

IT DID HAPPEN!  
Electra, Tex. —(UP)—A boy, 15, who confessed to four burglaries here in less than three weeks, denied overlooking \$200 in a filling station. He took only \$14. He saw the larger amount, but was afraid to steal so much money, he told police.

# NATIONALISTS ASK CEASE FIRE

## Cold Wave Curdles Country

**RAGING WIND BELTS WEST, GREAT LAKES**

**Winter Cuffs City With an Icy Hand**

The coldest weather of the season moved into Waterloo and northeastern Iowa on the wings of brisk winds Tuesday night and brought with it three inches of snow fall in the Waterloo area.

The official thermometer of U. S. Weather Observer Ralph B. Slippy dropped 27 degrees from Tuesday's maximum of 23 degrees to a minus five below zero at 8 a. m. Wednesday.

Although the snowfall ranged up to a depth of six inches at some eastern Iowa points, the Iowa highway commission reported Wednesday that all highways were open. Surface were normal the highway commission said, with the exception of patches of packed snow in protected areas and through towns in the area southeast of a line through Shenandoah, Des Moines and Waterloo and Decorah.

Skies were clear over the entire state Wednesday, but the weather bureau said the mercury would probably rise no higher than 15 degrees during the day. Low ranging from zero to 10 below were forecast for Wednesday night.

### Minnesota Court Gets Slave Case

Mankato, Minn. — (UP) — George Stark, 50, Gibson Blinn went on trial Wednesday on three charges on which he was charged with keeping a hired man in slavery. The government accused Stark of depriving Francisco Rodriguez, 38, an American of Mexican birth, of his constitutional rights. U. S. attorneys charged that Stark held Rodriguez as a slave, persuaded him to go to his farm to be held as a slave and conspired to injure him in the exercise of his rights.

Federal District Judge Gunnar S. Nordbye denied claims of defense Attorney Henry Flor that either the third or the first and second charges should be dismissed. Flor claimed that the first two counts were inconsistent with the third.

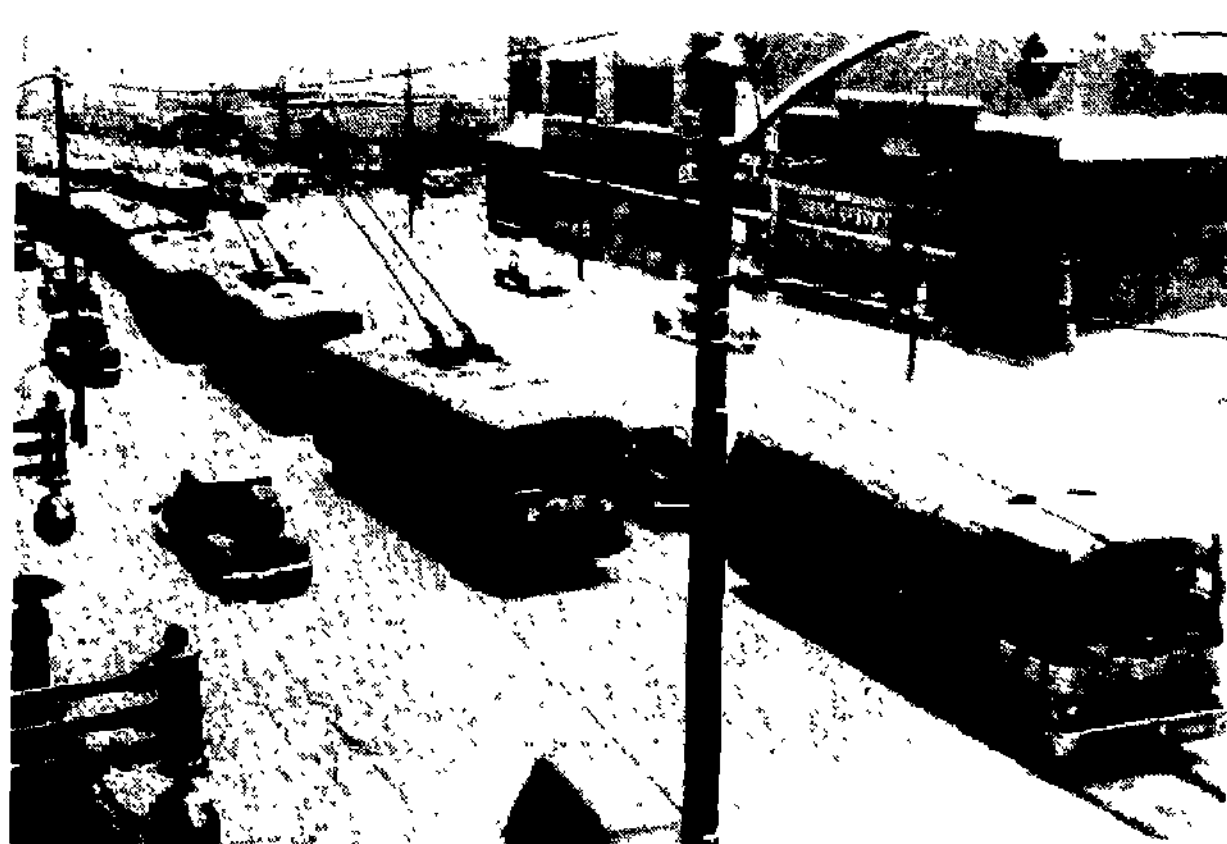
Rodriguez told authorities that Stark kept him in bondage for six and a half years, failed to pay him any salary and locked him in a room at night. He said that he was afraid to escape.

