

A new congressional session opens on Jan. 3 and is full of weighty legislative matters. For a quick survey of some of the problems, turn to the editorial page, 4-A.

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A ANNOUNCEMENT SOON?

ELSENBERG'S BACKERS EXPECT BREAK

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans backing General Eisenhower for President appeared confident today there will be a major development shortly to support their contention that he is available for the GOP Presidential nomination. They indicated announcement of such a development could be expected as a new conference will be held here Sunday by Sen. Lodge of Massachusetts, campaign manager of the Ike-for-President Republican.

Lodge himself responded "indeed yes" when asked whether he will be at the conference. He said he would be there, but also refused to discuss them with newsmen. Duff put it this way: "I can't say we had had news."

Both Senators have said they don't expect Eisenhower will step out while still in uniform as Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Defense Force in Europe. And political strategists working here and elsewhere in behalf of Eisenhower reportedly are looking for him to do his khaki until after a February meeting of the defense organization in Detroit.

U. S. Building Up Chiang's Forces

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is helping build up Chinese Nationalist forces on Formosa and in the mainland. The aid may play an important role in Asia.

Until there is a break in the Korean crisis or a shift of pressure between the military and Administration roadblock stands in the way of any plan to use Chiang Kai-shek's forces in an attack on the Communist-held mainland.

His re-statement of U. S. policy came from diplomatic sources today after Maj. Gen. William C. Chase spoke out on the possibility of a U. S. Nationalist "team" in action outside Formosa.

Chase, who is head of the American military advisory group on the island, called in a new year statement yesterday for closer cooperation between the military and Generalissimo Chiang's forces. He wanted to make sure that the "team" is ready for whatever action is called for whether it is on this island or in other troubled areas.

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GI CHOICE

Wreckage Found In Remote Area After Search

Rescued Passengers Rest In Hospital

LITTLE VALLEY, N. Y. (AP)—Fourteen survivors of the crash of a non-scheduled airplane rested in a hospital this New Year's Day as rescue workers completed the grim task of recovering the bodies of the 26 persons killed.

None of the survivors was reported in critical condition. The twin-engine plane crashed about 10:25 P. M. (EST) Saturday while on a flight from Pittsburgh to Buffalo.

Shapely Franca Faldini (above), 29-year-old Italian-born nurse, was one of the 14 survivors of the crash of a non-scheduled airplane.

Leonard Chouinard of Detroit mashes through the snow with his team of seven Samoyed work dogs. He explains that they never get stuck, never freeze up or give him trouble while in harness. The dogs aren't bothered by auto horns or city noises. (Acme Telephoto).

Reds To Give More Prisoner Data

Negotiators Begin New Year In Deadlock

WASHINGTON (AP)—The new year opened with truce negotiators in Geneva today, but they were unable to agree on a plan to supervise a Korean armistice.

Communist negotiators did agree to supply more information on 50,000 missing Allies, mostly South Koreans, and agreed in principle on repatriating civilians.

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"Time is the price you pay for progress," Joy said in the tape-recorded statement, broadcast to the U. S. "Unless you come prepared to spend time, you only short-change yourself and cheat those who depend on you."

In a new year statement President Syngman Rhee of South Korea said he would not accept any agreement on an armistice unless it was based on the principle of "no victor, no vanquished."

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NEW YEAR'S RIFLE SHOT FATAL TO MOTHER OF 3

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 15-year-old boy celebrated New Year's by firing his rifle, Washington police said today, and a bullet struck the mother of three children, killing her.

Homeick Capt. Richard Felber identified the woman as Mrs. Ollie Estep, 41, Negro. He said an ambulance physician pronounced her dead at 12:35 A. M. (EST).

Capt. Felber said the young boy was being held pending a coroner's inquest. He said the boy was firing a .22 caliber rifle, a gift of Christmas a year ago, through the open window of his bedroom.

Mrs. Estep, dialing the radio in her living room a block away, toppled to the floor, Capt. Felber said. The fatal bullet, he said, crashed a window pane and passed through her body.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said today it was damaged by two U. S. F-86 Sabre jets fired at each other, but the U. S. Fifth Air Force said none was damaged.

On the ground the U. S. Eighth Army said the only action New Year's Day up to noon was a 40-minute fight against a lone squad of attacking Reds northwest of Yoncheon on the Western Front.

Despite the twilight war, the Eighth Army said, the Communists lost 3,866 men last week, including 2,300 killed, 1,562 wounded and 41 taken prisoner.

Reviewing the work of his Fifth Air Force planes during December, Lt. Gen. Frank F. Everitt announced "Communist transportation and supply facilities were left badly battered at the end of 1951."

During the month, he said, 4,296 Red supply trucks, 1,839 supply and troop buildings, 36 locomotives and 118 box cars and 100 rail lines were reported cut, 2,461 times. Air attacks were credited with killing or wounding 1,629 Communist troops.

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A single bi-plane glided at 900 feet across Kimp'o field, 22 miles from Seoul, at 3 A. M. It dropped a string of eight mortar shells.

They hit no planes, not even a runway, said airframe officer Lt. D. C. Hamer of Winston-Salem, N. C.

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Arizona Hills Searched For Missing Transport

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—The famed Superstition Mountains of Central Arizona—site of the Lost Dutchman gold mine—may hold the fate of an Air Force transport missing with 38 persons aboard, including 19 airmen.

A force of 68 planes, including four from states was poised to take off at dawn and comb the rugged area where aircraft wreckage was sighted late yesterday on the slopes of 6,975-foot Iron Horse.

The peak is some 20 miles north of Superior, Ariz., and 55 to 60 miles east of Phoenix.

Police estimated that 100 military personnel were in Times Square when midnight signalled the New Year. The figure was 150,000, greater than last year's.

A bedlam of noise, augmented by train whistles, greeted the New Year in Philadelphia. But a New Year's Eve celebration in the city was to come today in the annual parade of thousands of revelers.

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Norfolk Shipping Hit By Strike

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—The port of Norfolk, one of the busiest in the world, greeted 1952 today with its activities at a virtual standstill as a result of a strike by employees of the area's two largest towing companies.

Nearly all coal and other materials were stopped following the midnight walkout of more than 250 workers for the Curtis Bay Towing Co. and McAllister Brothers Inc.

A number of general cargo vessels also were unable to leave the port. The strike, voted last week by members of the United Marine Division of the AFL Longshoremen's Association, came after contract negotiations halted early last night.

The union demands an undisputed pay increase and a reduction of the 48-hour week to 40 hours.

Hawser boat workers now on paid between \$100 and \$357.50 per month, compared with \$75 to \$170 a month last year, and harbor boat men get between \$1 and \$1.50 per hour.

An immediate embargo on further coal shipments from the mines to Norfolk was announced by the Virginia Railway.

Partly cloudy and continued warm today and tonight. Wednesday, considerable cloudiness and cooler. Thursday, scattered showers. High temperature yesterday, 60 degrees; low this morning, 52 degrees.

Sun, 7:32 A. M.; sunset, 5:23 P. M.

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RAIN-LEAVES

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