

Around-the-World—

# U. S. to Move W. Pacific Fleet Headquarters

Adm. Badger Plans Shift to Shanghai; Reds Near Tsingtao

By United Press

Vice Adm. Oscar C. Badger announced today that headquarters of the U. S. Western Pacific Fleet will be moved to Shanghai within the next 10 days. Virtually all Marines stationed here also will be transferred, he said.

Adm. Badger, commander of the Western Pacific Fleet, said his headquarters now has been established aboard his flagship, the 12,800-ton communications vessel *Eldorado*. Headquarters will be wherever the flagship goes, he said. He added that his entire headquarters staff is aboard the *Eldorado*.

Airport Area Shelled

All Marines now at Tsingtao, except for a single patrol unit, also will be evacuated to Shanghai, Guam, Okinawa and other American naval bases in the Pacific. Some of the Marines may relieve those at Shanghai on the transport *Bayfield*.

The move to abandon Tsingtao as Western Fleet headquarters was decided upon after Communist forces closed it within martial law of the airfield east of the city used by American naval and Marine planes. The Communists have been dropping shells near the airfield.

Rhodes

Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations mediator for Palestine, announced today that he has invited delegations from six Arab nations to meet in Rhodes for armistice talks with Israel.

Dr. Bunche said the invitations were sent Jan. 30 to Iraq, Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. None has replied thus far, he said. These are the Arab states which, with Egypt, form the Arab League, and which are involved in the Palestine war.

St. Vith

Residents of this Belgian village four miles west of the German border were ordered by military authorities today to remove their windows in preparation for the explosion of a German rocket bomb.

The bomb was discovered recently by road repairmen.

London

Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Christopher Mayhew told the House of Commons last night that the British government will not sponsor Spain's application for membership in the United Nations.

Mr. Mayhew stated the Labor government's position after a conservative MP called for full diplomatic representation in Spain and suggested that Britain sponsored Spain's membership.

Oslo

Foreign Minister Halvard M. Lange told Parliament today that Norway must seek security through regional defense treaties because the United Nations "cannot be counted upon."

Mr. Lange said that only after receiving more details about the proposed North Atlantic defense treaty could Norway decide whether to join the Washington negotiations.

Seoul

Martial law may be declared along the entire length of the 38th parallel separating north and south Korea, a south Korean police official said today.

Chang Yung Bok, commander of the first police division, said such a move might take place if the situation gets "any worse."

He referred to recent clashes in

Driver Unhurt After Train Hits Truck



The driver of this truck escaped unhurt when a New York Central freight train backed into his vehicle in the 300 block W. 12th St. A trailer loaded with feed was overturned but the truck driver, Herman D. York, 38, Seymour, stepped safely from his cab which remained upright. The engineer was Albert L. Clark, 51, 3417 Rendell St.

Manila

Adm. D. C. Ramsey, commander in chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet, conferred briefly today with Philippines President Elpidio Quirino.

Adm. Ramsey is making a tour of naval establishments in the Pacific. He and his party leave tomorrow for Shanghai and Tsingtao.

Buenos Aires

Reports that the Argentine constituent assembly had abandoned a proposed constitutional amendment which would permit the reelection of President Juan D. Peron were denied today.

Statements by two members of the constituent assembly, which would not seek the re-election amendment were displayed prominently by all Buenos Aires newspapers.

Ernesto Bogollo, the assembly's press officer, said on behalf of Col. Domingo Mercante, president of the constituent assembly, that the reports were not true.

Berlin

An American police official today denied published reports that checkpoints would be set up on the border of west Berlin to tighten the Allied counter-blockade against the Soviets.

G. F. Hickman of the military government public safety branch said no effort would be made to match the measures used by Russia to regulate traffic between east and west Berlin.

New Delhi

The Indian government announced today that India and Argentina will exchange ambassadors "to promote and strengthen" existing friendly relations between the two nations.

Two Local Women In Badminton Turney

Two Indianapolis women will be among the Hoosier champions to compete in the 12th annual Midwest Badminton Association tournament to be held Feb. 25-27 at Purdue University.

Betty Mathews and Doris Hurt will team in the women's doubles and Miss Mathews will compete in the singles.

Deadline for entries is Feb. 17. Entries, made through member clubs, should be mailed to R. H. G. Mathews, Box 381, R. R. 15, Indianapolis 44. Ind. Drawings for the tournament will be Feb. 19 by a committee headed by J. N. Grant, president of the association.