### Perrin Elected JCC President

William Perrin was elected president of the Waterloo Junior Chamber of Commerce after a heated campaign involving emulation of major U. S. political parties. Story and picture on page 3.

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### Storm Snarls Traffic



Trolley buses stuck up behind a stalled vehicle in downtown Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday as the heaviest snow storm of the season struck the city. Traffic was at a standstill as the snow fell at the rate of an inch an hour. (AP Wirephoto direct to Courier.)

### 'Uncle Sam' Arrives



A. C. Davis of Rocky Mount, N. C., wears an "Uncle Sam" costume as he arrives at Union station, Washington, D. C., Tuesday for inauguration celebration. Walking with him is three-year-old Janet Eileen Cleaves of Takoma Park, Md. Davis has been a mail carrier for 26 years. (AP Wirephoto direct to Courier.)

(Also see inaugural story on page 3.)  
Washington, D. C. — (AP) — Harry S. Truman took over the capital city Wednesday to the echoing strains of "I'm Just Wild About Harry."

The man from Missouri plunged into a gay round of inaugural festivities with a promise to fight for world peace and for a "fair deal" legislative program at home.

And he asked all Democrats in congress to co-operate asserting "I know that is exactly what they are going to do."

Mr. Truman's promise and his appeal were in informal remarks Tuesday night at the 514-plate dinner at the Truman-Barkley club, the semi-official ceremony for inauguration week. He and Vice President-elect Barkley, who will take their oaths of office Thursday, appeared together for the first time in the current celebrations.

The band struck up the traditional "Hail to the Chief" as the president entered the Mayflower hotel banquet hall, aim in arm with Barkley but quickly changed to "I'm Just Wild About Harry," a familiar tune during the Truman presidential campaign.

A wave of applause and cheering swept over the throng of 2,500 party faithful.

Mr. Truman told his audience he and Barkley "expect to carry out the policies and principles laid down in the Democratic platform." That is why, he said, "I am anxious for the senators and the representatives who are Democrats in the congress of the United States to cooperate with us, and I know they will."

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### Mill Accident Is Fatal at Davenport

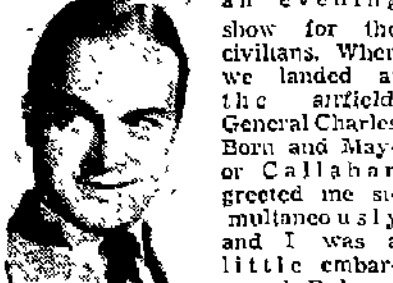
Davenport, Ia. — (P) — Harry Saunders, 39, of Rock Island, who was injured in a mill accident here Tuesday afternoon died Tuesday night in Mercy hospital.

Coroner Frank C. Keppey said Saunders was operating a wheelbarrow outside the mill and was caught in some manner in the revolving line.

### It Says Here

By Bob Hope

We flew into Lackland field here in San Antonio and after playing an afternoon performance for the officers, men and WAFS of the air base, we did an evening show for the civilians. When we landed at the airfield, General Charles Born and Mayor Callahan greeted me simultaneously and I was a little embarrassed. Did you ever try to salute and shake hands at the same time?



