

# MacArthur Visits Front, Finds Forces 'In Excellent Shape' Despite Reverses

It's Love, That's What It Is!



Margie Little and Jimmy Durante

Margie Little of Scotch Plains, N. J., who was Miss New Jersey State Fair of 1944, has confirmed reports of her engagement to comedian Jimmy (The Schnozz) Durante. Miss Little is 27 years old. Durante is 57. The wedding is expected before New Year's Day. Miss Little first met the comedian five

years ago when he was appearing at a New York night spot. Durante's first wife died in 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Little, Margie's parents, said the couple were engaged for "several years." They said they last saw her Thursday and added that Durante had been a visitor at their home.

## Trenton Transit, Josephson Renew Valuation Wrangling

Trenton Transit and Louis Josephson, city counsel, renewed their "war" today over the bus fare increase sought by the company.

Valuations of buses and other equipment were Josephson's targets. As in the case of land and building valuations, all of which are part of a rate base, he argued the company's figures were too high.

Edward A. Roberts, consulting engineer of New York who specializes in passenger transportation, was the first witness as the hearing resumed before Mrs. Hortense Kessler, public utility commissioner.

His valuations at a September session on 153 buses in the Trenton Transit fleet was \$1,420,613. Other equipment, trucks, shop machinery, tools, he placed at \$104,708.

Josephson began his attack by alleging the detailed appraisals submitted by Roberts could not have been made efficiently in

the three days said to have been spent on the work.

The thrust was answered by the witness with a statement that it was easily possible when done by experts.

Also questioned was whether all of the buses and equipment could be classed as "used and useful" in providing service. Roberts said it was.

Wage increases granted bus drivers and other employees since the last hearing have given the company a further argument in urging a fare increase.

It is claimed that by 1952, when the full effect of the new scale will be reached, operating expenses will show a jump of approximately \$150,000.

The company began the proceeding by asking only for discontinuance of the weekly pass. It is now contending this will not be enough to take the operations out of the red.

The new wage contract calls for a 10-cent raise in the hourly rate for drivers and a cut in the work week from 48 to 44 hours, beginning next year. In 1952 the rate will advance another 8 cents, bringing it to \$1.66, and the work week will drop to 40 hours.

## Car Flies 20 Feet And Overturns In Cluster of Trees

A freak accident in which a car flew 20 feet to land upside down in a clump of pine trees in Washington Crossing State Park Saturday night shook up three Trenton youths.

James Lloyd Fling, 18, of 40 Murray Street, said he was driving east on one-way Sullivan Drive when a car coming in the wrong direction forced him off the road.

Police said Fling's car apparently swerved from one side of the road to the other for 70 feet before taking off into the trees. Fling said he was driving 35 miles an hour.

Fling was taken to Mercer Hospital for treatment of possible internal injuries along with William Stewart, 18, of 1109 South Clinton Avenue. Robert Alzewski, 18, of 29 North Hermitage Avenue was the other passenger in the car.

Park Foreman Malcolm Joiner said it was necessary to cut down six large pine trees to extricate the car.

Fling will face a charge of careless driving before Hopewell Township Judge Michael A. Travers on December 18.

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## Singapore Mobs Stage Kidnap Riot

Thousands of Natives Seek Dutch Girl Raised as Moslem

SINGAPORE — AP — Thousands of violent, fanatic Moslems raged through Singapore tonight in an effort to kidnap 13-year-old Maria Bertha Hertogh, raised as a Moslem but recently returned by court order to her Dutch mother.

Hundreds of armed police, lining all roads to the Catholic convent where Maria and her mother are sheltered, so far has prevented the mobs from approaching the building, which the rioters said they would burn down "if it took all night."

The mobs ranged the city, battling police, overturning and burning automobiles, with Dutchmen as their prime target. They heaved bottles, clubs and stones at passing vehicle.

Scores of European women were attacked with bottles on the streets and in automobiles. There were unconfirmed reports some European children had been kidnaped as hostages until Maria Bertha is returned to the Moslem faith, her Malay foster mother and her Malay school-teacher husband.

