About Husbands

Robert C. Ruark, in one of his sassy moments, rises to the defense of the American husband in his column on today's editorial page. Turn to 4-A if your want your rishles tickled.

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# Soviet Challenged To Agree To UN Arms Census

# RESISTANCE SLOWS MARINES' DRIVE

## Count Would Show Size Of Forces

### U. S. Offers To Undergo Inspection

By STANLEY JOHNSON

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—(AP)—The United States today dared Russia to let the United Nations start counting her soldiers, sailors, guns, tanks and planes Monday.

It agreed to undergo the same inspection.

Such an independent census, the U. S. said, would show once and for all who had the biggest armed forces—the Soviet Union or the Western powers.

**REJECTED BEFORE**

Russia has rejected all previous demands for such a count.

The new American move was occasioned by Russia's note to Britain last week charging that the Western powers had twice as many men under the arms as the Soviet Union.

It was made in a statement issued by Frank C. Nash, deputy U. S. representative on the U. N. Commission for Conventional (nonatomic) Armaments and onetime assistant to former Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal.

**SOVIET CLAIM**

The Russian note claimed that the Soviet Union had only 2,500,000 men under arms in comparison to the Western powers 5,000,000.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee said Feb. 14 that the correct figures were:

Russia: 4,000,000.

Russian satellites: 1,000,000—not counting Communist China.

Western Allies: 4,500,000.

Nash said:

"If the Soviet Government is genuinely concerned about this problem, as it professed to be in the note to the United Kingdom, the census and verification proposal can be acted on at once. The United States Government is prepared to begin working on it at once. We can begin meetings on Monday, if the Soviet Government desires to do so."

**NO ATOM WEAPONS**

The U. S. challenge did not mention atomic weapons. Russia has said previously that its refusal to permit such a count was because the U. S. declined to include A-bomb stockpiles in the census.

Nash told reporters that the question of atomic weapons still

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### Red Shirts Just Can't Stand Much Washing

BERLIN —(AP)— RIAS (Radio in American Sector) broadcast today a set of instructions it said were issued by a Russian-zone "people's - owned" factory with each shirt it manufacturers. The instructions:

"Don't boil, don't wash in hot water. Don't rub, brush, wring or tear. After rinsing, pull back into shape, if possible. Avoid heat from stoves or from the sun."

### OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler. Scattered showers likely tonight and tomorrow.

Sunrise, 6:50 A. M.; sunset, 6:20 P. M.

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**GAUDY SNOW**

Perhaps you think of new-fallen snow as always being white; but yellow, brown and red snow has fallen upon occasion. Pine or cypress pollen in the air at the time of a snowfall has been known to cause yellow snow. Brown snow, which is not uncommon, is caused by the intermingling of dust particles. Red-colored dust or minute organisms in the air, have caused red snow. This color is quite rare on the American continent, but it is not unusual in the Polar regions and in some of the mountainous regions of Europe.

HIS HOPE: 'PLAY COWBOY IN HEAVEN'

Ten-year-old Donald Redfearn (above) is dying with cancer, doctors say, at McLeansboro, Ill. — and he wonders "if God will let me play cowboy in Heaven." The little boy cheerfully reads some of the many messages pouring into his hospital room. His birthday is March 24. Friends fear he won't be alive then, and have planned a party for March 11. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Autoists Stranded In Midwest Storm

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Midwest areas staggered today from snow and ice storms and gale-like winds as Winter drove on relentlessly.

Hip-deep snow covered areas in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa. A blast of sub - zero cold moved into the Northern Plains and headed for the north central storm belt.

Some towns were isolated. About 1,000 persons were stranded overnight in Glenwood, in West Central Minnesota. Sleet pelted some areas and winds ranged from 20 to 40 miles an hour. Communications lines were disrupted.

As the winter elements battered the Winter-weary Midwest, Dixie was having a touch of Summer. Temperatures climbed into the 90's over the Gulf States, hitting record high marks for the date in many cities.

**SNOWPLOWS USELESS**

Snow plows were virtually useless in parts of Minnesota. Strong winds whipped the freshly falling snow back ont othe highways as quickly as they were cleared.

Although the snowfall was diminishing in most areas, the strong winds blew snow into huge drifts. Visibility in some sections was reported "zero-zero."

Heaviest snow today was over The storm was moving into the Lake Superior region and Federal Weather Bureau officials expected it to end during the day. Temperatures ranged from 15 to 20 above zero.

Falls measured fifteen inches at Sioux Falls, S. D., putting 24 inches on the ground There were 41 inches of snow on the ground at Calumet, Mich., including a new fall of five inches, and Land O'Lakes, Wis., plowed through snow up to a depth of 31 inches.

