

# As Reds Surround Peiping Nationalists Suffer Setback

Late AP News, Courtesy WMAJ

## Rail Line To Tientsin And Coast Cut As Peace Rumors Fill Nanking

PEIPING—The central government of China suffered another military setback today when Communist forces cut off Peiping, once the capital of China.

Peiping is now entirely surrounded and its defenders and population are caught in an iron trap. The jaws of that trap slammed shut today when the Communists cut the rail line to Tientsin and the coast. This rail line was the last remaining link between Peiping and the outside world.

Nanking is still teeming with rumors about the possibility of a negotiated peace between the central government and the Communists. For a time the capital was plunged into a frenzy of excitement by a rumor that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek had resigned, but the rumor was traced to the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong.

### Spy Probe Continues

WASHINGTON—Expected new sensational findings in the "Case of the Pumpkin Papers" did not develop here yesterday.

Congressional investigators, battling a Federal Grand Jury in New York for the spotlight, had advertised the presence of a former writer in the national office of the Communist Party who was expected to throw some light on the typewriter allegedly used to copy the secret State Department documents.

The witness turned out to be a disappointment. She did not have very much to say, but according to Congressman Karl Mundt (R-S.D.), "we have some new leads on the typewriter."

There seemed evidence of confusion among committee members themselves. Rev. John Rankin (Dem.-Miss.) stated to reporters in a curbside interview that he felt that secret papers were stolen as late as 1943. Representative Mundt stated on the other hand that the committee has no evidence to that effect.

### Of ECA Aluminum

WASHINGTON—The aluminum industry in America is up in arms because three European countries are buying aluminum from Canada with American dollars from the Marshall Plan and then selling that metal to American businessmen in competition with American industries.

The acting administrator of the Marshall Plan, Howard Bruce, disclosed that the three countries are Great Britain, Belgium and Holland. Bruce said they bought almost 100,000 tons of aluminum and lead scrap from Canada, and then re-sold 28,000 tons of the same in the American market.

Bruce said the Marshall Plan administration had warned the British, the Belgians and the Dutch to stop this practice or face sharp cuts in such future

purchases with American funds. In fact, because of these deals, the Economic Cooperation Administration already has made reductions in the requests made by the foreign countries for aluminum and lead, and cablegrams have been sent to the Marshall Plan representatives in Europe to drive home American resentment to this situation.

### Un-American Committee

WASHINGTON—Among the first batch of bills to be handed the new congress will be one calling for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American activities.

This announcement was made by Democratic Representative Emanuel Celler, of New York, after a conference with President Truman. Celler said his measure would ask that the Un-American Activities Committee be replaced by a special committee on civil rights which would probe civil rights violations by the Klu Klux Klan, Fascists, Communists, or other groups. The New York Congressman said he was encouraged to go ahead with his plan as a result of his talk with the President.

### Prince Named Charles

LONDON—The King of England and his grandson were in the personal news today.

King George was 53 years old. Although affliction to his legs keeps him in bed most of the time, attending physicians made an exception and permitted him to attend a family luncheon that was turned into a birthday party.

A few hours later, an announcement from Buckingham Palace ended the great guessing game over the name of the new prince. The baby will be christened Prince Charles Philip Arthur George of Edinburgh.

Charles is a name borne by many European sovereigns and princes. There has been a Charles the Great, Charles the Bald, Charles the Fat, Charles the Simple, Charles the Bad, Charles the Bold, and Charles the Noble.

### Johnson Addresses Color Camera Club

Dr. George F. Johnson, professor of agricultural extension, recently gave an illustrated talk before the Chicago Color Camera Club in Chicago.

Professor Johnson was selected last month as one of ten silver medal winners in the Club's annual contest.

Speaking on "Adventures in Rural Color Photography," Professor Johnson illustrated his talk with large color prints, exhibited this past summer at Buhi Planetarium, Pittsburgh.

## Furry Creatures Multiply on Way From Chile

A chinchilla is a funny little animal.

He looks like a little ball of fur, with a sad face. But he's worth about \$500 in a coat. He's not too prepossessing a fellow. Not particularly something you'd want to make a pet out of.

Maria Hughes, a senior animal husbandry student, brought six of the little creatures to the College from her home in Chile this Fall.

She plans to do general research on them while she is at the College.

Miss Hughes plans to go into the Chinchilla raising business, so she is interested in learning how to make her business pay.

The investment has already paid off. While enroute from Chile, one of the chinchilla's had a "blessed event" making Maria some \$500 richer.

There are approximately 50,000 chinchillas in the United States today. The last chinchilla coat sold in the United States, brought \$30,000.