One British police officer was seriously wounded in the clashes. Two Malays were shot and seriously wounded. More than a score of European men reported to police outposts they had been beaten with clubs, stoned and struck with bottles.

Flames and columns of smoke shot skyward as angry mobs raged through the streets attacking European-owned automobiles. Throng of Moslems angrily shouted at foreigners to get out of Singapore as they looted barrage of stones and clubs at passers-by.

As police, armed with riot shields, riot sticks and pistols, broke up their mass formations, the squads of Malays and Indians hid in clumps of bushes along the streets and roadways, awaiting the chance for further violence.

At the convent the Mother Superior said Maria Bertha and her mother, Mrs. Adeline Hertogh, were still there. She denied reports both had been removed by British authorities to a secret hiding place.

Police saw no early letup in the disturbances as mobs of rioters gathered in several places in the city, obviously waiting an opportunity to strike.

"We are in for a nasty night," one police officer said.

The police expressed fear the Moslem religious outbreak would give Communist terrorists the opportunity to commit sabotage.

## Auto Tires' Rubber Cut PRR Train Hits Slide; 17 Injured

NPA Orders 28 Percent Slash In Natural Product

WASHINGTON — AP — The Government today ordered a cut on the use of natural rubber for new automobile tires.

The National Production Authority announced that in January and February manufacturers must reduce the consumption of natural rubber by 28 percent from November levels.

The November quota set by NPA under previous order was 52,000 tons of natural rubber. The total amount of consumption of both natural and synthetic rubber for the month was 90,000 tons.

NPA said its January and February quotas—despite the reduction in natural rubber use—still remains at approximately 90,000 tons. The cut-back in natural rubber allotments will be made up by additional supplies of synthetic rubber.

## Emergency Call Studied

WASHINGTON — UP — President Truman called a series of high-level White House conferences today to discuss a declaration of a national emergency which may be made this week.

Truman met first this morning with his "big four" Democratic Congressional leaders to discuss methods of applying wage-price controls, as well as the impending declaration of a national emergency.

The President also will meet late this afternoon with a large group of the Government's economic officials to cover the same ground of the Congressional discussion this morning.

The White House also said the President is considering making a national radio address sometime this week, but that no decision had been reached yet.

Secretary Stephen T. Early told reporters that the economic discussions at the White House today would be "limited to the questions of wage and price controls, and the methods and procedures of applying such controls."

Then he added that Truman in his conference with the legislative leaders would discuss "the question of issuing a declaration of a national emergency."

Asked when the declaration might be issued, Early said "each day is bringing that much closer, but today, however, it is still in the discussion stage."

Chairman Leon Keyserling of the President's Council of Economic Advisers predicted that Truman will have to impose some wage-price controls soon. He added, however, that these would be only "superficial" weapons against inflation unless production and taxes also are increased.

But Michael V. DiSalle, the new price stabilizer, has admitted he is not ready to enforce nationwide price ceilings and probably won't be for another 60 to 90 days. He took office last week and, as yet, has only a skeleton staff.

## Mickey Cohen Lawyer Slain

HOLLYWOOD — AP — Sam Rummel, 52, prominent attorney who represented gambler Mickey Cohen in many of his legal entanglements, was found shot to death on the front steps of his home today.

Detectives listed Rummel's death as murder under mysterious circumstances. The coroner's office, after a cursory examination, said the death was a possible homicide.

"Rummel was shot in the neck," said investigating detectives. "The bullet came out the back of his head."

Informed of the slaying, Cohen declared excitedly: "My God! My God! It's not so!"

## Haircuts Up Again

CHICAGO — INS — Chicago barbers looked forward today for a rush of business this week before next Monday's deadline when haircut prices rise to \$1.35 on week days and \$1.50 on Saturdays and shaves jump 10 cents to 85 cents. Children's haircuts also are increased 25 cents to \$1.