Navy's Giant of Air On Cross-Country Hop

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3 (UPI)—The Navy's giant 180-passenger Constitution took off today with a capacity load on its first regular flight between Moffett Field, Calif., south of San Francisco, and Portland, Md.

The 92-ton aircraft was commissioned yesterday at the Alameda Naval Air Station.

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# Five More Killed In Hoosier Traffic

## 2 Pedestrians Here Injured Critically

New pins on the state police road map today marked the addition of five more persons to Indiana's swelling list of 1949 traffic fatalities.

And in Indianapolis, two pedestrians, one a former teacher at Butler University, are in critical condition from injuries received when struck down by a car and a motorcycle.

The dead:

H. Robert Fitzsimmons, 39, brother of Freddie Fitzsimmons, big league baseball coach, and a companion were killed when a train hit their automobile at a crossing in Anderson.

Mr. Fitzsimmons was athletic director at the Indiana State Reformatory at Pendleton. His companion, Everett Noah, 50, was an instructor in the reformatory woolen mill.

Their car, driven by Mr. Fitzsimmons, was struck by a Big Four passenger train as the men drove homeward after spending an evening at the Elks Lodge hall.

Mr. Fitzsimmons was a star lineman on the old Central Normal College (now Canterbury College, Danville) football team when it was coached by Russell Cook, now director of athletics at Drake University. Mr. Fitzsimmons was a member of the Murat Shrine in Indianapolis.

Cars Crash Head-On

Arthur H. McKinnon, 54, Cincinnati, O., and Roy E. Lane, 22, R. R. 1, North Vernon, Ind., were killed when their cars crashed head-on on Ind. 50 one-half mile east of Nebraska, Ind. Both bodies are at the Dowd Funeral Home in North Vernon.

Robert F. Ostermeyer, 25, Muncie, was driving down the New York Central railroad tracks early yesterday when a train struck his car and killed him.

The former teacher, Miss Elizabeth Downhour, 80, 5911 E. Washington St., suffered shock, a broken right arm and a broken right leg when struck by a motorcycle yesterday on Meridian St. just north of 24th St. She is at General Hospital.

Driver of the motorcycle was Louis Atwell, 22, 1452 W. 34th St., who received minor injuries when he swerved and hit a parked car after striking Miss Downhour.

Survivors include three children, Judith Lynn, Sandra Jean and Robert Michael Sturgeon; his mother, Mrs. Helen Pierson; his stepfather, H. R. Pierson, all of Indianapolis, and a sister, Mrs. Gerald Zimmerman, Constantine, Mich.

Also a stepister, Mrs. P. J. Ricchetti, Cicero, Ill.; three stepbrothers, Gladson, Donald and Harley R. Pierson Jr., and his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Dumont, all of Indianapolis.

He also received a broken left leg and head injuries. He was hit while walking west of the in-

tersection of White River Pkwy. and Washington St. by a car driven by Ora R. Washam, 32, 723 Lynn St.

Treated at the hospital for a bruised hip and released was John A. Johnson, 41, 2460 Guilford Ave., who was hit by a trackless trolley at Pennsylvania and Market Sts.

Swallows Bobby Pin

Three-and-a-half-year-old Sue Anne Brown, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Brown, 1721 E. Pleasant Run Blvd., was treated in Methodist Hospital yesterday after she swallowed a bobby pin.

Akron, O., Feb. 3 (UPI)—The family of Sammy Baroudi, 20-year-old prizefighter, who died in a Chicago hospital last year six hours after he was knocked out by Ezzard Charles in a boxing match, yesterday sued the heavyweight contender for \$15,000.

Alexander Russell, attorney for the late boxer and administrator of his estate, filed a three-page petition in common pleas court here citing that Charles took "unfair advantage" of Baroudi.

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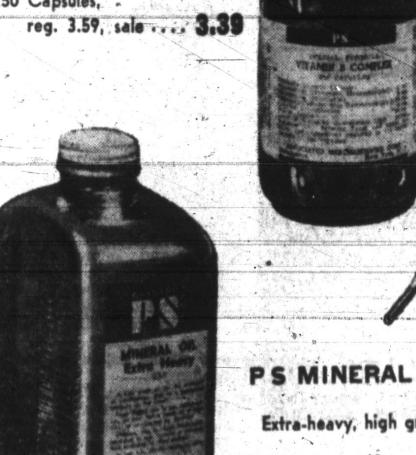
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