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## Outlook for 1947: Lower Prices, Higher Rent, Fewer Strikes

Scarcities, Except Houses, Due to End;  
Foreign Affairs Picture Not Encouraging

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Dewey's long shadow falls on the scene. Arthur Vandenberg and Indiana's Charles Halleck will be potent.

Anti-Dewey Republicans are working on a "stop-Dewey" plan. Favorite sons are key to their strategy. If they can get enough of them into race, Mr. Dewey will be unable to go to convention with nomination in bag. This will make dickerling possible. Harold Stassen will be there with the Minnesota delegation. And this group hopes Mr. Vandenberg will show up with Michigan pledged to him, Kenneth S. Wherry with Nebraska, Edward Martin with Pennsylvania, Owen Brewster with Maine, Leverett Saltonstall or Henry Lodge, Jr., with Massachusetts, Mr. Taft with Ohio and southern state delegations, and Governors Dwight Green of Illinois, Ralph Gates of Indiana and Earl Warren of California with their delegations.

If Republicans go through with plans to oust Theodore Bilbo, they'll succeed. Considerable number of Democrats will vote to keep him out. If there's no real desire to oust him, whole thing easily can be tied into parliamentary knots.

### Tax Cuts to Be Slow

There'll be some reduction in taxes next year but don't look for anything as sweeping as 20 per cent across-board cut promised by Rep. Harold Knutson and the Republican steering committee.

Republican leaders feel—in view of promises—they must do something, but there are mechanical as well as economic difficulties.

Under the congressional reorganization, congress must estimate by Feb. 15 next fiscal year's expenditures and revenues, then cut the cloth to fit the pattern. That will be just 28 days ahead of the March 15 filing date for 1947 individual income taxes—too short for sweeping tax legislation.

Alternatives: ONE: Make personal income tax reductions retroactive, cause taxpayers to file new set of estimates, cause readjustment of pay roll tax reductions, and resulting confusion.

TWO: Proceed slowly and make personal income tax cuts effective for calendar year 1948. Political as well as budgetary logic points to this plan, as 1948 will be election year.

No such difficulty is involved in corporate and excise tax cuts—but it's in personal income taxes that voters demand relief. Excise taxes likely will be wiped out fast. Many wartime luxury excises will be abolished, others cut back to prewar rates.

### Slight Union Curbs

It looks to us as if the Case bill will become law in 1947 whether Truman signs it or not; as if the Wagner act will be amended giving labor unions more responsibilities, employers more rights.

Senator Taft will be a brake on attempts to pass drastic anti-labor legislation. Ban on closed shop will not pass, though efforts may be made to stop industry-wide bargaining.

New house will accept congressional reorganization act including the rule merging naval and military affairs committees. This does not mean, for sure, that Congress will merge war and navy departments but there's an even chance it will—for economies involved if no other reason.

### Bonus Unlikely Now

Bonus for veterans is not likely during 1947, though business recession would intensify pressure. Best changes are for "fringe" increases in benefits, such as larger allowances for veteran college students, more liberal hospitalization privileges for vets and dependents. Biggest number of veteran complaints concern lack of housing, it may grow.

Threat of large-scale veteran unemployment has subsided; number on unemployment benefit

## Wealthy Chicago Man Slain, Maid Beaten by Burglars

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they will be sent to the FBI in Washington."

Police pieced together Miss Held's statements with a trail of blood stains criss-crossing the first floor rooms, kitchen and basement.

"I was in the kitchen doing the dishes when the front bell rang," the maid said. "There were two men I had never seen before. They asked to see the lady of the house and I told them she was not in."

That only old Mr. Freund and I were home."

