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To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?—Isaiah 40:18.

Smothering Routine

We are hearing again how tough it is to attract and keep able men in key government jobs. The working conditions, it is said, are terrible.

Lillenthal said simply that he thought holding good men was difficult, but that it was a problem common to many Washington agencies.

During the recent war an Army officer put it neatly: "Gosh, I've got so many reports to make out I haven't time to do the things I'm supposed to report about."

Here's just part of the smothering routine followed by a typical top department executive in Washington:

Submit regular reports to Congress on some or all of his activities, as required by law in many instances.

Answer a mountainous correspondence from congressmen who want to know how something is done, or why something was not done, so they can tell angry or curious constituents.

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Burying The Hatchet

Three thousand Seneca Indians who live in New York state have offered to sign a 25-year non-aggression pact with that commonwealth.

In a world where stubborn refusals to talk peace seriously are the tiresome rule, this gesture is indeed refreshing.

The air of our cities holds tons of dirt—but most of it isn't true.

Answer to Previous Puzzle Fur-Bearing Rodent crossword puzzle with grid and clues.

More Than A Building Collapse Is At Stake



DREW PEARSON ON THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Drew Pearson says: Representative Wolcott, enemy of public housing, once supported it; U. S. debates satellite Marshall Plan; Oregon's senator serves notice on Maryland's Senator Tydings.

Books on the steel industry. For Luxembourg, her new post, is the center of the European steel cartel. Merry-Go-Round.

Retirement After 31 Years Service For Pecos Woman

PECOS — Mrs. Ima Lockhart, manager of the Pecos Western Union office, will retire July 4, 1949 after 31 years of service.

TODAY AND TOMORROW By John P. Butler

THE STORY: Mike McTig, a mining engineer, who is telling this story, had been planning a vacation till he met Cory Parrish.

McKenney on Bridge

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority Written for NEA Service

I found myself sitting across the table from Scattergood Baines the other day. Scattergood, I mean Wendell Holmes. We were playing auction bridge.

Holmes, who is heard on many different radio shows every week, got his start doing 30 shows a week for \$20 a week.

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comes naturally to him, he says, because it reminds him of his grandfather, whom he admires very much, and who is still active although 86 years old.

Whenever we held all the ace, the bidding was opened with two no trump. I won the opening lead of the king of clubs with the ace.

So they say

You have got to stand up to what seems to be the danger—the cold war and the underground movements which are sapping our spirit.

Unless we deny ourselves something we have no right to deny the requests of others.

It seems that for the present we are compelled to await the coming of that time, if it ever comes, when one nation may trust another.

In 1900, the average American ate 151 pounds of meat, or six pounds more than in 1948.

WASHINGTON COLUMN

Murray Prescribes Economic Expansion Act For Nation's Ills

By PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Senator James E. Murray of Montana has dreamed up another new bill to fix everything—including depressions. This one is called "The Economic Expansion Act of 1949."

Seven other Democratic senators have joined with Senator Murray in sponsoring this bill. They are Thomas of Utah, Pepper of Florida, Kilgore of West Virginia, McMahon of Connecticut, Sparkman of Alabama, Kefauver of Tennessee and Humphrey of Minnesota.

They have not yet formally introduced their bill, but may not do so until next year. Currently they are studying criticisms and suggestions received from several hundred economists, federal, state and local government officials to whom they submitted their draft number six for comments.

The text now runs about 6,000 words. There is a long preamble setting forth the need for dealing with "economic depression" by broad cooperative action of private enterprise and government.

The bill would do this by expanding private investment, avoiding bottlenecks, helping small business, and hastening improvement of underdeveloped or declining areas of the United States.

Public Works Planning A long-range public works planning program would be called for. But otherwise, the federal government would be limited to taking steps only when private industry can't do the job.

First would be a National Economic Cooperation Board to be appointed by the President. On it would be representatives of industry, labor, agriculture, consumers, state and local governments and regional development organizations—presumably a variety of interstate compact authorities.

