

# 9 Nationalist Ships Taken Over by U. S.

## Step Believed Made To Block Seizure By Red Forces

TOKYO, Feb. 11 (UP)—The United States government today seized nine Chinese Nationalist ships, ostensibly because the Chinese defaulted on payments for them.

However, observers said the move, obviously, was aimed against the Chinese Communists who have laid claim to the ships.

The seizure apparently was intended to keep the vessels, which would be valuable in a Communist invasion of Formosa, out of the hands of the Chinese Communist government.

Today's announcement from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters did not mention the Communists, however. It stated merely that eight Chinese liberty ships and one victory ship had been seized in Japanese ports on orders of a newly-formed admiralty court.

It was considered significant, however, that the seizure came less than a week after the U. S. joint chiefs of staff completed their tour of U. S. Far East bases, including lengthy conferences with Gen. MacArthur.

Authorities seized the ships at seven separate Japanese harbors following suits for default of mortgage payments totaling \$3.5 million filed in Washington against the Chinese Nationalist government by the U. S. Maritime Commission and the Export-Import Bank, mortgage holders.

# Oberholzer Opposes Stephenson Clemency Plea



Marshall Oberholzer (center), brother of the slain Madge Oberholzer for whose death former Ku Klux Klan Dragon D. C. Stephenson is serving a life sentence, appears before the state clemency commission to protest Stephenson's parole or pardon. With him (left) is his daughter, Mrs. Arthur E. Wilson, and his wife. Reporters are shown in the foreground.

# 7 Escape as C-47 Burns After Crash

## Plane Rams Pole, Hits Fence While Landing

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11 (UP)—A C-47 transport plane crashed today, carrying seven men and a dog, and burst into flames.

The four crewmen and three passengers scrambled away safely after the crash. But the dog, caught in the role of innocent bystander, was killed by a flying silver from one of the splintered propellers.

The plane crashed when the pilot underdrot Los Angeles International Airport. It rammed into a telephone pole, slipped into an eight-foot fence and swerved to a halt in the mud a short distance from the landing strip.

With the undercarriage ripped off and both motors jammed by the wreckage, the nose of the transport burst into flame.

Capt. C. E. McIntyre, Ft. Worth, Tex., the pilot, leaped through a cockpit escape hatch. The other occupants tumbled to the ground through a rear door.

"We're all lucky," the pilot said. "We were all darned lucky to get out alive." Capt. McIntyre said.

The pilot said in the near-zero visibility he mistook a row of lights near the east edge of the airport for runway illumination.

# Ingrid Takes Practice Walks Around Hospital

ROME, Feb. 11 (UP)—Film star Ingrid Bergman has left her bed and is taking practice walks around Villa Margherita hospital for the first time since her son was born nine days ago, hospital sources said today.

Some sources speculated Miss Bergman was preparing for her marriage or elopement this week-end with Italian film director Roberto Rossellini.

Miss Bergman left her bed for the first time yesterday to "try out her legs," hospital sources said.

"SHE WALKED" around her room without aid and then opened the door and took a short stroll down the hospital corridor, this source said.

"She experienced no difficulty and seemed quite pleased with herself. Then she went back to bed and her baby was brought in for his feeding."

The Swedish minister to Italy insisted that legal barriers would prevent Miss Bergman's immediate marriage to Mr. Rossellini, at least in Italy, but legal sources said there were ways to get around the barriers.

# Stephenson Plea Action Due Soon

## Schricker and Board Weigh Parole Appeal

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waited to testify, one man stayed aloof from the rest.

He was Marshall Oberholzer, 1650 Beeler St., brother of the dead girl. He declined to comment on the case as he waited.

After testifying, however, Mr. Oberholzer admitted that his feeling toward Stephenson "had not mellowed with the years."

"I would rather not make any comment at this time," Mr. Oberholzer said. "But I can say that I submitted to the commission a written protest against any consideration of freeing Stephenson."

"The decision is up to the commission," he said.

