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Congress Leadership Fights Underline Parties' Splits

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NEA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Two battles for leadership dominate the first day of the new Congress—one in each party. The thing to watch for is to see if they have the gumption to pick first-rate men, or whether the jobs go to second stringers.

The Democrats have to pick a new majority floor leader to succeed the defeated Sen. Scott Lucas of Illinois.

The Republicans have to pick a new member for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to fill a vacancy caused by GOP gains in the last election.

In time of crisis, when the country needs the highest caliber of leadership it can get, you would think that there would be unanimous consent to give the honors to the greatest statesmen. What you get instead is a conspiracy of factions, playing petty politics all over the place, vying with each other to see what compromise can be effected. This usually results in giving the job to the greatest mediocrity.

Among the Democrats, the name of Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois stands out for fair-mindedness and for the great fight he made—though he lost it—to cut pork barrel spending out of the last rivers and harbors bill. Similarly, the name of Estes Kefauver of Tennessee stands out for his quiet investigation.

Neither name was mentioned in the early winter book-making for the Senate leadership race. The names of Senators John Sparkman of Alabama and Clinton Anderson of New Mexico did come up, but both indicated they didn't want the job.

All four of these men are first-term senators, which is of course against them in an institution where seniority counts even more than it does in the armed services or a labor union.

But among the two or more-termers there were men like Fulbright of Arkansas or McNamara of Connecticut who had made their mark in foreign relations. Neither got more than a mention.

So what develops is this, through deals that can only be guessed at, the name of Sen. Ernest W. McFarland of Arizona comes up with advance promise of 25 of the 48 votes for the Democratic majority leadership. He is another Scott Lucas. He is no doubt a faithful public servant for the people of Arizona, having been re-elected once. But his record in the Senate is almost a blank for major accomplishment.

The Republican race for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee vacancy has been between other horses of the same color. With Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan in ill health and likely to be absent much of the time, you would think the GOP would want to put forward its ablest man. But what develops is a free-for-all.

INDEPENDENT Republican Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon seemed to have the inside of the track. Immediately after his re-election in November, he produced letters from Senator Vandenberg indicating that he—Morse—should have the place he had long wanted.

But opposition immediately developed from more conservative Republicans. Morse has recently been denied party privilege for his irregularity. This time his colleagues got busy in an effort to stop him cold.

If the conservative Republicans had wanted to put their ablest man on the Foreign Relations Committee, they would have chosen Senator Taft. But the Ohio Republican indicated he did not want the job and preferred to stay outside where he could criticize more freely.

In the hunt for someone else, the Republicans considered candidates ranging all the way from Sen. Hagner Copehart of Indiana, an out-right isolationist, to Sen. Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire, another independent, who wouldn't be so bad, though he would cut Morse out from the horse.

LUCKY GUYS  
BY FRANK R. ADAMS  
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MARGIE LOU leaped on the starter of the bus. Nothing happened except that the lights flickered. She tried a different combination of the controls. No luck.

Margie Lou got rattled and whirled the starter continuously for half a minute.

"Don't do that, Margie Lou," Eddie advised impatiently. "Your battery is running down. And I smell burning rubber."

Naturally she paid no attention. She reached for the instrument board once more to change the choke but hesitated a moment and then put her hand underneath. When she brought it into sight again there was Eddie's token with the string on it lying in her palm.

"Bring me luck," Margie Lou muttered imploringly as she hung it around her neck. "I certainly need it."

Eddie laughed. She looked up, startled. "You?" But her face lighted with shy pleasure.

"So," Eddie chuckled, "that's where you keep the Chinese rabbit's foot—in the same place I did."

"I put it there so you would find it," Margie Lou said primly, "when you got this job back. I didn't ever expect to see you again to give it to you personally. But now that you're here how about starting this pet engine of yours, mister?"

"I can't," Eddie was troubled. "But I can smell insulation frying. Get out and look at the wiring under the hood."

She opened the door and they descended to the street. Margie Lou didn't notice the dog apparently. The power of the charm did not extend to Duke. She tried to lift the cowl. "I'm not tall enough."

