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ROSEBURG'S NEW MAYOR— Albert G. Flegel, above, will assume his duties as Roseburg's new mayor at tonight's meeting of the city council. He succeeds Charles W. Wharton, who has filled the position since the resignation of Mayor W. F. Harris. Mr. Flegel, a native Oregonian, became distribution manager of an oil company here in 1940. Following three years in the Army, he established a successful transfer and storage business with his brother in 1945. He is married, a member of the Elks Lodge, No. 326, and prominent in civic activities.

2nd Group Bids for 'Liberals' Support

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Charging that "reaction is riding high" in Congress, America's second new "progressive" movement today began drafting a program its leaders predicted would attract "millions" of persons dissatisfied with current political trends.

Wilson Wyatt, former housing expediter, and Leon Henderson, the first OPA administrator, were named co-chairmen last night of a nationwide organizing committee for the anti-communist, pro-New Deal Americans for Democratic Action (ADA).

The creation of ADA made it virtually certain that at least two groups will compete for support of the country's self-styled liberal voting element.

A week ago at a New York session attended by Henry A. Wallace, ten organizations including the National Citizens Political Action Committee agreed to form the Progressive Citizens of America (PCA). The latter invited into its fold all persons regardless of "political affiliation."

The Wyatt-Henderson group, however, rejected "any association with communists or sympathizers with communism," as well as "any association with fascists or their sympathizers."

In a joint statement Wyatt and Henderson declared their belief that "Americans are desperately looking for a fighting liberal movement whose devotion to democracy is unequivocal."

Vanport Negro Wife Slain by Former Beau

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A man described as an ex-beau shot and killed Mrs. Jodie Redman, 34, in her Vanport apartment yesterday, and seriously wounded tiny Adams, 37, a neighbor who tried to intervene.

A third person, Queenard Perkins, 35, who witnessed the shooting, narrowly escaped when he attempted to subdue the assailant. A bullet pierced the lining of Perkins' suit.

Adams, who lived next to the Redman apartment with his family, was shot when he accosted the assailant as the latter tried to enter the Redman apartment with a gun. Adams was reported in "fair" condition today.

A 28-year-old man who broke into the Redman apartment once before and who police said formerly kept company with Mrs. Redman was arrested in the shooting. Both he and Mrs. Redman are Negro.

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U.S. Demands Opening of Soviet-Held Dairen

18 Bills For Veterans Ask More Billions

Bonus, Cashing of Bonds, Allowance Hike Listed For Action by Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The rush is on in Congress to snell out more billions to veterans.

Lawmakers are tossing in bills and getting campaigns under way for such things as:

1. A soldier's bonus;
2. Immediate cashing of terminal leave bonds; and
3. A boost in government payments to veterans going to school or learning new jobs by working at them.

Eighteen of the first 157 bills received by the House would do something for those who served in the armed forces. These 18 cover programs that might total \$20,000,000,000 or \$30,000,000,000 in new outlays to ex-GIs.

Higher ceilings top list.

And Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R-Mass.), the new chairman, is concentrating on plans to keep the House veterans committee busy.

"One of the first things," she told a reporter, "will be to lift the \$200 ceiling on allowances for on-the-job training. It is manifestly unfair."

Mrs. Rogers introduced a bill on that. So did several other legislators.

Rep. Patman (D-Tex.), author of one bond cashing bill, said it wouldn't cost the government a cent because the government can borrow money to redeem the bonds at less than the interest it pays on them.

Patman, along with Rep. McCormack (D-Mass.) and former Rep. Fred M. Vinson, now Chief Justice of the United States, was co-sponsor of the World War I bonus bill.

Rep. Puce (D-Ga.) has come forward with a World War II bonus bill. It would ante up \$4 a day for service at home and \$5 for service overseas.

Would Ban Conscripted.

Meanwhile House Republicans, under the leadership of Speaker Martin, soon may launch a drive for an international ban on peacetime military conscription.

And, until such a drive meets

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General Clay to Head U. S. Forces in Europe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The War Department announced today that Gen. Lucius D. Clay has been named commander-in-chief of U. S. forces in Austria.

Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, now commanding general of the Third Army in Germany, will succeed General Clark in Austria.

