

# 3-Power Berlin Government Set Up

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**The Weather**  
Mostly cloudy with showers today. Increasing cloudiness with rain, clear to partly cloudy Wednesday. Little change in temperature.  
Sunset today 4:40 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:42 a. m.

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### U. S., Britain, France Ignore Red Aloofness

**Allies to Rule as One in Western Zone; Soviet Blocks Another Road**

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The United States, Britain and France announced today a three-power government for Berlin without Russian participation. The French commandant, Gen. Jean Ganeval, said a three-power statement today. "I Soviet authorities either now or at some future date, decide to abide by the agreement to which the four powers are committed, the quadripartite administration of Berlin can be resumed. "During their absence the three Western Allies will exercise the powers of the Allied Kommandatura although realizing that owing to the Soviet obstruction it will only be possible for them to carry out their administration in the western sectors for the present. "The western commandants recalled that the Russians distributed four-power government by withdrawing from the Kommandatura last July 1. They said the Kommandatura "can only be altered or abdicated by agreement of all the governments which set it up."

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The commandants noted that Berlin's temporary constitution, which received quadripartite approval in 1946, requires that city legislation and other affairs shall obtain all four consents. They charged the long Russian walkout had "obstructed the proper administration of Berlin according to the law."

The revived kommandatura met at its old headquarters in the American sector. Today's first meeting was confined to reading the three commandants' declaration except to allocate two hundred tons of lift coal to provide extra electricity for west Berliners during the Christmas holidays.

Since the Russians set up a puppet government in eastern Berlin and refused to cooperate in the four-power agreement, it has long been expected the West would set up its own military government structure. The German administration elected Dec. 5 in the West urged the West to set up a government.

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### Jaycees Arrange For Santa Claus Talk With Kiddies

Want to talk to Santa Claus? Well, that's just what all the kiddies in and around Roseburg are going to have a chance to do, thanks to a special arrangement between that jolly old boy and the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Jaycees and Santa got their heads together and wisely decided some of the kiddies may have forgotten and left a toy or two off their list when they wrote to Santa at the North Pole.

Santa has arranged to make a final pre-Christmas visit here in Roseburg, so the kiddies can tell him personally over the telephone what particular toy or toys they have forgotten to include on their list. Santa will then open his big book, with all the good boys and girls names therein, and write down the special request. He'll hurry back to the North Pole and put in an order at his workshop.

So kiddies, if there is something you have forgotten to ask Santa for in an earlier letter, phone 78, either on Wednesday or Thursday, between 5-8 p. m., and talk it over with Santa.

### Quentin Roosevelt Feared Dead in Plane Disaster

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Local aviation sources said that Quentin Roosevelt was on the Chinese air liner which crashed and burned near Hong Kong today with the possible loss of all 33 persons aboard.

The grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt is a vice president of the Chinese National Airline Corporation. It was a CNAC C-54 Skymaster which crashed on Bafat Island, 10 miles from Hong Kong.

Aviation circles said Roosevelt left for Hong Kong on a business trip this morning. They added there was no doubt he was on the plane, although two other CNAC planes left at about the same time for Hong Kong.

Waller was cited for failure to yield right of way and for not having his operator's license with him. No injuries were reported. Extent of damage to the cars was not determined immediately.

Patrolman James McAlpine investigated the accident.

### Spy Witness Dies in Drop Of 16 Stories

**Laurence Duggan, Former State Department Aide, Dodges Investigation**

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A former state department official, listed in congressional testimony as one of six persons in the department who allegedly handed out secrets for red spies, died last night in a 16-story plunge.

Laurence Duggan, 43, an expert on Latin-American affairs who served in the State Department from 1930 to 1944, dropped to death from a window of his Manhattan office as espionage probes planned to question him.

The medical examiner's office said the circumstances of his death were "undetermined pending further investigation." Police said Duggan "either jumped or fell"—the usual preliminary report pending inquiry.

Rep. Mundt, acting chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, revealed in Washington that a witness had named Duggan in secret testimony as one of six people in the State Department another person had said passed out confidential information.

Duggan died the night before Francis B. Sayre, former assistant secretary of state, appeared before a special spy-hunting federal grand jury.

Secret State Department papers allegedly were filed from Sayre's office, according to testimony in another phase of the inquiry.