## PRR Train Hits Slide; 17 Injured

13 Passengers, 4 Crewmen Hurt In Rock Crash

SUNBURY, Pa. — AP — A north-bound Pennsylvania passenger train crashed into a landslide blocking tracks at nearby Filler today. Four crewmen and 13 passengers were injured, none seriously.

Four cars and the locomotive of the Harrisburg-to-Erie train were derailed, four sleepers on the rear of the train remained on the tracks.

The four crewmen were taken to the Sunbury Hospital. The passengers were treated for injuries at the scene and continued to their destinations.

The derailment occurred at 1:42 a. m. to passenger train No. 581, Susquehanna division officials at Williamsport said the train ran into a shale slide from the mountainside.

Injured crewmen taken to the Sunbury Hospital were Howard G. Tweed, Sunbury engineer; E. R. Bailey, Sunbury, fireman; R. J. Nierle, Sunbury, baggage master; and J. E. Stotten, Northumberland, brakeman. Their injuries were not serious, the railroad said.

The accident occurred as the train was moving north along the Susquehanna River on its Harrisburg (Pa.) to Buffalo, N. Y. run. Recent rains and snow apparently had loosened rocks and earth which slid from the hillside onto the tracks. The train rammed into the earth mass before the engine-man could bring it to a stop.

The landslide and wreck completely blocked the two-way branch line. The PRR said normal service may be resumed by noon.

## Nab Boy, 15, After Crash In Stolen Car

A 15-year-old schoolboy is held by police today for the theft of a car which figured in a hit-run crash while being pursued by police yesterday.

Patrolmen Kuti and Prihoda spotted the stolen car at Marion Street near Bellevue Avenue. The car was in motion in the darkness without lights.

The policemen attempted to overtake the auto but the driver sped off. At Prospect Street and Pennington Avenue the stolen car collided with the auto of Casimir T. Kowalski, 92, of 194 Oakland Street and continued on.

The teen-age boy at the wheel suddenly stopped the car near Prospect and Short Streets and fled on foot.

The two policemen, with the assistance of another radio car crew called into the chase, captured the boy in an empty lot adjacent to the Trenton Brass Company plant at 621 Prospect Street.

The youth was treated for head cuts suffered in the tussle, then jailed.

Police report the boy will be taken into juvenile court on charges of auto theft, reckless driving, hit-run collision and driving without a license.

The stolen car is the property of Clifford Johnson, 44, of 112 Trent Street.

## 2 Airmen Killed In Bolling Crash

WASHINGTON — UP — An Air Force captain and a sergeant were killed today when their B29 Douglas Inva der crashed 1,800 feet short of the main runway of Bolling Field.

The plane apparently stalled in a light snow, nosed into the ground and then somersaulted into a corrugated metal supply building.

The two men were returning to Bolling Field from a round-trip, cross-country training flight. They left here Friday for Portland, Ore., and started back last night, refueling at Omaha, Neb.

## Deer Hunter Suffers Injury from Shotgun

Opening of the New Jersey deer season today brought reports of season today brought reports of accidents, too.

Joseph Trabel, 24, of Main Street, Woodbridge, was struck in the right hand by a shotgun pellet while hunting early today at Mendham with two companions. Trabel was treated at All Souls Hospital, Morristown.

## India Has New Plan

Will Contain Proposal For Ceasefire In Korea At Once

LAKE SUCCESS — AP — India's Sir Bhegal N. Rau is expected to reveal a new plan for peace in Korea at the United Nations today.

Rau told newsmen last night that he has been authorized to draft a "peace resolution" by the 13 Asian countries which appealed to Communist China last week not to cross the 38th Parallel.

It will contain a proposal for an immediate ceasefire by both sides in Korea and certain other propositions which Rau declined to disclose in advance.

It is widely expected that one proposal will be the creation of a demilitarized zone between the belligerents to avoid incidents. Another might be a request that the United States and the Peiping Communist government agree to direct negotiations for a Korean settlement.