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Note, Also Directed to China, Cites Pledge in 1945, Says Further Delay Not Necessary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The United States has asked Russia and China to arrange without further delay to end Soviet military control of Dairen and open the Manchurian port to world traffic under Chinese administration.

The action, announced today by the State Department, was the first official step taken by Washington following refusal of Soviet authorities on Dec. 20 to allow three American civilians to land at Dairen. The Russians ordered the U. S. naval ship which took the civilians there to leave port in 20 minutes.

Bilbo Quits Senate Struggle to Undergo 2nd Cancer Operation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The Senate's decision Saturday to postpone for at least two months any action on the controversy over seating Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi left the Democrats today with only 44 active members.

Bilbo left shortly after the decision for New Orleans, where he will undergo a second cancer operation on his mouth and throat. He announced that "if I live," he will be back to demand the seat the Republicans said he shall not have until ouster charges are heard against him.

In the meantime Bilbo will continue to draw his pay under the deal that finally let the Senate complete its organizing task after two days of stalemate.

Roseburg Still High in Icy Spell

(By the Associated Press)

Winter loosed one finger of its week-long clutch on Oregon today (Monday), but there was enough icy grip left to keep minimum temperatures below the freezing point.

The weather bureau reported a general trend toward warmer, though not warm—atmosphere; and in eastern Oregon, thermometers which had been below zero were well above that mark today. Baker's minimum was 16 above; Bend, 10; Portland, 29; Roseburg, 38; Klamath Falls, 19; Salem and Eugene, 30.

In Portland, where it thawed yesterday only to freeze again during the night, streets dawned ice-coated, and sanding crews were trundling along ahead of delayed buses. The Columbia river highway was icy, putting overland stages behind schedule and preventing Corbett and Bonne Slope school buses from making regular runs. A morning rain, however, gave promise of temporary improvement.

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5 Killed, 22 Injured in 4 Plane Crashes

(By the Associated Press.)

Five persons were killed and 22 injured in four plane crashes last night during a sudden blinding snowstorm that engulfed large areas of the East coast.

The worst accident was at Carmel, N. J., where a Nationwide Air Transport Service, Inc., passenger plane crashed in a wooded area, killing the copilot and two passengers and injuring 19 other persons.

A small private plane bound from Mt. Pleasant, Mich., to Florida, crashed in Scott County, Va., killing its two occupants.

At Jones Beach, bathing resort near New York, 16 persons escaped serious injury as an American Airlines plane, with fuel nearly gone, made a crash landing on the beach a few feet from the water. Only the pilot and copilot were injured and the stewardess and 13 passengers were unhurt.

The freak snowstorm, accompanied by rain and sleet, covered an area estimated by the weather bureau in New York to extend as far as 250 miles from that city.

Passengers Subdue Flames

Only one person on the plane that crashed at Carmel escaped injury as the ship skinned over a farm house and ploughed through 50 yards of woodland, leaving sheared trees in its wake.

Passengers extinguished a small fire, and the fuselage remained intact although the left

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3 Americans Among 42 Killed in China Crash

SHANGHAI, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Suspension of all Chinese commercial flights was ordered today in the wake of China's worst single air tragedy, the crash of a heavy-lifted transport plane yesterday near Tsingtao in which all 42 persons aboard, including three Americans, were killed.

At the same time relatives of 71 persons killed in three crashes near Shanghai during a Christmas Eve fog demanded at a mass meeting that officials of the two Chinese airlines involved be punished for negligence.

American victims in the Tsingtao crash were identified as the pilot of the Chinese National Aviation Corp. plane, Charles J. Sharkey, of Lawrence, Mass.; John T. Eichensohn of Crawfordsville, Ind.; 21-year-old UNRRA engineer, and an American Catholic nun, Sister Elizabeth Cecile of the Franciscan Order of Egypt.

Four delegates to the national assembly, returning to their homes in North China from the capital, were among the dead.

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WINS SCHOLARSHIP — Robert Nishiyama, 22, Tokyo, former Kamikaze Corps pilot, now interpreter for American Fifth Air Force and assistant manager of Tokyo Post Exchange, will study at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., under scholarship fund provided by life insurance of an American soldier killed by Japs in the Philippines. Scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnstone, Downingtown, Pa., to carry out wish of their dying son. Nishiyama, his wife and child will come to the U. S. as soon as ban on Japanese travel is lifted.

