

Turncoat Chinese Reds Seize Kunming, Yunnan Province

World Report— Allow 12 Americans, Three Planes to Escape

Overnight Coup Paves Way for Drive to Indo-China, Burma and India Borders

By ARTHUR GOUL, United Press Staff Correspondent
HONG KONG, Dec. 10.—Turncoat Nationalist soldiers today seized Kunming and all Yunnan province for the Communists but permitted 12 Americans and three American planes to escape.

The overnight coup, put into effect 24 hours ahead of schedule, gave the Communists all of modern mainland China and opened the way for a Communist drive to the borders of Indo-China, Burma and India.

Eleven of the Americans were employees of the Civil Air Transport Airline operated by Claire L. Chennault, former commander of the wartime Flying Tigers. The 12th was American Consul Larue Lutkins.

Four Fliers Arrive
Four of the fliers arrived here this afternoon aboard one of the three planes piloted by Weldon Bigony, of Big Springs, Tex.

The others, including Mr. Lutkins, were aboard two other planes which went to Haiphong in Indo-China to refuel. They are scheduled to reach Hong Kong later.

Aboard Mr. Bigony's plane were James Dextheimer, of Somerset, Ky.; James Stone, of Nashville, Tenn.; and Hugh Marsh, of St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Dextheimer, CAT maintenance officer stationed at Kunming airport, said the changeover of the Nationalist garrison to the Communists started last night.

Only a few hours earlier two other CAT employees, Var Green of Phoenix, Ariz., and Robert Buell, CAT area traffic manager, attended a dinner at the provincial Gov. Lu Han hotel to say they would have until Sunday to evacuate.

Other world developments:
Berlin
The chief of a Yugoslav mission blockaded for 16½ hours in the Soviet sector of Berlin, said today that Marshal Tito's government would protest to Moscow.

Li. Col. Momcilo Sibimovic, head of the mission, said the Belgrade protest would support a complaint he was lodging here against "dirty politics."

The official organ of the Soviet Socialist Unity Party, *Pravda*, said today that the mission was ousted from the Soviet sector because members spied for the Americans and British.

The 20 members of the mission were confined to their living quarters in the Soviet sector for a time after the East German government ordered them out Thursday night.

When the blockade was lifted yesterday, the Yugoslavs fled to West Berlin.

Co. Sibimovic said 100 policemen still were patrolling the former Yugoslav dwellings in East Berlin, preventing the removal of furniture and some of the mission's records.

Ottawa
A filibuster in the House of Commons killed two bills, last night which would have provided for the construction of natural gas pipelines from Alberta to western Canada and the United States.

The opposition charged that the lines would not be laid directly to Vancouver, B. C., but would be constructed to by-pass British Columbia and run into the United States. The lines were planned to supply Seattle and other northwestern cities as well as Canadian cities.

Mexico City
Mexico's campaign against illicit drug traffic has been so effective that narcotics peddlers in the United States are faced with a short supply, United States Narcotics Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger reported today.

Mr. Anslinger said American smugglers "are again turning to the Far East, the Near East, and Europe" for their supplies. He said brown Mexican heroin, which was once a major addiction problem in New York City, had virtually disappeared.

Seoul
The North Korean Communist radio at Pyongyang has confirmed arrangements made to release two captive Americans tomorrow, the American embassy said today.

The broadcast said that Alfred T. Meschter, of Kinderhook, N. Y., and Albert E. Willis, Brooklyn, N. Y., would be brought to Yohanan near the 38th parallel either late tonight or early Sunday.

There, on the dividing line between North and South Korea, the two Americans will be released to three representatives from the U. S. Embassy.

Sapporo
Police were searching today for 40 milligrams of radium which disappeared from the University of Hokkaido last month.

Police said they have been investigating the loss, believed to have been a theft, with the utmost secrecy. They decided to ask for public help today because of poor results obtained so far.

London
British exports in November were the highest for any month since the war, the government reported today.

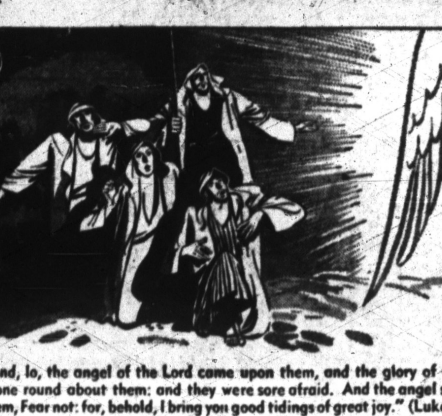
A. G. Bottomley, secretary for Overseas Trade, said provisional figures for the month put exports at 160,400,000 pounds (\$448,120,000), or 409,000 pounds higher than the previous post-war high set last March.