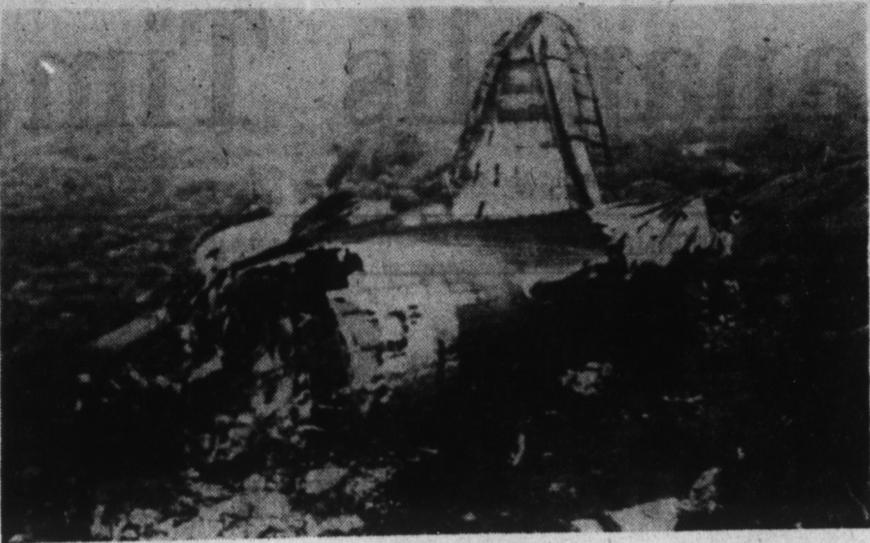
Beaten on Head

Miss Held said the men shoved her back into the house, and drew their guns. "They pushed me to the fireplace and beat me on the head with the end of their guns," she told officers.

The maid said she heard Mr. Freund coming upstairs from his basement workshop. But she lost consciousness and did not see him approach the men. The next thing she remembered was being struck by the men again, and dragged through the kitchen and thrown down the basement stairs.

Police believed the bandits demanded Mr. Freund accompany

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES



SMASHED AIRLINER—Here is the wreckage of the Western Airlines plane which smashed into boulder-strewn Cuyapaipe peak near San Diego Christmas eve. Rescuers fought their way through a blizzard today to remove the bodies of 12 persons killed in the wreck. All aboard apparently had been killed instantly.

## Constellation Crash Kills 12

### 11 Hurt in Eire TWA Accident

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the wrecked liner said that it was "completely disintegrated."

Two children, a 4½-months-old baby from Newark, N. J., and a 12-year-old French student who lives in New York were among the survivors. The baby escaped serious injury.

#### Stewardess Is Heroine

Survivors paid high tribute to pretty Vina Kay Ferguson, hostess aboard the plane, whose coolness and calm nerves were credited with saving most of those who survived.

Miss Ferguson said:

"We got out as best we might. The portion of the plane in which I was when the ship crashed happened to be the least wrecked. Most of those who died were pinned in the wreckage."

Mrs. Edith Delaby Waterbury, a

19-year-old French girl who was taking her 4½-month-old son, Charles Bruce, to join her G. I. husband in the United States said:

"Miss Ferguson was definitely the heroine of the crash. She did everything she could to calm the passengers on board when there was anxiety as to whether we could make Shannon for a forced landing. Her husband, Charles Waterbury, is a 28-year-old steelworker of Newark, N. J. "Thanks to her we were ready for the worst when the worst came."

American passengers who lost their lives were: Alan Jeanne Pugh, a Washington economist; Mrs. Clementine Jeanne Pugh, Philadelphia housewife, and Alexander H. Pekels, Larchmont, N. Y., a professor at the new school for social research.

Other fatalities included a Polish merchant and five citizens of France.

Dead crew members were Navigator Robert Osterburg, Flight Engineer Walter McBride, both of Alexandria, Va., and Radio Officer Herbert Burmeister, Washington, D. C.

Injured passengers, besides Mrs. Waterbury, her baby, and the French student, were a French en-

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gineer and Dr. David N. Tannebaum of New York, director of the Palestine Economic bureau.

The injured crew members, besides the hostess and pilot, were: Co-pilot Clifford Sparrow, Washington, D. C.; Flight Service Officer Joseph Logan, Atlantic City, N. J.; Radio Officer Dudley Hill, Alexandria, Va., and Flight Superintendent William Teale, Santa Monica, Cal.

**Police Find Car  
Of Escaped Convicts**

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 28 (U. P.)—Discovery of a stolen automobile linked with a St. Joseph, Mich., jailbreak sent Indiana police on a search for three escaped prisoners today.

The car was found abandoned in South Bend. It was believed used by Robert Fehling, 26, Watertown, Wis.; Eugene Dobbins, 28, Benton Harbor, Mich., and Alfred Wisette, 25, Benton Harbor.

They sawed their way out of the Berrien county jail Christmas eve.

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jewelry.

Struck Several Times

When he refused, police figured the assassins grabbed the chisel he had carried from the workshop and struck him several times in the head and beat him with their guns until he collapsed.

Miss Held said after she "came to" she crawled to a rear basement door and tried to unlock the screen. The slayers found her there and again beat her unconscious.