

MONDAY, NOV. 14, 1949

World Report

## Germans Give Acheson Vow To Co-operate

**State Secretary Pays West Berlin Official Visit**

By United Press  
U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson at Berlin today promised American help for Berliners and other European peoples in opposing Soviet attacks on freedom.

Acheson told a press conference:

"The United States can help those people who are determined to help themselves. We are determined to help you."

After a quick lunch with American and German authorities in Berlin, Mr. Acheson made a brief appearance at the city hall of West Berlin. There he received the assurance of Mayor Ernst Reuter that the German people would work hand in hand with the United States in solving their common problems.

**Hail His Visit**  
"I want you to go back to your government fully convinced that we are standing with you in the common fight," Mr. Reuter said. "And just as we can depend on you, so can you rely on us. Your visit here is proof that Berlin has not been abandoned and will not be abandoned."

Mr. Acheson planned to take off tonight for Frankfurt and Washington.

But during his stay, he was scheduled to meet all the major anti-Communist German leaders, American, British and French officials, and even some of the Russians who want to force Berlin into the new Communist satellite state of Eastern Germany.

West Berlin leaders hailed Acheson's visit as a big prestige boost for the west Berlin city government in its struggle for power with the East Berlin Communist government.

### Soviet Union

A WRITER in the Communist party newspaper Pravda charged today that Spain's airport, harbors and naval bases were being expanded and improved with the aid of American experts to make the Iberian peninsula an American military base.

### Yugoslavia

A Russian submarine base is in operation on the strategic island of Saseo, where the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas meet, western intelligence reports said today.

Trustworthy sources in Rome, Athens and Belgrade have confirmed reports of Albanian refugees who said the Soviets were constructing a naval base on the island in the bay of Valona, informing said.

### Portugal

THE first opposition candidates to challenge strong man Premier Antonio De Oliveira Salazar 36 years ago carried three parishes in Portugal's general election yesterday, but failed to be elected.

All 120 seats in the national assembly went to the government National Union Party, as usual.

### Philippines

PRESIDENT Elpidio Quirino said today that he may ask his opponents in last Tuesday's general election to join his government. He made the announcement as his plurality rolled past the 300,000 mark.

## Mrs. Abraham Brodsky Dies After 2-Year Illness

**Services Tomorrow For Local Resident**

Mrs. Bessie Brodsky, native of Russia and charter member of the Axas-Achim Congregation here, died early today in her home, 1351 S. Meridian St., after a two-year illness. She was 69.

An Indianapolis resident for 25 years, Mrs. Brodsky was a member of the Queen Esther Chapter, OES; Jewish Educational Association, Borinstein Home for the Aged and the Hadassah.

She was also a member of the Smiles-Chesod and Bicum-Vidum organizations.

Surviving are her husband, Abraham Brodsky; six sons, Joseph Brodsky, Los Angeles, and Harry, Simon, Steve, Paul and Norman Brodsky, Indianapolis; three daughters; Mrs. Edith Rath, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Ann Bremen, Port Clinton, O., and Mrs. Sarah Sher, Indianapolis, and 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Rites at 3 p. m. tomorrow in the Aaron-Rubin Funeral Home will be followed by burial in the Axas-Achim Cemetery.

## Ledert H. Weir Rites Wednesday

**Recreation Authority Dies in Hospital**

Ledert H. Weir, of Scottsburg, Hoosier authority on parks and recreation, died yesterday in St. Vincent's Hospital after an illness of two weeks. He was 71.

A native of Scottsburg, Mr. Weir served as field representative for the National Recreation Association of Washington, D. C. At one time he had been an advisor to the Cincinnati Public Recreation Commission.

His book, "Europe at Play," won an award of merit from the American Academy of Physical Education in 1939. It was one of the many books he had written dealing with recreation and recreational problems throughout the world.

Services at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Stewart Funeral Home, Scottsburg, will be followed by burial in the family cemetery near Scottsburg.

Surviving are his wife, Ora, and a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Weir, New York City.

### 1 Man Hurt Slightly As B-25 Crashes

COLUMBIA, Mo., Nov. 14 (UPI)—One of four men aboard a B-25 was injured yesterday when it crashed and burned while landing at Municipal Airport yesterday.

A sudden down-draft forced the plane to earth 150 feet short of the runway. Traveling at 130 miles an hour, the Air Force bomber hit soft dirt, knocking out the left landing gear.

The pilot, Capt. Dale W. Luehr, Staff Sgt. John C. Luehr, Wesley Pace, co-pilot, and Col. Herbert L. Gullickson, a passenger, crawled through the escape hatch to safety.

### KILLED AS POLE BREAKS

OKINAWA, Nov. 14 (UPI)—Pfc. Homer L. Howe, 25, Seneca, Kas., was killed accidentally yesterday when a pole he climbed to adjust a net hoop in preparation for basketball practice collapsed.