Function of NECB would be to make recommendations to the President on development of national economic policies. It also would meet with the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

Aim of Title II is to stimulate private investment and encourage its growth from year to year. To do this, the President would be authorized to designate "essential expansion areas" in which development of 17 specific resources might be promoted.

Whenever the President thinks there is need for the national economy to need expansion, he could so recommend to Congress.

An underdeveloped area is defined as one in which the per capita income lags below the national average because of lack of diversification in its industry or declining economic growth.

Title III would provide for national annual conferences to study wage levels—particularly of white collar and unorganized workers. Guaranteed annual wage plan, price and profit relationships, agricultural and industrial price relationships also would be studied.

Title IV would require the President to give Congress a mid-year economic report on needed levels of public works. The Federal Works Administration would be required to have prepared at all times a 10-year, \$15,000,000,000 shelf of non-federal public works projects.

PWA would be given an Advance Planning Fund, from which it could make grants or loans to state and local governments. They would be repayable when work was begun on their projects.

Title V would authorize the Department of Labor to be authorized to place government contracts in those areas. Or he could direct the Department of Labor to make non-interest-bearing loans of \$1,000 to families that could be moved out to other employment.

Finally, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be authorized to make loans to state or local governments to finance public works that might relieve this unemployment.

This VI would permit government agencies to set up new corporations to handle the loans, grants, credit guarantees and other assistance outlined above.

Q—Who were the Mound Builders? A—This is the name given to a prehistoric people of North America who built fortifications and burial mounds in the valleys of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

Q—If chlorine is poisonous, why is it not dangerous to put it in drinking water? A—Only a relatively small amount of chlorine is used to treat water, and much of this disappears while it stands in pipes, reservoirs, etc. The amount in the water we drink is so little that our bodies can readily dispose of it without harm.

Q—What cape in the United States received its name as a reminder of the failure of navigators to discover the mouth of a certain river? A—Cape Disappointment in Washington. The river was the Columbia.

Q—Is it true that President Jefferson absented himself from Washington for 796 days during his first year in the White House? A—Yes. Thomas Jefferson, with 796 days away from Washington, was our greatest offender in this matter of presidential absenteeism.

Q—Why was pineapple so often employed in decoration? A—It was supposed to be a symbol of plenty in the home.

CLIPPED ANGEL By Clive Griesm

UNCLE JAKE WHINNAKER and Archie Trask launched into the details of the Dark Angel mine. I must say Cory Parrish held her end up well.

As soon as the door closed behind him I said, "Cory, you're wasting time. You're looking for ore that isn't there."

Pecos Streets To Get Face Lifting

PECOS—Plans are underway for the resurfacing of 53 blocks and the installation of curb and gutters along 12 other blocks in Pecos, according to Mayor E. G. Stafford.

Members of the City Council tentatively decided which blocks in the city are to be paved and which are to be resurfaced under the new program. They are abiding as closely as possible with the wishes of the people as the latter must share in the costs.



Agents Still Raid Stills In Texas

AUSTIN—Stills are still being raided in Texas.

Inspectors knocked off 11 stills in Titus, Grimes, Henderson, Dallas, Harrison, Marion, and Harris Counties in May, the Liquor Control Board's monthly report showed.

Ten were arrested, 1,140 gallons of mash were poured out, and 20 gallons of moonshine were destroyed.

The board took in \$903,853 in revenues, almost half of it from liquor stamp sales to wholesale liquor dealers.

Collections at the El Paso International Bridge were \$7,517; at Laredo, \$5,537; at Hidalgo, \$2,118; at Thayer, \$1,022; at Roma, \$2,249; at Brownsville, \$2,287; at Del Rio, \$502; and at Eagle Pass, \$961.

TRIPLET DAUGHTERS
McALLEN—Triplets, daughter, weighing two pounds each, were born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Borjas.

