

# GRANTS PASS FOOTBALL TEAM IN CRASH; TWO KILLED

## Turkeys Arriving For Display, Competition in Northwestern Exhibition Opening Tomorrow

Advance entries of birds for the Northwestern Turkey Show numbered about 200 this morning. As the live turkeys began arriving today in their shipping crates by truck and express, it was expected that the tiers of wire cages would be filled by tonight.

Sam J. Shoemaker, secretary of the show, said 50 boys of the Future Farmers of America at Roseburg High School, directed by Homer Grow, had been busy only the weekend setting up the cages and commercial exhibit booths, in readiness for the public opening Tuesday morning. Doors of the new Rolletta Skating Rink, on E. 2nd Ave. S., east of the Roseburg Lumber Co. mill, and site of the exhibition, will open at 9 o'clock. Grounds around the building have been graveled to provide ample automobile parking space. The show rooms will close at 6 p. m.

Judging of the birds will get under way tomorrow, it was announced. H. P. Griffin is expected to arrive today from Sonoma, Calif., to judge the live division, and M. H. Shook will be on hand from Medford to judge the dressed division.

Shoemaker estimated today that 395 cages had been erected to accommodate live entries while the temporary freezing room for the dressed display would accommodate an approximate 200 birds. The dressed display room is 24 by 40 feet in size.

Selection of the champion and grand champion awards will be made Thursday afternoon.

This year, as last, there will be a trophy for the three "all round" best live turkeys entered. The trophy is awarded by the Stock-Gro Co. of Chicago. Last year the trophy went to the Gath Bros. turkey farm of Turner.

Best birds in the show this year

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FROM Berlin, we get this:

"Communists launched a last-minute scare campaign today to try to keep Berliners from voting Sunday."

"It doesn't mean much, but it is interesting. Here is the situation:

On Tuesday (with a municipal election coming up on Sunday) the communists took steps. They hand-picked a crew of communist delegates. These delegates approved a slate of city officers. They then proclaimed their slate as IT.

STILL, with everything safely in the bag, they're trying to scare Berliners out of voting at Sunday's election.

WHY?

This is the answer:  
THE POWER OF PUBLIC OPINION STILL EXISTS EVEN WHERE COMMUNISM HAS LAID ITS BLIGHTING HAND

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## District Attorneys Aim For Tigher Gaming Lid

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Oregon district attorneys have endorsed a law proposal which would make it easier to clamp the lid on gambling. The District Attorneys Association explained that the law, expected to go before the next Legislature, would permit proceedings against owners of property where gambling has been conducted.

The group said gambling is the only crime which is not included under such a statute.

## BUILDING IDEAS SOUGHT

## Community Project's Committee Inspecting Hospitals in California

An inspection committee representing the Douglas Community Hospital, Inc., left by air Saturday morning to visit hospitals in the Sacramento and Los Angeles areas. They were to be accompanied there by Daniel L. Brown, Sacramento, who made a hospital survey of Roseburg last spring.

The local committee, which is planning to visit a number of hospitals of 40 to 80-bed size, includes Kenneth Ford, Buckley Bell, Dr. J. M. Boyles, and Cleo Jenkins, Corvallis architect, who has been retained to design the new Douglas Community Hospital.

"This committee has taken upon itself to investigate every phase of hospital building construction, so that contributors to the Douglas Community Hospital may have a building they may be proud of," said Dr. Roy E. Hanford, president of the hospital's board.

He said the committee would inspect hospitals of 40 to 80-bed size to determine "the optimum type of building" which would best serve the interests of Roseburg.

The committee plans especially to study some small hospitals near Los Angeles, which have received recognition from the American Hospital Association, for their floor plans and construction.

The committee will also study such factors as heating and location of nurses' stations to allow nurses to care for patients without loss of wasted effort.

The group plans to return here Wednesday, Dr. Hanford said. He also announced that a large sign visible from Harvard Ave., will be erected to designate the proposed site of the Douglas Community Hospital on the recently-acquired Bellows Grove tract of nine acres. This was decided at a meeting of the board of directors Friday night.

**The Weather**  
Partly cloudy with occasional rain showers today. Cloudy Tuesday with rain.  
Sunset today 4:37 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:31 a. m.

