

Rep. Thomas Stricken On Board Ship

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (AP)—Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-N. J.), stricken seriously ill at sea, was being rushed to Cristobal, Panama, today aboard the USS Ancon.

An army bomber dropped two kits of blood plasma alongside the ship last night but Capt. David Swinson, the master, radioed the plane crew that it was decided not to stop the ship to pick it up. Bad weather already had delayed the ship.

The plane was ready to take off again today from Balboa, Canal zone, if plasma still was needed.

Dispatches from the Panama line steamer said the ship's doctor tentatively had diagnosed the 52-year-old congressman's illness as "massive gastrointestinal hemorrhage," or bleeding in the stomach.

Zone Probe

Thomas, chairman of the house un-American activities committee, left here Wednesday with Mrs. Thomas. While he did not announce the purpose of his trip, there has been discussion in Washington of alleged subversive activities in the Canal zone.

A Panama dispatch said Thomas was expected to make a one-man investigation of the reports while there.

The Ancon, originally due at Cristobal this morning, was expected to arrive there late this afternoon.

A B-17 of the Caribbean air command took off from Howard field, Canal zone, with the plasma late yesterday after the Panama line notified the air force of Thomas' illness. Capt. Swinson earlier had requested that an ambulance stand by for the Ancon's arrival.

One dispatch said a New York physician was aboard the Ancon and was attending the stricken congressman.

Night Watchman Is Finicky Caller

BALTIMORE, Jan. 26 (AP)—Vice President William J. Muth of the Baltimore city council was awakened at 3:20 a. m. by a citizen who telephoned to outline a scheme for improving the city's transit service.

But when Muth offered to call back at a more reasonable hour, the caller declined to tell his number. He explained he was a night watchman, and would be awakened if his phone rang in the daytime.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"Thank heavens for the costume parties, Abercrombie!"

WAA Aid To Navajos Out

SEATTLE, Jan. 26 (AP)—A half million dollars worth of government surplus clothing, stored at Fort Lewis and other Western Washington points and offered to the poverty-stricken Navajo Indians, has been declined by the interior department, a war assets administration spokesman said today.

O. A. Bradeen, regional WAA director, said the clothing had been offered if the interior department, in charge of Indian affairs, would arrange to have it shipped. The WAA director said he understood rejection was based on a lack of funds for such a purpose.

The clothing includes large numbers of army blankets and other reconditioned articles.

Diving May Restore Terrier's Hearing

TILLAMOOK, Jan. 26 (AP)—A Boston bull terrier may be able to hear as the result of riding along with his master in a fast diving airplane.

Dr. Andrew Lloyd, county veterinarian, reported that a seven-month-old pup owned by Walt Herd, Tillamook airport owner, appears to be partially cured of deafness after a series of airplane dives from high altitude.

The veterinarian explained that the dog was born with its eardrums concave in structure. The swift change from high to low altitude—from low to high air pressure—may

reverse the eardrum structure to convex shape and allow normal hearing.

The puppy has appeared to be able to detect sharp sounds in one ear as a result of the experiment, which Dr. Lloyd said will continue until proven satisfactory or worthless.

Construction Gain Forecast

SALEM, Jan. 26 (AP)—Oregon's construction industry is expected to reach \$200,000,000 in value during 1948, assuring continued high employment in the state, the Oregon postwar development and readjustment commission believes.

The commission listed \$11,000,000 worth of private homes to be built in the Portland area; \$15,000,000 in hospitals throughout the state and \$22,000,000 of highway work at the top of the list.



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