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## 'Will Mommy Be Back Tomorrow?'



"Will Mommy be back tomorrow?" Tommy and Linda Beller ask as they drift off to sleep in a strange home. Mrs. Beller (inset) has been missing since Friday.

## Admirals Rap Atomic Bombing

Ask Halt in Cutting Of U. S. Naval Power

By CHARLES CORDRY

Scripture-Howard Aviation Editor

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Two fleet admirals—Ernest J. King and William F. Halsey—today denounced the atomic bombing theory of warfare, and asked Congress to strip Defense Secretary Louis Johnson of power to weaken the nation's naval power.

Both five-star veterans of World War II attacked what they called the Air Force's "mistaken, overplayed" theories of intercontinental bombing. Both said that in any war this country must hurt its striking power not at cities but at enemy military forces.

Adm. King, wartime chief of naval operations, told the House Armed Services Committee that "we have been over-emphasizing the atomic bomb and the bomber that was planned to deliver it."

Will Need Mass Forces

The next war, "if we really expect to win it," will be fought much like the last — with vast armies and navies and the "important services" of long-range bombers, he said in a statement.

Adm. King said the notion that the Air Force's B-36 atom bomb combination frightens Russia is "wishful thinking."

He did not appear in person. But Adm. Halsey, who as third fleet commander in the Pacific war guided history's greatest concentration of naval forces, did.

The hard-jawed tough little man known as "Bull" rapped at "city bombing" as capable of accomplishing nothing but unification of enemy peoples in "fervent patriotism"—as the assault on Pearl Harbor did Americans.

Steps Only Bullets

Adm. Halsey said the Air Force's high-flying, long-range B-36 could stop nothing but enemy bullets. Like other Navy witnesses, he declared it is too vulnerable to enemy fighter planes to be a useful weapon.

Adm. King's statement said there has been a trend toward "monopoly" in the nation's defense plans—an exaggeration of strategic bombing "at the expense of our national safety."

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## Children Await Answer With Wide, Frightened Eyes

Distressed Father Searches for Clue To Wife Who Disappeared Friday

By DONNA MIKELS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Two

That's the question his tiny son and daughter keep asking

Avery Beller, 645 Russell St. And the worried father wishes he could answer them.

His wife, attractive, dark-haired Lorrene Beller, disappeared from their home last Friday, leaving a note which he described as "despondent" behind her.

He waited five days for her to return and then appealed to the sheriff's office for aid in searching for her.

The distressed husband told Special Investigator Elmer Graves that his wife is an expectant mother and that she had been in ill health. He said it was unlike her to go away and leave their 3-year-old son, Thomas, and 6-year-old Linda Diaper.

The last trace the father could find of the 27-year-old woman was a neighbor who saw her walking toward Raymond St. and White River bridge.

"I'm worried about her own safety," the father told the deputy, "and I don't know what to do about the children—they cry for her all the time."

THE FATHER, employed at the Indianapolis Union Railroad, temporarily placed the children in the home of a friend while he works nights. Torn from their home and mother, the tots are bewildered and unhappy, he said. Every night as he leaves them they ask:

"Will Mommy be back tomorrow?"

The father said his wife was expecting another baby in four months.

Investigator Graves said he will patrol gravel pit areas and White River where the husband feared his wife might have gone. He asked persons who might have seen Mrs. Beller after she left her home to call sheriff's office.

The missing woman was described as five feet three inches tall, weighing 111 pounds. She has long black hair, brown eyes and walks with a slight limp. When last seen she was wearing a dark gray suit with a white sweater, low-heeled black shoes, a six-strand pearl necklace and was carrying a black purse.

Hopes Anti-Falsie Drive Will Be a Bust

CHICAGO, Oct. 12 (UP)—A

foundation garment firm official said today he hopes the campaign of the Hollywood AFL (Anti Falsies League) will be a bust.

Walter H. Lowy, speaking for the big firm, protested against the campaign of the group and its movie actress head, Peggy Dow, to get girls banned from films if they wear falsies.

He indicated that part of the business of his industry is helping some 5 million American women put up a good front.

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## Minton Takes Oath As First U. S. Justice Named From Indiana

'There You Are, Shay,' Says President On Handing Hoosier Scroll of Office

By DAN KIDNEY, Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12—"There you are, Shay."

That was the informal manner in which President Truman today presented Sherman Minton of Indiana the scroll which makes him an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States for life.

