

Oregon Lawmakers to Reintroduce O.-C. Bill, Back Waterway Plans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The 79th congress was convened with war-born solemnity today as the nation girded for a critical year, both at home and abroad.

As it stressed the prime importance of the manpower problem, the White House greeted the assembling lawmakers with an announcement that young farm workers, now deferred, must be drafted "to the full extent permitted by law."

A note of political dissension arose in the senate when Democratic Leader Barkley broke into the proceedings to denounce Senator Homer Capehart, Indiana republican, for permitting to take the oath without prejudice to a possible future decision on his seat.

The senatorial campaign investigating committee has been inquiring into Capehart's election. While Senator Ball (R-Minn.), member of a subcommittee which made the inquiry, said nothing was found to warrant further investigation, other members urged the justice department to look into the case. Charges were made that many Indiana citizens were denied the right to vote.

On the house's brief calendar for opening day was the routine re-election of Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) to his fourth term as speaker.

Northwest Agenda Noted

Problems of reconverting war industry to a solid peace-time economy ranks high on the agenda of Oregon and Washington congressmen at the start of the new session.

"We must utilize this opportunity to develop our raw materials and we must have a means of financing which will keep industry operating," Senator Magnuson said.

Widower's Plea Frees Hunters Who Killed Woman

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Four deer hunters who drew maximum penalties for five years each after a woman was shot fatally in her trailer, were freed on a technicality today because of a courtroom plea by the woman's husband.

"That's what my wife would have wished," Charles Duncan said in court yesterday. The four, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter, were fined \$100 each.

Police said Lee J. Matthews, who fired the shot, told them he mistook a window reflection for the eyes of a deer at a distance of about 500 yards Monday night. Several bullets crashed into the trailer, just missing one of the Duncan's two sleeping children. The husband and a neighbor, Merle Janness, also were in the trailer.

Because spotlight hunting is illegal, Matthews' companions, Clarence Molten, Fabian Cottrell and Arthur R. Andrews, all loggers, were charged jointly. The Duncan trailer is on a logging road 30 miles east of here.

Byrnes Asks Draft of Farm Workers Into War

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—James F. Byrnes called on selective service today to take steps for the immediate injection into the armed services of men 18 through 25 who now have agricultural deferments.

The war mobilization director had made the request to Maj. Gen. Hershey "because of representations made to him by the army and navy that they must have men."

So, Byrnes proposed to tap this new source of manpower for the armed services.

It represents the largest remaining source of young men.

Japs Remind Ladies of Loss of Silk Hosiery

(By the Associated Press.)

Japanese propagandists reported today that half of the nation's silk reeling industry "which formerly served the vanity of American womanhood by making possible the manufacture of superb silk stockings," is manufacturing war planes.

A Domei news agency dispatch said:

"Young girls of 16 and 17 who used to toil to make it possible for American stenographers and society matrons to flaunt their legs with sheer silk hosiery are already fabricating and riveting aircraft."

New District Attorney Opposes Dad in Trial

MIAMI, Okla., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Richard W. (Dick) Smith, 23, youngest man ever to hold the office of county attorney, won't waste any time having his mettle tested.

One of his first cases involves manslaughter. And representing the defendant is a former district judge and one of the ablest criminal lawyers in this section—J. J. Smith, Dick's father.

B-29S RAID 3 JAP INDUSTRIAL CITIES

Americans Fight Against German Jabs at Various Western Front Sectors

Third Scores Fresh Gain in Belgian Bulge

(By the Associated Press.)

U. S. Third and Seventh army troops slowed or halted German jabs in nearly a dozen places today against their positions from Saarbrücken to the Rhine, while in the Belgian bulge Third army forces speared to positions four miles northeast of Bastogne, amid growing indications of Nazi withdrawals.

The German high command declared that eight U. S. divisions had been hurled into an effort to ring Nazi positions in the Bastogne sector, suggesting that some 110,000 Americans were assaulting that sector alone. The Germans said that since their offensive started Dec. 16, American casualties exceeded 50,000.

While the fighting in the Belgian salient approached something like a stalemate, Gen. Patton's army today told back at first before the German drive, braced late yesterday and then halted the advance in the lower Vosges southeast of Eltville, Maginot line stronghold.

The German attacks, however, were marked by a surprising lack of artillery, and nowhere achieved anything like the proportions of Marshal von Rundstedt's pre-Christmas smash in the north. A front dispatch said the attacks were not classified either as a major offensive or a limited push.