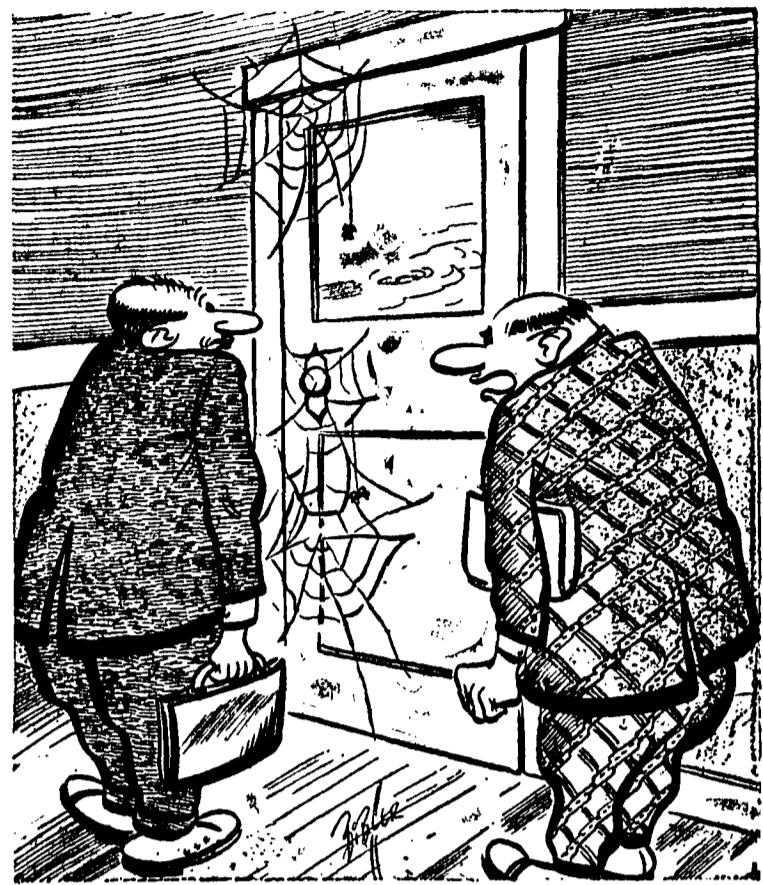
### Parking Regulations

Traffic and parking regulations will be in full effect until Christmas vacation starts Saturday noon, warns Capt. Philip Mark of the Campus Patrol. There will absolutely be no laxation in policy between now and then, he stated. Special privileges may be granted persons remaining on campus during vacation, however, he added.

### Lepley Helps Plan Air Force Courses

Dr. William M. Lepley, associate professor of psychology and a lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve, spent December 6, 7, and 8 at The Air University, Maxwell Field, Alabama. He was there to participate in planning sessions concerning the curriculum for The Air Force Academy.

During the war Dr. Lepley was connected with the Aviation Psychology Research Program of the Army Air Forces and had charge of a research project on the validation of pilot-selection tests in terms of actual combat performance. He spent some time in the Pacific Theater of operations in connection with this study.



"I think it's about time someone told Professor Flapjaws that his lectures are too long"

## Faculty Notes

Dr. Mary L. Willard, associate professor of Chemistry presented the Madame Curie lecture at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., last Friday before the local chapter of Iota Sigma Pi. Dr. Willard's subject was "Chemical Microscopy Today."

Two members of the division of mineralogy at the College were asked to give addresses before the New York Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Paul D. Krynine, professor of petrology and chief of the division of mineralogy, addressed the Academy December 6 on "The Origin of Red Rocks." Dr. T. F. Bates, assistant professor of mineralogy, will speak on January 3, 1949, on "Geologic Research with the Electron Microscope."

Dr. Franklin B. Krauss, professor of Latin at the College, will attend the annual meeting of the American Philological Association and of the Archaeological Institute of America at St. Louis, Mo., from December 28 to December 30.

Two members of the faculty at the College will present a paper at the annual meeting of the Society of American Foresters to be held in Boston, Mass., from December 16 to 18.

They are Dr. William C. Bramble, professor of forestry and Dr. P. F. English, professor of wildlife management, who will speak on "The Forest Grazing Problem

Created by Deer in Eastern Forests."

H. C. Rountree, director of the extramural classes at the University of Illinois and formerly associated with the College in its extension education program, has been named dean of the Community College and Technical Institute of Temple University, it has been announced by Dr. Robert L. Johnson, university president.

Dr. Fred S. Hultz, who served as an associate professor of animal husbandry at the College from 1917 to 1922, has been named president of North Dakota Agricultural College.

A graduate of Iowa State College, Dr. Hultz has served as head of the department of animal husbandry at the University of Wyoming until his recent appointment. He had gone to the University of Wyoming in 1922, and from 1930 to 1934 served as director of information service and university editor there.

Harold A. Everett, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering at the College, recently presented a paper before the Society of Mechanical Engineers in New York. The paper is titled, "Construction of a Temperature Entropy Diagram for Air and Its Application to Explosive Combination Studies."

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Those persons intending to return from Pittsburgh to State College by bus on Sunday, January 2, may purchase tickets here and receive a reservation. Buses leave Pittsburgh at 7:45 A.M., 1:15 P.M., 7:30 P.M. and 1:35 A.M.

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