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ALL FLUFFED UP and gleaming like new snow, six Eskimo Spitz cubs "pose the line" for their mother "Peggy" as they pose for a photographer in their Albany, N. Y., home. Owned by Mrs. Blanche Craver, the little fellows seem a bit bored as the camera snaps away. (International)

Russia's Possession Of Atomic Bomb, Is Termed Biggest News In 1949

NEW YORK (UP)—President Truman's announcement that Russia has produced an atomic explosion was the biggest news story of 1949 in the opinion of editors in all parts of the world except Russia. It was the first on every list in the annual poll of the outstanding events of the year compiled by the United Press.

The story broke on September 23 and in most newspapers got the biggest headline type of any story since V-J day in 1945.

The core of the story was 14 words that were ready and heard around the world, said Earl J. Johnson, United Press vice-president and general news manager. "President Truman said simply: 'We have evidence that within recent weeks an atomic explosion occurred in the USSR.' The United Press flashed the news to all countries and editors instantly recognized it as the biggest news in four years. It marked the beginning of a new phase of cold war."

Editors in the Soviet Union have not replied so far to our invitation to list ten biggest stories. However, our Moscow bureau reports that the stories that received the most prominence in the Russian press this year included: Com-

munist victories in China, announcement that the Soviet had possession of atomic weapons, or formation of the East German Republic, the series of notes exchanged between Moscow and Peking, the Soviet notes protesting the Atlantic pact as an aggressive action against Russia.

Here are the 10 biggest stories from the standpoint of American editors:

1. President Truman announces atomic explosion in Russia.
2. Communists overrun China.
3. Civil-Strikes Threaten American Economy.
4. High Naval Officers Challenge Unilateral Policies.
5. Jury Convicts 11 Top Communists in U. S.
6. Kathy Freeman Dies 95 Feet Down a Well Pipe.
7. P-38 Rams Air Liner at Washington, Killing 55.
8. Hungarian Court Convicts Cardinal Mindszenty of Treason.
9. Vice-President Barkley Marries Missouri Widow.
10. Major League Races End In Baseball's Closest Finish.

Five Publications To Help Citizens Figure Out Taxes

Five publications to help taxpayers compute their income tax are available at the United States Department of Commerce in Atlanta. According to information received from C. Parker Parsons, regional director of the Commerce Department, one of the publications is "Your Federal Income Tax," which is one of the nation's best-selling books and thousands of copies were distributed over the Southeast. This year's edition of "Your Federal Income Tax," which sells for 25 cents, discusses all phases of the tax law. It is a pocket-size book of the weight you'll save, and it contains all the effort of making up your tax return.

The income tax law, and incorporates new changes in regulations and other matters. It deals with exemptions, deductions, and the like, and contains a number of illustrations. The other four publications, designed largely for businessmen, include "Bulletin F—Income Tax Depreciation and Obsolescence," which is also priced at 25 cents, and which contains detailed information on depreciation of real and personal property; "The Small Businessman and His Declaration of Estimated Tax," which points out certain problems of taxation and fully recognized by small businessmen; "How An Unincorporated Business May Use An Operating Loss to Obtain A Refund on Previous Years' Taxes," and "Your Rights of Review When the Government Questions Your Income Tax Return." The three last named are available without charge. Hayward Cummings, interested in one or more of the foregoing

PETTING THE PEKE

SALT LAKE CITY (UP)—J. T. Ryser, pet shop dealer, received an order for two pairs of dainty leather boots for a Pekinese. The owner explained that her dog liked to rough it during the winter months and tramp in the snow and naturally she "didn't want her poochie to get his feet wet."

Indiana has one of the highest state liquor taxes in the nation—\$2.08 per gallon.

6. Tito Splits with the Kremlin
7. The Berlin Blockade Is Lifted

8. Catholics and Communists Locked in Struggle in Central Europe; Mindszenty Trial
9. Greek Civil War Ends
10. Peace Established in Israel From the Far East

1. Truman announcement
2. British Devaluation
3. Communists Victories in China

4. Atlantic Pact
5. Tito Splits with the Kremlin
6. East and West German Republics Are Established
7. Indonesia Becomes a Republic

8. Berlin Blockade Lifted
9. British Warship Amethyst Shelled in Chinese Waters
10. New York Jury Convicts Eleven Communists

South American:
1. Truman Announcement
2. British Devaluation
3. Atlantic Pact
4. Mindszenty Conviction
5. Bolivian Civil War
6. Communists Overrun China
7. Ecuadorian Earthquake
8. Berlin Blockade Ends
9. Tito Splits With Kremlin
10. P-38 Rams Air Liner At Washington

German Artist Turns Out 'World's Smallest Books'

MUNICH (UP)—Paper, a strong magnifying glass, a specially cut pen and time, are all Valentin Kaufmann needs to produce cherry-stemmed books which he claims are the smallest in the world.