At the time of his death, Duggan was president of the Institute of International Education, The Institute, devoted to promoting international understanding and the exchange of students among

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### Chinese Reds Post Further Gains In Drive to Nanking

NANKING, China, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Nationalist China today marked up another day without a functioning cabinet or a victory in its civil war.

The shooting war north of the Yangtze River is almost over, qualified military observers said. They reported government forces appeared neither willing nor capable of mounting a single large scale offensive north of the river, nor of stopping any mass Communist thrust.

Pro-government newspapers acknowledged Tientsin, major industrial center of north China, was "completely isolated." They reported heavy fighting in the outskirts. Official sources admitted the loss of two rail towns on the approach to Tientsin.

The governmental situation was no more encouraging. President Chiang Kai-shek led the day pass without taking action on a proposed new cabinet. Last night Premier Sun Fo handed Chiang a list of ministers ready to "fight on until we can secure an honorable peace."

North of the river Communist forces driven Chiang's troops closer to the capital. The Reds have wiped out two Nationalist army groups and encircled three more. It is doubtful if Chiang's generals have five army groups left north of the Yangtze.

Further north the Communists have cut Peiping and Tientsin off from supplies. Observers have chalked them off as 12-15 Communist armies are moving down on these two cities from Manchuria with trained troops, well equipped with huge stores of military supplies. Chiang's forces abandoned there. These supplies include much American equipment.

### County Assessor, Multnomah, Dies

**Tom C. Watson, 55, Dies in Hospital**

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Tom C. Watson, 55, died in a hospital here last night, just two weeks before he was to begin his third term as Multnomah County assessor.

Watson had been county assessor since 1941, and was re-elected for the third time in November, the only Republican to brave Multnomah County's Democratic landslide.

The County Commissioners will appoint a successor to hold office until the general election of 1950.

The widow, a son, Thomas, of Portland, and a daughter, Mrs. Louis Oester, of Corvallis, survive.

### Dutch War Action Annoying to U. S.

(By the Associated Press)  
Dutch troops appeared today to be cutting at will across transport lines of the Indonesian republic Central Java. Holland called the fighting "police action" against terrorists.

The Indonesians asserted from Singapore and Paris that heavy fighting had broken out again in Jember, the Republican capital, which Dutch airborne troops captured Sunday. Most ranking Indonesian politicians and the native commander-in-chief, Gen. Soederman, are in Dutch custody.

The Republicans reported 52 parachute troops had been killed in their capital and that armed revolt had flared against the Dutch in a dozen Javanese places. American annoyance with the Netherlands was plain. Officials in Washington said the Dutch "police action" may have dealt a body blow to efforts to curb Communism in Southeast Asia and may result in disorders the Reds can exploit.

### Thompson Residence At Coos Junction Burns

A fire completely destroyed the Roy Thompson residence at Coos Junction early Monday morning before equipment from the Roseburg Fire Department could get to the scene.

The Thompson residence is outside the city limits and rural district, but the local fire department was called at 5:45 a. m., when a fire fighting media proved ineffective. A shortage of water in the vicinity was given as a reason for the complete destruction of the home.

Two of Thompson's children, Pauline and Vernon, are junior and sophomore respectively, at Roseburg Senior High.

### Republic of Ireland Born

**British Commonwealth Tie Cut After Centuries Of Struggle For Liberty**

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Ireland became a free and independent republic today.

Ireland's centuries-long and often bloody struggle for freedom came to a peaceful end as President Sean T. O'Kelly signed Ireland out of the British commonwealth.

O'Kelly approved a bill of the Irish Parliament repealing the external relations act which had empowered the British king to accredit Irish diplomats.

The act was the last slender constitutional tie between Ireland and the British Crown and Commonwealth.

### Gun-Toting Youth Stages Three Holdups, Shooting

**Portland Tavern Patron Wounded At One Robbery Scene by Bandit Announcing 'I Love an Audience'**

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A young tavern patron was critically wounded last night by a trigger-nappy youth who staged three holdups in quick succession.

The gun wielder then took refuge in a house where he held the family at gunpoint until 7:45 a. m. today.

He said he was headed for Washington State when he left. In two of his holdups he had a hostage with him.

Ralph Thompson, 22, was shot once in the abdomen and once in the head when he attempted to knock out the gunman. Hospital attendants said his condition was critical.

Police pieced together this story of the gunman's activities: He walked into an automobile service station and held up the attendant, Ben Conrad, taking an undetermined amount of money from the till. He then forced Conrad to drive him, in a government panel truck in the station for the servicing, to the Hawthorne Cafe on the East Side.

