

## Russia Dupes U. N. In Indonesia Mess, Hollander Says

TOKYO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Dutch Ambassador Hendrik Mouw said yesterday the United Nations has become "suckers for Russian propaganda" in dealing with the Indonesian fighting.

In a press conference, Mouw, head of the Netherlands Legation here, said the U. N. was "playing the Russian game" by its cease fire orders.

"The big question," he said, "is whether the Dutch Indies, the vulnerable part of southeast Asia, can resist the Communist tide in the Orient. Instead of

blaming Holland for the present action, I think the world in the future will thank Holland."

The Ambassador said the basic fight in Indonesia is over the question of returning economic stability.

"Throughout the world whenever first steps are taken toward stability, Russia immediately steps in," Mouw said. "Given peace, the Indies would increase their economic position by leaps and bounds, he said. Instead, Mouw went on, "President Soekarno and other Indonesian Republican leaders have become tools of the Communists" and were trying to perpetuate economic unrest.

## New Year's Eve Buffet Easy Task

By GAYNOR MADDOX  
NEA Staff Writer

The New Year will find the Golden West ready and welcoming. Essie L. Elliott, Home Economics Director of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, an executive of National Safety Council, gives her plans exclusively to readers of this column.

"New Year's Eve will be spent at home with my sister and our closest friends.

"A bowl of California punch, which I call 'Golden Glow,' will be available all evening. For the teenagers, who are not saving appetites for later festivities, corn chips, salted nuts, popcorn, apples and oranges will surround the punch bowl.

"At 11 o'clock a buffet supper will precede the impending event of 1949. The menu has been planned to give the hostess all the time possible with guests. No last minute tricky food preparation. Most of it can be prepared the day before."

**Golden Glow Punch**  
(30 punch glass servings)  
One pint tea, 14 cups sugar, 1 quart orange juice, 1 cup lemon juice, 1 pint pineapple juice, 1 quart carbonated water, 1 quart orange and lemon slices.

Dissolve sugar in hot tea. Chill. Add other ingredients. Pour into a bowl imbedded in ice or add ice cubes to chill it thoroughly. Float orange and lemon slices. **Guacamole**

"We in California borrow many recipes and ideas from our Spanish and Mexican residents. Elena, author of Famous Mexican and Spanish Recipes, taught me this delicious avocado mixture to spread on breads, crackers, corn chips or warm tortillas.

One fresh tomato, peeled; 2 medium avocados, 1 small onion, minced; 1 tablespoon lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste, chopped green chile to taste.

Mash tomato and avocados together, and blend in remaining ingredients. Serve as a spread for eight or ten persons.

**Tuna Casserole**  
(Serves eight)

This is very easy to make. It can be prepared ahead of time. One 8 oz. can tuna, one 3 oz. bag of potato chips, one No. 2 can mushrooms. Crush potato chips to dime size. Arrange tuna and chips in alternative layers in baking dish. Add the mushrooms. Bake until thoroughly hot, about one-half hour.

**Jap Candidates Quickly Respond to Election Call**

TOKYO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The Japanese government yesterday called for a general election Jan. 23, and 598 candidates immediately filed for the 466 House of Representatives seats.

Newspapers expected nearly 1,500 more to get into the political races.

Prime Minister Yoshida and most of the other leading politicians were among the first to proclaim their candidacies.

The election was precipitated by last week's dissolution of the Diet at the climax of a long political battle. Dissolution means vacating only the seats in the Lower House of Representatives. The Upper House of Councillors is also in recess but its membership will not change.

First to file in Tokyo for House positions were seven Communist candidates.

**Best Lie Wins \$500, Air Trip to Hollywood**

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Bernard Rinear, a railroad baggage clerk and part time photographer came around to take the picture of the winner of the sourdough whopper contest and they told him:

"Shoot yourself." Rinear outlived 3,276 other frigid fibbers with a story about one cold Alaska winter.

"Why," he said (keeping a straight face, mind you), "the mercury dropped so fast it jerked thermometers off walls and railroad engines used frozen steam as cordwood."

The judges said their eyes got frostbitten just reading that one and they named it the top whopper.

Now Rinear gets a \$500 in (cold) cash and a free plane trip to Hollywood for New Year's Day.

"I'm overwhelmed," said Rinear, "and that's no lie."

Since 1900 total life insurance owned in the United States has increased 20 times, while the population has not yet doubled.

