

### A JUMP THAT DIDN'T COME OFF

James Vickery of Atlanta, Ga., spent two hours and a half on the ledge of the Venetian Hotel in Miami threatening to jump to his death before he was grabbed by policemen and firemen. The photo panel above shows him as he started to edge backwards, then put his hands up to his face as rescuers edged towards him. Picture on the far right shows the rescue. (United Press Telephotos).

### Tobin Fires Opening Blast

The signs here clear today that Democratic attacks on Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will increase in tempo as the time nears for his return to seek the Republican presidential nomination.

Secretary of Labor Tobin, in one of the first administrative blasts at Eisenhower as a politician, said in Cumberland, Md., last night that the Democratic party "isn't interested in a mystery man" as a candidate.

"I won't be satisfied with a smile or a knock for kissing babies," Tobin said. He did not mention the general by name, but he is little doubt he was referring to him.

Meanwhile, the State Department—strong no politics was involved in the action—said it had just passing out pictures of Eisenhower to American planning to visit Europe.

### EXPLAIN SITUATION

The department said in the past 15 months it had distributed thousands of pictures of Eisenhower on pamphlets explaining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, in which he is the supreme commander. The last was issued 10 days ago and will be printed.

The pamphlets came in light after a Revere (R-Tenn) told a Boston news conference that the Truman administration is spending huge sums to promote Eisenhower as a political opponent because "he figure Eisenhower" is their "best bet" to beat Revere, a supporter of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio for the GOP nomination, first major challenger to Truman.

Major political activity today centered in the Republican conventions were scheduled.

### TFT IN ARKANSAS

TFT plans to keynote the Arkansas convention tonight. An Eisenhower leader in the state, Jefferson

### WE Warehouse, Sales Strike Ends

NEW YORK (U)—Negotiators today agreed on a settlement of a 15-day strike of 6,000 Western Electric Co. warehousemen and salesmen in 28 cities.

The terms were subject to ratification by the local members of the CIO Communication Workers of America.

The agreement came after a dogged, marathon round of talks that began yesterday afternoon and ended today.

### OUR WEATHER

Cloudy and cool with showers tonight. Saturday fair and mild. High temperature expected today 70 degrees. Low temperature expected today 53 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow 69 degrees.

Sunset 6:23 A. M.; sunset 7:43 P. M.

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### DRILLS MIGRATE UP

All migrating birds travel north in the Spring. No. Some migrate from valleys to mountains, instead of horizontally across country. 30 types are following the advance of warm weather. The Great Smokies, find the same kind of breeding grounds as their cousin that fly hundreds of miles north.

### Comic Dictionary

PHILOSOPHY  
The ability to explain why you're happy when you're poor.

# Each Empire's Own S. Cruiser

## Disaster Worst Of Korean War For Navy

### 2 Carolina Seamen Are Among Victims

TOKYO (U)—Thirty American seamen were killed in an explosion in a gun turret on the cruiser *St. Paul* off Korea Monday. The Navy, announcing that today, called it the worst naval disaster of the Korean War.

The Navy said a "gun powder fire of undetermined origin" set off an explosion in an 8 inch forward turret. A board is investigating.

The *St. Paul* is commanded by Capt. Roy A. Gann of Falls Church, Va. She is the flagship of Rear Adm. Earl E. Stone, commander of Cruiser Division One.

The *St. Paul* was firing on Communist forces in the Korean east coast. It continued firing after the blast and still is in Korean waters.

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The man had been about seven feet tall, wearing a hat and wearing brown trousers.

All police cars were summoned to the S. Church St. area and it was being closely searched.

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Company spokesmen declined to comment on the strike, saying their jobs at its plants in Greensboro, Burlington and here, Union spokesmen claimed the strike was almost wholly effective.

More than 8,400 employees, including supervisory and office personnel, are affected. The union has a membership of about 5,000 production and maintenance workers in the three cities.

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## 30 Sailors Died In Turret Like This

These photos, released by the Department of Defense some time ago, are identified as the forward eight-inch gun turrets of a cruiser. Photo at left shows the guns being fired during action off Korea. Photo at right shows the comparative size of the turret. It was in the powder magazine below a similar turret aboard the *Cruiser St. Paul* in Korean waters that 30 men died in an explosion. Although the explosion occurred Monday, the story was not released until today.

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By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN  
MUNSON, Korea (U)—The U.N. command tonight proposed a full-dress meeting Sunday of Allied and Communist armistice delegates. The surprise move came six hours after the Communists broke off secret negotiations on how to exchange prisoners of war.

The U. N. gave no reason for suggesting a plenary session.

The Communists called off the secret prisoner negotiations after the U. N. command announced it would return less than half the Reds captured in Korea.

The effect of the Red action was to remove the veil of secrecy from negotiations.

The prisoner talks were recessed at the request of Col. George Hickman, who said the U. N. command wanted to reassess its position in the light of developments.

The Communists did not reply immediately to the request for a full-dress session.

The five-man truce teams of admirals and generals have not met since mid-February.

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### Adm. Ostlie Awarded DSM For Korean War

TOKYO (U)—The Navy announced today Rear Adm. Ralph A. Ostlie has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his service as commander of the *USS St. Paul*.

Ostlie was in command of the *USS St. Paul* during the Korean War. He was awarded the DSM for his service as commander of the *USS St. Paul*.

### ELECTIONS IN KOREA

PUSAN, Korea (U)—South Korea held its first nationwide local elections today. Voters chose 17,250 city and county council members from 7,500 municipalities which are eligible to vote.

### Press Office Busy With Clarification

## 'Ultimatum' Story Causes Sensation

By ERNEST B. VACCARO  
WASHINGTON (U)—President Truman's oft-cited assertion that he forced the Russian ultimatum to Iran by a personal ultimatum to Premier Stalin led to some unhappy tongue-clacking in high quarters today.

A press office clarification of Truman's extemporaneous statement made at a news conference yesterday pointed out the embarrassment occasioned by this and other off-the-cuff remarks that have raised eyebrows around the world.

British newspapers splashed the "ultimatum" story under such headlines as "sensation at Truman table," and "blunders by Mr. Truman."

In diplomatic language an "ultimatum" is regarded as a step just short of a declaration of war. It is a presidential press secretary who formerly worked at the State Department, said that reporters asked Truman had used the word in a "non-technical, layman sense."

The state in question, he said, was not one from the President to Stalin, but a note from this government to the Soviet government on March 6, 1946, published the next day, stating this country's position against Russia's continued occupation of Iran.

"As you probably recall," Tubbey said, "the Russians withdrew their troops from Iran in May, 1946."

Truman cited the Iran matter in outlining some of the actions he and other Presidents have taken to meet national emergencies. He was talking about his seizure of the steel industry to prevent a strike.

The important thing the President said was that he had to seize the steel industry to keep up the production necessary to building up this country's strength.

The President's statement was referring to United States leadership in the United Nations and through diplomatic channels.

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