It was presumed that this is a diversion to relieve Belgian pressure. The German salient Fourth Army headquarters lifted.

Patton Lavish in Praise Of Army's Achievements

WITH THE THIRD ARMY, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., has praised his men's achievements against the Germans as "unsurpassed in military history."

"From the bloody corridor at Avranches, to the Saar, over the Saar into Germany and now on to Bastogne, your record has been one of continuous victory," the message said.

"Not only have you invariably defeated a cunning and ruthless enemy, but also you have overcome by your indomitable fortitude every aspect of terrain and weather. Neither heat nor dust nor floods nor snow have stayed your progress."

"The speed and brilliancy of your achievements is unsurpassed in military history."

Allied Chiefs Confident Of Victory This Year

LONDON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery told Gen. Eisenhower in a New Year's message that he and the troops under his command would "follow you anywhere."

Both the supreme commander and the British field marshal, head of the 21st army group composed of the Canadian First and the British Second armies, expressed confidence of victory in 1945 in an exchange of greetings made public today.

"In full knowledge of your continued loyalty and devotion, I am confident that 1945 will be for us a year of victory and will bring us peace," Eisenhower replied.

American Bridge Co. Hit by \$200,000 Blaze

GARY, Ind., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Fire raged for five hours today in the main plant of the American Bridge company's steel fabricating works and caused damage estimated by Manager Austin Paddock at \$200,000.

Only two workers were in the plant. A U. S. Steel corporation subsidiary, when the blaze was discovered.

\$500,000 Fire Strikes Ball Brothers' Factory

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Fire destroyed the necking plant building of the Ball Brothers company last night at a loss estimated today by John Fisher, manager of Ball glass factories, at \$500,000.



FBI NABS NAZI SPIES—Erich Gimpel, 35, (right) a German citizen, and William C. Colepaugh, 26, (left) a discharged U. S. navy man, held by the FBI in New York as German spies. They are accused of landing in this country from a German submarine on the coast of Maine. They had materials to aid in sabotaging U. S. war plants and nearly \$60,000 in American money. (Telephone photo.)

New Fight Begun To Save Folkes

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—A legal fight to obtain a new trial for Robert E. Lee Folkes, 23, Negro convicted of the "lower 13 murder," began today in supreme court when Nicholas Granoff, Portland attorney, asked the court for a writ of habeas corpus. Folkes is scheduled to die at 9 a. m. Friday in the state prison lethal gas chamber.

The court announced it would issue its decision at 1:30 p. m. today. Granoff said that if the court denies his petition, he will make a similar move in U. S. federal district court in Portland.

Granoff maintained that Folkes' trial at Albany was void because Judge L. G. Lewelling, presiding judge at the trial, left the bench while Folkes' alleged confession was read to the jury.

Folkes has appealed to Governor Snell to commute the "lower 13" with a young boy to do the leg work, was blamed today for year-long robberies in this area. Sheriff Robert Brady said the gang, arrested on the point of leaving for California, had \$1500 of loot, pass keys, and implements for jimmying locks.

The youths, three of them Mexicans, dubbed themselves "the general," "the major," and "the private." The smaller boy had no title.

Riddle Man Pays \$100 Fine For Drunk Driving

Ralph E. Johnson, Jr., Riddle, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunken driving and paid a fine of \$100 in the Roseburg justice court, Judge Thomas C. Hartfield reported today. A 30-day jail sentence was suspended and Johnson's license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of one year.

Other traffic fines reported in the justice court included Claude W. Bennett, \$25, speeding, and Simon P. Peterson, \$10, failure to stop at a through highway.

Ex-Pole Vault Champ Missing in China Action

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Capt. George Varoff, 30, of San Francisco, former world pole vault champion, is missing in action over China, his wife of San Antonio has been notified by the War department.

Varoff, of the army air force, has been missing since last Dec. 7. He held the air medal.

Rev. Gregory Robt Dies

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Rev. Gregory Robt, O. S. B., one of the northwest's best known Catholic clergymen, died here last night.

Father Gregory devoted 40 years to building the parish of the Church of the Sacred Heart, one of the city's largest.

Reds Gain in Bloody Battle For Budapest

MOSCOW, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Russian storm forces were smashing their way through bloody Budapest today in probably the fiercest house-to-house fighting since Stalingrad.

