

# PRESS FREEDOM CAMPAIGN SAID STRONG DRIVE

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Christopher Chancellor, general manager of Reuters news agency, declared today that the campaign for international press freedom was gathering force and saw hope that clashing British-American and Russian conceptions of a free press might eventually "draw together."

Praising the drive begun in America for free access to the news and untrammelled transmission of news between countries, Chancellor said full success depended on the realization that "there are two different conceptions of press freedom—our conception and the Russian conception."

He pointed out that the soviet press was controlled by the state and said criticism of the government there by the press would be "unthinkable."

"If Russia is to play a part in this press freedom movement," he continued, "the only practical line is to emphasize the standards accepted in common."

He spoke before the Czechoslovak institute and told the leaders that "you will soon have to work out measures in Czechoslovakia for reestablishment of a strong, independent, democratic newspaper press."

He said he had just returned from Paris, where leaders were planning a new deal for the French press. There was a realization in France, he continued, that the central problem was to discover means of maintaining an independent financial basis for newspapers and "to avoid the risk of newspapers being subsidized by special interests with resultant suppression or distortion of the news."

Chancellor said the campaign begun in America for "world right to interchange of news protected by international compact" was in danger of becoming confused by minor issues.

"This danger is inevitable," he said, "but I should like to emphasize the deep idealism with which this campaign has been launched and the disinterestedness of the man who is its real sponsor."

Chancellor said after his address that he referred to Kent Cooper, executive director of the Associated Press, when he spoke of the "real sponsor" of the free press program.

## The War At a Glance

**By The Associated Press**

**The Western Front:** Berlin said long-expected Eisenhower offensive was launched; British-Canadians battered at Caizar, key to Wesel and the Ruhr; British and Americans poised for signal along Roer; Americans made sweeping gains in Saar basin, reported by Swiss radio to be battering into Saarbruecken in the south.

**The Russian Front:** Russians lunged forward in Guben sector; massed great armies along Neisse and Oder rivers for what Germans feared was all-out blow; new gains made in Polish corridor drive on Danzig.

**The Italian Front:** Americans stormed through German trench systems, captured 3500-foot Monte Torracca in two-mile advance from Mount Belvedere.

**The Pacific Front:** Mount Suribachi, at southern tip of Iwo Jima, captured; battle at virtual stalemate elsewhere on island; navy announced 5372 casualties, including 644 dead, in first three days of invasion; Americans mopped up enemy on little Capul island in Philippines off southern tip of Luzon; took hotel, city hall and most of post office in bitter Manila battle.

## MAY 15 SET FOR SUGAR REQUESTS

Local OPA boards in the Portland OPA district will start accepting applications for home canning sugar allowances on May 15, McDannell Brown, district director, announced Wednesday. Applications will be taken through October 31, 1945.

The housewife will obtain all of her sugar for home canning by applying to her own local OPA board. No ration stamps in war ration book four will be good for canning sugar this year, Brown pointed out.

The total sugar allowance for canning fruits or fruit juices must not exceed 20 pounds per person, or 150 pounds to a single family regardless of size, he explained. Within the maximum allowance, only 5 pounds of sugar for each person named in the family application may be allowed for canning vegetables and for making jams, jellies, relishes, catsup, etc.

## Flashes of Life

**By The Associated Press**

**TRAPPED**

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 23 (AP)—A waitress told police a customer, instead of leaving a tip, picked her pocket of \$113.

**OOPS, SORRY!**

DENVER, Feb. 23 (AP)—Patrolman Mike Carroll said a 21-year-old Dallas woman told him this story:

She was sitting in a cafe when a shabbily-dressed man approached her, drew a knife from his pocket and slashed her neck. Then he fled after exclaiming: "Excuse me, I thought you were my wife."

**GUN SHY**

ST. PAUL, Feb. 23 (AP)—A pending bill which would outlaw BB-guns in Minnesota has one of the state's farmers up in arms. Sen. Anchor Nelson declared during a legislative debate.

The farmer wants to know, Nelson said, how else can he get his bull into the barn.

If it's a "froze" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

## World's Fastest Ambulance



The world's fastest ambulance—a P-38 with belly fuel tanks modified to carry personnel or cargo—is demonstrated at Seventh AAF headquarters, Pacific Ocean Area. The litter "patient" (above) is pushed into the container and the litter fastens on hooks inside the tank. The tail section is locked in place when patient is secure. Below, a passenger, resting on mats, looks through the plexiglass nose. Tank is equipped with two portholes, airvents and set of earphones. A similar tank is fastened on other side of cockpit. AAF photo.

