

Chinese Reports Marines Leaving

TSINGTAO, China, Thursday, Jan. 6 (P).—A reliable Chinese journalist reported Wednesday that the U. S. Marines were preparing to leave their barracks at Shantung University, despite official denials.

Y. C. Jao, editor of the English language Tsingtao Peoples' Herald, reported that "the university is proceeding with preparations to take over on Jan. 25."

"While both Navy and Marine were reticent on preparations for evacuation of shore billets, observers here felt the impending change reflected changing U. S. policy," Jao added.

"Reports here," Jao said, "were that some marines will remain afloat here but others will be transferred to Guam."

(It was learned in Shanghai reliably Wednesday that a letter from the marines to Chinese authorities in Tsingtao had advised the lease on the campus would be terminated on Jan. 25. But some Navy officials said the letter was written "by error" and had been canceled.)

Meanwhile, Chinese Communists began shelling government positions around Tientsin Thursday after the Reds scornfully rejected Chiang Kai-shek's peace offer.

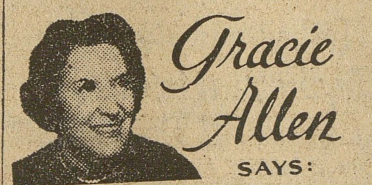
The artillery fire broke a two-week lull which had settled on China's farflung battlefronts amid a rising clamor for peace. Chinese newspapers in Shanghai reported that the attack near Tientsin seemed to be mounting in intensity.

A Red broadcast heard in Shanghai late Wednesday night had warned of the attack, declaring that "a general assault on besieged Peiping, Tientsin and Tangku (seaport for Tientsin) is imminent."

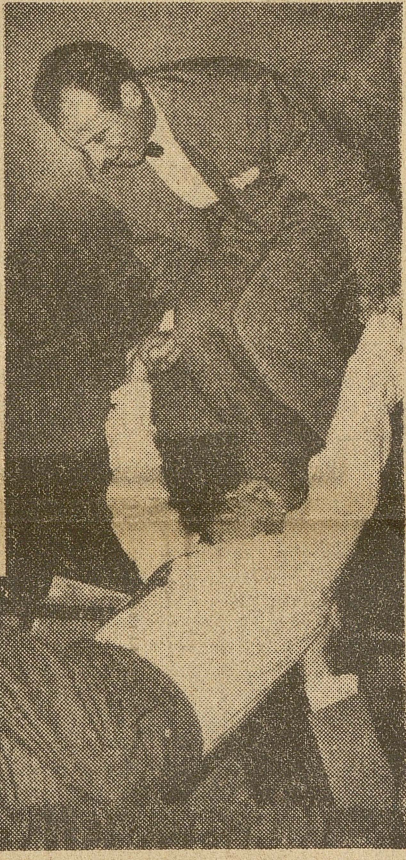
34 Unhurt as Plane Overshoots Runway

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 5 (P).—Thirty-four persons escaped injury Wednesday when an Eastern Airlines plane overshoot the field at Municipal Airport.

The DC-4, en route from Philadelphia to New Orleans, landed in a downpour. Capt. L. L. Willey of New Orleans, the pilot, said the runway was made splippery by the rain.



HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 5.—Dear me, I've heard a lot about newly-elected candidates whose heads suddenly got too large for their



—Star-Telegram Staff Photo.

Railroad Strike Suspended at Wichita Falls

WICHITA FALLS, Jan. 5 (P).—Union officials decided here Wednesday night to call off their strike of the Wichita Falls & Southern Railway for 30 days in order to haul water for drought-threatened towns along the rail line.

The announcement came after officials of the Big Four railroad brotherhoods conferred with representatives of towns along the rail line and Brig. Gen. Clayton P. Kerr of the state adjutant general's office.

When informed of the unions' decision Wednesday night, Orville Bullington, chairman of the WF&S board said:

"We will operate the road as long as we can and haul water as long as we can."

Tornado Toll Is Set at 56

WARREN, Ark., Jan. 5 (P).—The dead from Monday's north Louisiana-south Arkansas tornadoes climbed back up to 56 with another death late Wednesday.

Mrs. Jim Sanders died at a clinic here of injuries suffered when the most disastrous of the series of storms struck Warren.

Previously Wednesday the Red Cross had revised downward to 55 an earlier death total of 59. An estimated 250 to 400 persons were injured, but the Red Cross said the exact total may never be

PISTON-WHIPPED

Holdup Man Gets Beating And Runs Off

The would-be robber didn't know what he was getting into when he muttered "Stick 'em up" to Walter Lavender, 50-year-old candy manufacturer.

