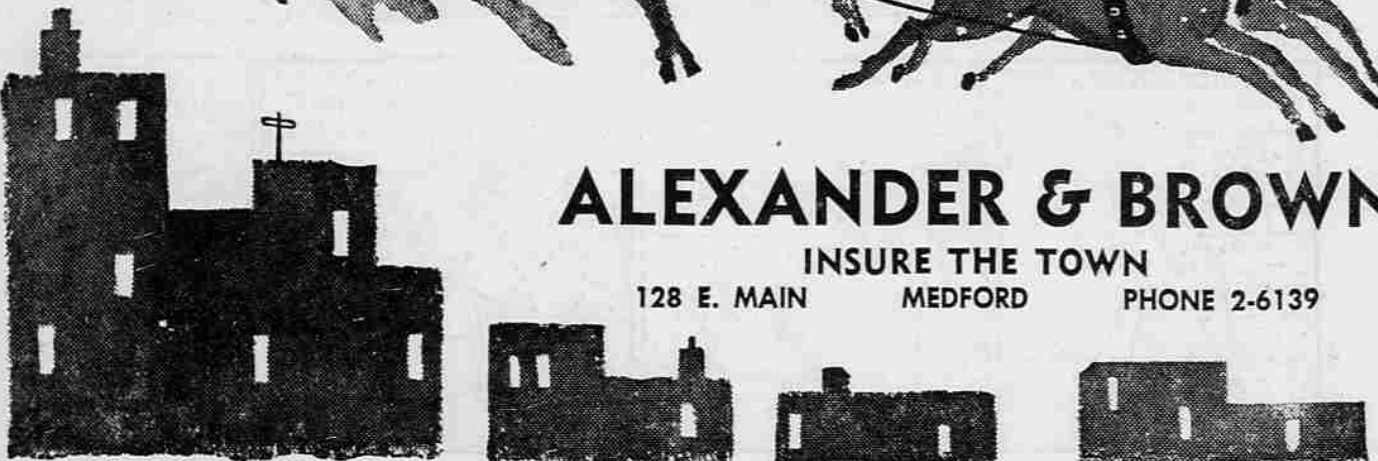
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