"I can't do it either," he said regretfully.

"On account of your wound?"

"Well, yes—sort of. But ask one of the men passengers to lend a hand."

A lanky fellow who didn't know a spark plug from a differential obligingly answered Margie Lou's appeal and furnished the brute strength.

"There's your trouble," Eddie pointed out. "The wire leading to the distributor head has got too close to the exhaust manifold and the insulation has burned off. It shorts against the engine."

Margie Lou looked at the smoking cable with dismay. "Can I do anything about it?"

"Yeah, I think so. It'll probably work to fasten the wire up out of the way. Use your belt if your pants will stay up without it and hook it over the tie-rod."

Margie Lou did as directed. "Will it run now?"

Eddie looked at it critically. "It will probably last until you get to the shop. Let's go."

The motor started the first try. "Thanks, Eddie," said Margie Lou. "Run slow so as not to jiggle the wire out of place."

"How did you get on the bus, Eddie? I didn't collect your fare."

"Us service men ride free." She was too busy to inquire further just then.

"Come outside," he urged. "I'll tell you about it."  
On Western Avenue people were hurrying along the none-too-wide sidewalks. A newsboy, running to deliver a paper to a car in the street, dashed right through Eddie before Eddie could get out of his way. As he looked down ruefully at Margie Lou he read in her startled eyes that she had noticed what had happened.

"You see how it is," he said apologetically. "I couldn't tell you about it before but now I guess you have to know."

"You weren't wounded? You were killed?"

"Yes, Margie Lou. It's a kind of a funny thing to try to explain to a girl you're in love with—"

"Last night you said there was somebody else."

"You mean that girl I made up because I couldn't think of any other way to account for why I didn't kiss you goodnight? I thought it would be easier for you."

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"O. I'm glad," breathed Margie Lou and she was suddenly radiant again, the way she had been last night. "I'm glad there's no other girl, I mean. It was breaking my heart. Because I love you so much, Eddie." She let that simple statement stand. It's the true and real emotions which require no embroidery. "I suppose it was because I found your funny old lucky coin that I can see you."

"I guess so. I don't know how it works. I don't really know much of anything about being the way I am. It's been such a short time. I don't feel any different."

A sudden thought struck him. "Are you afraid of me, Margie Lou?"

"Afraid?"

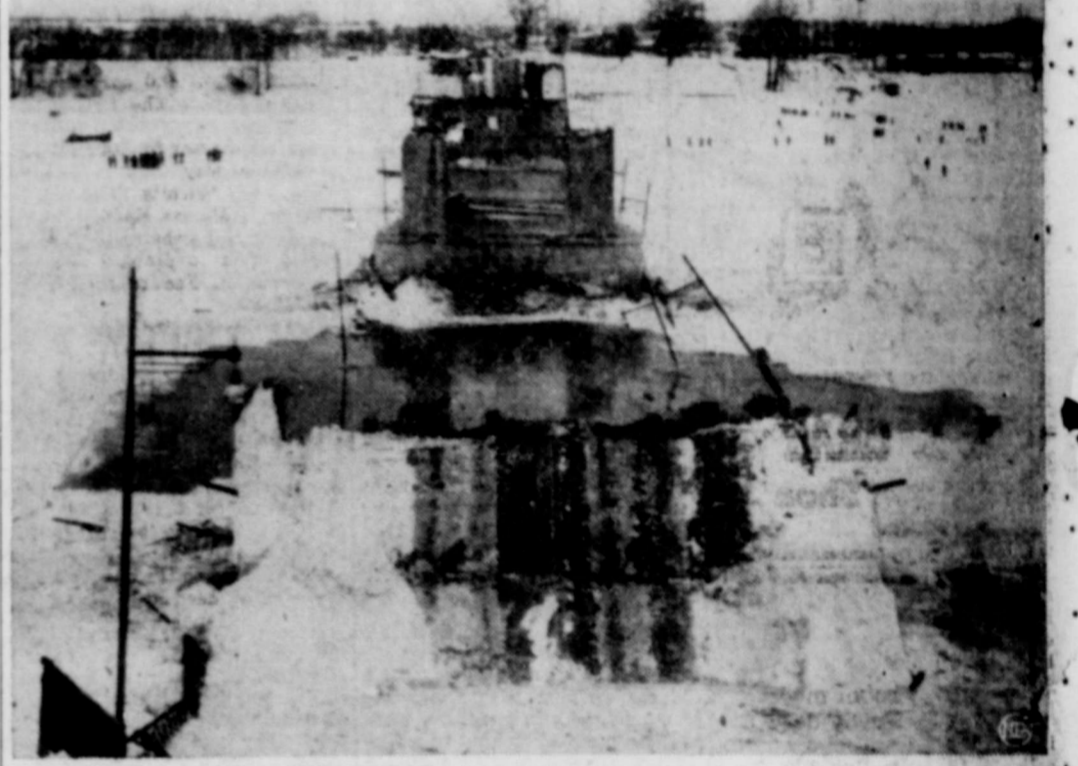
"Yes. Sometimes people are that way about someone who isn't alive."