Conrad was forced to walk into the cafe ahead of the man who announced: "This is a stick-up." The gunman walked to the cash register, took about \$80, then forced Conrad to drive him to the Picadilly Inn.

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### Too Many Santa Clauses Trouble Boston Council

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—There are too many Santa Clauses in Boston to suit the city council.

Mayor James M. Curley was asked by the Council yesterday to allow only one Santa in the city in 1949—and to station him on historic Boston Common.

Council President Thomas J. Hanlon said there is a Santa on every other corner and that children "are beginning to wonder."

He asserted his nephew told Santa Claus in one department store what he wanted, and five minutes later—in another store—was asked what he'd like for Christmas.

"Why you thick-head, I just told you a couple of minutes ago," the youngster was quoted by his uncle as saying.

It should be a fine test of the boys' integrity," said the Rev. Father John Wittstock, chaplain.

### Detour Arranged For Pilgrimage To Bethlehem

**JERUSALEM, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A roundabout route has been arranged to enable Christians to make the traditional Christmas eve pilgrimage from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ.**

A United Nations communique last night said Jews and Arabs, seeking a means of permitting the pilgrimage, had agreed to open opposing lines between old and new Jerusalem for 24 hours.

By this means Christians in the new city could cross into the old city and proceed to Bethlehem along an Arab Legion military road for 10 miles via Bethany.

The traditional shorter route direct south to Bethlehem will not be open, apparently due to objections by the Egyptian army. U. N. officials are pressing for use of this route, however, and hope to get a reply today.

Almost every foot of the original route is under the guns of Arab and Jewish artillery placed on surrounding hills. The opposing armies, quite in an uneasy truce, are easily visible from the Church of the Nativity. Visitors to Bethlehem will be searched for security reasons. The number of pilgrims, sometimes as high as 10,000, will be much smaller this year.

### Two Guests Die in Hotel Blaze in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Flames swept a section of the Westminster Hotel in downtown Philadelphia today, killing two guests trapped on the third floor.

Two other guests and a fireman were burned.

Ninety-five persons escaped the blazing inferno. They were aroused by a man who ran through the upper floors wearing nothing but shorts and shouting the alarm.

A man and a woman, cut off in their fourth-floor rooms on the top floor, crawled out on an 18-inch window ledge covered with ice and snow. They clung there until they were admitted to another room through a window opened by two women.

### Seven British Airmen Die in Bomber Crash

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Seven Royal Air Force men were killed early today when their Lancaster bomber crashed into a 1,800-foot mountain near here. The plane burned after the crash.

The accident occurred only eight miles from the spot where 13 Americans were killed in a B-29 Superfortress crash Nov. 3.

### Idleyid Traffic Couple Hurt in Route Mishap

Mr. and Mrs. William Arthurs, Idleyid route, Roseburg, were taken to Mercy Hospital at 4 p. m. Sunday for treatment of injuries suffered in a traffic accident, the hospital reported. Mrs. Arthurs received minor facial injuries, as well as injuries to her legs.

Mr. Arthurs was discharged Sunday evening, following treatment for minor injuries.

### Legionnaires, Auxiliary To Enjoy Yuletide Party

American Legion and Auxiliary members and their families are invited to a Christmas party to be held by Umpqua Post No. 16 at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the Armory. Entertainment will include a skating act, singing, and dancing. Gifts of candy will be distributed under a large Christmas tree. Refreshments will be served.

### Fowler Street Rezoning Plan Turned Down

**Another Area Rezoned by Council; Assessments For Sewer Protested**

Fowler Street, for the time being at least, will remain a residential district. This was the action taken by the Roseburg City Council last night, after the city fathers listened to protests from a large delegation of residents of the Fowler, Pitzer and Court Street district.

When the matter was put to a decision, the council voted without dissent or further discussion to uphold an earlier recommendation of the City Planning Commission that the east side of Fowler Street from Court to the Deer Creek Bridge remain residential rather than be rezoned to business status. The matter first arose when a petition was presented asking the change to permit construction of a restaurant at this location. Several persons spoke of opposing the change, but only one Robert Travera, who owns a cleaning establishment in this vicinity, spoke in favor.