The United States so far has refused to deal with Peiping in such a way as to imply recognition of it as a legal government.

There has been no hint it might modify this position in order to take part in such talks. Washington has insisted that the U. N. is the proper forum for the negotiations.

Inclusion of a proposal for direct negotiations—in a step a d through the U. N.—might be one of the "objectionable qualifications" which the State Department said yesterday it would oppose in a ceasefire resolution.

Except for such "qualifications," the department said, it would not object—at least in theory—to such a plan.

Rau said he had not discussed his ideas with the Americans and had no idea whether they would support his move. He also said he did not know whether the Chinese Reds would agree to any plan he might propose.

The Indian diplomat met with Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb yesterday. Jebb then conferred with American delegate Ernest A. Gross. Rau briefed Jebb on the resolution and also filled him in on talks he held Saturday with Chinese Communist representative Wu Hsu-Chuan.

Rau said Wu told him: 1. Communist China wants the fighting to end as early as possible. But Wu made no suggestions as to how this could be accomplished, Rau added.

2. Peiping was giving careful attention to the 13-nation appeal to stop at the 38th Parallel, but would give no assurances Red troops would do this. Events on the battlefield, Wu said, would show the Chinese answer.

## Weather Turns Cloudy and Cold After Mild Storm

The weather turned cloudy and cold today following an overnight storm that dropped .06 of an inch of rain on the Trenton area.

The cloudy and cold weather was expected to continue through tomorrow, A. E. White, in charge of the Weather Bureau here, said tonight's low would be about 28 degrees.

The Delaware River continued high today, but the reading showed a drop from the level of yesterday.

Freezing temperatures hit the Southeastern States as more snow swirled over an area from the New England States southeastward to the Tennessee Valley.

The snowfall was reported heavy at some points in New York State. Moderately strong winds in the Northeastern States were attributed to the storm of moderate intensity centered off the New Jersey coast, fell along the coast from Philadelphia to Boston.

## California Faces 3d Flood Threat

STOCKTON, Calif. — AP — Waterlogged Central California today was meeting its third flood emergency in a month.

Several thousand people were homeless. More than 100,000 acres of rich farmland were under water.

Two main highways, Nos. 50 and 99, and several lesser routes were closed. Some Southern Pacific and Western Pacific Railroad schedules were disrupted by flooded tracks.

## Declares Enemy Claims Grossly Exaggerated

Losses Inflicted On Foe Called Staggering, With All U. N. Units Intact After Retreat

TOKYO — AP — General MacArthur flew to Korea today for a hard look at his heavily-hit United Nations Command.

He said it remains unbeaten, relatively secure, and able to battle the Chinese hordes.

His secret visit to both the northwest and northeast fronts came as the last elements of 25,000 bone-cold unshaven American Marines and doughboys streamed down onto the Hamhung coastal plain from a series of Red traps near Changjin reservoir.

A huge fleet stood off Hamhung's port of Hungnam. But whether it would evacuate the weary, outnumbered U. S. 10th Corps units in the northeast remained to be seen. The northwest front was relatively quiet.

There was a note of guarded optimism in MacArthur's statement to correspondents after he returned to Tokyo from his quick trip to the warfronts. He had conferred on-the-spot with his top generals.

"The United Nations command, in spite of its recent heavy fighting, is in excellent shape with high morale and conspicuous self confidence," the U. N. commander said. "Although heavy outnumbered it has come through in a superior manner."

"The enemy's claims of United Nations' losses in men and materiel are fantastically exaggerated. We are being forced to give ground but our fighting capacity has suffered little general impairment."

He added that the Chinese Reds had failed in a plan "to encompass our destruction by one massive stroke."

"All our units are intact and the losses inflicted on the enemy have been staggering—estimated by local commanders in the field as high as 10 to one compared to our own," MacArthur said.

It was the General's first statement to correspondents on the Korean campaign since he personally directed the Allied

end-the-war offensive at day-break November 24—a push turned into a full retreat, the night of November 25 by bugle-blasting hordes of Chinese infantry.

