

Gallup Poll  
Harry Truman may be weak, but the Democratic Party still has a firm grip on the American electorate. Dr. George Gallup says today. Turn to the editorial page, 4A, for his analysis.

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## EXCHANGE OF POW MAIL



Lt. Harold T. Brachtell of Washington, D. C. (holding mail sock) delivers Chinese Communist and North Korean prisoner of war mail to North Korean military police Lt. Kong Chang in Panmunjom. (Acme Telephoto).

## Nearly 1,400 Die Accidentally Over Holidays

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The four-day new year's week and took 692 lives in violent accidents, bringing the death toll from Christmas and new year accidents to nearly 1,400.  
Traffic mishaps, as usual, accounted for the greatest toll over the new year holiday—367 dead. Another 60 perished in fires, and 100 were victims of miscellaneous accidents, including plane crashes.  
The National Safety Council has estimated 380 persons would have died in traffic mishaps during the new year holiday.  
The toll from a variety of miscellaneous accidents was boosted by the crash of an Air Force C-47 plane on a central Arizona mountain, with a loss of 28 lives, and the wreck of a scheduled C-47 airliner in the Allegheny foothills of New York State, in which 26 persons died.  
The four-day death toll still was lower than the record 790 total for Christmas and new year accidents, which was set in 1947.  
This New Year's traffic deaths compared with 304 during the three-day holiday last year.  
The Associated Press, for comparison purposes, made a survey of accidental deaths in a four-day non-holiday week-end period—Jan. 4-5, 1950.  
The non-holiday period death toll was 435 compared with 371 for the four-day Memorial Day week-end of 1951. In traffic deaths alone, there were 270 in the non-holiday period compared with 347 in the holiday period.

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## OUR WEATHER

Mostly fair today, tonight and Thursday and continued warm. Highest yesterday, 73 degrees. Lowest this morning, 54 degrees.  
Sunrise, 7:32 A. M.; sunset, 5:23 P. M.

## ERMINIE MUFFS

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## THREE ALTERNATIVES OFFERED

### European - Atlantic Debate Almost Obscures Common Goals Of Strength

(Note—Mr. Street, a New York Times correspondent in Europe for 20 years, is editor of Freedom & Union magazine. He recently returned from the NATO Council meeting in Rome and conferences with military and diplomatic leaders in Europe. The Editors, The News.)

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## REDS NOT IMPRESSED

### Allies Offer New Prisoner Trade Plan

MUNSAU, Korea. (AP)—Allied trade negotiators today proposed releasing all prisoners of war and displaced persons in Korea—with the guarantee no one would be sent home against his will.  
The Reds found the Allied proposal politically unpalatable.  
The plan starts out on a man-for-man basis of exchange as an all-for-all exchange, said Lt. Col. Howard S. Levin, spokesman for the United Nations command.  
"The Communists took one look at the proposal and then said 'It stinks,'" reported Red Army Lt. Libby, Allied negotiator.  
Libby expressed how North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Chai, Red

negotiator, would change his mind after he studies the complex plan and understands it.  
The proposal is intended to provide a compromise between the U. N. man-for-man exchange of prisoners proposal and the Reds' all-for-all demand, and at the same time provide for repatriation of all civilians who want to go home.  
NO MEET TODAY  
The negotiators on the prisoner question meet again at 11 a. m. Thursday (P. M. Wednesday EST). So will a second subcommittee on supervising a Korean truce which was tied up again yesterday. The Reds may rebuild their air fields during an armistice.

A U. N. Command communiqué said the Reds may rebuild their air fields during an armistice.  
"In principle, we are proposing an exchange of everyone who wants to be exchanged," said Lt. Col. Levin.  
"Anyone who did not want to be repatriated would not be sent back against his will. The International Red Cross would act as a supervising agent."

Levin said the exchange of prisoners would be made on the basis of man-for-man. "We have finished exchanging all prisoners of war left on the Korean peninsula," he said. "We will get to the point where we don't count heads."

There are two ways it would work:  
1. Prisoners of war who want to be exchanged would be on a one-for-one basis. The U. N. has about 150,000 prisoners. The Reds have about 11,000 held by the Reds. But all South Korean soldiers in Communist areas would be released as prisoners of war, swelling the Communist-held total.  
2. When one side ran out of prisoners to exchange would be continued—one prisoner for one civilian who wanted to be repatriated. Foreign civilians would come first. Prisoners released in this exchange would have to promise never to fight again during the side releasing them.

3. Prisoners of war who do not want to be exchanged would be released, but must promise never to fight in the Korean war again.  
4. After all prisoners had been released, all released, all remaining civilians who wished it would be repatriated.  
5. The International Red Cross

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## Party Climbing To Crash Site

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Airmen and sailors struggled up the icy face of a rugged central Arizona mountain today in an effort to rescue the wreckage of a B-24 bomber that crashed in a mountain killed in the crash of an Air Force C-47 transport plane.

Mounted on horses, the advance party of an excavation team followed a faint cattle trail leading to the place where the big plane crashed. The wreckage was in a narrow, steep, rocky gulch.

Guiding the group was Arnold Johnson, 30-year-old cattle ranch foreman, who yesterday went to the crash scene and found all of the plane's passengers, including 19 West Point cadets, dead.

Eight Air Force officers and men set up a base camp about a mile from the wreckage last night. A 35-man evacuation team left with Air Force Base for Armer Mountain this morning.

When the vanguard set out shortly after dusk, they figured the temperature at the foot of the mountain was 75 degrees below zero. The plane hit about 150 feet below the crest and the foot of the rocky bluff.

Johnson reported three to four inches of snow covered the ground around the scattered wreckage and bodies. Trees below the crash scene are loaded with snow.

"It's mighty rough country," Johnson said. "The horses will have to be led over some parts of the trail."

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## Truman Will Ask For Reorganization

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today announced plans for a sweeping shake-up of the scandal-ridden Internal Revenue Bureau.

He said the move is one of a series of steps he plans to take to protect the Government "from the insidious influence peddlers have exerted to corrupt and punish any wrong-doers."

The revenue bureau shake-up will be in the form of a reorganization plan to be submitted to Congress. It calls for abolishing the 64 offices of district collectors of internal revenue.

Most of these districts include a single state, but some of the large states have more than one district. In place of the regional district collectors, the reorganization plan calls for abolishing the 64 offices of district collectors of internal revenue.

Each activity in each district will be under jurisdiction of the district commissioner. CIVIL SERVICE  
The plan also calls for: All offices of the Internal Revenue Bureau to be subject to the Civil Service except that of the commissioner of internal revenue whose appointment will be by the President and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Establishment of a strong, vigorous inspection service completely independent of the rest of the bureau.  
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## Planes Hit Red Rail Centers

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Allied warplanes blasted Communist rail transfer centers here today as a frigid haze enveloped ground fighting, new almost at a standstill.

The U. S. Navy's 7th Fleet said the ground front was in one of its deepest holes of the so-called Twilight war.

U. N. troops on the Eastern Front threw back a light probe by 12 Reds in the Sate Valley. A U. S. 8th Air Force said it had no significant activity Wednesday morning on the Central Front.

## 219 SORTIES

But in the air, United Nations fighter-bombers flew 219 sorties by noon and cut rail tracks at 40 points. Pilots said a number of railroad cars were damaged.

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## EVENING PRAYER

Dear God, our Father, in humility of spirit we bow our heads before Thee. We lift our hearts in thanksgiving and praise for Thy goodness and mercy to us. For the gift of life, for Thy protection round about us, for Thy guiding hand upon us, and our country. In the name of Thy Son, Amen.

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