

Local News

Visiting—Malcom Mellis, student at Oregon State College at Corvallis is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mellis, 306 Glenn street. Mellis, a senior in the school of engineering in the college, will be graduated with the 1948 class.

To California—Mrs. Benjamin Irving is visiting her daughter, Miss Jane Irving, in Berkeley, Calif. Miss Irving has a position with the Berkeley chamber of commerce.

Home from School—Charles Church has returned from Oregon State college at Corvallis for the holidays and is working at the post office. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Church of this city.

Home from School—Miss Christina Travalis is home for the Christmas holidays from Oregon State College where she is a student. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Travalis, 434 Ella street.

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Improving — Brian Pargeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pargeter of 318 East Douglas street, is reported to be improving after an illness of the past 10 days.

Student Here — Gordon Singleton, student at Oregon State college at Corvallis, is spending the Christmas holidays in Roseburg with his family and friends. He plans to return to Corvallis January 5.

Income Tax Slashing Bill Offered House

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There are 29,200,000 taxpayers in this group.

B. 30 to 20 per cent, on a sliding scale, for those with taxable incomes between \$1,000 and \$1,396. This would affect 14,500,000 persons.

C. 20 per cent for those with incomes between \$1,396 and \$4,000. There are 9,100,000 such taxpayers.

D. 20 per cent on the first \$4,000 of taxable income for all others plus 10 per cent of the tax applicable to the remainder of their income. There are 1,700,000 taxpayers in this group.

The total revenue cut from these percentage reductions would amount to \$2,600,000,000.

4. An additional personal exemption of \$600, meaning a total \$1,200 exemption, for persons 65 years of age or over. This would affect an estimated 3,700,000 persons, remove about 1,400,000 of them from the tax rolls and cost the Treasury about \$200,000,000.

5. Blind persons now have an extra personal exemption of \$500. This would be increased to \$600, making their total exemption \$1,200. The number involved is small and would reduce revenues only slightly.

6. Make minor revisions in the

payment of estate and gift taxes. This would reduce revenues by about \$200,000,000.

All reductions would be effective next January 1, and taxpayers would be refunded any over-payments between then and the date of enactment.

Declared "Veto Proof"

Knutson said his bill would give 77 per cent of the total tax reduction to persons with taxable incomes under \$4,000 and 23 per cent to those with incomes above \$4,000.

A married couple with two children now pays \$76 on a net income of \$2,400. Under the Knutson bill there would be no tax at all. If the income were \$3,000, the tax would be trimmed from \$190 to \$80, at \$5,000 the tax would be cut from \$589 to \$386; \$7,000, a reduction from \$1,045 to 708; \$10,000, a cut from \$1,862 to \$1,210.

"If this bill isn't veto proof," Knutson told reporters, "there can be no bill that is."

He estimated that government revenue collections in the current fiscal year ending next June 30 will reach \$46,000,000,000 and said that with a budget of \$35,000,000,000 next year and a tax reduction of \$5,600,000,000, the government would have over \$4,000,000,000 to pay on the debt or "probably give to Europe."

Knutson said he introduced the bill "on my own" but told reporters "I explained it to the House Republican steering committee and no objection was raised."

President Truman vetoed the two \$4,000,000,000 GOP-backed tax cuts earlier this year on the triple contention that (a) they would have increased inflation, (b) first attention should be given to debt payment and (c) they gave too little to small income persons and too much to those with big incomes.

Saving of China Spells Heavy Cost For United States

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
Lt. General Albert E. Wedemeyer, who made a survey of China last summer for President Truman and turned in a report which has been closely guarded top-drawer secret ever since, expressed some amazing and blunt views about China's situation in testimony before the U. S. Senate appropriations committee which is considering aid for that stricken country.

In connection with his declaration that American assistance is urgently needed, the general laid down the thesis that the United States is "confronted with the expansion of an ideology throughout the world." He didn't name Russia, but it seemed clear that he was seeing "red." Our aim, he maintained, should be "to retard, then block, and then to penetrate back into those areas which have come under the orbit and influence of a power that has world power, and world expansion in its program."

And what of Chiang Kai-Shek and his government? Well, it doesn't matter, said Wedemeyer, whether Chiang is "a benevolent despot, which he practically is." The important fact, in the general's view, is that Chiang fights Communism.

