



ENJOYING their school holiday this morning were (l to r) John James, eight, and brother Jimmy, 13. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. James, 2351 Radcliffe.

9 O'clock Special

By FRANK JENKINS

From Munsan: "A truce in Korea by Christmas became a possibility today as negotiators reached agreement on the first section of an armistice—the thirty buffer zone issue. "If the agreement is approved by the full truce delegations, negotiators would have 30 days in which to solve three other tough problems: "1. Supervision of the armistice (seeing to it that no tricks were pulled by either side.) "2. Exchange of war prisoners (the commies have and they want an even swap of all for all; we want to swap on a one man for one man basis.) "3. Recommendations to belligerent governments as to withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea. "Fighting will continue until ALL of these points are settled."

I'm keeping my fingers carefully crossed.

A word of caution: Whatever we do, LET'S NOT GET TOO IMPATIENT! All out war, once started, is terribly, terribly hard to stop. And history tells us very, very plainly that BIG WARS nearly always leave the world worse off than before. World Wars I and II, for example, both left the world in a worse mess than it was in before they began.

What shall we do? Well, Theodore Roosevelt gave us some pretty good advice. In world affairs, he said, we should "SPEAK SOFTLY and carry a big stick." What he meant was that our diplomats should be courteous, patient and firm. They should never lose their tempers and sass people back. They should never make hot and hasty statements. They should ALWAYS be willing to talk over ANY situation that may arise.

But—Always—WE SHOULD BE MILITARILY STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE ANY SITUATION THAT MAY ARISE. Picture to yourself a person like that. Calm. Courteous. Never raising his voice in an argument. Tolerant. Always willing to listen to you when you talk. But SMART. The kind of person you can't put something over on. And competent. PERFECTLY capable of taking care of himself if the going gets rough. Able to finish anything he may start. We all have a lot of respect for

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WINNING WINDOW of this year's Christmas trimming contest, held Wednesday evening, was the Pelican cafe's, above. The case edged out Marvins in a close vote by judges, and kicked off the 1951 Christmas season, which continues tomorrow with the giant balloon parade scheduled for 11 a. m. on Main street.

Missing U.S. Plane Feared Shot Down By Russians

Threatened News

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Officers Solve Long List Of Thefts In Stronghold Area, Four Arrests Made

Modoc Sheriff Buck Server's office in Alturas today announced four arrests and recovery of thousands of dollars in loot from a series of robberies in the Stronghold area.

One man has already confessed, been convicted of second degree theft and taken to San Quentin. He is Robert Eugene Smith, 25, of near Tulake.

The other three men, jailed awaiting hearings, are Alvin Grafton, George W. Hines and John R. DeLong. They all lived at the Grafton home near Tulake.

The chain of robberies that included looting of four homes and a hunter's trailer started Sept. 26, according to the sheriff's office. Two theft gangs are believed to have been involved. Grafton, Hines and DeLong, all of whom are charged with first degree theft, apparently worked together. Smith, who was taken to San Quentin yesterday, implicated others and Sheriff Server's men hope to make further arrests. There was apparently no connection between the two gangs.

All the robberies were in the same pattern: homes and the trailer were raided while occupants were away.

With hearings set for Monday, a spokesman for the subcommittee said failure to get department records would "hamper" the ways and means subcommittee's efforts to learn why, as chairman King (D-Calif.) put it, cases were dropped at "higher levels" without prosecution.

After weeks of negotiation with Attorney General McGrath during which it did not get the type of access to justice department files it wanted, the subcommittee appealed to Mr. Truman. At Key West, Fla., Presidential Press secretary Joseph Short said its request is still "under consideration."

Elsewhere, this was the picture: 1. An impending shake-up of personnel in the Detroit internal revenue office reportedly was in prospect. Committee sources said a number of Detroit employees were expected to be reassigned, transferred or suspended.

Senator Moody (D-Mich.) recently referred to the group what he termed evidence of irregularities in the Detroit office of the internal revenue bureau. The bureau itself and the house committee conducted investigations. An announcement relating to the inquiry—set originally for this week—is now expected next Monday or Tuesday.

2. A special investigation is being made of J. Frank Wilcox, chief of audits in the Oklahoma City office of the collector of internal revenue. Shortly after the internal revenue bureau made the announcement, Wilcox's attorney disclosed in Oklahoma City that audit chief had submitted his resignation November 6.

The nature of the investigation was not disclosed. But H. I. Hinds, attorney for Wilcox, issued a statement saying: "I believe Wilcox was quite indiscreet in some instances, but I'm sure he has done no real harm."

3. The house committee prepared a formal report on its preliminary announcement Wednesday that it had found "not one scrap of evidence" that its chairman, Rep. King, had intervened improperly in three Southern California tax cases.

