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REAL COVER GIRLS FROM TEXAS



Guests of honor at a fashion show in New York for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis were Wanda Wiley (left) of Austin, Tex. and Linda Brown, five-year-old from San Antonio, Tex. Eight-year-old Wanda is the 1950 poster girl for the March of Dimes, and Linda was poster girl for the 1949 campaign. (Acme Telephoto.)

Joint Chiefs Visiting Japan

U.S. To Keep Asia Fleet Strong

By RUSSELL BRINES
TOKYO—(AP)—Adm. Forrest P. Sherman laid today the American Far Eastern Fleet will be kept at maximum strength in the face of expanding Soviet submarine power in Asia.

At the same time Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and Air Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, said they knew no plan to strengthen land and air forces in the Western Pacific.

Admiral Sherman's statement came at the end of a second day for the visiting joint chiefs of staff. They would hold base.

During their visit they have visited the United States should keep its 600,000-ton naval base at Yokosuka for an indefinite period.

Admiral Sherman told correspondents that Russia has between 70 and 200 submarines in commission. About a fourth of these are in the Pacific, he said.

Earlier he said the Navy would keep the Seventh Task Fleet in Asiatic waters "as long as we can." He added the Navy might make some additions in the Pacific and would reorganize its forces to keep some cruisers and at least two aircraft carriers instead of one in Pacific waters.

The Vandenberg statement did not imply a flat rejection of recommendations made yesterday by General MacArthur's top commanders for increased strength to hold the Asiatic base.

Gen. J. Lawton Collins, and Admiral Sherman who toured Yokosuka naval base yesterday, today returned with a conviction that the base should remain definitely in American hands.

Admiral Sherman termed it the best American base "in this part of the world."

General Bradley showed interest in "I wouldn't have missed this."

U. S. Considers Berlin Move
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The United States is considering "contingency" measures against new Russian transport restrictions between Western Germany and Berlin, the state department said today.

Such reports require immediate action by the United States to prevent the Berlin blockade of last year.

The Paris agreement restored an uninterrupted flow of rail and road traffic between Berlin and the Western zones.

Michael McDermott, State Department press officer, declined to discuss what counter measures might be taken. He would say only that possibilities are being investigated.

SC Sales Tax Bill Is Killed
COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—The State House of Representatives killed a proposed three per cent general sales tax today.

Representatives voted down a bill proposing the sales tax by adopting the fifth refocusing attempt.

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De Gasperi Regime Wins First Test
ROME—(AP)—Premier Alcide De Gasperi's new Government won its first test in Parliament today.

The Chamber of Deputies voted 259 to 178 to consider legislation approving Italy's United Nations mandate over Somaliland.

Communists and pro-Communist Socialists led the opposition. The Government wants immediate parliamentary action so that Italian administrative and military forces can arrive at the African colony before monsoon weather strikes.

U.S. Still Holds Out For Atomic Inspections

Don't Agree To Scrap Weapons

Truman Gives American Stand

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman made plain today the U. S. stands by its demand for tight international control inspections before outlawing atomic weapons, including the projected new hydrogen bomb.

Mr. Truman also told a news conference he sees no reason for formal notification to the United Nations on his order for the atomic energy commission to continue work on atomic weapons, including the hydrogen bomb.

Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) the Republican foreign policy leader, has suggested that the President to stop work on the hydrogen bomb.

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Also, he said, he does not propose to consider the hydrogen bomb on the international control front.

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Wide Areas Threatened

Rising Rivers Rout Thousands

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Heavy rain and sleet dumped torrents of flood waters into the fast-rising Ohio River today.

The Ohio hit the 49 foot mark at Cincinnati during a heavy down-pour. Flood waters into the fast-rising Ohio River today.

Four to six days of steady rain and sleet swept the Ohio and its tributaries.

In Eastern Arkansas 19,570 persons have been forced out of their homes, chiefly because of the flood.

Evacuations continued near Nashville and Columbia, Tenn. The Cumberland and Duck Rivers rose.

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President Dodges

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Operators Accept Bid For Truce

UMW Promises Reply Tomorrow

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Northern and Western coal operators today accepted President Truman's proposal for a 70-day strike truce while fact-finders investigate the conflict.

They advised the White House of their acceptance shortly after collapse of direct negotiations—began only yesterday—with John L. Lewis.

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