

Around-the-World—

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

Adm. Badger Plans Shift to Shanghai; Reds Near Tsingtao

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.

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 to within mortar range 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.

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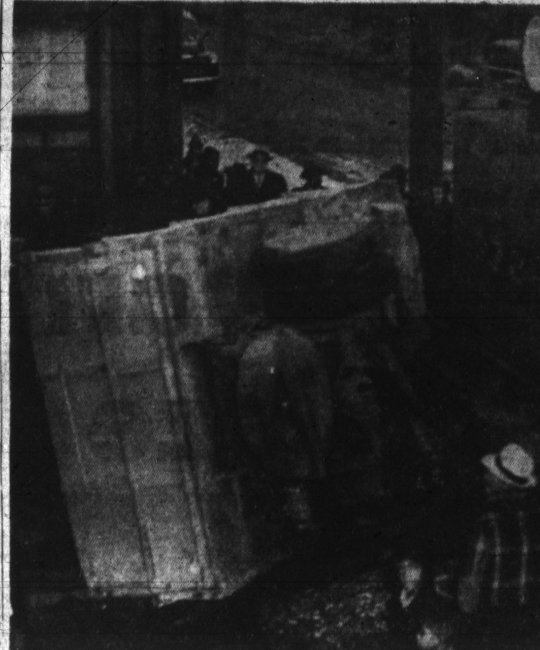
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## Driver Unhurt After Train Hits Truck



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, 57, 3417 Ransdell St.

## Snowstorm Threats Wane As West Digs Out of Drifts

High Winds in Nebraska Die Down; Pick Cays Life Necessities Are Running Out

Embattled westerners dug into shifting snowbanks without casting new woe on residents of the disaster area.

Light snows fell in the Navajo country of Arizona but flights were expected to be resumed by pilots carrying food and medical supplies to the marooned Indians, many of whom were suffering from pneumonia and diphtheria.

High winds whipped up the snow lying on the ground in western Nebraska last night but engineers waging the battle of "Operation Snowbound" said the stiff breezes died before they could reblock roads.

Nevertheless, westerners held no illusions about the danger of new storms.

Time Presses They knew that a single blizzard could wipe out within one hour all the work they had done in the past two weeks to reach isolated farm houses with food and fuel for the families and feed for their 5,500,000 head of starving, freezing livestock.

Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, commanding the relief operations, said "the time element is a pressing factor" not only because of new storms during the remainder of the winter, but because "the daily necessities of life are running short and occasionally running out" among the ranchers.

He said 684 bulldozers and 58 weasels were operating in Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming and more equipment was on the way.

Air Force officials reported that planes flying the Nevada airlift dropped 125,360 pounds of feed to livestock yesterday. That brought the total for the 169 flights to date to 1,433,391 pounds.

## Equip Jet Fighter With Rocket Missiles

BURBANK, Calif., Feb. 3 (UP)—Some models of the Lockheed Shooting Star jet fighter have been equipped with an experimental rocket missile that jets forward from the nose, it was revealed today.

The armament, which the Lockheed plant has worked on for 18 months under Air Force contract, also includes banks of multiple smaller rockets under each wing.

The rocket's thrust escapes through an opening in the under side of the nose, while a protective fire wall makes the blast almost unnoticeable from the cockpit.

## Naval's Giant of Air On Cross-Country Hop

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3 (UP)—The Navy's giant 180-passenger Constitution took off today with a capacity load on its first regular flight between Norfolk Field, Calif., south of San Francisco, and Patuxent, 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—Cantebury College, Danville, Ky., 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, 35, 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 Downing, 50, 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 Downing.

Critically Hurt Also in critical condition at the hospital is Delio Kostadinov, 65, 977 W. Washington St., whose right leg was amputated as result of injuries received when he was struck by a car shortly before midnight.

He also received a broken left leg and head injuries. He was hit while walking west of the intersection 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 here after she swallowed a bobby pin.

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