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BIG TREE for Klamath's courthouse lawn went up this morning to add to the general theme of early Christmas season in the downtown area. Above, Copco employees lift the fir, which stands about 40 feet high, to place it upright. Lights were being added later today. The tree was donated by Weyerhaeuser timber company.

U.S. Rushes Money For French Aid

PARIS, (U.S.)—The U. S. will rush emergency dollar aid to France to forestall a lowering economic crisis, but the exact amount of it won't be known for at least two weeks.

This became known here today as reports circulated that help was on the way. The figure of \$200,000,000 was mentioned frequently but American officials on the scene said it was only a guess.

The money likely will come in an emergency transfer from a \$5,788,000,000 congressional appropriation to send military help to European partners in the Western defense program. The congressional aid provisions will see before this fund can be transferred from military to financial aid if necessary.

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Bus Crackup On 99 Injures One

GRANTS PASS, (U.S.)—Thirty-eight passengers were shaken up and a five-year-old child sustained minor injuries when a northbound Greyhound bus collided with an automobile and then sideswiped a telephone pole at the Meritt junction on the Pacific highway north of Grants Pass yesterday.

Sgt. C. R. Borgman of the state police said that the driver, Joseph Leonard, Eugene, struck a car driven by Leonard Howson, Grants Pass, who made a left turn while the bus was attempting to pass him. David Melbourne, 5, Haywards, Calif., was injured. He was accompanying his mother and a brother to Albany for Thanksgiving visit with relatives. They continued their trip on a later bus.

Red Fliers Decorated By Government In Moscow—Incident Second Of Kind

WASHINGTON, (U.S.)—A U. S. navy plane with a crew of 10 is missing. There appear to be strong reasons for presuming it was shot down by the Russians.

In succession today: 1. It was learned that Moscow, in a formal protest on November 7, charged that an American plane crossed the Siberian border and was turned back by the gunfire of Soviet fighters.

2. The navy said a twin-engine bomber "on United Nations weather reconnaissance" patrol has been missing since November 6 and is presumed lost.

The navy statement was in answer to press inquiries about the Soviet protest.

However, the navy itself did not say the Russians had shot down the plane.

The navy said three officers and seven men were aboard the plane, and that search for survivors "has been negative," meaning none have been found.

The matter is still under searching investigation," the navy said.

The navy, in its initial answer to questions, did not identify the exact type of plane except to say it was a twin-engine bomber. Nor did it say where the plane was missing.

All the circumstances here, however, implied that this was the same matter the Russians referred to in their November 7 protest—one day after the U. S. plane failed to return from its mission.

If the plane was indeed shot down by Soviet fighters, it is the second incident of that nature.

In the spring of 1950, Russian airmen downed a navy patrol plane in the Baltic. Its 10 crewmen perished.

At that time, with much fanfare, the Moscow press announced award of decorations to the Red fliers.

Similarly, there were stories in the Moscow papers today of the decoration of two Red navy fliers for outstanding services. What they had done was not detailed, but the way the incident was handled paralleled last year's awards.

Superforts Blast Soviet Airfields

SEOUL, (U.S.)—Ten superforts roared through intense flak and an angry cordon of Mig-15s last night and plastered a new Communist jet air base two miles from Red China's Manchurian frontier.

The Far East air forces in Tokyo said all B-29s returned to their bases. It described the results as good.

The raid was the first bombing attack on Uiju, in northwest Korea only two miles south of the Yalu river boundary.

This strike so close to the "sanctuary of Manchuria" pointed up the mounting allied effort to block off the growing Communist air threat and keep the Reds from setting up bases in North Korea closer to the battle line.

Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, chief of the U. S. air force, warned in Washington that Red China has merged suddenly as a major air power. He said his new-born air force with Russian type jets and Russian-speaking pilots has broken Allied air supremacy in Korea although the United Nations still holds superiority.

Allied spotter planes recently reported Mig-15s nesting in Korea for the first time in the war. The field was Uiju. F-86 sabre jets strafed the field Sunday, caught 11 Mig-15s on a taxi strip and reported eight destroyed or damaged.

Then the big superforts hit last night.

The B-29s spilled 100-pound bombs at the 7100 foot runway and dropped quarter-ton airbursting bombs which hurled jagged chunks of steel at planes hidden in revetments.

Communists jets snarled around the B-29s but EFAP said they made no firing runs.

"The whole sky was full of searchlights," one crewman said. "It looked like they were trying to bracket us."

"We nailed the target and also knocked out a flak battery," another said. "When our bombs exploded the searchlights went out and the flak stopped."

Almost every night for a month, radar-guided B-29s have bombed three new Red airfields farther south—at Namsi, Taechon and Saemcham.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity and northern California: Fair through Saturday, local fog in lowlands. Warmer afternoons, local frost to night. Highs 40, low tonight 14.

High temp yesterday 32 Low last night 11 Precip last 24 hrs 0

Normal October 1 3.48 Since for period 2.33 Same period last year 5.38

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