## KDND DIAL-LOG

For the ninth consecutive year the New Year's Day Cotton Bowl classic, played in Dallas, Texas, will be aired exclusively over the coast-to-coast Mutual Don Lee network (Saturday, January 1, 11 a.m. to conclusion). This year's game, which pits Oregon's Webbe against the Mustangs of Southern Methodist University, will bring to the MDL microphone Alvin Helfer to handle the play-by-play, while Charlie Jordan will do the color and statistics of the game. Don't know if you needed to be reminded about this game or not—trust you'll join the other thousands of Oregonians New Year's Day to hear "dear old Oregon" play in one of the major "Bowl" games!

One lucky youngster, somewhere in the country, whose name has been submitted to KJH-Mutual Don Lee's week-day Cinderella program "Queen for a Day" (10:30 a.m.), will be privileged to attend inauguration ceremonies for President Harry S. Truman and Vice-President Alben W. Barkley. The prize will be awarded on the broadcast of Friday, December 31.

Reminders for tonight's listening schedule on KRNR—"The Adventures of the Thin Man" at 7:30, "Box Thirteen" at 8, "Music You Remember" at 8:30, and "Incredible, But True" at 8:45.

Curious to know how many people got "their two front teeth" for Christmas? Judging by the number of requests preceding Christmas for the Spike ones novelty number, "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth," we must have had quite a few "upperless" listeners. Tomorrow night's "What's the Name of that Song?"—night at 7... with "Official Detective" at 7:30... and "Boston Blackie" at 8. Good listening!

## Government-Owned Railroads Held Possible if Trend Continues

By PETER EDSON  
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WASHINGTON—Government ownership of the railroads may be what ultimately lies ahead if the transportation industry continues its present cycle of wage and rate increases. This hard conclusion is the off-the-record opinion of Washington transportation authorities not connected with either railroad management or railroad labor.

Probably no official would allow himself to be quoted on this trend at this time. But private observations to this effect were made freely following announcement of the special Presidential Mediation Board's recommendations on Sept. 1, 1948, nonoperating railroad employees should be granted a 40-hour week in place of the 48-hour week, with seven cents an hour wage increase.

Recommendations of this board are not binding on either management or labor. Either or both may turn down the findings as unacceptable. The recommendations were intended to head off threat of a strike next January, but a strike is still possible.

Another possibility is that if the board's recommendations should be accepted by both sides as a basis for negotiations, there will be nine months of arguing over how to put the 40-hour week into effect.

The railroad industry is practically the only big industry in the country which is not now on the five-day 40-hour week. It will be recalled that when this schedule was being generally adopted during the 1930's, there was much argument that steel and other basic industries couldn't operate that way, and would be ruined. They weren't. Transition in the railroad industry may therefore be a lot smoother than is now anticipated.

Increased operating costs imposed by the recommended wage rate and rule changes would be something else again. Estimates vary, but the total increased costs to the railroads if all the board's recommendations are adopted will be \$450,000,000 to \$650,000,000 a year.

These increases cannot be absorbed by any freight or passenger rate boosts which the railroads have received or still have in sight from Interstate Commerce Commission. Petitions for a 13 per cent increase in freight rates now being considered by ICC would be the "sixth round." Four increases in freight rates have been received since the end of the war. In addition, passenger fares, mail pay and express rates have been raised.

Railway labor has received three full rounds of wage increases for both operating and nonoperating personnel, and is now starting on its fourth round. In addition, the carriers claim that coal and oil costs are up nearly 100 per cent above pre-war, while all material and supply costs have gone up about 70 per cent.

**Operating at Loss**  
Passenger fare increases granted this year have already offset the cost of cutting total passenger-miles traveled. In ICC freight rate hearings just concluded, many shippers of coal, lumber, fruits and vegetables, livestock

and other commodities claimed freight rates were now as high as they could go. If passenger and freight rates are forced still higher, more traffic will simply have to be diverted to competing services.

This has happened to some degree in railway express business. If the railroads are headed toward government ownership, it will apparently have to be this kind of an operation. Rates will be kept low enough by law so that people can afford to travel and ship by rail. Government subsidies will take care of losses.

Escapes from this eventual outcome are considered limited under present trends. The railroads might possibly change their operation so as to cut down overhead. Unprofitable services would be dropped. Railroad passenger service for all Class One railroads is now operating at a loss of \$400,000,000 a year. Trains and even routes that do not pay expenses might have to be taken off if deficits rise.

**Federal Check Stealer Faces Portland Trial**

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Cecil Melzo Turman, 30, was charged yesterday with stealing government checks—most of them assistance payments to aged pensioners, and cashing them by means of a 10-cent identification card.

Arrested Dec. 7 in Texas, Turman was brought here to stand trial in federal court. His home is in Edon, Ohio.

Secret Service Official Frank J. Kenney said Turman admitted stealing checks, forging an endorsement, and using 10-cent identification cards to "prove" his identity.

