

CARPENTERS REFUSE PAY OFFER

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
GENERAL MARSHALL, who for long and weary months has been trying to calm things down in China, is apparently pretty well fed up. In a report just made public by the state department, he denounces the "dominant reactionary group" in China's national government and at the same time speaks bitterly of the willingness of the Chinese communists to wreck the country, if necessary, in order to throw Chiang Kai-shek and his Kuomintang party out.

His report, as nearly as may be judged from the press condensations of it, follows the "plague on both your houses" line.

KEEP this in mind as to China: It is ruled by a ONE-PARTY government, headed by a dictator. What is happening in China appears to follow the pattern of one-party governments everywhere—in Russia; in Germany, in Italy, in Spain—wherever smart men, reaching for power, have been able to RE-CREATE dictatorship under another name.

Whatever is wrong in China (and it is obvious that PLENTY is wrong) tracks back to TOO MUCH POWER in TOO FEW HANDS too long. Ever since the world began, that has been a wrecker and a smasher of men's liberties.

ONE other thing to remember about China: Chiang Kai-shek was for many years painted to us as just short of an angel. The painting was done by PROPAGANDISTS. The truth was concealed by CENSORSHIP.

Propaganda and censorship are also wreckers and smashers of men's liberties. Getting the truth about what is happening is essential to democracy. If men can be film-flamed as to the facts of life, liberty will become only a hollow shell.

AS a matter of cold fact, much of what is wrong with us in these days has its origin in the unfortunate truth that so many of us "know so many things that ain't so."

Only by building on a foundation of FACT can we raise a structure that is worth while.

THAT raises again a highly important question: WHAT IS A FACT?

This is a fact: Two plus two equals four. This is another fact: Daylight follows darkness. Facts are things that stand the test of experience.

WHILE we're on this "preaching" line, let's follow through the case of this man Rocco who a few days ago thought up a fancy scheme to kill his ex-wife. He wrapped a gun up in a complicated package, kidded a not-too-bright young woman into the belief that it was a trick camera that would take a picture of a jewel thief who was wanted by an insurance company, and induced her to aim this contraption at the ex-Mrs. Rocco and pull a string.

Instead of a camera, it was a sawed-off shotgun, and instead of taking a picture of Rocco's ex-wife it filled her leg with buckshot and the leg had to be amputated.

WE get the final chapter today. Rocco dies in a corner up in the snowy Catskill mountains of New England under the bullets of pursuing officers of the law—thus coming to the end he was headed for.

What a fool he was! If he had devoted the same amount of gray matter to some legitimate enterprise—such, say, as running a successful hamburger stand, he would be out in front and happy, instead of lying dead in the snow.

Crime really doesn't pay. It never did pay.

FLAMING SLIPPER CALIBRE HUSBAND FIRE LIBBY MONTAGUE 7 (AP)— Mrs. Ed Dutton lit a match and the stick's flaming head snapped and fell into her fur-trimmed bedroom slipper.

She kicked the burning slipper and it landed on a davenport. Flames quickly enveloped the davenport and one hour later the Dutton home was in ruins.

Reykjavik War Bride In School
VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 7 (AP)—Mark Greene of Vancouver is back at his Stanford university studies—accompanied by his Icelandic bride, Fanny May Runolfsdottir of Reykjavik.

The 1941 University of Washington student and Miss Runolfsdottir met while he was stationed in Iceland with the army air forces. On return from the army he transferred to Stanford university.

She arrived here at the close of the old year and they were married New Year's Eve.

Palestine Partition Only Hope For Holy Land Peace
LONDON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones were reported by a government source today to have "decided in principle" that partition of Palestine into Arab and Jewish states was Britain's only hope of settling the Holy Land problem.

While the colonial and foreign offices studied what this informant called "several variations on the partition theme," the British government received an appeal from Hagana, most moderate of Jewish underground organizations in Palestine, to shun any "large-scale retaliatory operations in the Holy Land."

