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Rep. Peter F. Mack, (D-III.) lands his small single-engine plane at Honolulu after an eleven-hour, 34-minute flight from Midway on his round-the-world goodwill flight. He is the first man to fly solo across the Central Pacific in a light plane. (UP-Acme).

Night Riders Worry Whiteville Section

By NOEL YANCEY
WHITEVILLE (AP)—Night riding foggers have created a serious, tense situation in Columbus County in Southeastern North Carolina. In less than four months four white men have been hanged from the trees, blindfolded, taken to lonely places and strangled. These incidents, occurring one after the other, have created an atmosphere of fear and distrust in some sections of the tobacco farming area. The fear of many homes are bolted at dusk, the occupants afraid to open their doors to callers for fear of being seized by mobsters. Officers investigating the situation have heard reports of other flogging cases. Still others believe the progress they are making. But Sheriff Hugh Nance told a civic club recently: "It can assure you progress is being made."

Eight Children Die In Blazing Home

COOS BAY, Ore.—Fire swept through a two-story house north of here early today and eight children apparently burned to death. Only Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weeks and one daughter of the family of 11 left the burning house. Coroner Brewer Mills said all 11 were believed to be in the house when the fire started, and the father said he thought all were dead. Weeks told of a tragic effort to save his only son and the daughter who first saw the fire told of being forced back from his effort to enter the house. The three survivors were hospitalized with burns.

OUR WEATHER

Mostly fair and warm today, maximum temperature near 70 degrees. Clear and cool tonight, minimum temperature of 46 degrees. Tomorrow partly cloudy and mild. Highest temperature 69 degrees. Lowest this morning 50 degrees. Sunrise, 7:32 A. M.; sunset, 5:25 P. M.

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EARLY WEATHERMEN
How old is the profession of weather forecasting? Ever since man has inhabited the earth he has been making his own weather observations and drawing conclusions from them. But the earliest known professional forecasters were the ancient Egyptians who issued official prophecies some 4,000 years ago. These are preserved in cuneiform tablets in the British Museum. Among the earliest known early weathermen based their forecasts were rings around the sun and moon—halos and coronas—which are recognized today as reliable signs of rain or snow.

COMMUNISTS BLAMED TARGETS NEAR POW CAMP HIT

MUNSAN, Korea.—(AP)—The United Nations Command said today Allied planes attacked "barracks and military targets" in the vicinity of a Red prisoner of war camp at the time the Communists say it was bombed. But said Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo, the Allies don't know whether the camp was bombed because they don't know where it is. The Reds haven't given its exact location and U. N. photo planes can't find it or ten other POW camps in North Korea, he added. The Communists said fifteen Allied soldiers were killed and six injured in a bomb raid on the Red POW camp Monday night. The Reds accused the bombing of the Allies to charge the Communists were violating the Geneva convention protecting POW camps from the hazards of war. The U. N. said the Communists would be taken up with the Reds "at the earliest opportunity."

There was no Red response to the U. N. during the day's true talk at Panmunjom. Negotiators still are deadlocked on how to exchange prisoners and what will be done with Red airfields during an armistice. The U. N. said the Communists denied two international Red Cross representatives permission to enter the camp. But Otto Lehner, chief East delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, flown to Panmunjom with Albert de Coetzier seeking permission to enter the camp. The U. N. said the Communists denied two international Red Cross representatives permission to enter the camp. But Otto Lehner, chief East delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, flown to Panmunjom with Albert de Coetzier seeking permission to enter the camp.

Two More Red Jets Damaged
SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Outnumbered U. N. Sabers jet damaged a Communist MIG-15 today in two flaming air battles high over North Korea. A pilotman in the U. N. plane was killed in the first battle. The second battle, which took place at a lower altitude, resulted in the downing of a second Communist plane. The U. N. Fifth Air Force said the first jet involved 36 Sabres and 80 MIGs. Later, 22 F-86s beat the same number of Communist planes. One MIG was damaged in each battle.

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SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—North California prepared today for another onslaught by steady wind and rain which already have taken seven lives, marooned hundreds of travelers, and closed schools and flooded homes and lowlands. How many more may have been killed, injured or missing in the onslaught of steady wind and rain could not be determined. The U. N. said the Communists denied two international Red Cross representatives permission to enter the camp. But Otto Lehner, chief East delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, flown to Panmunjom with Albert de Coetzier seeking permission to enter the camp.

'Paper Prohibition' Acheson Blasts Soviet Atom Proposal
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson, blasting new Soviet disarmament proposals, accused the Russians today of seeking only a "paper prohibition" against atomic weapons. He said they offered no assurance of agreeing to a control system which would assure prohibition of such weapons. Acheson spoke out in a news conference discussion of Soviet disarmament proposals placed before the United Nations in Paris. He said the United States would examine the Russian ideas but that international inspection which the Soviets are now talking about has never been regarded as an adequate safeguard against the illegal possession of atomic weapons in defiance of some future control system. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky has offered to accept international control at the same time a ban on nuclear weapons goes into effect and to accept continuous international inspection of atomic facilities instead of only periodic inspection. Acheson said that the Russians, by their "proclaimed" prohibition and "reference in the domestic affairs of any state so that the Soviet Union" would appear to give with one hand (in agreeing to inspection) what it takes away with the other.