Latest Purge Will Oust 250,000 Jap Officials

TOKYO, Jan. 6.—(AP)—At least 250,000 rural Japanese officials will be swept from office by the latest purge of ultranationalists and more than 1,000,000 others will be subject to investigation, authoritative sources said today.

This purge, more extensive than was indicated in its announcement on Saturday, is designed to clear away prefectural and municipal leaders who have "entrenched power" before rural residents vote within the next few months in their first free election, these sources explained.

If "fully implemented" by the Japanese it will be the last sweeping purge to be ordered by General MacArthur's headquarters.

CIO Steelworkers To Demand Wage Boost

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Contract demands for 1947 on two of the nation's industrial giants — U. S. Steel Corp. and the Aluminum Company of America — today neared final form as the CIO-United Steelworkers union pressed plans for negotiating sessions.

Contract talks with ALCOA were to resume here today with attention centering on these demands: an undisclosed pay boost, a guaranteed minimum wage, portal-to-portal pay and social insurance.

The union has declined to reveal how much of a pay hike it will seek.

Richard Wells, Former Head of Rotarians, Dies

POCATELLO, Idaho, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Richard H. (Dick) Wells, 50, Pocatello, former president of Rotary International, a United States consultant at the United Nations organization meeting in San Francisco and prominent southeastern Idaho Republican leader, died today at his home after a prolonged illness.

Wells was proprietor of the Idaho Lumber and Hardware Company here and vice president of the Idaho Bank and Trust Company.

He was married and the father of two children.

Wells sought the Idaho Republican nomination for United States senator in 1946 but was defeated in the June primary by Rep. Henry C. Dworshak, who was elected senator in November.

Drunken Driver Pays \$100, Jail Term Suspended

Gloyd Endinger, 45, of Dillard, paid a \$100 fine this morning, on a drunken driving charge to which he pleaded guilty. City Recorder Geddes reported. Endinger was arrested by city police early Sunday morning at S. Pine and W. Lane St. In addition to the fine, he was given a suspended 30-day jail sentence and his driver's license was revoked.

H. W. Hubbard, 34, 643 Mill St., forfeited \$20 bail, posted on a charge of drunkenness in a public place.

Couple Weds Here

Marriage of Merritt J. Ellis, Swishaw, Ore., and Josephine Delores Frakes of Santa Clara, Calif., was performed by Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield in his office here Friday.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight.

Outlawing of Jurisdictional Strikes, Boycotts Proposed In Message to Lawmakers

Continuance of War Excise Taxes, Single Department of National Defense Other Recommendations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Truman today handed the Republican-controlled Congress a legislative program topped by recommendations for new labor laws and asked its members to work with him for a new and finer "state of well-being" in America.

Delivering his "State of the Union" message in person, Mr. Truman recommended that the legislators outlaw the kind of strikes and boycotts arising solely from disputes between unions. He said arbitration should be required when a dispute is simply over the interpretation of a labor contract.

Then, with a warning against "vindictive" laws, Mr. Truman told Congress the "whole industrial future of the United States" may depend on finding the "proper solution" for the problem of nationwide strikes in key industries, such as coal mining.

He proposed creation of a 20-member commission—he to appoint eight members and the Congress 12—with instructions to report a recommended solution by March 15—two weeks before the deadline set by John L. Lewis for mining soft coal.

The presidents 7,000-word message covered a wide expanse of domestic and international problems other than labor management relations.

Among other things, he renewed the requests he made unsuccessfully to the last Congress for:

- A higher minimum wage, a new department of welfare, broad housing legislation, and a single department of national defense.

In general, his theme was that he and congressmen have the power in the next two years to "mold the future of the nation" for lasting peace and unprecedented prosperity.

He told them:

"If in this year, and in the next, we can find the right course to take as each issue arises, and in spite of all difficulties, we have the courage and the resolution to take that course, then we shall achieve a state of well-being for our people without precedent in history."