The British cabinet expected to consider Palestine proposals

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Marshall Raps China Communists

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall today denounced the "dominant reactionary group in China's national government, protested the 'provocative' policies of Chinese communists and said liberal leadership is needed to end civil strife there.

Breaking a long silence on the situation in China, President Truman's personal envoy to Nanking declared that reactionaries in Chiang Kai-shek's government "have evidently counted upon substantial American support regardless of their actions."

His statement, released by the state department a day after the White House announced Marshall is returning home to report, left wide open the questions of whether he will go back to China and whether China will be given the \$500,000,000 loan it has been seeking from the export-import bank.

Marshall said that China's newly adopted constitution will provide an opportunity to form a democratic government, but he noted that it remains to be seen whether the government will afford a "genuine welcome" to all groups to share in the administration.

His ire was directed at both the government and the communists, but was particularly bitter in discussing the propaganda of the latter group. He said that the "died in the wool communists" have not hesitated at the most "drastic measures to gain their end, as for instance, the destruction of communications in order to wreck the economy of China and produce a situation that would facilitate the overthrow or collapse of the government."

Huge Meteor Seen In Sky

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7 (AP)—A fiery ball, giving off weird flashes of light, roared over southern California last night and out to sea. It was visible from San Diego to Bakersfield—nearly 200 miles apart.

Although two separate searches were made for crashed planes, it was agreed today that the object was a meteor, and Dr. Clarence H. Clemenshaw of Griffith observatory said it apparently was an "exceptionally bright" meteor. No missing planes were reported.

Transport pilots over Bakersfield and Burbank reported the object flashed by at tremendous speed. Telephone switchboards in many cities were jammed as watchers called police and newspapers.

Greek Insurgent Battles Continue

ATHENS, Jan. 7 (AP)—Newspapers reported today at least 20 persons had been killed in continuing skirmishes between Greek government forces and insurgents.

Press reports said members of an insurgent band seized the mayor, vice mayor and two other residents of the village of Zarko, near Trikkala, and that their bodies were found a few hours later in a field near the town.

In Athens, more than 150 persons were said to be under arrest in connection with five week-end slayings in a communist-xite (extreme rightist) feud.

Likeness Baffles Senate Members

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) looks a lot like Senator Wherry (R-Neb.) Also, vice versa.

"In this new session," Senator Bridges told a photographer today, "even some of the senators have us confused."

"Maybe a picture would help straighten this out," said Senator Wherry.

So the photographer took a picture. Then—

"Thank you very much, Senator Bridges," he said to Senator Wherry.

Death Climaxes Killer Hunt



"They'll never get me alive," Alphonse Rocco, hunted in the New York City "camera" shooting of his former wife, swore before he was shot to death on this snow-covered hill. Corporal D. F. Lang, Corporal F. W. Hilfrank and Trooper J. A. Sabatello of the state police stand over the body.

CIO-US Steel Parley Slated

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 7 (AP)—The U. S. Steel corporation and the CIO-US Steelworkers of America begin negotiations January 16 for a new contract that may once again set the wage pattern for the steel industry.

A year ago the Steelworkers' demand for a \$2-a-day increase resulted in a month-long nationwide steel strike. It was settled by an 18-cent hourly wage boost. The present contract expires February 15.

This year the Steelworkers' wage demands remain undisclosed. Steelworker and National CIO President Philip Murray, however, has announced he expects a "substantial" boost without a corresponding rise in prices.

The 10-man executive board of the Steelworkers meets here Thursday and Friday to map its strategy against "Big Steel."

U. S. Steel, in announcing the start of negotiations, said the meeting was requested by Murray.

A Steelworkers' spokesman said the union will make its formal demands January 16, including an unspecified wage increase, partial-to-partial pay, revised insurance plan and premium pay for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Actress Held For Manslaughter

REDLANDS, Calif., Jan. 7 (AP)—Film Actress Helen Walker, recuperating in a hospital from automobile crash injuries suffered New Year's night, has been ordered to appear in police court January 21 for a preliminary hearing on a manslaughter charge.