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Daddy Ringtail

By WESLEY DAVIS

Daddy Ringtail And The Ant Policeman

"Hm! Let me see!" Daddy Ringtail said to himself one day. "I haven't been in this part of the forest in such a very long time. Who do I know who lives around here?"

Now it happened that the monkey daddy was standing on top of an ant hill. Ants, you know, build their houses in the ground. An ant hill is a little pile of dirt with a hole in the middle where the ants go down to their home.

While Daddy Ringtail was standing there, trying to remember who lived in that part of the forest, he heard a little voice that said "Happy Day there, Daddy Ringtail. Please move away from the door, so that people can get in."

"Daddy Ringtail," said the little voice, "thank you for jumping away

there hadn't been one, the ants might have walked all over Daddy Ringtail, and maybe even stung him. Policemen are always good friends to have, and Sunday I'll tell you about Daddy Ringtail and Huffy Puffy Chukles. Happy day!"

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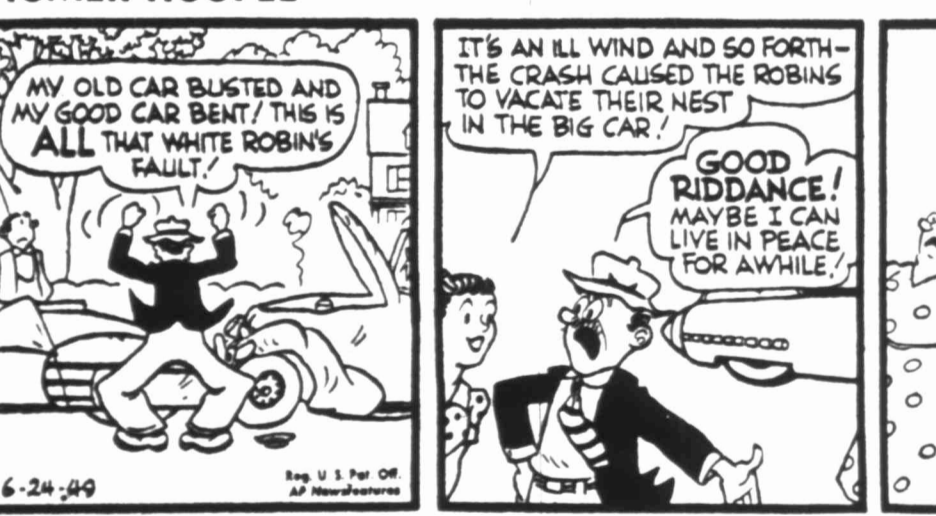
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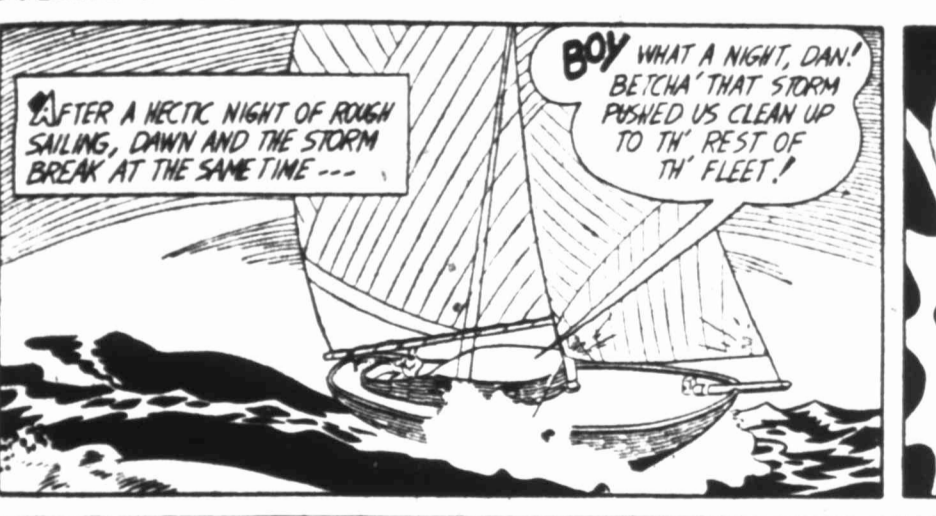