Mrs. Bessie Brodsky

## Father Frees Kidnapped Girl At Gunpoint

**Student Confesses But Doesn't Know Why, He Tells Police**

By United Press  
ANGOLA, Nov. 14—A 22-year-old Tri-State College student today said he "didn't know why" he chloroformed and kidnapped a sleeping 9-year-old girl.

The student, Benedict L. Driscoll Jr., Newport, R. I., has signed a statement admitting he took the young daughter of restaurant owner Howard Morton from a parked car outside her father's restaurant, police said.

He also admitted chloroforming the girl when she awakened and carrying her to a storeroom above the restaurant. He was discovered there by Mr. Morton who investigated noises in the storeroom.

Denies Criminal Attack

Police said Driscoll denied criminally attacking the girl and quoted doctors as saying the girl had not been raped.

Police Chief Paul Tague in charge of the investigation said he believed the father's capture of Driscoll at gunpoint thwarted an attempted attack.

Earlier, a letter in the same paper and also in the Sin Wen Anguo said his 9-year-old daughter Marilyn and her sister Lois, 11, were sleeping in her car parked outside the restaurant at about 1 a. m. Mr. Morton was closing the restaurant.

**Hears Thumping Noise**

He said he heard a "thumping" noise in a former ballroom over the cafe, now used as a supply room. He went out to his car to get a gun and flashlight to investigate.

At that time, Mr. Morton said, he saw his daughter, Lois, was still asleep in the front seat. He did not notice Marilyn was missing from the back seat.

The father went up the outside stairway leading to the dance floor and flashed a light through the door. He said he saw a man jump up and run behind some boxes.

He pushed the door open and warned the man "come out or I'll shoot." He said Driscoll came out and he then saw the girl.

**Waitress Calls Police**

The father said he did not recognize the girl immediately. He said Driscoll kept repeating: "I swear to God I haven't hurt her." He kept the gun on Driscoll and ordered him to carry the girl back into the restaurant, where a waitress called police.

Driscoll admitted seeing the girl as he prowled around the restaurant. He said he started to carry her and that he put a chloroform-soaked cloth over her face when she awoke. He refused to say where he had the chloroform.

The girl was taken to LaGrange County Hospital for examination and later returned home. Her mother said she was still running a high temperature today. The chloroform caused congestion on the lungs which doctors feared might lead to pneumonia.

Her mother said the girl was also suffering shock and that she frequently woke up screaming yesterday and last night.

## 100-Foot Crane Boom Ready To Snatch Giant Terrapin

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"We've got that seven feet of water so rid you can't see your hand under the surface."

"If everything goes right, we'll have the lake dry in a week, and there will sit the Beast of Churubusco, I hope. Then we'll net him, hook him to the cable and let the crane pull him in."

"Won't Happen Again"

"We tried netting him before but he either slipped away or the net broke. That won't happen this time," the harried Mr. Harris said.

"Otherwise, I'll be going back to farming in a mighty big hurry."

Right now it looks like clear sailing. Only Thursday, however, the tedious search almost ended in tragedy. Mr. Harris slipped from a catwalk near the pump into the ooze of the lake bottom.

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in high heels sunk in the ground, the mud pushing up into the open toes."

**Plan Vacation**

If the search succeeds, the Merchant's Association will exhibit the monster in Churubusco and over the state. And Mr. Harris, who has vacationed from farming since March, will vacation from turtles in Florida.

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**14 Held in Raids By Vice Squad**

**Liquor, Baseball Tickets Seized**

Fourteen persons were arrested early today and last night in a series of police vice squad raids.

Five were slated for disorderly conduct following a raid on a dice game early today at 1661 Cornell Ave. Police confiscated a pair of dice and \$4.50 in change.

Harry David, 47, of 872 Torbett Ave., and Edward Young, 50, Indiana Ave., were charged with violating the 1935 Beverage Act, following a Sunday raid at the Indiana Ave. address.

**Seize Liquor Supply**

Police seized a quantity of liquor after investigating complaints that liquor was being sold at

the shoe shine parlor.

Charles Oliver Belcher, 26, of 558 N. Tremont St. was charged with operating a gaming device and men's names or their where-

abouts were confiscated.

In another raid at 826 Odgen St. police arrested Luther Hughes, 27, and his brother, James, 33, on charges of violating the 1933 Beverage Act. Four patrons found in the house were charged with disorderly conduct.

A quantity of whisky and beer

was confiscated.

**Faces Trial in Theft Of \$3 From Nuns**

CHICAGO, Nov. 14 (UPI)—

Joseph "Yellow Kid" Well, 14, year-old, former confidence man who says he has swindled \$8 million from "People who could afford it," faced trial today on charges of taking \$3 from the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Well was arrested last Thurs-

day. Police said he admitted taking the money from the nuns but insisted that he was duped by two men who hired him to help con-

men building funds for the sis-

ters. He said he didn't know the

name of the nuns he was robbing.

Well was charged with the

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