"I see what you mean. No, Eddie, I couldn't be afraid of you. You're kind. Besides, I think I knew all the time there was something different about us—both of us. No matter how things are, I don't believe a girl could be afraid of someone she cared about with all her heart."

(To Be Continued)



WHAT'S SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE  
IS JUST A CASE OF HYSTERIA FOR THE GANDER



CANADIAN BRIDGE COLLAPSES—The 2,300 foot long bridge over the St. Maurice River at Three Rivers, Quebec, lies twisted and broken after crashing into the ice-filled channel. Four cars and their occupants were hurled into the icy river and several were reported killed. The bridge was built in 1948 and cost five million dollars. (NEA Photo.)

★ THE SCOREBOARD ★

Young Oldtimers Say Charles Penalized for Following Champ

BY HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—There are two schools of thought regarding Ezzard Charles.

One holds that Ezzard the Gizzard is nothing more than the best of a very ordinary lot.

The other division of critics rate Charles as a creditable titleholder. This class includes such competent authorities as Nat Fleischer, Gene Tunney and Police Lt. William Veydovec.

"Charles is an excellent boxer who will acquire stature as he goes along," asserts Tunney.

Tunney speaks from experience when he says Charles is only paying the penalty for having beaten and followed in the footsteps of a spectacular and extraordinary champion, Joe Louis.

Tunney followed Dempsey, but the difference is that the Manly Marine was paid plenty for it.

Police Lieutenant Veydovec of the Bayonne, N. J., department recalls having read and heard that the public was slow to accept the superlatively skillful James J. Corbett after he knocked out the immortal John L. Sullivan.

LIEUTENANT VEYDOVEC agrees with Fleischer and Tunney that time will correct an inaccurate appraisal of Charles.

"Tunney had to do it again before too many gave him a tumble," he explains, "yet he was one of the best of the champions. I would place him on a par with Dempsey. He lacked some of Dempsey's characteristics, including color, but he was skillful, crafty, scientific. He was the Corbett of his time, fast and clever, and packed a punch powerful enough to do damage. He had courage, was fearless."

