

Try It Today  
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## SNOW SNARLS TRAFFIC IN CHICAGO



More tons of snow fell on Chicago today bringing traffic to a slow walk. The picture above shows State St. during a recent storm. The latest storm brought Chicago's snowfall for December to 33.4 inches and the total for the season to 47.3. (Acme Telephoto.)

## THE GALLUP POLL On Democratic Ticket Ike Outpolls Taft, Survey Shows

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PRINCETON, N. J., (AP) — If Dwight D. Eisenhower were to be passed over by the Republican nominating convention and were to become the Presidential candidate of the Democratic Party, running against Sen. Robert A. Taft on the GOP ticket, how would voting sentiment be? The Gallup poll shows that 62% of the voters would vote for Eisenhower, 31% for Taft, and 7% undecided.

## IT'S FOR SURE SMOKEY HAS NO BIRD DOG BLOOD

CHICAGO—(AP) — If Smokey, Donald Miller's ten-month-old pup who has spayed blood he didn't show yesterday. A duck went under the duck, but it was Donald's Christmas present mechanical duck.

## Reconciliation Move Stirs Demonstrations in Egypt

CAIRO — (AP) — A clear indication from King Farouk that he wants a settlement with the West, anti-Western demonstrations today. The king appears to be worried about the economic consequences of a state of alert against further Egyptian Sudan, and want evacuation of the British from the Suez Canal zone. The West, meanwhile, has been rebuffed in its invitation to Egypt to join a Middle East command for defense against possible Communist aggression.

## Death Toll From Holiday Violence Is Near Record

Violent accidents in the United States took a near record toll over the four-day Christmas holiday. Deaths in traffic accidents, fires and from miscellaneous causes totaled 600 during the three-day holiday from 6 P. M. Friday to last night. Local time reached the staggering total 726.

This figure compares with the record accidental death toll of 761 recorded during the four-day Christmas holiday of 1936.

Traffic accidents caused more than 500 fatalities, but the 516 total was below the 600 predicted by the National Safety Council. Fires caused 102 deaths — but none resulting from Christmas trees. There were 140 persons killed in violent accidents of miscellaneous nature.

This year's total exceeded the 1950 accidental deaths of 724 which occurred during the three-day holiday. The 1949 three-day total was 593.

Accidents reported more than 90 of this year's accidental deaths, including nearly 60 in traffic mishaps.

Ice-covered and snow-covered highways in the Midwest sharply curtailed travel and appeared a major factor in holding the traffic toll under the control of its estimate of 600.

The accidental death toll does not include the 119 miners killed in a coal mine explosion in West Frankfort, Mo., on Friday night.

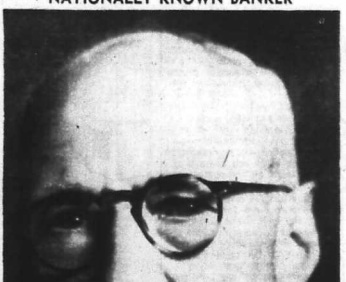
The number killed in motor mishaps this Christmas holiday period of 192 hours compares to the all-time peak 553 traffic fatalities in 1936 and 545 over last year's three-day holiday.

The nation's traffic deaths in 1951 already have passed 36,000, the largest total since the record-breaking 39,892 deaths in 1941 and compares with 35,000 last year. The death toll since the advent of the motor car has exceeded the million mark last Saturday.

Whether the General's popularity with all groups would be as high as he began to take a partisan stand on controversial political issues and to affiliate himself with one party remains to be seen.

The American electorate is so constituted today that no candidate can win elections without attracting a substantial number of Independent voters.

## NATIONALLY KNOWN BANKER



## W. H. Wood Dies Suddenly At Home

WORTH H. WOOD, 78, founder and honorary chairman of the board of American Trust Co. of Charlotte, died suddenly at his home in Winston-Salem, N.C., Monday, Dec. 24, 1951.

Mr. Wood was nationally known in banking and finance. He came to Charlotte in 1901 at the age of 28 years to join with the late George Stephens in the founding of American Trust Co. Prior to coming to Charlotte he engaged in banking at Winston-Salem with Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.

When the bank was organized, Mr. Wood was named secretary, treasurer, and was the active executive of the institution through Mr. Stephens was president while engaging in large-scale real estate development. In January, 1938, Mr. Wood was named president and Florence E. Hemby was named secretary.

Next year, Mr. Hemby was named vice-president.