A band of sleet and freezing rain pelted parts of Central Wisconsin and Lower Michigan. Showers and thunderstorms hit over most of Missouri and parts of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Most of the 1,000 persons stranded at Glenwood, Minn., last night were housed in the high school gymnasium, the others in private homes. Most of them were in Glenwood for a high school basketball tournament.

The Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. reported nearly 200 long distance lines out in Iowa. Twelve Southeast Iowa towns were iso-

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## 18-Year Draft Victory Seen

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senate leaders claimed enough votes today to defeat a move setting the minimum draft age at eighteen years and six months.

A test will come Monday on the amendment by Senator Morse (R-Ore) to the Senate bill on Universal Military Training and Service (UMTS). The bill calls for lowering the draft age from the present nineteen to eighteen years — six months younger than Morse proposes.

The vote Monday will be the first measure of full Senate opinion on a provision of the controversial bill which originated with the Defense Department.

Senator Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex), floor manager for UMTS, told reporters that the Morse amendment "will be defeated by a substantial margin."

Most of the Senate's time yesterday was spent in a brisk verbal exchange between Morse and a fellow Republican, Senator Cain of Washington.

## Artist Held For Slaying Step-Son, Wounding Wife

NEW YORK —(AP)— An artist garbed in a woman's beige sports coat and paint-stained shoes was taken into custody today in the fatal stabbing of his seventeen-year-old stepson and the wounding of his estranged wife.

The painter, identified as Laszlo Pinter, 40, was found by police on Staten Island after an all night search. He had fled his Park Avenue studio bare-footed and in an undershirt last night after an apparent attempt at reconciliation with his wife, Mrs. Christine Pinter, 40, police said.

Police said Mrs. Pinter's son by a previous marriage, Leonard Allen Fleming, rapidly bleeding to death, staggered across the street to another apartment building, begged that police be called, slumped in a corner and died.

His cadet's uniform, from a Long Island academy, was stained with blood.

Neighbors told police they heard sounds of a fight in the Pinter apartment last night. In a few moments, the bleeding mother and youth were seen fleeing down the stairs.

Mrs. Pinter was picked up by a motorist and taken to a hospital, where her wounds were described as not serious. But she became hysterical when she learned her son had died only a few moments after he left the apartment building.

Police said the stabbings apparently were committed with a bloodstained antique belt-knife found on an ornate chest in the apartment.

The search for Pinter, police said, leds to an attractive, blonde woman friend of Pinter's. They said she supplied him with the coat and the shoes.

The woman, identified as Mrs. Frances Grassi, 35, also an artist, was quoted by police as saying Pinter liked to walk for hours on Staten Island when he was moody or upset.

## CIO Blasts New Price Index Plan

### Says Living Cost Underestimated

By HAROLD W. WARD

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The CIO charged today that the Government's new-type cost-of-living index which may be used to determine immediate pay boosts for more than 1,000,000 workers, does not reflect the actual rise in prices.

The pay increases—four or five cents per hour — are allowable under a formula adopted last Tuesday by Wage Stabilizer Eric Johnston and amended by him to permit cost-of-living adjustments agreed to by management and labor before the Jan. 25 wage freeze.

But the question is, will they be based on the new-type index or the old-type. It might make a cent or so difference.

The 8000,000 enjoyees of the auto industry will share the bonanza. Some of them—at Ford and Chrysler—would have been denied the full amount of adjustment had Johnston not acted. The cost-of-living increase plus other raises they have received in the past year would have pushed through the ten per cent pay raise ceiling in the unamended wage stabilization order.

**QUARTERLY ADJUSTMENT**

The pay adjustments are made every three months, at the rate of one cent an hour up or down with every rise or fall of 1.14 points in the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumers' price index.

The bureau, acting to gear its measurement of living costs to changing buying habits, yesterday put out its first new-type monthly index. It contained 25 new items and cut down the importance of food in the family budget of a moderate income family.

This drew the fire of the CIO, which argued that food prices have roomed since the Korean fighting began last June, and this was no time to begin a new kind of index. At least 2,700,000 workers now have contracts calling for periodic adjustments up or down as the index changes.

One million railroad workers were included Thursday when they signed a new agreement for non-operating employees. But their first adjustment won't be due until April 1, and must be okayed by the stablization agency under the Government formula.

**ILL-CONSIDERED'**

The CIO's chief of research and education, Stanley H. Ruttenberg, called the labor bureau's index change "ill-considered."