October exports were 4,400,000 pounds under the November figure.

THE STORY OF THE SAVIOUR



"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night." (Luke 2:8)



"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." (Luke 2:9, 10)



"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:13, 14)

Fire Wrecks 4 Vincennes Stores

Fireman Injured In \$250,000 Blaze

VINCENNES, Dec. 10.—Damage estimated at \$250,000 to \$350,000 was caused here last night when fire raged through four stores in a downtown business block.

All three Vincennes fire companies, and equipment from Bicknell and Lawrenceville, Ill., fought the flames for 3½ hours before the blaze was put out.

Cause of the blaze was undetermined, but Vincennes Fire Chief Dewey Shepherd said it started in the Star Shoe Store, one of the four businesses which burned out.

From the Star store it spread to Tumey's Tavern and the Fair Store, men's and women's furnishings, on one side, and to the Wife-Saving Store, appliances and new and used furniture, on the other side.

Chief Shepherd said one fireman was injured when the roof of the Wife-Saving Store collapsed as three fire-fighters sought to walk across it.

Fireman Ralph Foster was reported in good condition in Good Samaritan Hospital with a back injury.

The backs of all four stores were burned out and stock destroyed. Only the fronts were left standing. All the businesses except the Wife-Saving store were in one connected building and separated by partitions.

Wesley Tumey, owner of the tavern, said the flames spreading from the Star Store burst into his place "all at once." He said he barely had time to snatch money from the cash register and get out of the tavern. Several customers in the tavern also escaped.

Two Apartments Burned
There were no persons in any of the other buildings at the time the fire broke out, about 6 p. m. Two apartments above the Wife-Saving Store were burned out, forcing the occupants to seek other lodgings.

All the stores were located on N. Second St., a block from Main St., and one block from the George Rogers Clark Memorial grounds.

At the south end, the Indiana Auto Supply Co. was damaged by water and smoke when the roof caught fire. The flames were confined to the attic.

Business establishments at either end of the block were threatened but escaped serious damage. At the north end, the U. G. Case Co., paints and wall paper, was saved from destruction by a brick fire wall.

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They sponsored a poster campaign aimed at displaying in every beverage outlet a card saying: "If you drink, don't drive. If you drive, don't drink."

Man Hurt as He Walks Into Side of Auto
William Dodson, 49, of 2623 Wade St., suffered head cuts and bruises today when he walked into the side of a moving automobile at Raymond St. and Churchman Ave.

Police said Mr. Dodson's head struck the left front windshield of a car driven east on Raymond St. by Jack Stevens, 19, of Mooresville.

Mr. Dodson was given first aid and went home.

INDIANAPOLIS CLEARING HOUSE
Clearings for the day \$ 9,740,000
Debits for the day \$1,304,000
Clearings for the week \$12,000,000
Debits for the week \$1,500,000

Ward and Staff Found All Well

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Chinese customs men they had preceded.

An hour later, unloading of 1100 tons of cargo into lighters began. It is expected to continue until Monday morning.

Twelve hours or so before that Mr. Ward and his party will make the 12-mile trip by launch from Taku Bar to this anchorage, Mr. Puck reported.

Earlier Capt. Paul Sexton of the Lakeland Victory said that Mr. Ward and the others will be home well before Christmas if nothing interferes with their plans.

Capt. Sexton said he had received a message from Mr. Ward saying he wished to be taken to Kobe, Japan, a three-day run from here. From there they are expected to fly to the United States.

The cargo checkers, so unceremoniously treated by the Chinese officials, said there had been little mention of the Ward case in the Tientsin Communist-controlled newspapers.

Two of them—a Hungarian and a Stateside European—in his late 20s, who said he was a graduate of the Catholic St. Louis College in Tientsin—had high but qualified praise for Communist rule. Red discipline they said, had "nearly stamped out" lawlessness.

Prison Gates Close On Rep. Thomas

DANBURY, Conn., Dec. 10 (UP)—Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, House chairman of the Un-American Activities, became just another number today as he was absorbed into the routine of the federal correctional institution.

The New Jersey Republican entered the prison last night to begin a six to 18-month sentence only eight hours after he was convicted of payroll padding and fined \$10,000 in a Washington federal court.

Thomas will be the highest paid prisoner in the institution for the rest of this month, for he will continue to draw his congressional salary until his resignation as Representative becomes effective Jan. 2.

He will draw about \$750 for the remaining three weeks in December.

He was turned over to prison officials by two U. S. marshals.