Making progress in what an official announcement called "fierce encounters in fortified houses, in courtyards and in cellars," red army troops yesterday captured 232 blocks in Pest, the part of the city east to the Danube, and 53 blocks in Buda on the opposite bank.

On the basis of preliminary reports it is believed in Moscow that the enemy garrison already has lost 10,000 dead and possibly 30,000 wounded.

Although the Red army has not officially estimated the strength of the trapped garrison, Col. Gen. Janos Voros, minister of defense of the provisional Hungarian government recently set up in Russian-held territory, said last night the total may run as high as 75,000 to 100,000 Germans, plus 30,000 Hungarians.

With yesterday's advances, which brought in approximately 1,000 prisoners, the Russians now hold nearly 1,000 blocks of the battered city.

How 2,000,000 civilians estimated to be covering inside the city are surviving the struggle could only be imagined.

An Izvestia correspondent said the Germans had converted Budapest university into a fortress in the center of the city. "The hope," one of those across the Danube "was blown up under our eyes."

Counterattack smashed. It now appeared likely that the Russian armies would not resume offensive operations in great forces in the direction of the Austrian frontier until Budapest was taken.

Midwest Shivers In New Icy Wave

(By the Associated Press.)

A new cold wave, bearing temperatures ranging down to 20 below zero, was moving on the midlands today while a large part of the nation was recovering slightly from an earlier sub-zero spell.

The second severe wave was headed from central Canada to the Ohio valley, the Great Plains states and the Great Lakes region which were expected to feel its full force by tomorrow morning.

Temperatures of from 15 to 20 below zero were forecast for tonight in upper Michigan, northern Wisconsin and northern Minnesota, with from 5 below in northern Illinois to 15 above in southern Illinois.

Ohio was suffering from shortages of fuel gas, coal, milk and bread after a severe blizzard which closed highways and curtailed deliveries. Pennsylvania and western New York, too, felt the pinch of lagging deliveries as heavy drifts blocked roads. Stores, schools and war plants were closed and rising winds threatened to prolong the blizzard's grip.

Home Despoiled, Says Murder Count Defendant

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—George E. Harris, 32, charged with the second degree murder last Sunday of Charles Batchelor, 35, at the Harris home eight miles north of here, was freed on \$10,000 bail late yesterday.

Harris told state police he shot Batchelor after finding him in bed with Mrs. Harris, but Harris said he didn't intend to kill Batchelor.

Mrs. Harris told officers she didn't know Batchelor was in the house.

Homeless Solon Sings Lament on Capital Steps

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Senator-Elect Glen H. Taylor of Idaho, gathered his family about him on the steps of the capitol this morning, strummed a chord on his battered banjo and started singing:

"Oh, give me a home, near the capitol dome, 'With a yard where little children can play—' Just one room or two, any old thing will do—' Oh, we can't find a place to stay!"

Suburb Fire Safety to be on Stand-by Fee Basis; Council Bans Further Liquor Licenses

Routine first-of-the-year business marked the regular meeting of the Roseburg city council last night as city officers renewed their oaths of office, heard reports of various departments both for the year and the past month.

As matters of new business, the council voted to cancel outstanding contracts for fire protection outside the city limits and submit new contracts which will include a stand-by fee, discussed traffic problems, and acted on other matters.

The city fire department now holds a number of contracts whereby equipment can be taken outside the city limits to fight fires in homes and industrial plants which have fire department agreements with the city. Under the existing terms, the city collects only upon call. The demand for this service, however, is increasing.

Councilman Percy Croft, chairman of the board of fire commissioners, pointed out, and it is necessary for the city to maintain additional equipment to protect property with which agreements have been signed. All residents of the city, he said, are taxed to support a fire department and pay annually regardless of whether the department is ever called upon to give service. As the contracts may be cancelled by either party after 30

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Gillette Named to Property Board

Guy M. Gillette, whose term as a senator from Iowa ended today, was nominated by President Roosevelt to be the third member of the Surplus Property board.

The other two members, Robert Hurley and Lt. Col. Edward Heller, already have been confirmed by the senate.

Mr. Roosevelt also sent to the senate again the nomination of Paul Porter to be a member of the Federal Communications commission. Porter, publicity chief for the democratic national committee during last year's campaign, was nominated during the last session, then given a recess appointment after the senate failed to approve the appointment before adjournment.