Seeks to Air Views

Robert Wadsworth, who described himself as an Indianapolis inventor, farmer and former employee of Stephenson, said he "wanted to air his views on the case before the commission."

He declined to elaborate on what he would say, other than telling reporters he thought it was "time Stephenson be given some consideration."

Before entering the committee room, however, Mr. Wadsworth said he would show the commission an affidavit by an employee of an embalmer who prepared the body of Miss Oberholzer for burial.

He added, and he added, the affidavit would show the body was not mutilated as the state charged in Stephenson's trial.

During Stephenson's trial at Noblesville, state's evidence had sought to prove that the young woman's death was due partly to injuries inflicted when she reportedly was raped on a train to Hammond by the former Klansman.

Others appearing before the board included Attorney Lloyd O. Hill, Cordanville, Ill., Attorney Robert K. Eby, Indianapolis, and Mark Wiles of Indianapolis, a deputy tax assessor.

Mr. Hill was one of Stephenson's attorneys in his trial, and Mr. Eby was attorney for Earl Gentry, one of two Stephenson bodyguards charged with conspiracy in the slaying and tried with him. Both were acquitted.

The three lawyers and Wiles spent 90 minutes with the commission in its closed session.

# Rev. Harvey Gets Greencastle Post

## Jeffersonville Pastor To Be Transferred

The Rev. Elmer Harvey, for eight years pastor of the Wall Street Methodist Church in Jeffersonville, has been appointed pastor of Goble Memorial Methodist Church in Greencastle.

The appointment was announced yesterday by Bishop Richard C. Raines, resident Bishop of Indiana Area of the Methodist Church, to be effective Mar. 6.

The Rev. Mr. Harvey is a native of Waverly and was one of three Methodist ministers sent to Germany last year to study Methodist Churches there.

He was graduated from De Pauw University in 1933, won his MA degree from Boston University in 1935, Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree there in 1936, and studied abroad on a scholarship in 1936-37.

Served in Church Here

In 1938 he was named pastor of Linton Methodist Church and has served as assistant pastor of Broadview Methodist Church in Indianapolis. He was assigned to the Jeffersonville church in 1942.

The Rev. Mr. Harvey will succeed the Rev. John Tennant, who has been transferred to Albion, Mich.

# Police Seek 3 In Ayres' Diamond Theft

## Rings Worth \$3375 Lifted From Showcase In Downtown Store

Police today were searching for three men believed to have been the thieves who stole four diamond rings valued at more than \$3375 from an L. S. Ayres & Co. jewelry showcase yesterday.

The theft was not discovered for an hour after the men left the counter, according to Edmund J. Bradley, division merchandise manager.

Mr. Bradley said two of the men apparently collapsed in sliding open an unlocked door behind the counter and taking the rings while the third man posed as the prospective purchaser of a woman's watch.

All clerks were busy at the time. A saleswoman, Mrs. Juanita Greene, had asked the two men if she could help them. She said they told her they were waiting for the watch purchaser.

All the men left together after the third suspect picked up the watch he said was for his wife and asked the salesman, Donald Dewar, to hold it for him until he returned.

Ring Worth \$2600

One ring, valued at \$2600, was platinum set with a 1.78 carat diamond center stone and four smaller diamonds.

Two others were wedding sets. The engagement ring was valued at \$550 and the wedding ring at \$225. The fourth ring has not yet been identified.

The tray in which the rings were displayed contained a \$675 ring and a \$200 pin, both of which were set askew when the rings were found missing. Police said they believed the ring and pin were out of reach of the man who apparently leaned across the counter to perform the theft.

# Coal Research Group Renames Local Man

## R. H. Sherwood Starts New Term as Director of Bituminous Industry Agency

R. H. Sherwood, president, Central Coal Co., Indianapolis, today began another two-year term as a Class A director of Bituminous Coal Research, Inc., Pittsburgh. He was one of eight Class A directors whose reappointments were announced yesterday at Cincinnati.