Loogootee Marshal Found Dead in Car

LoOGOOTEE, Dec. 10.—Henry S. Dean, 32, night marshal of Loogootee, was found dead in his automobile about 7 a. m. today.

A bullet wound in his forehead, State police said Mr. Dean's right hand gripped a 32-caliber automatic as he sat slumped over the steering wheel of the car.

According to state police, the night marshal was separated from his wife some time ago.

State CIO Opens Drive on Laundries

Action Follows NLRB Election Order

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sum returned to them, possibly before Christmas.

The dispute between the AFL and CIO began last April when Indianapolis Dry Cleaners and Launderers Club, made up of the big operators, signed union rights with three AFL unions.

The three unions were the AFL Laundry Union, the Cleaning and Dry House Workers, and Local 188 of the Teamsters.

Joseph Romer, state director of the Retail Wholesale Department Store Workers—CIO, immediately challenged the move and demanded elections be held to prove whether his union or the AFL had a majority membership.

His complaint went through the local NLRB office and a hearing was held; the testimony given on to the NLRB office in Washington.

The NLRB first ruled that it had no jurisdiction. The CIO then filed an appeal through Attorney Irving Fink. The board's reversal yesterday automatically ordered elections in the next 45 days.

Last night William Wilkerson, attaché of the local NLRB office, was taking affidavits in the CIO headquarters, 229 W. Washington St., at the request of the CIO, to support charges of unfair firings by the laundry owners. The CIO is charging the owners dismissed workers who refused to join the AFL unions.

'Very Fine Family' Pleads For Cloth-A-Child Aid

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is described by neighbors and the social worker who investigated their plight as a "very fine family."

But kind words don't solve their Christmas problem. Dollars spent for clothing for the children is going to be Cloth-A-Child's way of helping Mr. Zee "back on his feet."

Those dollars are the ones that the public has contributed to Cloth-A-Child. More of those dollars are needed to provide warm clothing for thousands of needy children who would be cold this winter without Cloth-A-Child assistance.

ONE: By sending checks or money orders—for any amount—to Cloth-A-Child, Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland St.

TWO: By volunteering as a donor. Donors are individuals or organizations that take children to the stores and spend their own money to outfit them. Appointments to take children may be made by telephoning RL 5551.

THREE: By placing one or more dimes on The Times Mile-O-Dimes on W. Washington St. in front of the L. Strauss store.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Cashier's Section—Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue \$1.50
703 Club \$9.00
La.-Val-Wood Home-makers Club 10.00
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Anonymous 10.00
No Name 5.00
A Widow 1.00
A Friend to the Kiddies 5.00

Juvenile Gang To Face Court In Mail Thefts

Tough-Talking Boys Admit Taking Letters From Postboxes

Five tough-talking youngsters will appear with their parents in Juvenile Court Monday, following their confession to the theft of hundreds of letters from private mailboxes.

Their ages ranging from 9 to 13, the boys were led by a 10-year-old delinquent in three months of depredations on the near North Side, according to Postal Inspector M. P. Wood.

Inspector Wood and Inspector Ora Workman rounded up the five after trapping the oldest two as they rifled an apartment house box Tuesday afternoon.

Although they were after money, Inspector Wood said, they would only admit to finding \$5.75 in cash. The ringleader confessed forging and cashing one check for \$17, according to the postal officials.

"They Talked Tough"
"I'd rather question any tough adult than those kids," Inspector Wood said. "As a group, they admitted taking the letters, but not one would admit an individual theft right away."

"They talked just like tough gangsters," he added. "They told me they learned it from reading comic books and listening to radio crime programs."

The boys led the inspectors to a padlocked garage which they used for a clubhouse and showed where they hid their loot. Many of the letters were destroyed, they said.

Jail 3 in Jobless Pay Frauds

Three men today were fined \$50 each and sentenced to 30 days on the Indiana State Farm when convicted of drawing state unemployment compensation checks illegally.

Judge Clark in Municipal Court 4 said all offered the same excuse, that they did not know they were violating the law by accepting checks for weeks in which they had other income.

The convicted men were Tyrone Westbrook, 1942 Bellefontaine St.; Isaiah Price Jr., 938 Paca St.; and William Smith, 32½ W. 21st St.

Ship Movements

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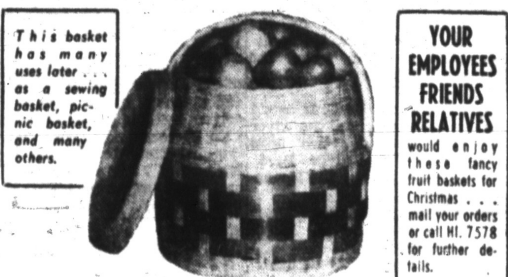
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