Pfc. Robert Lee of March field was killed when Miss Walker's car, in which he was a passenger, overturned six times on a highway. Two other men in the car escaped serious injury.

A bail of \$2500 was posted for the 24-year-old actress.

No Fatalities In Oxygen Tank Blast

QUINCY, Mass., Jan. 7 (AP)—After an all-night search, fire officials said today no one had been trapped in an explosion last night of 2000 tanks of oxygen at the West Quincy plant of the Air Reduction Sales company.

At first it was feared at least one workman had been killed by the blast that injured eight persons, and smashed windows within a half mile.

"Camera Slayer" Shot To Death In Mountain Hideout

GRAND GORGE, N. Y., Jan. 7 (AP)—"They'll never get me alive," Alphonse Rocco swore before he was shot to death in his snowy hilltop hideout near here, after a futile flight following the New Year's Eve "camera" shooting of his former wife in New York City.

Rocco met death last night under an evergreen tree and a full moon in Patchin hollow, as he crouched in a sleeping bag taken from one of the two Catskill mountain farm homes where he gained shelter for nearly 48 hours by brandishing two pistols.

Farmer Routs Sleeping Bear

CANYON CITY, Jan. 7 (AP)—Ira Kimbell was pitching hay to his stock when he heard a grunt under the hay pile.

He jabbed with his pitchfork, thinking to rout out a pig. He reared a 200-pound black bear, sleepy-eyed but indignant over this hibernation halt.

Kimbell's dog jumped. He knocked the bear down, but the brain grabbed the dog in a vise-like hug.

Kimbell came to the rescue with his pitchfork. The bear dropped the dog and started for the man. Both man and dog dashed for safety.

Last seen, the bear was ambling for the timber, still rumbling indignantly.

War Dead To Be Returned Soon

PORTLAND, Jan. 7 (AP)—The first of Oregon's war dead to be returned from foreign soil for burial in the state will begin arriving within a year, Lt. Col. V. L. Lewis reported here.

The commanding officer of the Auburn, Wash., distribution center estimated that bodies of 4619 World War II casualties would be returned to Washington, northern Idaho and western Oregon. The estimate did not include eastern Oregon and southern Idaho.

He reported letters were being mailed to next of kin to facilitate the return and that families of Oregon war dead need not take the initiative in the matter.

WEATHER	
Max. (Jan. 6)	25 Min. —14
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.0
Stream year to date	3.74
Last year	8.12 Normal —4.98
Forecast: Clear today; tonight and Wednesday, little change in temperature.	

Indo-China Bound



Maj. Gen. Jacques LeClair (above) France's famed armored warfare specialist, is being pushed to Indo-China, Leon Blum, interim president-premier announced in Paris. Natives have risen against the French and serious fighting rages at Hanoi, capital of Indo-China, where the French are using tanks and planes. —AP wirephoto.

Truman To Fight Tax Reductions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—President Truman was reported ready today to send congress a \$37,000,000,000 budget and simultaneously take a strong stand against any tax cuts.

This speculative figure clashes head-on with estimates already given reporters by the new republican chairman of the house appropriations committee, Rep. Taber of New York. He told reporters the needs of government can be met with about \$29,500,000,000.

Also the president's view that any revenue surplus should go to reducing the public debt—as already indicated in his state of the Union message—runs into a determined tax-cutting drive by Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the house ways and means committee.

Woolworth Founder Dies

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 7 (AP)—Charles Sumner Woolworth, who was a founder of the Woolworth chain of 5 and 10 cent stores 65 years ago, died today at his home. He was 90 years old.