# Speaker Sees U. S. Action In Fuchs Case

## New York Grand Jury Foreman Attacks Reds In Talk To Deum

By FRED FRIES

The sensational Fuchs espionage case, currently being tried in England, might well end up before a U. S. Federal Grand Jury. This was the opinion expressed last night by John G. Brunini before a U. S. Deum forum audience of 1000 persons in the Murat Theater.

Mr. Brunini, foreman of the special Grand Jury of the Southern District of New York, said he believes there are vital American aspects of the case, now being kept secret for security reasons, which eventually will be brought to light.

The speaker, who is an author and poet of note, said he could not understand why British officials and scientists failed to question the loyalty of Dr. Fuchs.

Mr. Brunini, who spoke on the subject: "Is America Hysterical?" said that far from being hysterical, it is time Americans recognize the communist menace for what it is.

"Evidence revealed in the Communist trials and now the Fuchs case make President Truman's 'red herring' charge sound silly," the speaker declared.

Charges Politics

He said that Mr. Truman's efforts in the summer of 1948 to discredit the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee had political overtones.

"It was an election year," Mr. Brunini said. "And Mr. Truman was losing out on the headlines."

The lecturer traced in detail the dramatic highlights of the more recent Communist trials including the Hiss-Chambers case, the Judith Coplin case, and the conviction of the 11 Communist leaders. Of the latter case, he said that if the conviction is sustained, it means that the Communist Party will be outlawed in the United States.

"This party expects," the speaker declared, "and plans are already laid to go completely underground."

Mr. Brunini stated that the conduct of some of the defense lawyers in some of the recent and current Communist trials is so reprehensible that it can be interpreted only as a deliberate attempt to discredit American judicial procedure. He recommended that the American Bar Association study the possibility of having such attorneys barred from practice.

An open forum period followed Mr. Brunini's talk. He was introduced by Joseph McGowan, local attorney.

# Berlin

THE WESTERN powers charged the Russians today with breaking the Paris agreement on Berlin transportation by confiscating scrap metal shipments from Berlin to West Germany.

The charges were contained in a letter from the American, British and French commandants of Berlin to the Russian commandant, Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov.

It was the first formal three-power protest against Soviet interference with inter-zonal freight trains since the Soviet baby blockade began three weeks ago.

The Allied protest said evidence had been gathered showing that the head office of the Soviet-controlled railway ordered its employees to confiscate any scrap metal leaving Berlin "with the sole exception of shipments bound for Eastern European countries."

# England

LABORITE Prime Minister Clement E. Attlee today called a week-end truce in their election campaigning today, but will resume the battle next week in Scotland.

Mr. Attlee finished the English phase of a 1000-mile campaign tour yesterday. On Monday, he will appear in Greenock to drum up votes for Minister of State Hector McNeill, Labor candidate for the Greenock seat in Parliament. Then Mr. Attlee will address a big Edinburgh rally Monday night.

Mr. Churchill will invade Edinburgh Tuesday. He wound up two-day swing through Wales and southwest England yesterday.

# Fleming Presents Flag to Scouts

## Ceremony Climaxes Anniversary Week

Presentation of a state flag to more than 1000 scouts today by Secretary of State Charles Fleming climaxed local mass activities for Boy Scout Week.

The scouts gathered in Lyric Theater at 9:30 a. m. to report to Mr. Fleming their civic service during the last week and to dedicate themselves with the scout oath.

Closing activities of the week were to be a display of scout work in the south part of the Court House this afternoon and presentation of badges to 50 Catholic Boy Scouts at 4 p. m. tomorrow in St. Peter & Paul Cathedral.

The flag presented by Mr. Fleming will be carried by the state scout contingent when they meet at a national jamboree July 4 at Valley Forge State Park, outside Philadelphia, Pa. Fred Hoffman, a member of the Boy Scouts of America executive board, presided at this morning's activities.

# Mrs. Margaret Jeffries Services Monday

Services for Mrs. Margaret Jeffries, 2815 Washington Blvd., will be held at 3 p. m. Monday in Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary. Entombment will be in Crown Hill mausoleum.