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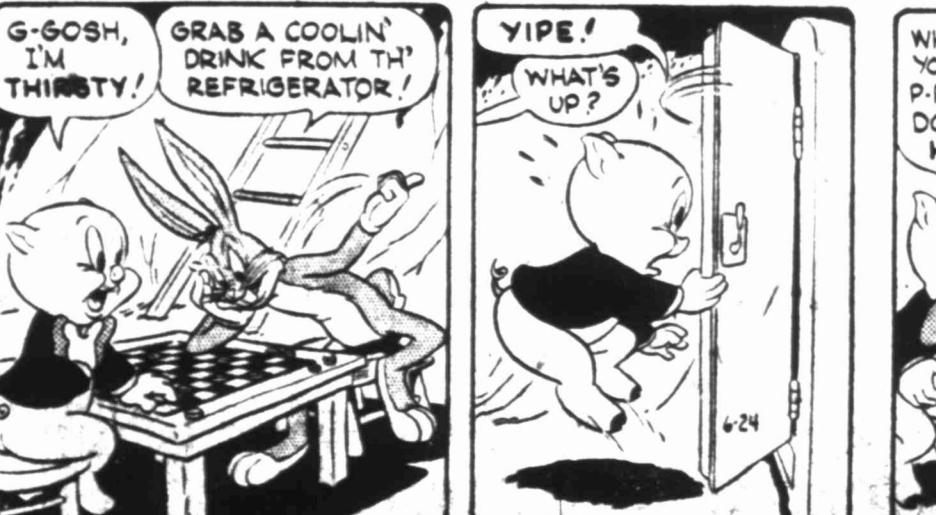
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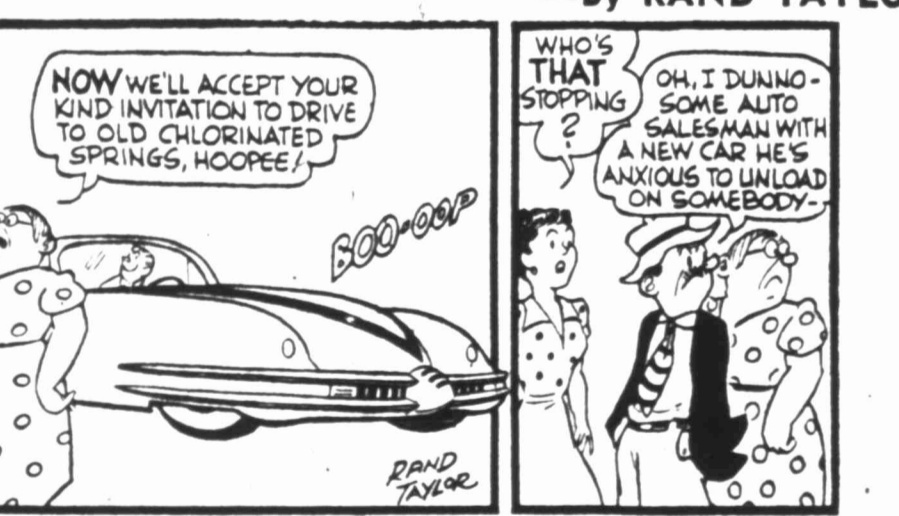
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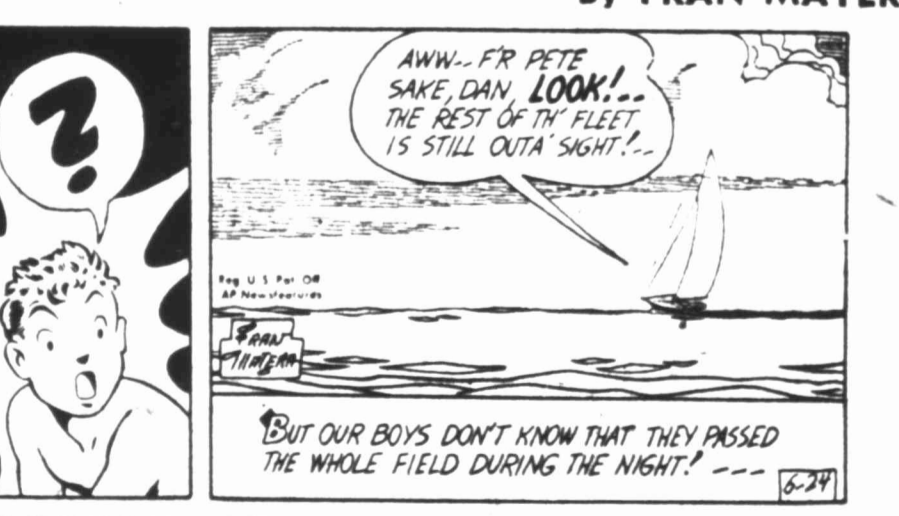
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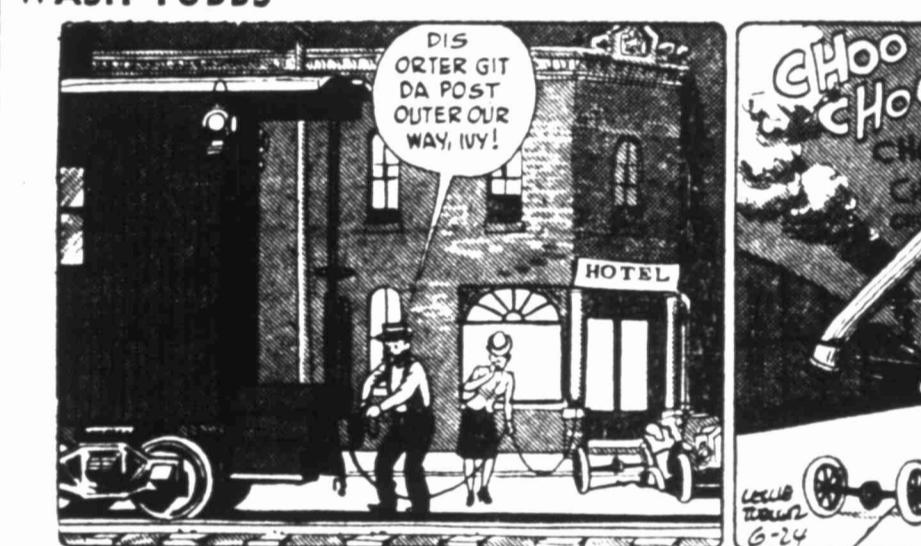
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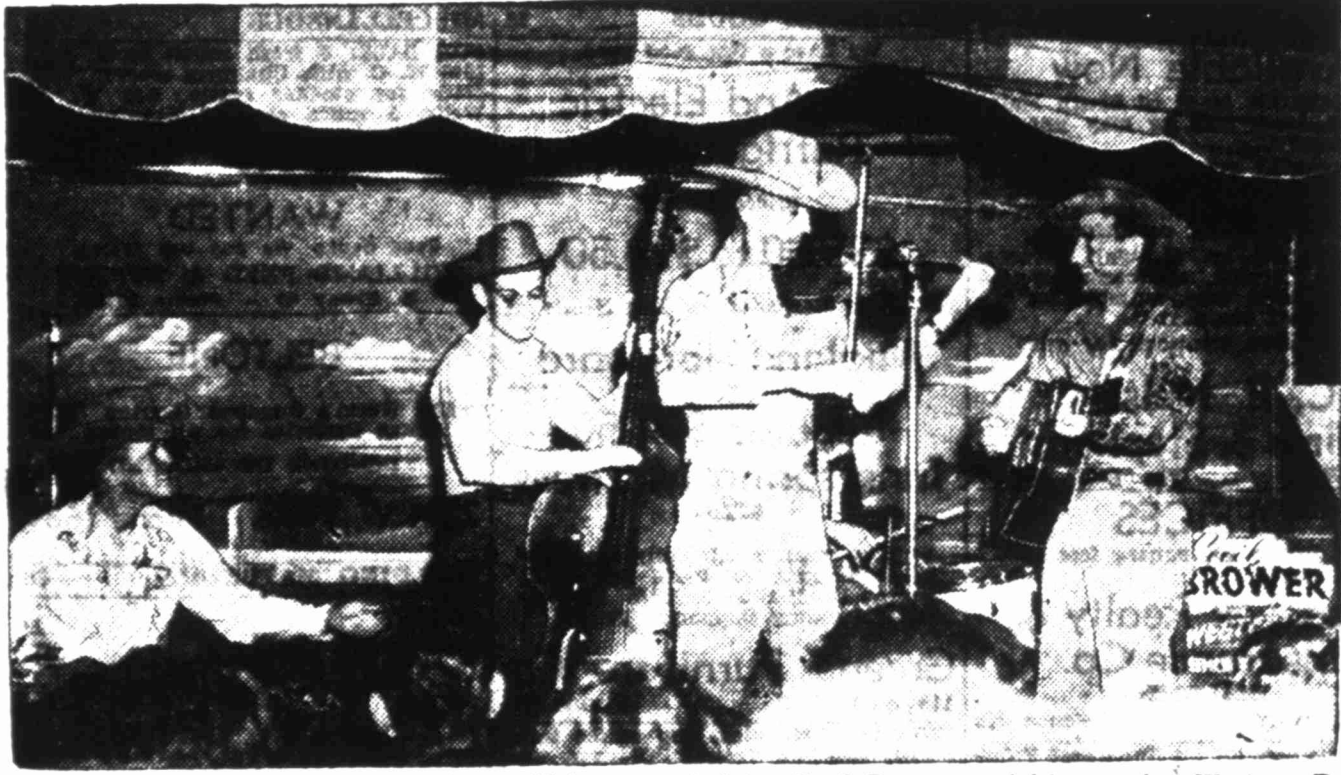
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'How Much More Will We Have To Pay?' Is Single Thought Worrying Renters Of Texas