"As published," Ruttenberg said, "the new index has gone up less than the old over the past year. The new index understates the actual rise in prices because altera-

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## Queuille Fails To Form Regime

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN

PARIS —(AP)— Henri Queuille, a member of the Radical Socialist Party, today gave up his attempts to form a new French cabinet. President Vincent Auriol will now ask a Socialist to try.

Auriol had named Queuille premier-designate yesterday in the hope he could break the current deadlock over reforms in the electoral law. The Government of Premier Rene Pleven resigned over the issue Wednesday night.

Auriol summoned Socialist Guy Mollet to a conference for later today. Mollet, president of Council of Europe affiars, has never been premier.

Georges Bidault, leader of the Catholic-Popular Republican Movement (MRP) was the first called on by Auriol to make the attempt. Bidault threw in the sponge yesterday after trying in vain for 24 hours.

There was no assurance a Socialist could succeed where Bidault and Queuille had failed.

There is growing talk of getting together a temporary interim cabinet that would try to work out some kind of compromise election law, then hold new elections quickly. The elections had been scheduled for next autumn.

WEALTHY WIDOW WOULD MARRY CONVICT

Mrs. Addie Jackson of Indianola, Iowa, well-to-do widow, is shown above admiring the picture of Ernest (Ole) Lindquist, a life term prisoner whom she wants to marry. Lindquist (inset) hopes to obtain a parole from the Iowa state prison at Fort Madison in order to wed Mrs. Jackson. (Acme Telephotos.)

## Opposition To Chinese Reds Increasing On The Mainland

By FRED HAMPSON

HONG KONG —(AP)— Red Terror in Swatow, a crushed guerrilla movement, in Kwangsi, seething peasant unrest in the South — these were the reports out of Communist China today.

They all added up to what the Red capital at Peiping itself admitted only last week — that the dissidents are challenging their Communist masters all over China.

They come at a time when the Chinese Nationalists in their Formosan fortress 100 miles off China's southeast coast are declaring they will return to the mainland

Dispatches to the independent Wah Kiu Yat Po and other Chinese newspapers in Hong Kong said the Tommygun ruled in the port of Swatow, opposite Formosa.

They told of jails jammed with suspected adherents of Chiang Kai-shek, of relentless house-to-house searches, of 60 or more Chinese being marched out to the execution grounds nightly

A dispatch to Wah Kiu Yat Po were fleeing the Red terror of Swatow that Communist officials have clamped on new travel restrictions.

Wah Kiu Yat Po, which says it has an underground reporter in Swatow, reported thirteen Chinese were arrested for "forging government papers for the use of outbound travelers."

The same newspaper carried a Canton dispatch which quoted "official circles" as revealing 2,700 "reactionaries" had been executed in Swatow to date. The Swatow purge reportedly has been on for two months. Thousands of others have been executed in Kwangtung province, the paper said.

No other newspapers carried these reports. If true, they show a purge of far greater proportions than any reported yet.

A pro-Communist dispatch from Canton asserted the guerrilla movement had been dealt a crushing blow in Kwangsi, the South China province which has been a hot spot of resistance to Red rule

This account said 1,505 guerrillas had been killed or wounded, 29,372 captured and 9,285 had surrendered. It said of the total captured, 22,395 had "reformed". It made no mention of what was to be done with more than 16,000 who were "unreformed."

Peiping admitted recently that 3,000 of its agents had been killed in Kwangsi, next door to Canton and Kwangtung province

Despite the anti-guerrilla campaign, all signs indicate that the resistance rolls on in South China, cradle of Chinese revolutions

Peasant resistance is so severe

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## Truman Begins Vacation, Work Period At Key West

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

KEY WEST, Fla. —(AP)— A cheerful gray-haired man in a loud sports shirt and light blue summer trousers took over this naval submarine station today.

Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, was back in his favorite Winter vacation spot for his ninth visit.

He got a friendly welcome from the citizens of Key West as he rode through Duval and other business streets en route to his quarters from the Boca Chica Airport where he flew in from Washington yesterday.

Mr. Truman lost no time getting into light blue slacks and a gray, tail-out sports shirt with a huge figure of a fish.

And he demanded his official pass to be sure he could get in and out of the tightly-guarded entrance gate to the submarine station.

It was produced immediately. Mr Truman then announced he will go swimming today at the enlisted men's beach and lie on the sands for his first sunbath here since his visit last March.

The submarine station was more tightly-guarded than on his eight previous visits. Official passes of newspapermen were carefully inspected. The Secret Service detail, increased since the attempted assassination at the Blair House, was the heaviest ever seen here.