Mrs. Jeffries, a native of Marion County, died yesterday. She was a resident of Indianapolis 60 years and was a member of Chalcedony and Cervus Clubs and attended Roberts Park Methodist Church.

Surviving is her husband, Frank, and three nieces and nephews.

# McGuire Gets Life Term in Slaying

GREENFIELD, Feb. 11.—Thomas E. McGuire, 22-year-old Indianapolis man found guilty of killing Robert Brown, Indianapolis tavern operator, today was sentenced to life in the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City.

Judge Samuel Offutt of Hancock Circuit Court overruled a motion by defense attorneys for a new trial. The defense said an appeal would be filed.

McGuire was found guilty a week ago by a jury which deliberated nearly seven hours.

# Goucher College Official To Interview Girls Here

Miss Nancy Lee Clark, assistant to the director of admissions at Goucher College, Baltimore, Md., will interview Indianapolis high school girls Monday in connection with Goucher enrollments. Interviews have been scheduled at Shortridge, Tudor Hall and Broad Ripple.

Miss Clark is a 1949 graduate of Goucher and is the daughter of former United States Senator from Idaho.

# Rescue Spurs Hunt For Missing Plane

WHITEHORSE, Y. T., Feb. 11 (UP)—The far-flung search for a U. S. Air Force transport missing 16 days went full steam ahead today following the heroic rescue of 10 men from a snow-shrouded Yukon mountain where their search plane crashed Tuesday.

A helicopter made five daring trips through gathering darkness and threatening weather to evacuate five Americans and four Canadians from the base of a 7200-foot mountain.

The tenth man, Lance-Corporal Mike Chmiko, Kelvington, Sask., and remained with a ground rescue party at the base of the peak.

The nine men, accompanied by four Canadian paratroopers and an American para-doctor, made their way down from a plateau far up the mountainside.

# State Takes Over Ft. Harrison Coal

State Fuel Committee Chairman Thomas R. Hutson today said about 1500 tons of coal stocked at Ft. Benjamin Harrison will be distributed to households now on emergency fuel status.

Mr. Hutson said distribution will be started Monday.

Although little development in the coal picture was expected during the week-end, Mr. Hutson said "trickles" of coal are being received "here and there" in the state.

Al Bedford, one dealer has offered the state 70 tons to be rationed on an emergency need basis. A small supply has been routed to the Center Township trustee's office to meet poor relief needs.

Mr. Hutson said, however, figures showing the supply of coal on hand in Indiana do not present a true picture.

"Should the mines start producing Monday, he said, it would be 10 or 15 days before shipments started to arrive at destinations."

# Plan Rites Monday for Beech Grove Teacher

Mrs. Ruth Alerding, 127 S. 8th St., Beech Grove, died today in her home after an illness of nearly two months. She was 38.

Mrs. Alerding, a native of Hamilton County, had been a resident of Beech Grove most of her life. She was graduated from Beech Grove high school and attended Madam Blaker's business college.

For eight years Mrs. Alerding taught in Edgewood Grade School and for the past four years operated a kindergarten in her home. She was business secretary of the Beech Grove Democratic Club; treasurer of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Beech Grove, and was a member of the Perry Township Women's Democratic Club.

Services Monday

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday in Little and Sons funeral home in Beech Grove. Burial will be in Mt. Lawn cemetery, Lebanon.

Surviving are her husband, Ray; a daughter, Maryann; a son, Stephen; two sisters, Mrs. Evangeline Boyd and Mrs. Anna Davis; two brothers, Edwin and George.

# Ernest H. Bradley Services Monday

Ernest H. Bradley, 2018 N. Graham Ave., died today in his home. He was 72.

Mr. Bradley, a native of Iowa, was a resident of Indianapolis 47 years and was employed 28 years by the Vonnegut Motor Corp. He was a member of the Old Bethel Methodist Church and the YMCA.

Services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Monday in Shirley Brothers funeral home. Burial will be in Anderson cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Anna J. Bradley; two sons, Clifford and Wendell Bradley; two daughters, Misses Opal and Doris Bradley; a brother, Albie Borts, Galesburg, Ill., and four grandchildren.

