

## U. S. Prepares To Leave Last Base In China

### Official Indication Lacking; Marines, Sailors Packing

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ican armed forces detachment in China is a group of marines being held aboard a transport off Shanghai to protect American lives and property in the city if an emergency arises.

The United States quit most of its bases in China at the end of the war. Military and air missions were based in China for a time, but the last of their members left the country last week.

Departure of the Americans might spur peace talks between the Nationalist government and the Chinese Communists. Acting president Li Tsung-Jen has named a new five-man commission of Shanghai business men to study conditions in Peiping under Communist rule as a further step toward peace.

Heading the mission is Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese ambassador to the United States. An estimated 15,000 Communist troops marched into Peiping yesterday to take over from Nationalist troops.

Other foreign news included:

Seoul, Korea — Press reports said fighting has broken out between several hundred Korean army troops from Soviet-occupied North Korea and army and police forces from American-occupied South Korea. The northern Koreans were said to have reached the outskirts of Ching Dan city, three miles south of the border.

Lake Success, N. Y. — Pro-Indonesian sources said the United States privately has given the Netherlands one month in which to begin complying with the new United Nations peace plan for Indonesia.

Moscow — The Soviet government announced that it has ordered an extensive 25-year plan for the reconstruction of Moscow prepared.

Berlin — Mayor Ernst Reuter proposed that western Berlin be incorporated in the administrative set-up of western Germany.

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### 37 Children Guests At Shrine Circus

Thirty-seven Adams county boys and girls, ranging in ages from 8 to 14 years, will be guests of the Fort Wayne Shrine Wednesday afternoon at the annual Shrine circus being held all this week at the Quimby theater in Fort Wayne.

Adams county members of the Shrine will provide the transportation for the guests. The Adams county members also made up the guest list which includes nine children from Geneva; three from Monroe and 25 from Decatur. The children will be chaperoned by several Decatur Shriner.

### Airlift To Berlin Sets New Record

Frankfurt, Feb. 1 — (UP) — The Anglo-American air fleet set a new record in January, flying 171,960 tons of supplies into Berlin in one month, it was announced today.

### Lehman Reelected S. S. President

Berne, Feb. 1 — Waldo M. Lehman of Berne was re-named president of the Adams county Sunday school association at the Sunday evening session of the annual county convention. The Sunday evening session was held at the First Mennonite church here, the Sunday afternoon session at Decatur and the dinner at the Berne auditorium last evening. Other officers elected for the coming year are Earl Chase and Carl Shoemaker, vice-presidents; Frances Burkhalter, secretary-treasurer. Divisional superintendents are Frieda Lehman, children; the Rev. Ralph R. Johnson, young people; Raymond Moser, adult; India Springer, educational; Dr. Ray Stingley, administrative; the Rev. Lawrence Norris, ministerial ad-

visor.

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### SENATE BEATS

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publican policy bill flew through the senate yesterday on the wings of political expediency 48 to 0.

The public hearing on the reapportionment question didn't attract the overflow crowd that the bonus hearing did. There were less than 50 persons on hand in the house chamber when chairman Sam Bushemi, D. Gary, called the meeting to order.

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### Township Trustees Meet Here Today

The township trustees met with Adams county schools superintendent L. L. Hahn today in the courthouse. Details of the proceedings were not available at a late hour.

### DIXIE SUFFERS

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southwest baylift which yesterday dropped a new record of 259,885 pounds of hay to stranded herds in the Nevada area.

From his headquarters at Omaha, Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick ordered a coordinated attack on the snows covering the northern plains.

He sent forth hundreds of caterpillars, bulldozers, scrapers, graders, rotary plows and weasels, controlling them over a special radio network and an elaborate aerial reconnaissance system.

Labor unions pledged him all personnel needed to handle the machinery which in many cases was loaned by private firms.

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### Groundhog Day On Wednesday, Will He See Shadow?

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W. C. Groundhog, of near Decatur, today was planning a coming out party for dawn Wednesday, and local nature lovers, farmers and weather prophets were getting set to watch.

W. C. (for woodchuck) will take a gander at prevailing conditions and decide whether or not to return to retirement. If he can perceive his grizzly shadow, it'll mean six more weeks of blustering winter. If clouds eliminate his shadow, the story goes, spring will be just around the corner.

The weather man, who probably is just as worried as everybody else about the prospects for spring, today released a timorous forecast of somewhat cloudy. The bashful Mr. Groundhog was still girdling his self-confidence for tomorrow's look at the world.

### LANDLORD'S

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been that the group planned an annual \$1 assessment on each unit of rental property owned by member landlords.

He estimated that 750,000 rental units in the nation have been withdrawn from the rental market in protest against rent controls, about 300,000 of them by members of the 18-month-old association.

"This will snowball and no one will be able to see where it will stop unless something is done," McCormick said. "We're not interested in gouging our tenants, but we do expect a fair return for our investment."

Another campaign was started in Chicago by the National Home and Property Owners Foundation, which charged in a letter to President Truman that rent controls mean "confiscation, liquidation, loss of our property, and eventual government ownership of every-

thing with him. He spent 20 minutes with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Watts of Indianapolis, and his sister.

Watts

was tried in connection with only one of two slayings he confessed. Mrs. Burney was slain in the bedroom of her home in a fashionable Indianapolis neighborhood in November, 1947. Several weeks earlier, Mrs. Mabel Merrifield was slain in her home across town from the Burney home. Watts subsequently admitted both slayings.

### TWO BLUFFTON

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years and life imprisonment. The other counts involve lesser penalties.

Within 24 hours after the assault on Cupp a multi-state alert had been dispatched for the fugitives. Authorities traced their getaway route as far as Marion, Indiana, or New Orleans might be their destination, but searches in these cities failed to locate the pair.

### To Arraign Driver Of Car In Accident

The Fort Wayne motorist who was demolished January 25 when it rammed into the side of a semi-trailer truck on U. S. 224 will be haled into justice of the peace as soon as her physical condition warrants.

Sheriff Herman Bowman said today that charges have been preferred against Mrs. Patti Martin, a route carrier for the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, was shaken up in the crash which fractured the leg of her companion, Mrs. Nims Martin, also of Fort Wayne.

The crash crippled a 16-ton truck owned by Jack Cole and Co. of Birmingham, Ala. Sheriff Bowman explained that charges have not yet been filed against Mrs. Martin because she is under the care of a physician.

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