Boca Chica Airport, where Mr. Truman landed in The Independence yesterday, was heavily guarded. So were the streets through which the Presidential procession passed through crowd-lined streets of waving, cheering residents.

## Drew Pearson Sues Sen. McCarthy And Others For Over $5,000,000 Damages

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Drew Pearson, newspaper columnist and radio commentator, has sued Senator McCarthy (R-Wis), a Washington newspaper and at least seven other persons for damages totalling $5,100,000.

The suit filed in U. S. District Court yesterday asked $600,000 damages from McCarthy on two counts — one alleging a physical attack on Pearson and the other based upon alleged publication by McCarthy of a Senate speech.

In the speech, Pearson's suit said, McCarthy made a "false . . . attack upon (Pearson's) character, veracity, morality, competence and patriotism."

McCarthy, the Washington Times Herald, newspaper columnist Westbrook Pegler and radio commentator Fulton Lewis Jr. were among those named in Pearson's third count. It asks $3,000,000.

A fourth count called for an award of $1,500,000 against all the defendants together and "other persons, natural and corporate."

Pearson said in his third count that the defendants had caused him "actual damage of $1,000,000" because they made "similar statements about the same time . . . and contrived, pursuant to a preconceived plan and design formed prior to and on or about Dec. 12, 1950 . . . to hold plaintiff up to public scorn and ridicule." This, the suit said, was for the purpose of "injuring him in the conduct of his business" and resulted in Pearson's "contract with a certain sponsor to be canceled and negotiations with potential sponsors to be terminated." Pearson sued for treble the business damage he alleged was done to him.

The fourth count said the defendants created "a false and unfavorable opinion of the plaintiff . . . depriving him of the rewards of the industry in his business" as described in the third count.

Others named by Pearson were Edward K. Nellor, an employee of Lewis: George Waters and Don Surine, employees of McCarthy; Morris A. Bealle, Washington writer, and J. B. Matthews, formerly with the House Un-American Activities Committee. In addition, Pearson's complaint was against "John Doe, Richard Roe, and other persons" unknown to Pearson. John Doe and Richard

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## Dug-In Reds Battle To Hold Hills

### Gunfire Poured Down On Allies

By OLEN CLEMENTS

TOKYO —(AP)— American Marines pushed north of captured Hoengsong today on the central Korean front but heavy Chinese fire slowed their progress.

In three days the Leathernecks have ground ahead four miles across the jagged hills that rise to 1,500 feet around Hoengsong.

A heavy mortar fire slowed one Marine column two and one-half miles northeast of the road hub. Small arms and automatic weapons fire poured from mountain foxholes barred the Marine column striking northwest from the captured town

**ENEMY REINFORCED**

There were signs that the Chinese were pouring in reinforcement, in a gamble to save the last heights guarding roads running north and northwest from Hoengsong

The Marine column on the left flank pushed past the burned-out remains of a United Nations convoy that had been ambushed nearly three weeks ago when the Chinese and Korean Reds mounted their massive central front attack.

The convoy was strung out along nearly two miles of highway. United Nations and enemy dead scattered everywhere along the line were grim reminders of the fierceness of the fight. Some of the GIs were dead in their trucks, victims of the first shots.

**REPULSE REDS**

In the Pangnim sector east of Hoengsong, American Seventh Division infantrymen with flashing bayonets repulsed a Korean Red counter-attack.

The Reds struck about noon five miles northwest of Pangnim, charging through an intensive artillery shelling. They swept up a slope where the Americans were dug in.

The doughboys turned a withering small arms fire on the advancing Communists. Many fell, but others of the 500-man force swept forward.

Col William (Buffalo Bill) Quinn ordered a battalion of doughboys down the slope with fixed bayonets. The Reds broke and ran.

American artillery poured 3,000 rounds on a Communist force of 3,000 or more troops dug in just north of the Seventh Division position.

A tank-led patrol smashed a Red roadblock and ranged up the Pangnim-Changpyong highway to within one and a half miles of the badly smashed town.

**HILL AREA CLEARED**

To the west, Second Division troopers cleared Red Koreans from a hilly area three miles northeast of Hashung.

On the west flank of the Hoengsong front, British and South Korean troops gained up to one mile and a half They pushed within one mile of the Yongdu - Hoengsong highway The British 27th Commonwealth Brigade was fighting southeast of Yongdu, junction town along a lateral road linking with

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## Order On Cotton Price Ceiling Due

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Officials of the Office of Price Stabilization said today it tentatively plans to issue an order on cotton prices sometime this afternoon.

They would not say what the order contains. The agency has been planning for a long time to put uniform price ceilings on raw cotton. It could not be learned today whether this plan has been changed.

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