Lavender, who happened to have a broken piston in his hand, stuck 'em up. Then he brought 'em down.

"I hit him on the left ear. He went down. Then he got up and ran," Lavender said.

"I'd loved to have beat his brains out."

Lavender said he examined the piston after the incident. "It didn't have any blood on it," he said sadly.

The candy man said he had car trouble when he started home from work. He examined his motor, found a piston head broken. So he took out the piston and rode a bus home.

Lavender got off the bus at 28th and Roberts Cut-off. He started up Roberts Cut-off to his home, 1011. It was about 8 p. m. About 100 yards from the bus stop the "robber" hailed him.

The stick-up man was either a light Negro or dark white man, Lavender said. He was about 5 feet, 9 inches tall. But even if Lavender hadn't "piston-whipped" him, the man would have been disappointed.

"I just had 21 cents on me," Lavender said.

Mobilizes Fine Port

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY—Bob (joking from North Side Coliseum) Hope greeted more than 5,100 eager fans with his own "Howdy Doody" to Fort Worth, plus "hello" gestures (top left) with Bandleader Les Brown on stage. Bob joined his "best girl," Singer Doris Day (lower left) for a special duet of "Love Somebody," Hope style, and got all mixed up with the Titans, (lower right) acrobatic team who made him live up to a boast that "I can do that."

Hope 'Tries Out' Show ... And 5,100 Cheer Him

BY GITA BUMPASS.

Bob Hope launched his 32-city tour Wednesday in North Side Coliseum before more than 5,100 cheering folks who waived intermission in favor of his easy humor.

He told them his trip would include Washington, where he will usher in the Democrats. "The only way a Republican will ever get inside the White House," he predicted, "is by marrying Margaret."

He talked about his Christmas trip to Berlin and about his busy Hollywood schedule. "I've just finished a picture at Paramount," he said. "The government needed the money."

Hope called the premiere a "dress rehearsal." The program

was full of surprises to the comedian and the cast as well. "We'll try out these numbers, here and if they go over, we may put them in the show," he quipped.

'Life-Time Needle.'

Calling out for one more chance to read his contract, Hope found himself involved in a handstand with precisionists of rhythmical motion, the Titans. One Titan held Bob on the floor while the brother balanced with his hands in Bob's.

Bob frowned when two men brought on the balancing table

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court rarely grants motions for rehearing.

BOB HOPE

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for the acrobats. "Union men," he said. "Petrillo—that's J. L. Lewis with a life-time needle."

Doris Day scored a personal hit with her girlish manner (though she is the mother of a 6-year-old son, Terry). She glided onto the stage in a black velvet-teen skirt and white blouse (her wardrobe is simple for air travel) and captured her audience with "A Little Bird Told Me."

Doris sang "My Darling," "Best Things in Life Are Free," her own favorite, "It's Magic," Honey-suckle Rose" and a duet, "Love Somebody," with Hope and his "sheet music."

Farrell—and Hope Gestures.

Bill Farrell, 19-year-old fellow with a big voice, sang "Blue Skies," "Maybe You'll Be There," "You've Changed" and "Slow Boat to China." He did his encore over lightly, with Bob furnishing the gestures from behind.

Irene Ryan's mouth was all a-quiver as she pleased with her comedy tunes, "I'm All Alone" and "Covered Wagon."

Les Brown's band opened the show and the personable young leader was on the stage for the full three hours. His best novelty was "Show Business"—it's schmoebusiness with Hope." Most every man in the orchestra was spotlighted for a Jerome Kern medley.

Hy Averbach, the announcer on Bob's Tuesday NBC show, joined the comedian for a skit. "I've been in radio 11 years," lamented Bob, "and I'm still in the bathroom (with toothpaste and soap). Hope I get out before television catches me."

Those Buttons.

Bob did a parody on "Buttons and Bows" and acted hurt when a request came or the number later from the audience. "I don't know my singing was that bad," he said.

He had almost as much fun with the audience as they had with him. He gave his toothpaste smile for photographers and scorned one when he was caught from his "Sky Valley angle."

"I wish my father, Crosby, could have come," he said. "But he had a little accident—fell off his wallet."

Crosby probably would have been lost in the crowd. The sponsoring Frog Club made sure 283 TCU athletes and their dates saw the show. Others attending en masse included 120 children from Lena Pope Home and 47 from the Masonic Home and School.

Men from Carswell Air Force Base, including many who saw Hope perform during war years overseas, will have another chance to see him Thursday.

He will visit the base hospital and make other Air Force stops before boarding his DC-6 for his Thursday night show in Abilene. Other Texas dates will be Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, Galveston and Houston (broadcast town).

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