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## White Found Guilty in First Degree

### Life Term Dealt as Jury Recommends

#### Moffitt Murder Case Verdict Reached After 8 Hours' Deliberation

Found guilty of first degree murder, Francis Stanley White this morning was sentenced in circuit court to spend the remainder of his natural life in the state penitentiary at Salem.

As he imposed the sentence, Judge Carl E. Wimberly asked White if he had anything to say in his own behalf.

"Only this, your honor," White replied, "I still maintain my innocence."

Judge Wimberly told White that "not only the jury was satisfied that you were guilty, but I also from the evidence presented."

On hand for the sentencing was a small group of people who had followed the course of White's trial throughout last week, including the defendant's elderly father, Charles F. White. The latter was permitted to visit his son

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## Former Suchow Garrison Said In Communist Trap

NANKING, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Chinese Communist radio reported tonight that Red forces had completed "an air-tight encirclement" of the Nationalist former Suchow garrison in the developing battle for Nanking.

The garrison, comprising some 110,000 combat troops abandoned Suchow last Wednesday in an effort to reach a trapped government army group in the Shensi sector, about 45 miles to the south.

If the Communist claim is true, it means that only the government troops on the new Hwai River defense line enjoy freedom of movement in the region. The line was set up recently 100 miles northeast of Nanking, but is manned by relatively inferior troops.

The Red broadcast boasted that 20,000 government troops had been "annihilated," and added: "If these troops refuse to surrender very soon, they will be entirely wiped out before long."

The Suchow garrison has been delayed in its southward march by Communists between 10 and 25 miles of the captured city. A government military spokesman veered westward, headed south again and were now about 35 miles southwest of Suchow.

But it was known that some 125,000 Communists under Gen. Chen Yi were massing across their path. The Red radio broadcast implied that other Communist forces had descended upon the Nationalist armies from the north and west.

The broadcast said those encircled also included civilian personnel of the Kuomintang (Government) party and Suchow city officials.

## School Election Tangles Hermiston's Program

HERMISTON, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—School district voters crossed each other up in a special election involving plans for new high school and grade school facilities.

Elected rejected a bond issue to finance a new high school but the Grade School District okayed purchase of the existing high school building for grade school purposes.

A special session of the House voted 140 to 120 to waive parliamentary immunity for Ashida who—until recently—was one of Japan's most influential political leaders.

Ashida's arrest is expected soon in connection with disposal of funds in the 2,000,000,000 Yen Showa Kenko fertilizer company scandal.

The scandal forced the resignation of Ashida and his cabinet in October. Ashida admitted he had received money during his term, but insisted it was "a political contribution" and not a bribe.

## Actor Robert Walker Arrested on Wild Binge

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Police Sgt. Jack Simpson said Robert Walker, Hollywood film actor, was booked last night on a charge of being drunk and destroying city property.

Police said Walker was picked up with several other persons for creating a disturbance at a hotel. While waiting to be booked, police said, Walker suddenly smashed the glass of a bulletin board with his fist.

Walker was turned over to attendants from a local clinic where he is listed as a patient.

## The News-Review

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## West Berlin Swats Russia In City Vote

#### German Residents Turn Down Communist Rule Despite Soviet Threats

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
BERLIN, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A final count showed today blockaded Berliners slapped the Communists with 1,330,820 votes, one one a protest against Soviet occupation policies.

The central election bureau said 86.2 per cent of the eligible voters cast valid ballots yesterday in the three western sectors for the regularly scheduled city elections, which the Communists boycotted.

The vote swept the Socialist party into power in the western part of the city. Like the Christian Democrats and the Liberal Democrats, who ran second and third, the Socialists are anti-Communist.

The final results:

Social Democrats (Socialist)—858,100 (64.5 per cent).

Christian Democrats (Conservative)—258,496 (19.4 per cent).

Liberal Democrats (Conservative)—214,224 (16.1 per cent).

In all, 1,330,820 Germans were eligible to vote in the constitutionally prescribed election in the three sectors, under American, British and French control. The Russians refused to conduct or permit voting in their sector. In voting the Western Berliners defied a variety of threats from the Communists.

The Communists had urged Berliners either to avoid the election or to spoil the ballots. But election officials said the final check showed only 37,156 spoiled ballots—which they termed "not unusual."

Russian-controlled newspapers contended the spoiled ballots exceeded 200,000. Soviet Rule Denounced

The election was fought on one issue—Russia versus the west. All three parties on the ballot

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## China's Request For American Aid Said \$3 Billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—American military aid to China is running somewhat under one-third of that to Greece and Turkey.