A key requirement in this resolution proposed by the United States is a provision of the plan supported by a majority of the United Nations for creation of an international control agency which would own all atomic materials and own and operate all atomic facilities using materials in dangerous quantities. Acheson noted in a formal statement that the Russians had opposed a resolution sponsored by the Western powers in the U. N. for creation of the disarmament commission. He said the resolution was voted by the Russians then reintroduced old proposals on disarmament which they described as "new."

WHERE STREAMLINER MAROONED



Map locates Donner Summit near which the streamliner City of San Francisco with 226 passengers is marooned by heavy snows in the blizzard-swept Sierras. Two rescue parties are trying to push through to the stranded train. (AP Wirephoto Map).

Snowplows Only Two Miles Away Help Near Snowbound Train

COLFAX, Calif.—(AP)—Rescuers snowplowing through deep drifts pushed within two miles of a blizzard-trapped streamliner today—but still faced much work to reach and bring out 222 stranded passengers and crewmen. The passengers have been snowbound since Sunday aboard the Southern Pacific's luxurious City of San Francisco. They're in Donner Pass, altitude 7,200 feet. Here's the complicated situation: A rescue train still has 1 1/2 miles to go to reach a highway where it will pick up the passengers. A highway crew still must open 1 1/2 miles of No. 20 to reach its nearest point—1 1/2 mile of the stranded train. WEATHER IMPROVING The weather was moderating at last, temporary, and an S. P. spokesman said all passengers will walk the half mile to the highway.

Meanwhile, another train started again at daylight from Norden, 25 miles uphill from the streamliner. It turned back last night because of mechanical trouble. This train carries medical supplies, dog and dog sleds. As rescuers worked through the snow, the stranded passengers huddled in the 20-degree chill of the 7,200-foot Sierra Nevada winter. Snowshoes were used to clear a fuel oil for heat ran out Monday night. Only four had made it out from the train. They told a story of cold and chills, and of heroic work to defeat the deadly gas by a doctor and his nurses. They rode out on a snow tractor yesterday.

The four, all servicemen, still were sleeping this morning at Nyack Lodge, 5 1/2 miles downspore. FOOD SUPPLY AMPLIFIED The passengers had ample food carried in by a public utility company. The servicemen who made it out told how the gas hit some passengers. They said about 60 were overcome temporarily and about 25 were killed. The U. N. said the Communists denied two international Red Cross representatives permission to enter the camp. But Otto Lehner, chief East delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, flown to Panmunjom with Albert de Coetzier seeking permission to enter the camp.

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President Outlines Objectives For '52

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Truman called today for a 1952 tax increase approaching five billion dollars by boosting "some" rates and plugging loopholes. But Mr. Truman dropped, for the present, his goal of a pay-as-we-go mobilization. And in seeking new revenue, which many Congressional tax leaders say they will not vote, the President did not specify whether the burden should be added to business, income, or excise rates—or all three.

His annual economic message to Congress forecast the "most difficult year of the administration built up, large federal deficits, some civilian shortages but few hardships, and a 'precarious' price problem. GOALS FOR YEAR Mr. Truman fixed two major goals for this "year of strain": First, a 5 percent rise in national output; second, one and a third million more men and women at work. His want-list of legislation was long. It began with a two-year extension of the Defense Production Act; the repeal of "wasteful" price control amendments; improved farm price supports; stronger curbs on consumer and bank credit; and so on to a total of a dozen laws. But the shaker, as far as Congress was concerned, was the President's claim demand for the rest of the "19 billion dollar or more" tax raise he requested last session—of which he got only \$5,400,000,000.

LEADERS OPPOSE BOOST Tax-writing leaders of both houses have stated publicly they will not increase rates in 1952, after piling 15 billions onto the country's tax load last year and a half. Some repeated the declaration privately today. House Speaker Wm. C. Celler (D-Tex.) told reporters he does not believe Congress will vote "any substantial" increase in taxes. Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) of the House Ways and Means Committee, which deals first with legislation, said his group would consider any specific recommendation from the Truman administration. But Doughton commented that sentiment throughout the country appeared to be very strong against any increase in taxes. Senator George (D-Ga.) head of the tax-handling Senate Finance Committee, commented: "I'm not in favor of any general tax increase." He added, however, that if the House passed any bill to raise taxes, "we'll stick by them over here."

These congressmen, as well as several White House aides, have expected Mr. Truman to emphasize the elimination of so-called loopholes and "inequities" in the present tax system. Well-to-do groups have escaped their full share of the tax burden, or excise taxes on luxuries mentioned above, in fact, provide two to three billion dollars in revenue this fiscal year, ending June 30, and a "dangerously large deficit" of about 15 billion dollars for the following year, asked for both revenue-raising approaches to minimize the red ink. "I urgently recommend that the Congress, as a minimum, provide additional revenues in the amount by which last year's legislation fell short of its goal," he said. "This can be achieved by eliminating loopholes and special provisions."

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