Bob Hope

There was a squadron of lovely WAFS standing there at attention and the general asked me to inspect the troops. No comment.

During the performance Doris Day and Irene Ryan were presented lovely bouquets by two privates and then Sergeant Anna L. Riperton walked up and gave me a beautifully wrapped cabbage. That's the first time I was ever on a stage and got a vegetable handed to me.

Later on General Born invited the entire cast to a party and dinner and he insisted that Les Brown's orchestra eat first. Yes, sir, the general just confirmed the fact that he's a very brave man.

The highlight of our evening performance at the municipal auditorium was when Fire Commissioner South made me an honorary fire chief. I must remember to ask him to give me back my matches.

Red Hot, King Edward, Harvester, Dutch Master, San Felipe, Martin cigar advertisement.

## CLARKE ASKS \$20,000 PAY FOR GOVERNOR

Grandson of Former Chief Also Pushes Direct Primary.

Des Moines — (AP) — A grandson of a former Iowa governor is going to ask the legislature to almost double the salary of the state's chief executive.

He also has prepared a bill calling for enactment of a presidential preference primary law. The governor's salary proposal is his own idea. His county's 1946 Republican convention suggested the change in the primary law. Three others are co-sponsoring the latter bill.

He is Rep. Kingsley M. Clarke (R-Adel). His grandfather was the late Gov. George W. Clarke, the state's chief executive from 1913 to 1917.

Representative Clarke would increase the governor's salary from \$12,000 to \$20,000 a year. The change would be effective in 1951, when the next chief executive takes office.

"A \$50,000,000 concern," the governor is the executive head of a \$50,000,000 concern, Clarke asserted. "In addition, he is subject to constant political pressure which the executive in a similar business in private industry would not have to face."

"No state employee should be paid more than the governor."

Clarke, 35, an attorney and a first term lawmaker, pointed out that in the last fiscal year three state employees topped the governor in salary. In the past, the governor has been farther down the line than that.

The three are President Virgil M. Hancher of the University of Iowa, President Charles E. Friley of Iowa State college, and Dr. Eddie Anderson, head football coach of the university. Hancher and Friley drew \$14,000 each. Anderson was paid \$12,500, entirely out of athletic department funds.

Got One Hike.

The 1947 legislature raised the governor's salary from \$7,500 to the present \$12,000 annually. It did so in two days. It made the change effective July 1, 1947, through the departmental appropriations bill and it made the increase permanent by changing the law effective with the present administration.

Clarke said that after the Dallas county Republican convention suggested the primary bill through a resolution, he wrote GOP State Chairman Whitney Gulliland for suggestions. Gulliland later suggested the enactment of such a primary law.

The legislator said he tried to

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## Rita's Prince Is Genuinely Important World Celebrity

Rita Hayworth's engagement to Prince Aly Khan, son of the famous Aga Khan, must take its place among international affairs of importance.

The prince's august father isn't "just another" of those oriental potentates whose fame rests solely on vast wealth. His highness, the Aga Khan, is caliph—or spiritual ruler—of an important sect of Mohammedans. They total some 12,000,000 and are found not only in India but in other parts of Asia and in Africa. He claims lineal descent from Fatima, daughter of Mohammed.

While the Aga Khan has no principality, he wields vast influence as a religious leader. His son is heir apparent to this great caliphate. So we may take it that, if the cards read right, the attractive Hollywoodite one day will have the rare distinction of being the wife of a Caliph.

This branch of Mohammedanism gives man, and especially a Caliph, wide latitude. He may marry outside his faith, and more than once, provided his divorces are in order and his children are brought up in the Mohammedan faith. Thus the fact that the prince already has a wife needn't be a matter of grave concern.

The Aga Khan himself has been married three times. He first married an Italian lady, who was the mother of Prince Aly. She died in 1925 and his highness married a French girl. This marriage was dissolved and he married his present mate, also French.

The prince in 1936 married the former Joan Yande-Buller Guinness, shortly after she and her husband had been divorced. The prince's marriage to Rita is contingent upon his divorce from his present wife, who is the mother of his two sons.