"And if we continue to work with the other nations of the world earnestly, patiently, and wisely, we can—granting a will for peace on the part of our neighbors—make a lasting peace for the world."

The message was the first of three the White House will have for the Congress this week. On Wednesday, it will send a general economic report. On Friday, it will deliver the budget message.

Detailing the government's prospective income for the 12 months beginning next July 1 and telling how Mr. Truman thinks it should be spent.

Wants Taxes Retained

In today's message, the president said he wanted a balanced budget and a start on reducing the public debt. To that end, he recommended that Congress continue for 12 months the special wartime taxes—such as those

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Grocery Strike Deadline In California Unbroken

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The grocery strike—which has trimmed the grocery bill on most of five and a half million Southern Californians to essentials—continued today, in the wake of a new collapse of negotiations.

Those stores which were open—either family-operated or signers of AFL clerks' demand for \$60 for a 40-hour week—reported such heavy business that maintaining stocks was difficult.

Some 2500 stores are closed, with less than a fifth that number open. Employers have offered \$55 weekly wages, which they described as a 37 1/2 per cent increase.

Negotiations under the Sunday call of Mayor Fletcher Bowron adjourned early today without an agreement and with no announcement of further meetings.

House Furnishings Thief Gets 20 Years

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Frank W. Leonard, 41, who admitted building and furnishing a three-room house with stolen materials, was serving a 20-year sentence today.

He pleaded guilty to five burglary charges in circuit court Saturday. Officials estimated loot at \$30,000 over the past two years.

Post Office, Store Burn As Fire Trucks Stall

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Firemen reported today engine trouble caused the failure of two county fire trucks to respond to a fire that destroyed the post office and general store at Celilo Falls village east of here.

The store, taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curtis Jan. 1, was partly insured. Loss was estimated at \$15,000 in the Friday night blaze.

'Monty' Visits Russia

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The Moscow radio reported that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, chief of the British imperial general staff, arrived in Moscow today as a guest of the Soviet army.

Outline of Farm Program Given in Truman's Message

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Truman today called upon Congress for a permanent farm program designed to channel agriculture's abundant production into use rather than into surplus stockpiles to be absorbed by the government at great expense.

The chief executive gave only the bare outline of such a program in his state of the Union message. He said ways can be found (1) to utilize agriculture's new skills, (2) to expand its markets at home and abroad, and (3) to carry out the objectives of a "balanced" pattern of peacetime production without undue sacrifice by farm people or undue expense by the government.

The goal of a "balanced pattern of peacetime production" called for government production guidance or control.

The president told the lawmakers that in the next few years agriculture could face the same dangers it did after World War I—when production stayed up and prices fell to bring economic disaster to farming.

"We must make sure," he said, "of meeting the problems we failed to meet after the first world war."

Present Support Cited

He said present laws give "considerable stability" to farm prices for 1947 and 1948. This was a reference to legislation which requires the government to maintain minimum prices of not less than 90 per cent of parity for most products and 82 1/2 per cent for cotton during this two-year period. Parity prices are described officially as those that are fair to both producers and consumers.

These wartime measures are scheduled to expire at the end of 1948 under Mr. Truman's action last week in terminating the period of hostilities.

The purpose of this legislation, Mr. Truman said, is to "permit orderly transition from war to peace." It was not designed, he said, to provide a long-term solution to the problem of farm prices, income and production.

He asked action on a permanent program before the expiration of the price guarantees.

Agriculture Department officials have estimated that the price support program might cost the government as much as \$1,500,000,000 a year within two or three years.

Another Accused Nazi Kills Himself in Jail

NUERNBERG, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Karl Westphal, one of 16 former officials in the Nazi ministry of justice who were indicted on war crimes charges Saturday, strangled himself to death with a woolen scarf in his Nuernberg jail cell yesterday. He was the fourth prominent Nazi to commit suicide in the jail.

Babe Ruth Undergoes Operation on His Neck

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Babe Ruth, 51-year-old baseball great, underwent a two-hour operation on his neck at French hospital today and although the hospital described it as "serious" there was no immediate information as to the patient's condition.

Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Rosenfeld

Need of extra warmth during the current frigid spell gives friend husband a plausible excuse for the presence of that "Esquire" calendar on (or very near) his desk.