# Editor's Wife Dies

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (UP)—Mrs. Florence Speed, wife of Keats Speed, executive editor of the late New York Sun, died last night in Roosevelt Hospital following a long illness.

# Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU	
Forecast for Indianapolis, Ind.	
Temperature	61-63
Wind	S. by E. 10-15
Clouds	Partly cloudy
Precipitation	0.00
Humidity	65
Barometer	30.1
Visibility	10
Direction of surface wind	S. by E.
Force of surface wind	10-15
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# Contracting Company Robbed of \$400 in Cash

Burglars took approximately \$400 from a safe at George Bahr Co., contractors, 1015 Southeastern Ave., a company estimator told police today.

James Pressley of the company said he discovered the front door glass broken, the office ransacked and the safe jimmied open when he opened the office today.

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**BIRTHS**  
Twins  
At Methodist—Howard, Louanna Rick; David, Charles.  
At St. Francis—Cecilia, Rosemary Mae; John, Alfred Kaye.  
At St. Vincent—Clara, Budde Conner; Charles, Frances; Mary, Wayne. Sons: Benjamin, Joseph, Mary Jacob; Jack, Donald, Judith Gardner; Alexander Sue; Helen, William; Clarence, Iris Brock; Vickery, John; Louise Repl; Claire, Mar-garet; William, Kathryn Boder.  
At St. Francis—John, Helen Lindemann; Ralph, Mary Terry; Bernard, Frances.  
At General—William, Helen Brown; Ed-ward, Charles; Robert, Ruth Hallett; William, Eugene; Alvin, McLean; hyper-natal; Charles, Elizabeth; Richard, Bartlett; Charles, Beverly Habb.

**DEATHS**  
Lyle M. Raddy, 65, at 1813 Howard, coronary occlusion.  
Ida M. Park, 48, at 141 McLean, hyper-tensive renal.  
Ida Bell Green, 48, at General, coron-ary thrombosis.  
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Elizabeth Williams, 52, at General, arterio-sclerosis.  
Edith Bradford Winters, 24, at Long-bronchitis.

# IN INDIANAPOLIS

**EVENTS TODAY**  
Indiana State Conference of Printing Pressmen—Through Bund (Union) Indiana State of Architects directors, Indianapolis Chamber—Noon, 1406 N. Delaware St.  
United Auto Workers, CIO, address—10:30 a. m., Steelworkers Hall.

**EVENTS TOMORROW**  
Indiana State Conference of Printing Pressmen—Last day, Lincoln  
Lecture—Concert—8:15 p. m., Kirkham Center, presented by Max Hoffman, Jewish Choral director.  
Pechinista Council No. 326, Card Party—8 p. m., 3001 E. Vermont.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
Charles R. O'Brien, 21, 1242 N. Indiana; Clara R. Myers, 21, 1919 Broadway.  
Myron T. Singer, 28, 1346 W. 34th; Martha E. Conner, 21, 1340 W. 14th.  
Orion Galtrell, 21, 1220 N. Alabama; Shirley Ruch, 17, 618 S. Illinois.  
Bruce W. Christie, 28, 228 E. 34th; Jane L. Richards, 21, 2005 N. Delaware.  
Robert D. Orman, 26, 3733 N. Illinois; Jacqueline B. Vester, 17, 2221 N. Kenwood.  
Charles E. Hinson, 26, 3128 Broadway; Wanda L. McKee, 21, 1140 N. Tibbs.  
James J. Dennis, 23, 2009 Nolan; Gwen-dra L. Gosh, 18, 1224 Churchman.  
Virgil O. White, 46, 2221 Arden; Helen E. White, 28, 2708 Broad.  
Walter A. Dembrowski, 21, 740 King; Helen L. Cole, 21, 1214 W. 30th.  
Robert E. Schneider, 28, 1224 Beech Grove; Clara M. Chum, 18, Beech Grove.  
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