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SCENES OF RESCUE



Bearded and robed religious cultists (top) were among the first to start rescue operations after a giant airliner crashed in California killing 35 persons. They are disciples of Krishna Vanta and live in a stone house in the woods in which the plane crashed. One of the victims was the unidentified woman (below) found still strapped in her seat 50 feet from the wreckage.

Dismissals Bring About Rapid Move

CIO Transit Men Hit Omnibus Corp.

NEW YORK (AP)—CIO transit workers struck suddenly today against all 21 lines of the New York City Omnibus Corp. The lines carry an estimated 925,000 passengers daily.

The walkout was called by the CIO Transport Workers Union, eight hours after 300 maintenance workers quit work at one of the company garages in protest against the dismissal of four employees. The company termed the initial walkout unauthorized but the big union reportedly announced that it would support the strike.

At the same time, Michael J. Quinn, president of TWU, said that the stoppage would be extended to the Fifth Avenue Coach Corp. at midnight tonight if the dispute with the omnibus corporation is not settled by then.

Without Precedent In History Of Church

Catholic Reds To Face Excommunication

By PHILIP CLARKE
VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius XII has ordered major excommunication of all militant Communists who are also Catholics. The sweeping decree would deny them the sacraments and comforts of the church.

The document order applies to all members of the Roman Catholic faith "who make profane use of the materialistic and anti-Christian doctrine of the Communists."

It was announced in an historic decree of the sacred congregation of the holy office and approved by the pontiff. The decree marks the fourth time the Pope has used excommunication to fight back at the Communists in recent years. Previous decrees had been directed at those who tried and sentenced Archbishop Aloisius Stepan in Yugoslavia in 1946, and those responsible for the imprisonment of Hungary's Josef Cardinal Mindszenty and the founders and willing members of a separatist, government-controlled Catholic action society in Czechoslovakia.

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Chiang Rallies Chinese Forces

Britain Makes Slash In Import Purchasing

By SPENCER MOORE
CANTON, China (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek declared tonight that he was only loyal to China's Communist government and that he would continue to fight the Nationalist leader.

The Chinese Nationalist leader issued his statement through the official Central News Agency shortly after arriving at this provincial capital.

It followed a declaration to correspondents by Premier Yen Hsi-shan last night that he would "win-lose-all fight."

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Civil Rights Fight Renewed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Southerners bitterly opposed a new civil rights legislation at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing today, holding up the split over the issue within the Democratic Party.

The bill to set up a commission on civil rights to strengthen the enforcement of the 14th and 15th amendments in interstate transportation.

Sen. McClellan of New York, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is the author of the bill and presided at the hearing. He previously said the measure had the approval of President Truman.

Southern Senators have talked since the bill was introduced, but they have not yet reached a decision on whether to support the measure.

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Radio Talk Draws Fire

'Selfish Interests' Attacked

By MARVIN L. ARBOWSMITH
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman's abrupt attack on "selfish interests" trying drastic cuts in Federal spending collided today with both Democratic and Republican criticism in Congress.

So did his assertion that many people would like to have a depression for political reasons. The President spoke out last night in telling the nation about his new program designed to expand production and avert a more serious business slump. He went on both the radio and television.

"We shall have to be sure," the President said, "that the selfish interests do not drive us into the ditch, as they have done before."

As he did in the economic report, he sent to Congress last Monday, Mr. Truman said: "We are not in a depression. Many people who talk of a depression, he said, would like to have one 'for political reasons.'"

But he added that the increase in the number of people out of work "is something to worry about, and something that must be cured."

Other highlights will include Senate Editor Furman Blister's opinions on Valentine Davis' "I Hate Every Spring" a novel about baseball and a miracle; an intriguing appraisal of "Vines in the Sun" which gives the inside story on winegrowers; and a variety of other reviews well calculated to keep News readers up to date on the latest in the book world.

Book Previews Slated Friday

Sight Returns Suddenly Sees Again After 8 Dark Years

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Atomic Probers Are Summoned

'I'll Come Down If...'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman has called top members of the Atomic Energy Commission to a conference at Blair House today. P. M. (EST), it was learned today.

Chairman McMahon (D-Conn.) said he would be glad to attend a hearing on the committee's investigation of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Public hearings on Hickenlooper's charges have been concluded. In closed meetings, the committee probed Hickenlooper's charges and security clearances have been given to Hickenlooper and his wife.

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True Bill Voted In Laux Murder

Alleged Killer Captured In SC

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