His latest "volume" took six months to write and relates the history of Munich in 8,000 words. To polish the work off with a soft leather binding with golden print and a tiny golden buckle poses an even greater problem than to write the lilliputian editions.

Kansas Dry Repeal Costs Nebraskans Money

LINCOLN, Neb. (UP)—Repeal of prohibition in Kansas is costing Nebraskans about \$12,753 a month. A survey of tax payments by dealers in the 13 counties along the Nebraska-Kansas border showed a drop from \$23,725 in September, 1948, to \$10,967 during the same month this year.

Only one Nebraska county in the southern tier failed to indicate smaller sales. Officials believed it adjoined an area in Kansas which has chosen to remain dry despite the general repeal in that state.

RECORD DEER SHOT

POTSDAM, N. Y. (UP)—The largest deer ever known to have been killed in the Adirondack Mountains was shot this year by Joe Baker. The 12-poin buck weighed 326 pounds. Veteran hunters said the previous record was a 279-pound deer shot in 1931.

There are no railroads in Afghanistan.

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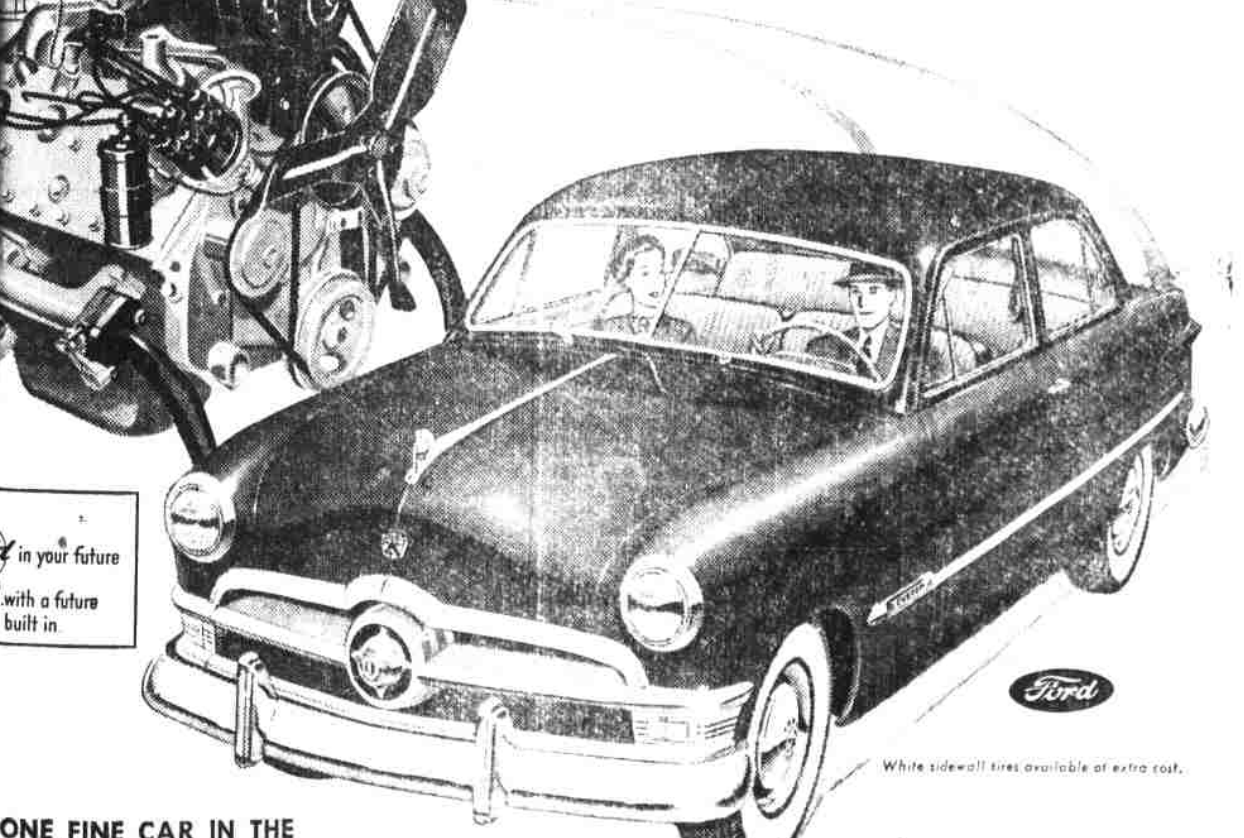
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