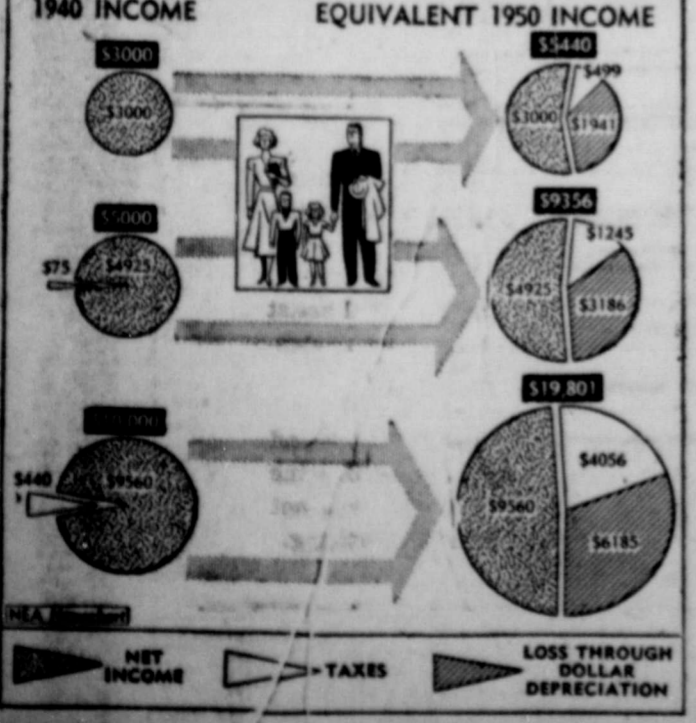
"Tunney proved his courage in the first Dempsey fight when he rushed out of his corner, and smacked Dempsey with a one-two to the jaw. It was a fine bit of strategy, made Dempsey respect him."

"When everyone in Soldier Field expected Dempsey to finish Tunney after he had floored him in the seventh round of their second match, Gene had enough presence of mind to back pedal until his head cleared. His quick-thinking saved the title. With the end of the round went Dempsey's last hope of recapturing the championship. Tunney took charge again in the next round, was boss the rest of the distance."

"Gene Tunney would have outsmarted Louis."

The trouble with Ezzard Charles is that unless Joe Louis comes a long way back, there is no one of consequence for him to outsmart.

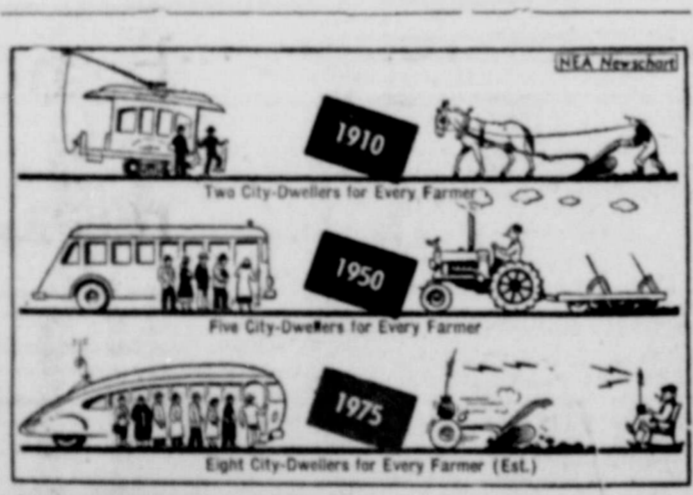
WHAT'S LEFT AFTER TAXES AND INFLATION



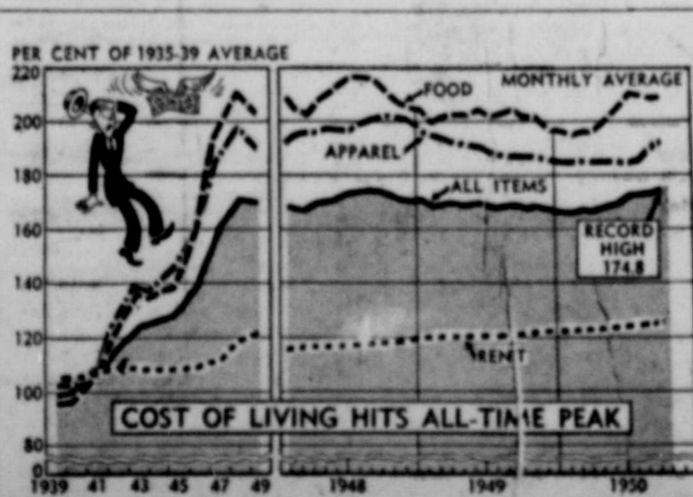
Amount of income and inflation, you had to earn a lot more in 1950 to be able to buy as much as you could in 1940. The Newschart above, based on data from the National Industrial Conference Board, shows how much a family man with two children, in each of three brackets, had to earn in 1950 to keep pace with his 1940 income.