J. Haden Aldredge of Alabama and Charles D. Mahaffie of the district of Columbia were nominated for new terms as members of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Nominated to be assistant secretary of the treasury succeeding John L. Sullivan, was Harry White of Maryland.

"Bond Battle" Result Still Awaited Here

Final returns on the Douglas-Coox county "Battle of Bonds" were still unavailable today. H. O. Parveter, chairman of the Douglas County War Finance committee, reported he had been informed the Federal Reserve bank expects to complete compilation of results tonight or early tomorrow.

In clearings through Dec. 30, Douglas county continued to hold its lead and had gained 2.4 percentage points. The standings reported by the Federal Reserve bank for the date of Dec. 30 were Douglas county \$522,214, 108.8 per cent of quota, and Coox county \$570,952 or 92.1 per cent of quota.

British Peeress Admits Charges of Shoplifting

LONDON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Baroness Mary Frances Farnhill pleaded guilty today in court to charges of shoplifting a fur coat, handkerchiefs, powder and soap valued at \$1,932 and was ordered held for trial Jan. 18.

The pretty 44-year-old peeress, twice married and twice divorced, appealed for leniency and said her financial and matrimonial worries had "reached a pitch where things seemed intolerable."

The baroness said she originally had only meant to borrow the merchandise.

Oregon E Bond Sales \$3,743,000 Over Quota

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Multnomah was over the top on E bond sales today, with \$19,706,845 sold against a \$19,000,000 quota.

The E bond drive closed Dec. 31, but late reports are still trickling in. The state passed its E bond goal of \$34,000,000 Dec. 25, and now shows \$37,743,302.

Nagoya Again Main Target Of Bombers

Manila Airfields Also Blasted In Other Forays That Extend to Formosa

(By the Associated Press.)

Strong waves of American Superfortresses smashed at three important Japanese industrial cities today in their first big raid of this year while Tokyo radio reported new U. S. transport movements south of invasion-threatened Luzon island in the Philippines.

Japanese dispatches said 20 Philippine-based Liberators made their second 1945 strike at Manila's Clark field and Gen. MacArthur announced his bombers had extended their field of operation

TURKEY VOTES TO CUT RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

LONDON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The Ankara radio announced tonight the Turkish grand national assembly had voted unanimously to break off diplomatic and economic relations with Japan, effective next Saturday.

to include Formosa, primary enemy staging base between Japan and the Philippines.

Tokyo propaganda dispatches, which have reported the recent arrival of at least three convoys at Mindoro island south of Luzon, claimed that one transport was in convoy groups in the Mindoro sea.

Nagoya Again Main Target

A Japanese communiqué reported that about 40 Saiban-based B-29s made today's attack on Japan. The main force hit the repeatedly bombed aircraft city of Nagoya while other units struck at the flanking cities of Osaka and Hamamatsu.

All are industrial cities on the south central coast of Honshu, main island of Japan, which the U. S. war department earlier announced was the objective of raiders from the 21st bomber

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Nazi V-2 Plant Blown Up By Danish Patriots

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Eighty Danish patriots have blown up a radio manufacturing plant in Copenhagen which makes "marie eyes" and other parts for the German V-2 weapon, the Free Danish Press service said today.

The Danes overpowered 20 factory guards early yesterday morning, killing one of them, the dispatch added.

French Resent Alleged Pampering of Prisoners

PARIS, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Reflecting French resentment against what it considered allied "pampering" of German prisoners, the newspaper weekly "Le Canard Enchaîné" today pictured Nazi prisoners at an American mess table, with an irate U. S. soldier-water shaking a finger at them and saying:

"If your damned wehrmacht keeps on massaging our prisoners we won't give you any dessert."

Dairy Subsidies for 3 Months Payable Mar. 31

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Subsidies for milk and butterfat sales in January, February and March will be paid Oregon producers in a lump sum March 31, the county agent said today.

S. B. Hall said he was notified by the state AAA that payments would remain at 70 cents a hundredweight for whole milk and 10 cents a butterfat pound.

Parole Officer Retained

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Dr. H. H. Olinier, Salem, member of the state parole board, was reappointed by Governor Snell today for a six-year term.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenblatt

Gen. MacArthur's heroic, one-word defiance—"Nuts"—of the German demand for surrender at Bastogne should be constantly echoed on the home front thus:

"Shell out!"