By The Associated Press
Rent decontrol in Texas left renters with just one thought: How much more will we have to pay?
Not too much is the opinion of several landlord association heads.
These spokesmen cautioned landlords "not to go wild" on boosting rents when controls are finally lifted.
Governor Jester Thursday signed the rent decontrol bill. The act becomes law 90 days after the present session of the legislature adjourns and after approval by Tighe E. Woods, federal housing administrator.
"Let's wait and see" seemed to be the attitude of most renters. "Take it easy" appeared to be the watchword of landlord associations.
Supply And Demand
Mayor Harold Jones of Wichita Falls only groaned when he heard about the decontrol signing and said: "No comment."
Major Max Bemce, housing officer for Sheppard Field near Wichita Falls, said:
"The old question of supply and demand can not possibly take care of the housing situation in Wichita Falls. New raises in rent will leave much less for enlisted men."

than they had previously which was far short of what was needed.
Mrs. H. H. Harp, president of the Fort Worth Apartment and Property Owners Association, warned landlords there "not to go wild now that controls are off."
"She suggested rents 'should be raised 10 or 20 per cent, a nominal sum."
Some May Double, Triple
"There was sharp opposition to decontrolling rents in Texas. Army and Air Force officers were against it," said Federal Housing Administrator Tighe Woods.
Bill B. Willis, chairman of a Fort Worth Amreican Legion post's housing committee, said, "Rents will go up in Fort Worth 33 1/3 per cent. Many will double and triple."
But C. Allen True, president of the homebuilders association in that city, said rent decontrol will not mean exorbitant increases.
Lubbock tenants took a "wait and see what happens" attitude. Landlords there said they expected no sharp increase.
Military personnel at El Paso were uneasy. Biggs Field and Fort Bliss are located there. Most of the people who pay rent in that far West Texas city were pessimistic over decontrol.
San Antonio's City Commission was undecided whether to go along with an Army and Air Force demand for rent control.
Landlords at Austin appeared eager to have ceilings lifted. About 75 appeared before the City Council Thursday, asking immediate action on lifting rent controls.

