

U. S. Prepares To Leave Last Base In China

Official Indication Lacking; Marines, Sailors Packing

By United Press

The United States appears to be getting ready to evacuate its last base in China.

The base is the headquarters of the U. S. West Pacific fleet at Sing-tao on the Communist-ruled Shantung peninsula facing the Yellow Sea.

Marines and naval forces stationed there, last remaining U. S. armed forces on the Chinese mainland, are packing their bags and preparing to load equipment aboard naval transports.

But vice admiral Oscar C. Badger, commander of the West Pacific fleet, still has given no official indication if and when the base will be evacuated. The only other Amer-

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 businessmen 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 Shriners.

Airlift To Berlin Sets New Record

Frankfurt, Feb. 1 — (UP) — The Anglo-American airlift 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-elected 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 Menomonic 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; Ida Sprunger, educational; Dr. Ray Stingley, administrative; the Rev. Lawrence Norris, ministerial advisor.

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.

Township Trustees Meet Here Today

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

DIXIE SUFFERS

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southwest haylift which yesterday dropped a new record of 259,283 pounds of hay to stranded herds in the Nevada area.

From his headquarters at Omaha, Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick opened 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.

ENTIRE CITY

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damaged. Toleric said he knew it was a mine cave-in. He rushed into his mother's room and found her on the floor screaming. With his sister and brother, they helped their mother downstairs, climbing over broken furniture and broken glass.

The cave-in was the worst in Carbondale history. It occurred on the borderline separating the city from Carbondale township. The mine, employing about 100 persons, was operated by the De Angelis Coal Co., under a lease from Hudson.

Residents in the sections said it was the second subsidence in the last week in this town of about 20,000 persons in northeastern Pennsylvania.

State police were called in to augment local authorities and the entire section was immediately roped off. Rescue workers immediately started searching the damaged homes.

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Groundhog Day On Wednesday, Will He See Shadow?

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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said 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-

SEX KILLER

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been visited in death row by the prison barber who shaved his head. The electric chair, which gathered dust for nearly three years, was set up not more than 15 feet away from the cell where Watts was moved yesterday morning on the first floor of the death house.

After word of the stay was received, the chair was dismantled. "I'm mighty glad to hear it," Watts said when informed he had won a last-minute postponement. He grinned and joked with Howard and a deputy warden when they laughingly threatened to take away his "last meal."

Earlier, Watts turned from light reading to his Bible after prison chaplain Robert Hall spent sever-

thing." The Milwaukee Property Owners association voted last night for individual members to send out eviction notices as the Tulsa landlords did last week.

To Arraign Driver Of Car In Accident

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

Sheriff Herman Bowman today that charges have been prepared against Mrs. Patti Martin, alleging that she failed to obtain a stop sign. Mrs. Martin, a route carrier for the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, was shaken up in the crash which fractured the leg of her companion, Mrs. Nita Berner, 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.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

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, then theorized that Indianapolis or New Orleans might be their destination, but searches in these cities failed to locate the pair.

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No Benefit To You

Now the leaders of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers want to use the diesel locomotive as a means of forcing a feather-bedding scheme on the railroads. The extra men they propose to add to the diesel crews are not needed. There is no work for them.

The union leaders are fighting among themselves about which union should furnish these extra, needless men. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers have even threatened a strike. You may not be interested in this dispute of these two unions, but you would be vitally concerned if these groups succeed in putting through this feather-bedding scheme, because it would mean a slowing up of the improvement program of the railroads — of which the diesel is the outstanding symbol.

Diesel crews are among the highest paid railroad employees — real aristocrats of labor! Their pay is high by any standard. Granting of these demands, therefore, would mean that the railroads would be paying out millions in unearned wages to those in the very highest pay brackets.

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You know how much the diesel has meant to you in increased speed, comfort and convenience. The railroads have many more of them on order for even greater improvement in service to you. But needless drains of money, such as this present demand of the unions for needless men on diesels, reduce the ability of the railroads to spend money on better service for you.

Proud as the railroads are of the diesel, it is only a small part of their improvement program. Since the War, literally billions of dollars have been spent on improvement of tracks and stations, on new

passenger and freight cars, as well as on diesel locomotives, and on the many other less conspicuous details of railroading that contribute to improved service.

Feather-Bedding Means Less Service To You

But brazen feather-bedding schemes like the one now proposed would, if successful, divert large sums of money from our present improvement programs. Even worse, they make improvements like the diesel worthless, by making the cost of their operation prohibitive.

These demands are against your interests — as well as those of the railroads. They are schemes to "make work." Neither you nor the railroads should be forced to pay such a penalty for progress.

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