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Berlin Notes

PARIS (AP) — The North Atlantic Alliance today unanimously approved the final drafts of notes from the Western Big Three and West Germany rejecting Soviet pressure on Berlin. The notes are to be sent to Moscow before Jan. 1.

Antarctic Base

LITTLE AMERICA, Antarctica (AP) — A 10-man ground party left today to set up a U.S. auxiliary base 160 miles from Little America on the trail to Byrd Station.

Russian Threat

LONDON (AP) — Russia today rattled her intercontinental ballistic missile and a hydrogen-bomb head for it in defense of East Germany. "Any provocation in West Berlin and attempted aggression" against East Germany "may start a major war," said the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda. It was quoted by Moscow Radio.

Manhunt On

ATLANTA (AP) — Police in neighboring states were on the lookout today for two armed and dangerous convicts who escaped from a Stone Mountain work detail after trying up a guard and six prisoners. Description of Robert E. Mahan, 31, and Tom Hambrick, 56, were sent to law enforcement authorities.

Marine Enters Innocent Plea

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP) — Marine S. Sgt. Ralph A. J. Grant pleaded innocent at his general court-martial here today on charges that he assaulted and solicited money from members of an Ohio recruit platoon.

Grant, 26-year-old Korean War veteran from Racine, Wis., could get a maximum penalty of 3 1/2 years in prison and dishonorable discharge if convicted on all four counts against him. His military trial is the first of three scheduled for drill instructors who last summer led the Steel Valley recruit platoon through its 12-week basic training center.

Grant, senior drill instructor, is charged with soliciting contributions from Platoon members and receiving a gift in the amount of \$20.

One charge alleges he "intentionally inflicted grievous bodily harm" upon recruit Raymond E. Theisler of Youngstown, Ohio, by hitting him on the head with a plastic mess cup, causing a wound that required 11 stitches.

He is also charged with striking Pvt. William K. Hartman, of LeVittsburg, Ohio, with a mess cup. The defense, in its opening statement, claimed that Grant himself repeatedly advised members of his platoon of Navy regulations against proferring gifts to superiors.

The defense also said it would show that Pvt. Theisler received the scalp wound from a rifle slip in a training accident.



Frank Duncan (Left), Attorney J. W. Sullivan (Center).

Mom-In-Law Charged

Murdered Nurse's Mate, Dad Meet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The grief-stricken father of Olga Duncan, murdered Santa Barbara nurse, met his son-in-law for the first time Sunday.

Friends said Frank Duncan, the dead woman's husband, sobbed as he and Elias Kupczyk, her father, discussed tentative arrangements for her funeral at a meeting in Duncan's Hollywood apartment.

The funeral will be private, followed by cremation—the latter in accordance with an expressed wish of the pretty 30-year-old victim. The date of the funeral was not fixed.

Ventura County authorities charge that Olga Duncan died because her mother-in-law, 34-year-old Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, was jealous of the younger woman.

CONFESS

At a grand jury session Friday two men, Luis Moya, 22, and Augustine Baldonado, 25, repeated confessions investigators said they had given earlier, in which they told how the elder Mrs. Duncan offered them \$6,000 to kill Olga, who was five months pregnant.

The body was found Dec. 21 in a shallow grave near Castias Dam in Ventura County.

The coroner's office said the victim had been beaten and throttled and that death was due to suffocation, possibly from being buried alive.

The mother-in-law and Moya and Baldonado will be arraigned.

Carousel, Dixie Cage Meets Open

Sports Pages, 10-11A

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MEN LIVING 500 MILES UP IN 10 YEARS?

Huge Manned Space Wheel Proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new plan for a gigantic wheel in space—intended as a laboratory 300 miles above the earth—was proposed today.

Scientists from the Lockheed Missile Systems Division of Sunnyvale, Calif., predicted that the space art will be advanced enough to do the job in about 10 years. It would cost more than two billion dollars, they estimated.

The wheel with five spokes would be assembled in space, with ready-made units fired up to a construction crew.

In operation it would support a scientific crew of 10 men for six months completely independent of earth supply. It would have a self-

Road Toll Beneath Estimates

Traffic 592, Fire 96, Miscellaneous 93, TOTAL 781

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS Related reports today swelled the nation's toll of dead from traffic accidents over the four-day Christmas weekend to nearly 600.

Tragic as it was, the number of fatalities was fewer than the pre-holiday estimate of 620. Early in the long holiday, with highway deaths occurring at a much faster pace than anticipated, it appeared the final count would be far greater than the estimate.

But three-quarters through the weekend the rate of deaths slowed as motorists — apparently shocked by the awesome toll the first three days—exerted greater caution.

Police experts had expressed alarm at the slaughter on the highways from the start the 100-hour holiday period at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve to late Saturday. They had feared if the pace continued, nearly seven killed per hour, the total would surpass the all-time record of 1,000 traffic deaths set in the four-day 1956 Christmas weekend.

The National Safety Council was hopeful that the toll would not exceed its preliminary estimate of 620.