Another Area Rezoned  
The council, however, after no remonstrances were presented, passed an ordinance through its first and second reading calling for the rezoning from Residential Class 2 the area bounded by Lane and McClallen Streets and South Main and South Stephens Streets, also the east side of South Stephens from McClallen to Brockway. The ordinance also provided for placing of Sundale Village, recently annexed, in Residential Class 1 zone, and Taylor's addition in Residential Class 2, permitting multiple dwellings or apartment houses.

Sewer Plan Protested  
A controversial issue came up with the hearing scheduled for (Continued on Page Two)

### Third Bid on Local Building Rejected

Low bid of \$20,900 by Todd Building Co., Roseburg, for a new division office for the State Highway Department here was rejected by the Highway Commission Monday as excessive.

This is the third time the Commission has rejected a bid for an addition to the present highway division building on Cobb Street in Roseburg for the reason that all bids were considered too high.

The Commission's estimate for the four-room structure is about \$12,000.

The 2nd heat department and State Police share the same building, which has become overcrowded with additions to the staffs and work requirements.

### Emergency Diaper Service Follows Fire

ATLANTA, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Priority air shipment: 200 dozen baby diapers.

The 200 squares of cloth were flown from Atlanta to Birmingham yesterday to cover an emergency.

The Lullaby Diaper Service in Birmingham burned over the weekend. Many youngsters were in a dilemma—no pants.

A Lullaby Atlanta branch jumped to bridge the britches breach.

The air shipments will continue, said the Atlanta manager, as long as necessary.

### WHO DOES WHAT



BETTY ROACH and CAROLYN PARGETER took over the Christmas Seal sales at the post office last Saturday for the Douglas County Tuberculosis and Health Association. NANCY VOELLER, standing at the right in the picture above, contributes an approving smile.

### Christmas Programs Planned In All Schools of Roseburg Districts

Christmas programs are being planned in all the Roseburg schools today, Wednesday and Thursday, announces Superintendent Paul Elliott.

### Carrier-Salesmen Of News-Review to Banquet

The third annual Christmas party and banquet will be held for News-Review carrier-salesmen at Carl's Haven Thursday, 7:30 p. m., announced Fuller Johnson, circulation manager. Mothers of the boys have been invited as guests for the first time.

As evidence of the growth of the carrier staff, 38 boys and two motor route carriers are expected to be in attendance. Only 14 boys were present for the banquet two years ago, and 20 for the last year.

Carriers in Roseburg, Winston, Riddle, Canyonville, Myrtle Creek, Oakland and Sutherlin will attend, said Johnson.

### NOTED SURGEON DIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Dr. Hugh Scott Cumming, former surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service, died here last night at the age of 79.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
SNAPSHOT of China:  
The crash of artillery fire in the suburbs echoes all over Peiping (old name Peking) . . . the city is now completely surrounded by the communists . . . around emplacements springing up about the RUSSIAN and U. S. consulates . . . streets are full of troops, some on the move and some idle . . . most of them seem to be just enjoying the winter sunshine . . . the general picture shows the communists advancing, the nationalists retreating.

Perhaps most significant of all is the APATHY on the PART OF THE PEOPLE reported by reliable correspondents. They don't seem to care much what happens. The signs, when put together and viewed as a whole, point to nationalist defeat and communist victory.

### SNOW GREETS ROSEBURG

Light Fall Taries Only Short Time; No Prospect Now of 'White Christmas'

Although the Weather Bureau called it just a "trace" of snow, there was a noticeable blanket of white covering rooftops, parked automobiles, lawns and tree limbs this morning. It was enough for children to toss a few snowballs and to give a Christmas-card effect to the hills surrounding the city.

In the streets, the snow melted almost as fast as it touched the ground. On some of the unpaved streets, the snow turned to slush. The Weather Bureau reported snowfall today in other Western Oregon cities, such as Eugene and Salem. The State Highway Department reported no highways closed as result of the snow. K. D. Lytle, engineer in charge here, said all routes are open to "normal traffic" today.

There was reported to be ice in the higher mountain areas, particularly over Sexton Mountain, north of Grants Pass. But sanders are busy in these areas today and the highway is open through to California.

The snow today had no particular effect on employment. Logging operations at higher alti-

**Levity Fact Rant**  
By L. F. Reizenstein

'Backward, turn backward, O time in thy flight; make me a child again just for tonight,' was probably written by one of those millions of oldsters who long watched with secret yearning the electric train in the store's toy department.