During the years that he directed the bank's affairs, Mr. Wood became an influential figure in State, Southern and national financial affairs.

In January, 1943, Mr. Wood at his request was named to the newly created office of chairman of the board and he was succeeded by Mr. Hemby as president. In January, 1948, Mr. Wood retired from active participation in the bank's affairs and was named honorary chairman, which position he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Wood was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Wood of Stray County, near Mt. Airy. Mr. Wood was born at the family's Stray County home in April, 1873. He obtained his earlier education in Stray County schools and later in Winston-Salem's public schools.

Then Mr. Wood attended the University of North Carolina, where he formed the friendship with Mr. Stephens which later brought them together in banking at Charlotte.

Mr. Wood was survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Clay Simpson of Lexington, Ky.; and one son, Mrs. Numa Causey of Greensboro.

Funeral services will take place at the home, 325 Harvard place, at 3:30 P. M. tomorrow. The services will be in charge of the Rev. James G. Huggin, pastor of Myers Memorial Episcopal church.

## Dean Betrayed For 10 Dollars

PUSAN, Korea — (AP) — Police today said two South Koreans led Maj. Gen. William F. Dean into a trap and turned the money over to Communist agents.

Chief investigation officer Yoon Myung Won said the two had been recruited by Communist agents. He did not give the amount. Yoon said Challa province police had ordered to keep the men under "strict surveillance."

The officer said the two received \$100,000 from Communist agents to capture the U. S. 24th Division commander near Chinn, about 25 miles south of Taegu.

He said they admitted receiving the reward for Dean's capture and for the purpose of delivering spies. The two are being held in a military camp near an unidentified Red organization.

Government legal experts, particularly in the State Department, have been digging through the law books ever since studying what the Government has done about these private offers. It is understood that Secretary of State Acheson has been advised along these lines.

1. Since the four men are members of the armed forces and were detained while on an official mission, they cannot be treated as ordinary private citizens. In other words they are a Government responsibility and private citizens cannot act in their behalf.

2. There seems to be no law which would permit any Government agency to accept private contributions for the purpose of paying the fines of these men. Only a special act of Congress would permit that.

## Case Of Red-Held Fliers Pondered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 — Signs are that the Government will turn down offers of private citizens to pay the \$120,000 in fines which the Government has levied against four U. S. airmen who strayed across its border.

Final decisions were still being made, but it seemed probable the Government itself would provide the money, if necessary, to prevent the Air Force men from spending three months in jail.

Hungary's alternative if the fines are not paid.

All parts of private offers to provide the money have been pouring in the State Department since Hungary announced Sunday that a military court had convicted four fliers of violating the border for the purpose of delivering spies. The court sentenced each to \$30,000 fine or three months in jail.

## Release Or Escape Of 155 Is Claimed

MUNSAN, Korea—(AP)—The Communists admitted today they had captured 1,058 more Americans than they announced last week but—571 of them have died, 155 escaped or were released, and the Reds are still trying to find out what happened to the other 332.

The United Nations command called "a shocking disclosure." The U. N. command also declared that of the 155 the Reds said escaped not a one ever returned to Allied lines.

An Allied spokesman said the Red report was their first accounting for missing Americans the U. N. command asked last Friday and Saturday. These 1,068 men had been mentioned by Red radios and other sources as prisoners but were not named in an official prisoner list submitted last Wednesday.

Another 45 men—20 British and 25 Americans—were not mentioned. The Allies asked that these 45 be Monday.

The Allied announcement was the first disclosure of the precise number of non-Korean prisoners it had asked about—1,103.

The Reds told by a name what they said had happened to 726. The names were not released by the U. N. command.

Infentially they blamed Allied war planes and artillery for many Red prisoners. They cited the Reds said, of air attack, artillery fire and disease.

The Reds made their report in a note. It was delivered during an unproductive armistice session Wednesday at Panmunjom during the Christmas holidays.

The Communist note also: 1. Asked the Allies what happened for an accounting of 30,000 South Korean troops missing in action. 2. Charged the Allies what happened to 44,265 Red Communist captives submitted last week was 1,456 short of the announced total of 132,472.

The letter, handed to Red Adm. R. E. Libby at a Panmunjom session by North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Chul, said the Reds were trying to account for 1,058 Americans and other non-Korean troops. The U. N. said they were listed in Red broadcasts, but not included in an official compilation of 11,359 men in six North Korean prison camps at the time of his death.

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