It was evident that MacArthur was concerned seriously about the condition of his forces, particularly the U. S. First Marine Division and units of the Army's Seventh Infantry Division which battled through a frozen, Chinese-lined hell for two weeks on both sides and south of the Changjin reservoir in Northeast Korea.

A Marine spokesman said the last elements of the 25,000-man escape force completed the hazardous, winding descent from snowbound mountains ringing the big hydroelectric reservoir to the coastal plain leading to Hamhung.

15,000 Killed by Marines

The bitter 50-mile retreat—the longest and one of few in the history of the spirited Marine Corps—began November 28. The spokesman estimated the Leathernecks alone killed 15,000 Chinese in breaking through the series of traps.

With the Marines were the 31st and 32d Regiments of the Seventh Division and about 100 British Royal Marines. They joined forces Sunday with a northbound task force of the U. S. Third Division after a vital bridge, blown by the Chinese, was repaired.

One grimy, bewildered Leatherneck, huddled in his tattered parka, probably expressed the feelings of all of them with this comment:

"It was tough. That's all—tough!"

A Marine medical officer compared the Leatherneck casualties to those the corps suffered in taking the tiny atoll of Tarawa in World War II—3,168 men. But total Marine and doughboy casualties were higher.

Correspondent Jack MacBeth, the only wire service newsman who was with the trapped force, said more than 4,000 wounded were flown from the snow-mantled airstrip at Koto until two days before the final breakout drive.

Most of the wounded were Marines. There was no estimate of American dead, but MacBeth said the number would be high.

"Two days ago," he wrote, "I watched nearly 200 bodies nosed into a big grave by a bulldozer. There was no time for more elaborate arrangements."

MacBeth called the withdrawal "one of the fightingest retreats in military history." He said the Leathernecks "walked out of 12 days of freezing hell, full of fight after a gory nightmarish death in Korea's icy mountains."

Temperatures at times plunged to 25 degrees below zero.

The Marine retreat began November 28 from the flea-bitten village of Yudam west of Changjin reservoir. Three Red Chinese divisions and one regiment attacked the two Marine regiments.

Five days later the Marines, badly battered, reached Hagaru south of the reservoir. There they joined other Marine units and doughboys who had fought down from Changjin's eastern shores.

They pushed out at day break for Koto, six or seven miles south. For 24 hours, MacBeth said, they fought one of the bloodiest battles of the Korean war. They streamed into Koto "blood frozen to their skins."

## GOP Softens Fire-Acheson Resolution

WASHINGTON — UP — Some Senate Republican leaders feared today GOP attempts to oust Secretary of State Acheson might backfire.

They believe Acheson should go, but warned party members that formal "fire Acheson" demands might merely strengthen President Truman's determination to keep him in the top cabinet post.

Their chief concern was that a conference of the 43 Republican Senators tomorrow might bolt and put the party on record in a resolution demanding the secretary's scalp as the GOP price for cooperation in the world crisis.

It would be better, they contended, to adopt a mild expression of concern over the Administration's handling of foreign affairs, and bypass a direct attack on Acheson.

A four-man drafting committee, headed by Senator Ives of New York was scheduled to meet to put the finishing touches on the proposed resolution for the conference to consider.

Neither GOP policy chairman Taft, or conference chairman Millikin, was talking. But it is known that they do not want the conference to go too far.

Some party leaders said the Republicans might be put in an embarrassing position if the conference officially demanded Acheson's dismissal without giving any thought to his possible successor.

"We can tell them who to fire, but what happens if they ask us who to hire," was the way one top Republican put it.

## Missing Man's Body Found Off River Dock

BRISTOL — The body of Charles F. Leibbrandt, 62, was recovered yesterday from the Delaware River, near the Bristol Yacht Club. He was reported missing Saturday night.

Leibbrandt made his home with his sister, Mrs. Fred Kenyon of Landreth Manor, Bristol Township.

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