## Tasmanian Made Fortune in Real Estate, Died With \$74,000 on Person Monday

WILLOWS, Calif., Feb. 23 (AP)—John G. Hill, 72, traveled over the western hemisphere shearing sheep, made a fortune in real estate in Bakersfield, Calif., and was waiting for the war to end so he could return to his native Tasmania when he died in Vancouver, B. C., J. W. Sutton, his closest friend said today.

Hill was found dead with more than \$74,000 in cash and bonds on his person in a Vancouver hotel Monday night.

"Both Hill and I suffered from high blood pressure and I've warned him a hundred times against carrying so much cash around," Sutton said in an interview here. "I told him he'd collapse and die some day and just leave his money kicking around."

Sutton said he had known Hill more than 44 years and that they used to travel together over Australia, New Zealand, North and South America shearing sheep.

"Finally Hill settled down and built a rooming house in Bakersfield and started making money," Sutton said.

"Not long ago he got a hankering to go back to Tasmania. He sold an apartment house in San Francisco for \$85,000 cash and converted it into New Zealand currency. I witnessed his passport, but he couldn't get transportation. So he visited me last summer and went up to Van-

couver waiting for the war to end."

Sutton said Hill's brother, Harry, had been a famous track star in Tasmania. He said that Hill's wife died 25 years ago in Bakersfield.

## Speakeasies May Develop, Says Mayor

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP)—Some "illegitimate operations" may result from the midnight curfew on entertainment, which will be a "difficult police job" to enforce here, Mayor Earl Riley said today.

Chief of Police Harry Niles promised full police cooperation "if the government order is essential to winning the war."

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## AFL WARNS TODD STRIKERS TO WORK

SEATTLE, Feb. 23 (AP)—Striking United Brotherhood of Welders, Cutters and Helpers pickets continued their patrol in front of the Todd-Pacific shipyards and drydocks today despite a warning from AFL welders yesterday to halt the picketing and not return.

The warning was issued as AFL welders pushed and shoved a half dozen of the pickets around and tore up their signs.

Henry Doty, national president of the striking brotherhood union, said the picketing would continue despite the warning.

M. E. McLaren, secretary of the AFL Seattle Metal Trades council, expressed regrets at the incident, remarking:

"We thought the situation would not result in violence, although some of the workers naturally are pretty angry at the strikers."

He said he expected a meeting of all AFL leaders this morning might provide a new approach toward settlement of the two-week old jurisdictional dispute.

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CALCUTTA, Feb. 23 (AP)—Troops of the Chinese 50th division under Lt. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan today captured the rich Baldwin silver and lead mines 22 miles north of Lashio, scoring the greatest allied victory in Burma since the capture of Myitkyina.

The mines, described by American authorities as capable of producing enough lead to supply the entire Japanese war machine, were left intact by the enemy.

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J. R. Monroe, 40-year-old railroad brakeman, held in Twin Falls, Ida., on charges of shooting three Japanese-American employees of a Wells, Nev., restaurant after they assertedly refused to cash check for him.

## The Road to Berlin

**By The Associated Press**

1—Eastern front: 32 miles (from Zellin).

2—Western front: 296 miles (from west bank of the Rhine at Emmerich).

3—Italian front: 544 miles (from Reno river).

## Inquest Into Death Of Boy Scheduled

OREGON CITY, Feb. 23 (AP)—An inquest will be held tomorrow into the death of 9-year-old Calvin Jesse Deetz, who died from too many "pain relieving pills," Coroner Ray Rilance said today.

Mrs. Erma Deetz, 35, and Marie Rebecca, 14, her daughter, were said to be improving in a hospital last night. Rilance said the mother, who had been in ill health, administered an overdose to herself and the two children.

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## \$700 MILLION SET FOR BASIN PROGRAM

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—About \$700,000,000 for Columbia basin projects is outlined in postwar plans drawn up by Bonneville and governors of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, the Bonneville administrator said today.

Columbia river power will be as vital to Pacific northwest and national wealth in peacetime as it was during the war, Dr. Paul J. Raver predicted in his annual report to the secretary of the interior.

Bonneville's program is coordinated with that of the northwest states development association, comprised of the five governors. Another million acres is to be added to the 3 1/2 million now under irrigation, and nearly \$100,000,000 in new transmission lines and sub-stations is planned.

Suggested works include the Umatilla dam and Detroit project in Oregon; Foster creek and four Snake river projects, Washington; Cabinet gorge and Albeni falls projects, Idaho.

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**CONSCIENTIOUS**

DENVER, Feb. 23 (AP)—woman walked into OPA headquarters and surrenders 444 red ration points.

She said it represented pounds of beef and pork she received from a relative in Nebraska.

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