Fires took a heavy toll, including a rash of multiple death dwelling fires. The worst single fire took the lives of a mother and eight of her children in a farmhouse near Auburn, Wash. The record number of holiday fire deaths was 111 in the four-day 1951 Christmas period.

By DICK VALERIANI NEW YORK (AP) — The costliest newspaper strike in the city's history is over.

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The strike cost estimated at 50 million dollars. All four morning newspapers published. Editions began hitting the streets of this news-stricken city about 2 a.m., four hours after the strike's end.

They were the first since Dec. 11, when the nine major daily newspapers halted operations. Terms of the agreement were settled by negotiators Friday night.

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Evening Prayer

O God, through Christ our Lord, receive us this day that our lives may be made fruitful in Thy perfect life. Let us be so much as of the earth, that in seeing us, the world may see a reflection of Him, in the Saviour's name. Amen.

At least one person died on an icy highway during the period. The Highway Patrol noted that prolonged weekend rains melted the ice in the western part of the state and also apparently slowed the drivers down.

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The prediction was made by the Rand Corp., which does research work for the Pentagon. It was made public over the weekend at a session of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science.

Roger Hillsman, deputy research director of the Library of Congress legislative reference service, gave the estimate. He related it to an article about a Rand study in the current issue of the magazine.

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New Battles Pushing Cuban War To Climax



President Tito of Yugoslavia (left) and President Ahmed Sukarno of Indonesia are garlanded with flowers for Tito's arrival at Jakarta, Indonesia, on a state visit. With them is Mrs. Tito. Indonesia was a stop on the Titos' Afro-Asian tour.

Flowerly Chiefs Of States

New Yorkers Read Again As Expensive Strike Ends

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Offensives Begun By Both Sides

HAVANA (AP) — A climax in Cuba's two-year-old civil war appeared to be drawing near today. Fidel Castro's rebels smashed at government forces in eastern Cuba, and President Fulgencio Batista's army waged a fierce offensive against insurgents in the central part of the island.

In Oriente province, at the eastern end of the island, the rebel radio said four of Castro's columns were marching toward Oriente's capital, Santiago de Cuba, after hitting army forces elsewhere in the province.

The rebels said their goal was to set up an insurgent government in Oriente shortly.

In the central province of Las Villas, Batista's forces apparently had started a large-scale offensive to counter a string of rebel victories which threatened the provincial capital of Santa Clara. The government was sending in heavy artillery, tanks and bombers.

The rebels reported government planes bombed Santa Clara and the rebel-held town of Jatibonico, in Camaguey province near the Las Villas border. Camaguey lies between Las Villas and Oriente.

Other reports from Las Villas said Batista's planes and artillery heavily bombed and shelled rebel concentrations near the town of Santa Clara. One aim of the government offensive appeared to be to remove a rebel threat to the main highway between Las Villas and Oriente.

Despite rebel attempts to have populated places declared open cities, the government warned that it would make all-out counterattacks on towns held or threatened by the rebels.

A rebel exile organization in Miami said the planes bombed and strafed cities although the Army knew the rebels were camped outside the cities.

In New York, another group of exiles reported Castro had broadcast an accusation that the Dominican Republic is "preparing an attack on Cuba" and 30 warplanes with Cuban markings are in the area to "provolve the intervention of the Organization of American States or some international organization to thwart an otherwise inevitable rebel victory."

Rebel reports from Oriente indicated that 10,000 Batista troops there were in desperate trouble.

The insurgents claimed they captured the city of Palma Soriano, an important point on the main highway between Bayamo and Santiago, and inflicted 600 casualties on government forces, including 266 prisoners taken.

They said the highway from Bayamo to Santiago, a distance of about 75 miles, was under rebel control. Rebel casualties were put at 27 dead and 30 wounded.

The rebel broadcasts said a government battalion was holding out at Matanzas in order to begin a campaign of Contramarea between Bayamo and Palma Soriano, but said it was surrounded and the town virtually destroyed.

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The Los Angeles Examiner, which published the copyrighted letter, said it is "certain to become one of the great historical documents of the war in the Pacific."

MYSTERY SOLVED FOR SCHOOLBOY

'Trap... Retreat,' Jap Thought

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Japanese admiral has told a U.S. schoolboy his fear of a trapped him to withdraw his fleet from the Philippines in World War II.

The 2,030-word letter of Vice Adm. Kiyohide Shima to 16-year-old Bill Frazer of Palmdale, Calif., broke the admiral's long silence on a mystery which has puzzled war historians.

Frazer had asked Shima why he pulled his forces out of the crucial battle of Leyte Gulf in October, 1944. The youth will use the information in a history term paper in junior high school.

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Our Weather

Decreasing cloudiness today. Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow, turning colder tomorrow night.

High yesterday — 57 High expected today — 57 High expected tomorrow — 50 Low this morning — 45 Low expected tonight — 40 Sunrise, 7:31 a.m.; sunset, 5:19 p.m.

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