SUPPLIES PARACHUTED TO FRONT LINE TROOPS—United Nations troops unpack supplies which were air-dropped to them by C-119 Flying Boxcars. Chutes will be repacked and used again. These front line troops are being supplied by air because roads in this sector of Korea are almost impassable under winter conditions. (NEA Telephone by Ed Hoffman, Staff Photographer.)

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS



THE VANISHING FARMER—Latest Agriculture Department statistics indicate you just can't keep 'em down on the farm. Newschart, above, illustrates the long-range trend, spurred by improved farming techniques and machinery. With these, fewer farm workers are required to feed the nation. At present, about 27 million Americans, or 18 per cent of the population, live on farms, compared with 32 million in 1910.



John Q. Public was hit harder than ever by inflation in 1950, as a study of the Department of Labor's index prices above shows. In October the index hit an all-time high of 174.8—having passed the previous peak of September, 1948—and kept climbing. Best guess for the immediate future is for more inflation.

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Real Estate Transfers, Marriages  
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Orders, Etc.

**INSTRUMENTS FILED**

The following instruments were filed for record in the County Clerk's office last week:

Mildred Adams to J. T. Brewer, oil and gas lease.

M. H. Bobo to C. A. Bobo, release of vendor's lien.

J. Gordon Bristow to Dallas M. Rose, assignment of oil and gas lease.

Earl Bender to the Public, affidavit.

Claude Bell to George S. Atkinson, assignment of oil and gas lease.

British American Oil Prod. Co. to W. W. Bradley, contract.

British American Oil Prod. Co. to W. W. Bradley, partial assignment of oil and gas lease.

W. F. Creager to L. D. Tankersley, warranty deed.

Commercial State Bank, Ranger to Richard W. Hanberry, release of vendor's lien.

Dewey Cox, Jr. to Lois T. Groves, quit claim deed.

L. M. Cawley to the Public, affidavit.

L. M. Cawley to O. G. Joiner, warranty deed.

L. E. Clark to Mrs. J. C. Owens, quit claim deed.

City of Ranger to Mrs. W. P. Powell, warranty deed.

T. P. Cannon to Sherman Nelson, assignment of oil and gas lease.

Frank Crowell to First Federal S&L Assn., assignment of MML.

John Davis to E. C. Meroney, warranty deed.

Mary Davenport to V. L. Shambur, Sr., oil and gas lease.

Corra Davis to the Public, affidavit.

Aubrey Easter to State of Texas, right of way.

Eastland, Wichita Falls & Gulf Ry. Co. to Marvin Hood, deed.

Walter R. Fairbairn to the Public, cc order to probate will.

George P. Fee to the Public, affidavit.

H. W. Foster to Sadie Lindley Russell, warranty deed.

Federal Royalty Company to E. M. Shirley, oil and gas lease.

E. E. Freytag to the Public, affidavit.

First National Bank, Cisco, to J. E. Shirley, release of deed of trust.

W. H. Graham to the Public, designation of homestead.

W. H. Graham to Grand Prairie State Bank, deed of trust.

Ellis L. Ganey Peanut Co., to St. Louis Terminal Wkse. Co., lease.

James Waco Gardiner, to David L. Garrison, cc power of attorney.

Marie Gillman to Dallas M. Rose, oil and gas lease.

Marie Gardiner Garrison to Dallas M. Rose, oil and gas lease.

Allie Pacy Goodrum to B. R. Hatton, oil and gas lease.

George B. Hull to the Public, designation of homestead.

George B. Hull to Terry R. Johnson, warranty deed.

E. B. Hayes to Dallas M. Rose, oil and gas lease.

Pink Haley to D. C. Cates, MLC.

L. P. Henslee to C. D. Lane, MD.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co. to Federal Land Bank of Houston, transfer and assignment.

Noble Harkrider to First Federal S&L Assn., deed of trust.

Hickok Prod. & Dev. Co. to J. P. Lohan, assignment of oil and gas lease.

Terry R. Johnson to John W. Swindle, warranty deed.