Calls For Billions
Happily for the peace of mind of this column it doesn't have to decide the nature of the aid for China, though aid there must be. If we did have to make this grave decision, we most certainly would have to face this fact:

We aren't considering a moderate operation involving a few score millions of dollars, when we talk about smashing Communism in China, establishing a democratic government and creating economic stability out of the present awful chaos. While nobody could say in advance what the monetary cost would be, Wedemeyer tells us that it would run into many billions, with a capital B.

And that's not all we should have to consider. Such all-out assistance to China might result in war with Russia. Many observers answer that contingency by saying that if we don't aid China, she will be absorbed by Russia and then we shall have the big war anyway, with Communism having the advantage of possessing all of mighty China as a military base.

Knotty Problem Posed
Then again, assuming that America has provided China with the material aid necessary to smash the Chinese Communists utterly, how is the Nanking government going to deal with these millions of Red citizens? Communism won't mix with democ-

racy or with any other ism. The Chinese Communists cannot be absorbed, and you can't lock 'em all up.

Of course the hope has been that Chiang Kai-Shek could set up a democratic government which would be attractive to the Reds, but that involves a good deal of wishful thinking. Maybe some wise man can figure out a way whereby the Chinese Communists could be given a dominion of their own which would be autonomous while still being loosely linked with the Chinese commonwealth. It's difficult to see any other solution which could be reached without endless bloodshed, and even that would be far from perfect because there would always be the danger that this state would be absorbed by Russia.

In any event, Chiang either has to smash the Chinese Communists by force, or bargain with them. If it is to be bargaining, then the sooner it comes the better. That not only would bypass the civil war and permit of the political and economic reconstruction of China, but might avert World War III.

YULE PROGRAM SET

Fullerton grade school will hold its annual Christmas program with all classes participating Friday, Dec. 19. Principal Ralph E. Turner said today. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

Francis Bacon experimented with refrigeration and is said to have died from a chill he caught while stuffing a fowl with snow.

In 43 A. D. it is reported the Emperor Claudius ate mastodon steak which has been preserved for ages in Siberian ice.

In 1803 an English scientist discovered that oak bark contains tannin, the active material that converts animal hides to leather.

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Battle of Bulge Anniversary Stirs Memory of Valor

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—This is the day—Dec. 16—the world fell in, three years ago in Belgium. It is the anniversary of the opening of the famous "Battle of the Bulge"—a Johnny-come-late version by Germany of Japan's disaster-laden surprise blow at Pearl Harbor.

It should also be a red-letter day in the American military calendar forever, a reminder that a falling foe always has a convulsive throb before his end, a snake its final fang.

The battle began on a dark morning of snowy horror with the Allied top command convinced war on the Western front would be over in a matter of weeks. By that same nightfall realistic officers who had survived the German break through at Cassinero Gap in Africa knew that the American armies were fighting for their very lives.

Out of nowhere the beaten enemy had suddenly rallied its last reserves of tanks and guns manned by tough young S. S. troopers. They came in an arc of crimsoned steel they hoped would save the Fatherland, and they giggled satistically as they slew.

They chose with Teutonic consistency to attack in an area the Americans had lightly defended in one of the "calculated risks" necessary in all warfare. But the Nazi leaders knew the land as well as you do the road to your own garage—because twice before, in 1914 and 1940, they had rolled through these pine-clad Ardennes mountains on the way to France.

Allies Caught Napping
Through two thin strung out American divisions they charged—the battle-worn 28th infantry and the untired 108th—and plunged on for more than forty miles to within three miles of the Meuse

river, a goal that would have cut the Allied forces in half.

Preparing to launch their own razzle-dazzle across the Rhine, the Allies had been caught napping by the oldest play in football—a straight line buck.

What saved them was the lonely courage of combat engineers at road blocks and isolated units, hopelessly cut off, who delayed the Nazi surge for vital hours and stained the white fields with the red tide of anonymous valor. By the nature of this chaotic battle the heroism of hundreds of individual men will lack even the brief remembrance of a medal.

Ordeal For Doughboys

When the German tanks ran dry of gasoline and stranded, the airmen of England and America raked them with rocket and bomb. But to the doughboys on the ground fell the cold torture of driving back the enemy over the lost miles of forest and mountains.

And for the third straight year the Army which boasts it is the best fed and best-clothed in the world had been caught without proper supplies of winter equipment. Infantrymen wore their shoulders raw dragging food, water and ammunition across the snow-laden hills.

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