This became known today with estimates from government sources that fighting equipment valued at about \$63,000,000 has been delivered to Chiang Kai-Shek's hard-pressed armies in the last year and a half.

During the same period, the United States shipped arms and other military supplies worth \$230,000,000 to Greece and Turkey under the Truman doctrine pledging to keep those nations out of Communist clutches.

How successful China may be in its desperate efforts to narrow the ratio of American aid to the two Communist-menaced areas remains to be seen.

Those efforts currently are being pressed by Mme. Chiang, wife of the Generalissimo, who flew here last Wednesday. China's first lady is due to meet President and Mrs. Truman this week to voice her informal appeal for greater help from this country.

Chinese authorities here say the program she is proposing would cost the United States about \$1,000,000,000 a year over the next three years.

That would be a big jump from the \$400,000,000 Congress voted for China earlier this year and would far outstrip the two-year, \$625,000,000 Greek-Turkish program.

## RED SPY RING BARED

### Microfilm Secreted In Pumpkin Discloses Leak From State Department

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The House Un-American Activities committee is handing a grand jury today what it calls definite and shocking proof a Red spy network operated in the State Department before the war.

At the request of the Justice Department, the committee sent one of its investigators, William A. Wheeler, to New York. His mission: to turn over copies of secret papers to a grand jury which has been investigating Communists and espionage for nearly a year and a half.

These are papers which the committee says a member of the Communist underground in the State Department turned over to another member on the outside for relay to Russian agents.

The outside man was Whitaker Chambers, now a Time Magazine editor who admits "I was a courier for the Communist underground in Washington before he broke with the Reds in 1938."

The committee is hanging on to another set of copies of the documents, for use when it starts its own spy hearings going again tomorrow—but perhaps behind closed doors.

The prints were made from microfilm obtained by subpoena from Chambers last week. At the

## High Court Grants Hearing to Pair Of Jap War Leaders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Supreme Court by a 5-4 vote today granted a hearing to two Japanese wartime officials convicted as war criminals and sentenced to be hanged.

The appeals were filed on behalf of General Kenji Dohihara and Koki Hirota, former premier of Japan.

The appeals challenged legality of trials conducted by the international military tribunal at Tokyo.

After the appeals were filed here last Monday, General MacArthur announced that execution of the sentences given Dohihara and Hirota and of five other condemned Japanese war criminals would be deferred pending Supreme Court action. None of the five others filed appeals. Among them is wartime Premier Hideki Tojo.

General MacArthur previously confirmed the sentences of death on the fallows given by the military tribunal to the top seven war criminals. He also confirmed prison sentences given 18 others, all but two of which were life sentences.

Dohihara was a Japanese undercover expert in China and Manchuria. Chinese called him "the bird of evil omen." Hirota was a career man who attended a pre-Pearl Harbor conference of former premiers at which war plans were made.

## Reds Find Role Of Teachers In U. S. Easy Path

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Teachers are regarded by the House Un-American Activities Committee as "the easiest tool" for Communists of all professional people.

Reds and fellow travelers, the committee says, have dug in as teachers in public, private and church schools to the point of being "a deadly danger."

The committee got out a pamphlet over the weekend on "100 things you should know about communism and education." It is another in the question and answer series on Reds in such fields as in religion, labor and government.

The pamphlet says that: 1. An estimated 800 American Communists have been trained in the Lenin School in Moscow—the highest college of communism—in spying, bomb-making, kidnapping, train wrecking, mutiny, civil war, sabotage, infiltration and factory-wrecking.

2. "They serve as the high officers of a secret army now being drilled to overthrow our government."

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## Thief Finds Baby In Car; Phones Police To Hurry

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Her 13-month-old daughter thwarted the thief of Mrs. Maxine Baker's car.

The thief telephoned police yesterday he was leaving a car he stole in nearby San Bruno without knowing the baby was in it.

Would the cops hurry down to Eighth and Mission streets? "The baby is crying," he said.

## College Puts Ban On Dramas, Card Playing

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Student dramas and card playing are henceforth banned at Victoria College. The faculty says the students spent too much time playing cards and arranging plays—stage plays that is.