Somehow the homely words of the man in the White House, who likes to be called "Harry," fitted the occasion perfectly.

The ceremony took place in the Rose Garden with the President and participants on the portico. It was hot as mid-summer. Some roses were blooming and the hedge was green. Hoosiers were there by the hundreds and the whole affair took on the friendliness of an Indiana picnic.

There was solemnity, too, however, and Justice Minton was entirely solemn as he repeated the oath after Chief Justice Fred Vinson. The words of that oath are meaningful and the former Senator from Indiana, who came to the high court from the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, said them seriously.

Justice's Jaw Set

"I, Sherman Minton, do solemnly swear to administer justice without respect to persons, with equal rights for the poor and rich, to faithfully discharge and perform all the duties involved upon me as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States to the best of my ability and understanding according to the Constitution and laws of the United States ..."

He would "protect and defend" that Constitution and from the set of his jaw when saying this customary closing part of the oath Justice Minton gave all present the feeling of certainty on that point.

Only the Chief Justice appeared in his black robes. Other members of the court were there and couldn't be distinguished in their summer suits from the Cabinet, Senators, Representatives, department heads or the visitors from Indiana.

President Truman appeared promptly at 9:30 a. m. (Indianapolis Time) and the jam-packed crowd of Minton well-wishers, men and women, applauded loudly. With him was the new Justice, and the business of oath-taking got under way at once.

'There You Are, Shay'

Dressed in a light tan summer suit and wearing a checkered bow tie, the President paused before the microphone, with the sheepskin of office held in his hands, and said:

"I am about to perform the most pleasant duty of my political career. That is to hand Mr. Justice Minton his certificate of office as a member of the greatest court in the world."

Handing the document to Justice Minton he smiled broadly and added:

"There you are, Shay."

Justice Minton was dressed in a blue summer suit with a striped four-in-hand tie. He took the certificate unsmilingly and then presented Mrs. Minton. She was in a dark-blue suit and wore a modest orchid. She smiled shyly.

The Chief Justice then asked if he were ready to take the oath. Justice Minton replied:

"I am."

When the swearing in was over and the last picture taken, Justice Minton retired to the White House Cabinet room and stood for an hour shaking hands with the visitors. Mrs. Minton retired.

The first three affidavits issued after Prosecutor Dailey's announcement were for the arrest of Jack Ennsley, 624 St. and Keystone Ave., operator of the Showboat; Harold Vance, 2874 Stewart St., and Harold Martin, 2043 N. Delaware St. They were charged with keeping a gaming house, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

It was the arrests of these three men in the Showboat last Friday that set off the feud.

The fourth affidavit charged James McGill, 2214 N. Dearborn St., with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

McGill was arrested in the Saturday night raids and was struck by a deputy who said he resisted arrest. Prosecutor Dailey refused this affidavit and called McGill as a "star" witness yesterday to tell the grand jury of the sheriff's "Gestapo" methods.

Senators Attend Minton Ceremony ... Page 3.

with Mrs. Truman, who also had attended the ceremony.

The entire White House staff turned out to greet the new justice, who stood leaning on the cane he still carries as a result of his recent leg fracture.

That done, the cavalcade proceeded to the Supreme Court on the Capitol end of Pennsylvania Ave. There the Minton family, two sons with their wives, a daughter and husband and three grandchildren and two brothers from Texas and a brother of Mrs. Minton had a reserved box to watch the new Justice mount the bench for the first time.

He went right to work, donning his brand-new robe and taking the customary end seat which new Justices assume.

Given Desk Set

When the "Hear Ye, Hear Ye" of the opening of the court came and the robed justices filed to their seats on the high bench, none appeared more dignified—nor forceful—than the gentleman from Indiana.

Associate Justice Black, who was at the morning ceremony predicted that the new justice, who was a close friend of both the President and himself when all were Senators, will add decisions of distinction to the history of the court.

Indianapolis Attorney Kurt F. Pantzer presented the new justice with an elaborate desk set, immediately after the ceremony, on behalf of the Indiana Bar Association. He also predicted great accomplishments for the first member of the court to be appointed from the state.

This afternoon the Mintons will be guests at a reception for all the visitors and Washington well-wishers at the Willard Hotel.

Check Electric Cords for Defects

Fire Chief McKinley says:

Electricity operates our most modern conveniences safely. It's the misuse of electricity that causes fire.

Check your electric cords and wiring and repair defects NOW. Adequate outlets and 15-ampere fuses will save your home from fire.