Striking Railmen Urge Retaliatory Blockade Of Reds

BERLIN—P—West Berlin's rail strikers, rebuffed by the Russian-appointed railway management in efforts to run an "emergency service" into Berlin, urged a retaliatory Soviet zone blockade Friday.
The anti-Communist union prepared telegrams to be sent to the West German union headquarters at Frankfurt, asking all German unionists to refuse to handle freight destined for East Germany.
The Berlin union styled its action a retaliation. Earlier the rail management had turned down the union's offer to work trains run on an emergency basis.

Texas Federation Names New Secretary

BEAUMONT—P—A youngish World War II veteran, Paul C. Sparks of Houston, has replaced Harry W. Acreman as executive secretary of the Texas Federation of Labor.
Sparks, 37, defeated the Austin labor leader Thursday 4,060 to 3,399.
Acreman had been executive secretary of the federation for a dozen years.
Elected or re-elected vice presidents without opposition include: Roy Jones, Abilene, District 3, and George F. Webber, El Paso, District 4.
Phillips To Double Cactus Plant Output
BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—P—Phillips Petroleum Company, a Phillips Petroleum Company subsidiary, Friday announced it would double production at its Cactus Ammonia Plant near Etter, Texas.
The plant will have a capacity of more than 140,000 tons a year.
The additional facilities are expected to be ready within two months to help relieve the shortage of ammonia, which is used in fertilizer production.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—P—Cattle 200: calves 50; steady on few cows, yearlings and calves offered; no mature steers; cutter, common and medium yearlings 14.00-21.00; beef cows 13.50-16.50; good, fat calves 22.00-24.00; common to medium 14.00-20.00; stockers scarce.
Hogs 400: slow; butchers and sows 25-30 cents down; feeder pigs unchanged; top 21.50; bulk 20.00 and choice 190-270 pound butchers 21.00-25; good and choice 150-180 pounds and 280-350 pounds 19.00-21.00; sows 16.00-17.50; feeder pigs 16.00-19.00.
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Satellites Causing Many Headaches For Reds, Dulles Avers

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
John Foster Dulles says "events may be shaping up to a new and intense struggle" within the Soviet Union and the satellite countries.
He adds that "Soviet leadership is having to contend with problems in the satellite countries where there is steadily growing revolt against the extreme intolerance of Soviet Communism." Speaking of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland, Dulles declares that the people of these countries "will not willingly accept rigorous conformity to a pattern of life made for them in Moscow."
The evidence is complete enough that there is no place in this day and age for totalitarian dictatorships, no matter what ideological banner they fly. The rank and file won't stand for such regimentation indefinitely—especially dictatorships imposed by foreign nations.
Indications Grow
The signs multiply that Moscow is having difficulties, perhaps at home but certainly among the satellites. The outstanding case, of course, is that of the premier Balkan state of Yugoslavia which, under leadership of hard-boiled Marshal Tito, has refused to surrender its sovereignty to Moscow. However, there is discussion in other satellites, and purges have been reported recently.
As might be expected, some of the worst clashes revolve about the Communist attack on religion. This refusal of religion to knuckle under may well prove to be the greatest obstacle which Bolshevism has to overcome in its efforts to Sovietize the world. It is a cardinal tenet of atheistic communism that religion is the dope of the masses and must be destroyed. But that's easier decreed than done.
There are mighty few people out of the world's population of more than two and a quarter billion who don't believe in a God of some kind. They will fight for that belief when they might not fight for anything else.