Jarecki Mfg. Co. to W. M. Kurklin, release of oil and gas lease.

John P. Kilgore to Hanna Hdw. & Lbr. Co., MML.

Willie Langford to R. J. Fryer, Tr., assignment.

J. P. Logan to P. W. Lohan, assignment of oil and gas lease.

J. P. Logan to C. V. Welch, assignment of oil and gas lease.

J. P. Logan to H B G Drilling Co., drilling contract.

Lone Star Gasoline Co. to W. M. Kurklin, release of oil and gas lease.

J. P. Logan to H B G Drilling Co., assignment of oil and gas lease.

Nevada Morton to the Public, proof of heirship.

S. H. Maynard to V. L. Shambur, Sr., oil and gas lease.

Jack Markham to V. L. Shambur, Sr., oil and gas lease.

Fred M. Manning to Fred M. Manning, Inc., assignment.

Ollie Miller to Vin M. Gambin, oil and gas lease.

E. C. Meroney to O. M. Bryan, warranty deed.

Luella Culp Mancell to Luther B. Lipsey, warranty deed.

Fred M. Manning to John Wilson, assignment of overriding royalty.

Mabel M. Minter to B. R. Hatton, oil and gas lease.

McElroy Ranch Co. to Ernest A. Stroebel, release of oil and gas lease.

McElroy Ranch Co. to B. W. Wosley, release of oil and gas lease.

C. B. McGough to Charles W. McAdams, release of deed of trust.

J. P. McCracken to the Public, affidavit.

L. B. Norvell to Dallas M. Rose, oil and gas lease.

Sherman Nelson to L. H. Choate, assignment of oil and gas lease.

Sherman Nelson to J. M. Hickey, assignment of oil and gas lease.

V. H. Owen to V. L. Shambur, Sr., oil and gas lease.

F. M. Oldham to Allen S. Jones, release of vendor's lien.

L. R. Pearson to Bessie Carroll, warranty deed.

Pelican Petroleum Co. to Trumpler Petroleum Corp., assignment of oil and gas lease.

J. Z. Phillips to Sam S. Wallace, cor. oil and gas reservation.

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G. W. Rust to B. R. Hatton, oil and gas lease.

Harry A. Stebinger to Vern W. Bailey, agreement of sale.

F. F. Sparks to Federal Land Bank of Houston, deed of trust.

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**HEADS SCIENTISTS**—Dr. Kirtley F. Mather of Harvard University, above, is the new president of the American Association for Advancement of Science. He was installed at the group's annual meeting in Cleveland, O.

**SUITS FILED**

The following suits were filed for record in the 91st District Court last week:

W. O. Jones v. Arnold B. Boswell, suit on checks.

E. R. Martin v. J. C. Martin, divorce.

Minnie Lou Price v. P. R. Price, divorce.

**ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS**

The following orders and judgments were rendered from the 91st District Court last week:

V. L. Shambur, Sr., v. G. C. Barkley, judgment.

W. T. Hamor, et al v. W. P. Arnold, order.

Mrs. J. A. Montgomery v. James A. Montgomery, judgment.

J. P. Lohan v. L. N. Hart, et al, order of dismissal.

Franklin Clyde Chesire, Jr., v. Georgiana Chesire, order in contempt of court.

John C. Neesley v. First National Bank of Wichita, Wichita, Kansas, order of court.

Darlene Gordon v. Aubrey H. Gordon, judgment.

District Court last week:  
V. L. Shambur, Sr., v. G. C. Barkley, judgment.  
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Mrs. J. A. Montgomery v. James A. Montgomery, judgment.  
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Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. R. W. Gordon, Mrs. Sam Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Lottie Davenport and Mrs. Robert Thebes. The girls serving refreshments were Betty Jane Evans, Betty Merle Davenport, Clara Mae Jacoby, and Mrs. Don Bradford. Mrs. John Anderson, mother of the bride-elect, presided over the bride's book.