Dorothy Thompson Ill

BOSTON, Oct. 12 (UP)—Dorothy Thompson, 55, newspaper columnist and former wife of Sinclair Lewis, was reported "fairly comfortable" today at a Boston hospital where she is undergoing treatment for an undisclosed illness.

Most of her rides were in

Travelers Find Haven

Mrs. Hope Brown and her son, Johnny ... Long-distance hitchhikers.

Hitchhiking Mother and Son Get Help as Luck Runs Out

Police Find Shelter Here for Girl Aerialist Who Flew Circus in Canada With Baby Boy

A BLOND, BLUE-EYED circus performer and her infant son, down on their luck, were interrupted by police early today as they hitchhiked through Indianapolis on their way from Canada to Louisiana.

Mrs. Hope Tyronza Brown, 21, said she and her son, Johnny, 1½ years old, had left Dailey Brothers Circus in Brockville, Ont., Canada, almost a month ago and were determined to make it, somehow, to her brother's home in Leesville, La.

When discovered standing in a misty rain at 16th and Harding Sts. about 4:30 a. m. today, Mrs. Brown had 95 cents, a small suitcase, a box of clothing and a stroller for her child.

Along with her material possessions, she had a full share of intestinal fortitude. She was willing to be brought to Juvenile Aid for a rest and some assistance, but she wasn't asking anybody for anything.

THE YOUNG mother wore a black sweater, blue jeans and a brown jacket as she held Johnny in her arms and told her story to Lt. Forrest Higgs, head of the Indianapolis Juvenile Aid Division.

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Mrs. Brown said she had come through Niagara Falls, Cleveland and Chicago, and was "just passing through" Indianapolis when police in a squad car wondered what she was doing at the intersection at that time in the morning.

Swollen Wabash Threatens Farms

Hoosier farmers along the middle Wabash faced minor floods today as a result of heavy rains, the weather bureau said.

Paul A. Miller, bureau chief, reported heavy rains in portions of Indiana for a 24-hour period ending this morning would cause overflow of lowlands and the loss of some corn.

High water was expected to recede rapidly, he said.

Kokomo was the hardest hit. Hoosier community with 3.08 inches of rain for the period. Other localities with heavy rain included Montezuma, 2.90; Lafayette, 2.62; Peru, 2.78; Covington, 2.40; Marion, 2.45; Ft. Wayne, 2.40; Terre Haute, 2.30, and Bluffton, 2.37.

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Blast Is Traced To Rotary Drier And Alcohol Cleaner

An explosion rocked the Eli Lilly drug plant at Delaware and McCarty Sts. this morning, injuring two men and sending more than 200 workers, mostly women, fleeing into the street.

The injured men—Curtiss Barr, 27, of 3210 N. Olney St. and William Lyles, 32, of 1040 W. 48th St.—were treated for burns on the face and hands at the plant's industrial medicine department.

Company officials said the blast was in the five-story fireproof building basement. They traced the explosion to a rotary drier used in drying crude drugs but were unable to explain the cause.

The explosion occurred at 9:15 a. m. and set off the plant's automatic sprinkler system.

Little Confusion

Police and fire officials said the men and women were evacuated with little confusion. The employees waited on the sidewalks for 15 minutes before returning to work.

Company officials were unable to determine the full extent of the damage but said the loss consisted principally of broken window panes, the rotary drying machine and water damage to the basement caused by the sprinkler system.

The two injured men were cleaning the drug drier with alcohol when the blast occurred, company officials said.

Firemen and company workers said that the explosion may have been caused by a spark from the drier's motor igniting the alcohol used as a cleaner.

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Steel Strikers Picket With Cabin Cruisers

DETROIT, Oct. 12 (UP)—The CIO United Steelworkers today ringed the strikebound plant of Great Lakes Steel Corp. with pickets "by land and sea."

A fleet of cabin cruisers and speedboats, one of them owned by River Rouge Mayor M. Warren Duncan, patrolled the Detroit River. A union spokesman said the move was designed to prevent 1800 office workers from entering or bringing in supplies to those remaining in the plant.

TRUMAN TO MEET PRESS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (UP)—President Truman will hold a news conference at 3 p. m. Indianapolis time, tomorrow.

Mrs. Sherman Minton and President Truman look on as Justice Minton (left) is sworn in by Chief Justice Vinson at White House.

Agnes Telephoto.