Couple—

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license number was given as Texas A22-582.
The body of the renowned oil field fire fighter was found on a blood-soaked bed. His skull had been fractured in two places and his shirt and a towel were knotted tightly around his neck.
Police said his diamond ring was missing and no money was found in his personal effects. It was Thornton's habit to carry large sums—from \$1,000 to \$3,000—on his person.
Porter Describes Pair
Charlie Thompson, porter at the motel, told officers the woman was about 22 and wore a black skirt with a black flowered blouse. She was about 5 feet, 6 inches tall, had dark hair and freckles on her face. Her young companion he described as about the same height. He wore brown trousers and a brown striped shirt. He was sandy-haired and wore no hat. "He looked like he was in his twenties," Thompson said.
Services for Thornton will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church in Amarillo who Thornton won fame in oil fields of the world as a trouble shooter. Clad in an asbestos suit, he would walk up to a wildly blazing well and snuff out the fire with explosives.

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Fire Wrecks Naval Supply Warehouse

WASHINGTON—P—Fire wrecked a supply warehouse at the closely-guarded Naval Research Laboratory early Friday and for a time threatened a nearby building containing high explosives.
City firemen brought the flames under control after about a half-hour. Police also went to the scene but were excluded by armed Marine guards.
The fire was confined to a two-story brick steel and concrete building containing laboratory supplies and equipment. Only eight feet away, in the 50-acre, fenced-in area, is a ballistics laboratory containing explosives.
A Navy spokesman said only a small amount of explosives was in the adjoining building. However, a man familiar with the Army installation said there was enough that, if reached by the flames, "the entire southeastern section of Washington would have blown up."
A Naval board of inquiry was ordered to determine the cause of the blaze.
The Navy asked help of municipal fire departments at 1:23 a.m. A second alarm followed shortly, and then a third. All available police scout cars were rushed to the fire. But shore patrolmen refused to let police enter, holding them off with drawn revolvers.

Airliner Crashes At Memphis



Aerial view of an American Airlines Convair which crashed shortly after its takeoff from Memphis. Of the 43 persons aboard, only three were injured seriously.

Nationalist Ships Enforce Blockade

SHANGHAI—P—The Egyptian ship, Star of Suez, headed for Kobe, Japan, Friday after being intercepted by a Nationalist warship off the mouth of the Yangtze.
Eight shots across the bow of the freighter stopped her. The vessel was delayed all night and early Friday Chinese Naval officers boarded her. The river pilot was removed from the ship and the captain radioed her agents in Shanghai that apparently the pilot had been seized by the Nationalists.
The action is part of a blockade which the Nationalists have proclaimed for all Chinese Communist ports. The Star of Suez had left Shanghai a short time previously.
The message said the Shanghai pilot boat stationed at the mouth of the Yangtze "appeared to be under arrest of the warship."

Black Indians Play Sunday Afternoon

The Midland Black Indians will meet the Coffeyville, Kan., Boosters in an exhibition baseball game at 3 p. m. Sunday in Indian Park, John Hall, Harry Dooley or "Mad Man" Summers will do the hurling for Midland.
The Kansas nine is highly regarded in its native state. It is on a nation-wide tour.

Downtown Parade Is Final Feature Of 'Bicycle Week' Here

"Bicycle Week" in the Summer Recreation Program was climaxed here Thursday afternoon with a downtown parade of more than 25 decorated bicycles. The riders were children of school age who are participating in the recreation activities.
Mary Wynn won first place in the contest conducted in conjunction with the parade.
Second place went to Connie Kitley and third was won by Sidney Green.
John Brazelton and Lynda McFarland tied for fourth place in the contest.
Alvin Walker and Cynthia Dupuy finished in a tie for fifth.
The parade which started from the high school and followed a route through downtown Midland, was escorted by police cars with sirens screaming.

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