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Five other boys are in the Josephine Hospital. One of these, Vernon Craft, who starred at halfback in the championship game Saturday, suffered a serious back injury. The others were Ray Alpetter, who has a fractured leg; Russ Jacobson, who has a severed leg tendon; Jim Packham and Bob Graue, the team's quarterback.

High School Principal Frank Thomas said the 17 other squad members and the three coaches were treated for bruises, cuts and slight burns at the hospital and then sent home.

The accident occurred on a down grade of Sexton Mountain on Highway 99 north of the city.

Coach Jess Loffer, who was aboard, said he noticed the bus driver "fighting the wheel" shortly after the bus came over the summit, the highest point on the mountainous road. He said the bus went off the edge of the highway and, just when it seemed the driver was about to get the bus back onto the pavement, it skidded and turned completely around and turned over.

The fire broke out immediately, Loffer said, and the boys had to break the windows and squeeze out. He said the doors apparently were jammed.

Within a few minutes, the fire had burned through a center section of the bus and one portion tumbled over a 75-foot embankment into a gully. Later the body of one boy was found in the wreckage on the road and the other was discovered in the gully.

Coach Ingram Not Aboard

Head Coach Mel Ingram was not aboard. He had driven to Portland with his family and was returning home with them. Other squad members were also riding with parents and friends in other cars.

Student fans and town boosters and parents waiting at the high school grounds were first told that there had been an accident and the team wouldn't arrive on schedule. But in a few minutes, it was reported that the bus was burning on nearby Sexton Mountain.

The crowd then surged to the

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## Locomotive Hits Auto; Occupant Hospitalized

An automobile was carried a distance of 76 feet along the Southern Pacific railroad tracks after it was struck by a locomotive at the Oak Street crossing at 11:50 last night, Chief of Police Calvin Baird reported.

The car, he said, was driven by Eugene Ben Swain, of Camas Valley. A passenger in the car, Pat Newman of Dillard, was taken to Mercy hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises.

Swain told police he was driving east on Oak Street and was struck by the locomotive while crossing the tracks. The locomotive was backing in a northward direction, Chief Baird said.

## Bee Keepers to Ask State Fund to Expand Industry

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Beekeepers plan to ask the Oregon Legislature to appropriate \$15,000 to improve and expand inspection of Oregon's 60,000 apiary colonies by the state.

A. Burr Black, state apiarist, told the annual convention of the state Beekeepers Association Saturday that the lack of funds has hampered inspection work.

The convention was told the bees owned by 3,100 Oregon farmers had produced 2,000,000 pounds of honey this year.

George W. Nichols of Ashland was re-elected president.

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## 2 Girls Fatally Gassed in Auto; Dates Unconscious

VERNONIA, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—An accidentally blocked exhaust pipe in an old car was blamed today for asphyxiating two 16-year-old girls as they sat with their boy friends in a "lovers' lane" near here.

The girls—Bernedine King, daughter of the Deputy City Marshal, and Mary Lou Wolf—were found dead in the car, parked at the entrance of the old Vernonia cemetery, yesterday morning.

Their dates—Allen Jurvakainen, 22, Clatskanie, and Robert J. Phillips, 21, Mauger, were unconscious. The boys were taken to a Portland hospital, where they were reported still unconscious and in critical condition this morning.

State Police Sgt. Holly Holcomb called it a "freak accident." He said a piece of inner tube had fallen through a hole in the tailback of the 1936 model coupe, directly in front of a broken exhaust pipe.

"The fumes poured through the hole into the car," Holcomb said. Evidence indicated the youngsters were overcome by the exhaust fumes before they realized what was wrong.

An apprentice embalmer happened across the car Sunday morning. Its window was open; the engine still running. The four had apparently parked there after their date Saturday night.

Survivors of Air Force Transport Crash Seen

JOHNSTON ISLAND, Dec. 6.—(AP)—An undetermined number of survivors from an Air Force C-54 transport, forced down in the Mid-Pacific, were placed under constant air watch today while a rescue ship sped towards the scene.

The plane enroute to Spokane with 37 Air Force men Sunday morning, was ditched early Sunday 478 miles southwest of this tiny island and about 1,200 miles southwest of Honolulu.

Flares were sighted late Sunday night by a B-17 search plane which dropped a rescue boat.

Officers directing the rescue operation said flares seen later indicated that at least some of the castaways had managed to board the boat.

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