The table was laid with white linen and centered with pink carnations in a crystal bowl and pink candles in crystal candleholders. The color scheme was carried out

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kribbs and daughter, Barbara of Dallas, are visiting Mrs. Lee Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson and children, F. P. Kribbs and Miss Waldene Kribbs.

Mrs. Pearl McNurien has returned from Graham where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Radford have returned from Mexico where they attended the funeral of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tullos had as guests in their home over the week-end: Mrs. Hattie Tullos Beard of Odessa; Mrs. C. C. Crosby of Crosbyton, Texas; Mrs. Madge Peacock of Odessa and Lony J. Tullos of Ft. Worth.

## Miss Young To Undergo Surgery

Miss Johnnie Young, second grade teacher of Young School will undergo major surgery Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Miss Young's room number is 418.

## Pilot Crash Lands Jet Plane At 210 Miles Per Hour And Lives

By H. D. Quigg  
AN AIRPORT IN KOREA, Feb. 2 (UP)—When the old Army Air Corps took off into the wild blue yonder it went—according to one line of its song—"off with one hell of a roar."

That line really means something in the Air Force of today. The jets have given it meaning. When the jet fighters catapult down the runway—flying stovepipes with the power of a locomotive—they go with a roar that is something entirely new in airport sounds.

The pilots who are operating these new demons of the air are here as mostly men with plenty of experience with the conventional propeller-driven type of fighting plane. But they've had to make lots of adjustments to the new way of flight.

The other day Jack Burby, United Press war correspondent and former Army pilot arrived at this airport and stood in amazement watching the jets operate. Burby piloted every type of Army aircraft in the last war—fighters, bombers, transports. This was the first time he had seen a lot of jets operating and the first time he'd cast eyes on the F-86 Saber jet, the jet with sweepback arrowlike wings.

"I looked up and saw an arrow going across the sky," he said. "The whole thing was a little too much for me. I got out of the Air Force in 1947, and now it's not my Air Force any more. I feel like a grandfather."

The pilots who ride the jets are the same roistering bunch that pilots always have been. But they are strong on experience and flying savvy.

Jet pilots are men like Captain Billy G. Edens of Tyrone, Ark., who brought a jet plane with a stalled engine for a crash landing on rolling terrain. He landed at 210 miles per hour but did it skillfully enough to live to tell about it.

Edens, veteran of many dog-fights over Europe in the last war had an engine failure while flying near his Texas base last spring.

"A man came in and asked to try on a suit of clothes. He put on the coat and vest and then darted to the door. I ran out in pursuit, shouting 'Stop thief!' A policeman ran up and started drawing his pistol. They yelled, 'Shoot him in the pants; de coat and vest is mine!'"

**Ft. Worth Livestock**  
FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 2 (UP)—(USDA) Livestock: Cattle 100. Nominally steady. Calves 25. Nominally steady.  
Hogs 200. Butcher hogs and sows strong to 50 higher than Thursday's late market. Pigs scarce. Good and choice 190-280 lb. 22.25 and 22.50. Medium and good 170-185 lbs. 21-22. Sows mostly 18.50-19.  
Sheep no receipts, trade untested.

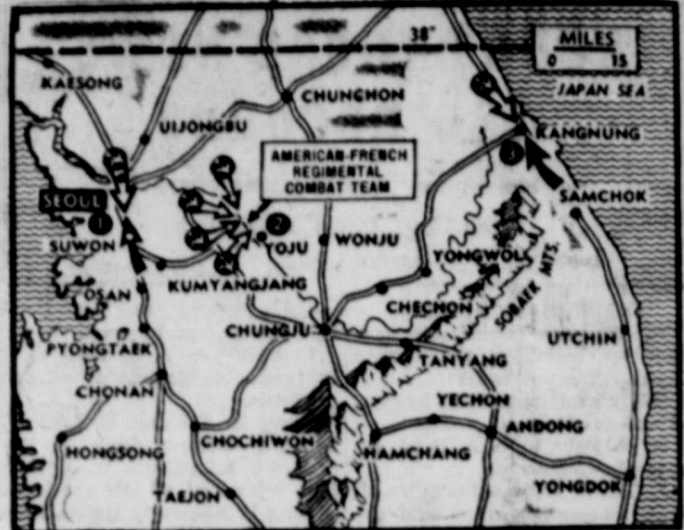
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**SOME GAINS MADE ON KOREAN FRONT**—United States troops below Seoul (1) punched out new gains up to three miles as reports indicated large groups of Chinese Communist troops were in retreat back across the Han River just below the city. At Yonju (2) on the right flank of the 50-mile western front, thousands of Red soldiers poured down on U. S. and French soldiers, threatening complete encirclement of the Allied force. On east coast, South Koreans kept contact with two enemy battalions in the Kangnung (3) area. (NEA Telephoto).