The elder of these boys is next in line to his father for succession to the caliphate. The second son under normal circumstances would be heir if anything happened to his brother and the latter had no son. Therefore any son born to the prince through another marriage would seem to have a slim chance of becoming caliph.

However, all children would be princes or princesses, which are nice sounding titles to roll under the tongue—if one is fond of titles. Moreover, that isn't by any means all.

The Aga Khan is reputed to be one of the world's richest men, and his children and grandchildren could play at marbles with diamonds if they wanted to. A striking illustration of his affluence is seen in the fact that he formerly owned one of the world's greatest racing stables and won some \$2,500,000 in stakes in England.

We mustn't measure his highness by that yardstick, though. He has done much for his people, and he long took a considerable part in Indian affairs. Among other things he is credited with exercising a moderating influence on the great Moslem league of India during the political turmoil preceding the granting of independence.

His own followers hold him in deep reverence. We are told that often when he has traveled in India his people have lined the route to fill his shoes with gold. Tribesmen keep as a holy relic the water

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## CHINA PEACE GROUP GAINS UPPER HAND

Announcement Is Believed Lacking Approval of Chiang.

Washington, D. C. — (AP) — The Chinese Nationalists reportedly informed the United States Wednesday they are moving their capital to Canton.

Nanking — (AP) — The Nationalists Wednesday asked for a cease fire order on both sides in the Chinese civil war and immediate peace negotiations.

A formal statement by the Nationalist information office announced the move to halt the three year war.

The statement said: "The executive yuan, at a regular meeting, discussed at length the national situation and made the following statement:

"In deference to people," "The government, in deference to the general wishes of the people for an early realization of peace, hereby makes known its desire for both government and Communist forces to cease fire unconditionally and immediately and for both sides to appoint delegates to start peace negotiations."

The executive yuan constitutionally may negotiate for peace. But the legislative yuan must approve the proposals voted Wednesday by the executive yuan.

The executive yuan is composed of 11 members, four commissioners and two administrative bodies. It is powerful but is at the back and call of the central executive committee of the Kuomintang party, which, in turn, takes its orders from President Chiang Kai-shek.

Chiang's views on the action Wednesday is eagerly awaited in the capital. The Nationalist announcement, however, was taken to mean that he had at least given tentative approval to the peace move.

The bitterness of the struggle inside the executive yuan was hinted at by a report Premier Sun Fo threatened to resign at Wednesday's meeting if a decision to negotiate was not made.

The group gaining the upper hand Wednesday includes members of the executive yuan who overcame confusion, panic and inertia as well as strong resistance when they forced the vote through without the visible approval of Chiang.

The opposing group is composed of Kuomintang diehards who, it is reported, seek to make Nanking a second Tientsin by remaining for a Communist attack before abandoning the city. The gravity of the problem is shown by fears expressed by some peace seeking officials that they will be assassinated by such elements.

Peiping Is Focus.

They point to the situation in Peiping where a bomb wounded a peace delegate, former Mayor Ho San-Yuan, before he could leave to confer with the Reds on a cease fire agreement there. A source arriving here from Peiping said an examination of the fragments showed that it was a standard national hand grenade. This source said that an investigation led to the conclusion the bomb was planted by Kuomintang extremists in order to delay a negotiated peace in Peiping.

(At besieged Peiping, an 11-member peace mission from that ancient city was expected back from the encircling lines of the Reds with an answer to their peace pleas. They went into the lines Monday under a truce flag.)