Woolworth, who had been in ill health for several weeks, opened his first store here 65 years ago and later formed the F. W. Woolworth company with his brother, the late Frank W. Woolworth, and the late Fred M. Kirby of Wilkes-Barre.

Woolworth was born August 1, 1856, at Rodman, Jefferson county, New York, the son of John and Fannie McBrier Woolworth.

The 5 and 10 cent store idea was credited to Frank Woolworth but the success of the enterprise was largely attributed to Charles, who began his career sweeping floors and tending fires at Watertown, N. Y., for \$4 a week.

Hanoi Battle Still Raging

MANILA, Jan. 7 (AP)—A Viet Nam communique broadcast today by radio Hanoi reported 240 French troops were killed, 30 were wounded and two tanks were knocked out in a 10-hour battle in Hanoi Friday.

The broadcast said numerous detachments of French infantry supported by 20 tanks, armored cars and fighting planes, launched simultaneous attacks at 5:30 a. m. against Viet Nam positions in the Ngoc Hoa quarter of northwest Hanoi. The quarter includes Kim Ma Pagoda, Leung cathedral and Hommel beer factory.

The communique reported 200 French soldiers were killed in that encounter and 40 more were killed by guerrillas who checked the French advance in the center of Hanoi.

Antarctic Search Proves Fruitless

ABOARD THE USS MT. OLYMPUS, Jan. 7 (AP)—A sea plane scouted for nine hours along the coast of bleak Ellsworth island yesterday without finding trace of nine fliers, missing from the navy's Antarctic expedition.

The crew of the search plane, a Martin mariner sent out by the sea plane tender Pine Island, reported an 11,000 square mile area off the tip of Cape Dart was covered in the flight.

Scientists Say Object Found At Hill Academy Could Be Portion Of Rocket

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP)—A state geologist has reported an analysis of the cylindrical object which fell from a clear sky here is of refractory material such as is in the lining of rockets, the Oregonian reported today in a copyrighted article.

The newspaper said Dr. John E. Allen, chief of the Oregon department of geology and mineral industries laboratory, avoided any positive statement that the three-inch long object was a portion of a sky missile.

The geologist supervised a spectrographic analysis of a small fragment and reported to the newspaper that it was not concrete, as originally believed, but contained elements to give reasonable basis for the hypothesis that it could have been used in rocket construction.

Dr. Allen said the material contained aluminum, titanium, magnesium, calcium, chrome and zircon.

"One of the essentials of a rocket," Dr. Allen was quoted as reporting, "is a refractory lining which can withstand the tremendous temperatures involved. If such a lining were introduced

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Missile Found

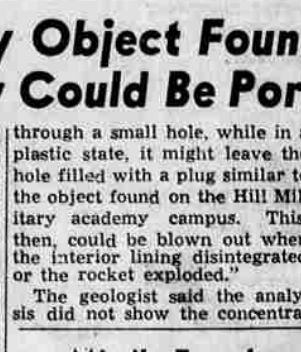
through a small hole, while in a plastic state, it might leave the hole filled with a plug similar to the object found on the Hill Military academy campus. This, then, could be blown out when the interior lining disintegrated or the rocket exploded."

The geologist said the analysis did not show the concentration of elements that would unquestionably establish its use in rockets.

An army representative has taken over the major portion of the object for examination but Pacific coast army headquarters in San Francisco and others in Washington reported no knowledge of any test results. At White Sands, N. M., army officials said no ceramic type material was used in the rocket V-2 tested there. Other rocket tests have been made in the deserts of California.

The Oregonian said Dr. Allen declared any statement on the possible origin of the material would be "wild guessing" but added that "nothing has ever been said about the landing places of rockets which have been reported going north over Sweden."

Capt. Leon G. Thompson of the military academy staff reported the object fell and rolled at his feet during a brief ice shower mysteriously confined to a 15 foot square area at the campus. The sky was clear and no aircraft were in sight, Capt. Thompson said.



—AP Wirephoto