

# French Demolish Russian Radio Towers In Berlin

## Structures Held Dangerous To Aviation

### Action Is Made Without Incident

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Ready for the Christmas carol season are (front, left to right) Billy McLaurine, Van Giersch, Allan Chapman, (back row) Jimmy Vields, James Jordan and John Simms-Lee.

## CHOIR BOYS GET CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

### To Celebrate Tidings Of Great Joy

#### Churches Plan Song Programs

**By MACK BELL**

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## Changes In U. S. Defense Setup Urged

### Present System Labeled Costly

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Moosa's dispatch cited ached rumors in Shanghai earlier that Peiping had been captured. The veteran AP correspondent's story was filed at 12:30 P. M.—11:30 P. M. Wednesday, EST—and relayed to San Francisco via Shanghai.

## Denial Made To Court In New York

### New Spy Probe Jury Sworn In

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Hiss, 44-year-old former high-ranking policy adviser in the State Department, made his plea in a 10-minute voice.

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## Father Faces Murder Count

**RACELAND, Ky. (AP)** — The 34-year-old father of two teenagers was charged today with murdering a railroad construction worker by whom he was killed.

The charge was made by a former coach at Raceland High School, gave himself up at police headquarters, said Sheriff William Adkins of Greenup County, after his attorney had already been contacted by his wife's alleged attorney.

The Sheriff said McBrayer told him he was in the front seat of a car when he was shot. He was in the car when he was shot. He was in the car when he was shot.

## Fierce Weather Threatens To Delay Rescue Attempt

**WESTOVER AIRPORT**

A blizzard threatened to delay a daring attempt to rescue a man who was trapped in a blizzard. The rescue attempt was delayed by the blizzard.

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## Home For Christmas By Plane

### Organize Their Own Airlift

**FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP)** — A chance remark—the wish of a GI that he could fly home for Christmas—has become a reality. An airlift that will carry an estimated 700 soldiers East for the holidays.

The demand for chartered planes is so great, in fact, the military has had to call for help from California.

## Marines Will Not Defend Shanghai Against Reds

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Marines being sent to Shanghai have orders to defend the city against the Chinese, but they will not defend the city against the Chinese.

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## 'Reporter' Returns To Pages Of News

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