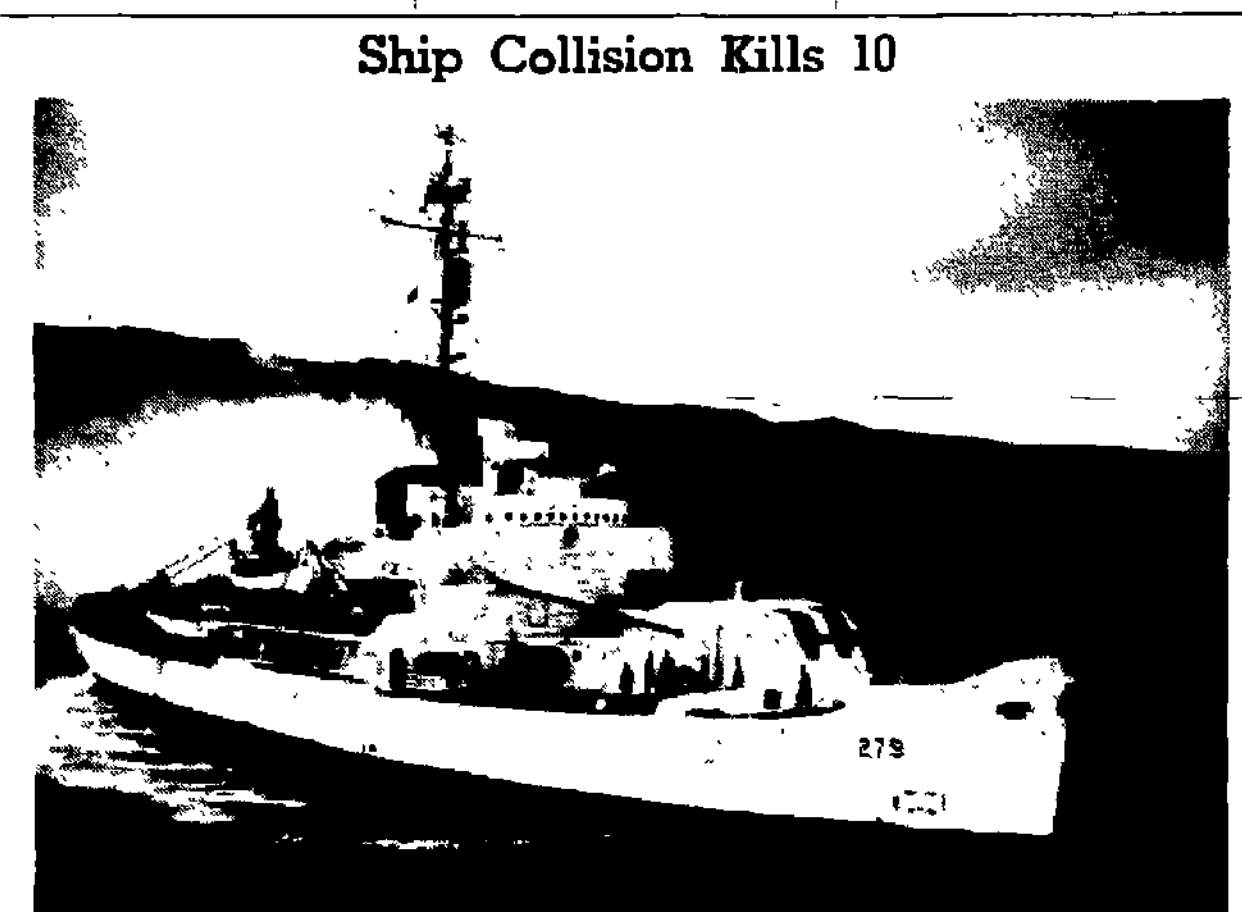
## Bureau, ISEA in Tax Split

Des Moines — (AP) — Two organizations which agreed on William S. Beardsley for governor are now having trouble agreeing.

The Iowa Farm Bureau federation is seeking \$5,000,000 a year for agricultural land credits in the school aid bill being proposed for this session of the Iowa legislature.

The Iowa State Education association doesn't want to go beyond \$2,000,000 a year for this purpose.

The two organizations, which backed Beardsley in successful primary and general election campaigns, failed to agree on the question in meetings held to break it out.



The coast guard cutter East Wind (above) and the tanker Gulfstream were reported by the coast guard at Norfolk, Va., Wednesday to have collided off the New Jersey coast. (AP Wirephoto direct to Courier.)

129 crewmen.

No victims were reported from the tanker, the S. S. Gulfstream, whose bow was stove in when it struck the Eastwind amidship near the chief petty officers quarters in the dense fog.

Seventeen of the injured were aboard the freighter S. S. Suzanne, which left for New York where it was expected about 3:30 p. m. Two suffered third degree burns and the other 15 lesser burns.

The S. S. Junior, operated by the United Fruit company, started for New York later with 15 survivors, two of whom were suffering from burns.

Two coast guard planes circled the area looking for more survivors. The coast guard was short of search planes because of the large number sent to the Caribbean to hunt for a British South American airways plane missing with 20 aboard on a flight from Bermuda to Jamaica. Scores of ships hastened to the area.