## If You Can Pronounce 'Zdrastvuyti' You Can Expect To Learn Russian

By Elizabeth Toomey  
HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., Feb. 2 (UP)—The first Russian language class ever held at Mitchell Air Force Base began this week, "by popular demand."

A colonel, a major, a couple of sergeants and a handful of civilians, some employed at the base, showed up for the first class.

At the back of the room stood Capt. Marion Rehffuss, a WAF information and education officer for the base who organized the class.

"We started it because of the demand," she said. "Forty people showed up for our first organizational meeting. But by the time we weeded out those who already had studied a little Russian, it left us with about 15 beginners."

Capt. Rehffuss arranged the class through Hofstra College here which adjoins the base. Dr. Joseph G. Astman, head of the college language department, agreed to teach it.

"Zdrastvuyti," the bespectacled professor said pleasantly when the class began. A sergeant looked nervously at the major in the next seat.

It turned out that Dr. Astman had just said hello in Russian. "When you have mastered that word," he told the class, "you have mastered half the difficulties of Russian pronunciation."

He began to read down the first lesson's list of phrases.

"Any time you want it repeated, just ask me," he said. "But don't ask me to slow down. I want you to hear it as the Russians would say it."

The only word the class was able to pronounce easily was "pravda," familiar in the name of the Russian newspaper. In the grammar book, however, it was listed as meaning "is that so?" If followed by a question mark, and "that's so," if followed by a period.

Class members gave various reasons for wanting to learn the language, which is the only one now being taught at the base.

"It just seems like a good language for us career Air Force men to have," said Major Alfred N. Geist, declining further explanation.

"I want to go into the State Department," said one of the civilians. Three college hours of credit will be given by Hofstra College.

## BOYCE HOUSE SAYS

An evangelist arrived in Nashville, Tenn., while Bob Taylor was governor. Let's call the revivalist—lets call him Sam Brown, which is close enough—told of his own sinful ways and of how he was saved. One night, he lambasted Governor Bob for what he called "excessive use of the power of executive clemency"—in other words, turning too many men out of the penitentiary.

Next day, the capitol correspondents gathered in the governor's office and asked for his comment. All that Bob said was, "If it hadn't been for pardoning power of Almighty God, Sam Brown would have been in hell long ago."

(That silenced the evangelist)



**8 Officers Injured**  
QUANTICO, Va., Feb. 2 (UP)—Second Lt. William B. Wilson, Jr., of Austin, Tex., was one of eight student officers injured Tuesday when a shell exploded prematurely, the Marine Corps announced yesterday.

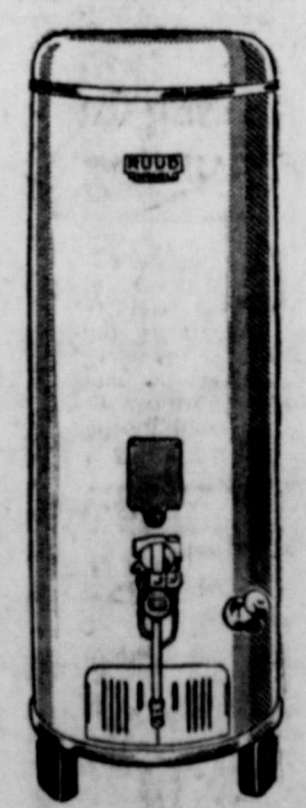
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