Most of the checks were cashed at grocery stores, the official said. Turman lived here for about a year, up to last August.

**Prison Term Meted To Ex-Jap Cabinet Member**

TOKYO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Kyodo News Agency reported yesterday that former Agricultural Minister Hirano had been sentenced to 10 months imprisonment for violating government purge orders.

Hirano was convicted of failing to report his association with Kodo Kai (The Imperial Way) nationalist society in filing his application to run for office.

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## Man's Rescue of His Spirit From War-Torn World Top Event of 1948

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The year has come to final harvest—and the harvest was fine.

1948 A. D. will go down in the record books as one of the best years of our lives.

It was a time when, on many fronts, man rescued his spirit from the chaos of the post-war world. And it was a time when he openly dared to hope for an ending pattern of wide peace, even though it be at present only a peace of truce.

It stood out as a year of rising plenty. A flood tide of American goods and machines flowed out in waves that had the power to wash away some of the miseries in other lands.

There was work for almost everyone. There was a jingling of the pockets, and many things in the stores to buy. The price tags were high. But at the end of the year the price tags were coming down.

Looking back now, 1948 seems just like Shakespeare's "A Winter's Tale." In the old days families used to gather around the fireside and hear a winter's tale before going to the warmth of bed and sleep. A good winter's tale had some sadness in it, some gladness—and hope at the end. And hasn't 1948 been just that kind of a story, too?

**Sadness and Joy**  
It had romance, adventure, death, prosperity, tears—and a great big belly laugh.

Everyone got a valentine thrill out of the wedding between "Bobo," the staid Cinderella, and young Winthrop Rockefeller.

The heart of boyhood was broken with the death of Babe Ruth, victim of one of mankind's oldest enemies, "Black Jack" Pershing, tipped his colors and rode off to the endless resting place of all good cavalrymen—"Fiddler's Green."

Two apostles of peace—Saintly Mohandas K. Gandhi and Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden—fell to assassins' bullets. The Jew and the Arab played a mortal game of hide-and-seek, and strife bloodied ancient India. But out of the deaths of many

men in many lands the promise of peace rose higher. It flew chiefly with the thousands of anonymous young British and Americans who fed Berlin with an aerial ladder. And they were the larger heroes of the year, for they signalled that the West might make no second Munich compromise. "They were the heralds of a deepening order, a firming principle."

Above all, they were the portents of a new stability that Europe needed above everything else to give it the courage to build anew.

Somewhere, unknown to us now, a child perhaps was born in 1948 whose memory the earth will have reason to bless always.

The mother of the year was Princess Elizabeth of Britain, who had a bonny prance the world wished well.

The big belly laugh was provided by the little man from Missouri, Harry S. Truman hatched a memorable surprise for the people who count their chickens before they are hatched.

**Forecasts Upset**  
Remember how people were talking a year ago? Remember the half-fearful forecasts for 1948?

Well, has it been so bad? Aren't people generally happier today? Aren't more of them better clothed, better fed, better housed? Don't more of them feel better about the world their children will have to grow up in?

That was the finest gift of 1948—the confidence it brought, the clearing of at least some of the clouding confusions left by the Second World War. If hysteria throughout the world isn't dead, it is at least dying.

Well, so long 1948. We only hope 1949 can keep up the good work. People already are saying, "everything fine in '49."

takes office this month must be the nation's security, at home and abroad. The new government will draw up a budget with that in mind. It will have to break down its overall obligation into a multitude of details. It will have to answer questions such as these:

Shall there be more and higher taxes? Shall the military budget be fixed or flexible? What gets priority in maintaining security, housing or airplane production? How much more must we spend for world aid, and where? How much more can we spend? Will we have to push military production farther, even if it means aggravating present civilian shortages? And if this must be done, can it be done without government control of prices, wages, labor, management and material?

These and many more vital questions must be answered in 1949. The answers may come in a series of crises. For there are influential groups in the government with strong and conflicting views on the relative importance of social progress, the status quo, and impregnable military defense.

Each question will be considered and each answer made in the shadow of Russia's veiled policy and unpredictable tactics. We can only pray that those who

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6:00—Music.  
6:15—Sports Page.  
6:20—Music.  
6:30—Three-Quarter Time.  
6:45—Bill Henry, News.  
7:00—Official Detective.  
7:15—This Man.  
7:30—Box 11, Alan Ladd.  
7:45—Must You Remember?  
8:00—Incredible, But True.  
8:15—News.  
8:30—Fleetwood Lawton.  
8:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.  
9:00—Dance Orchestra.  
9:15—Mutual Covers the News.  
9:30—Dance Orchestra.  
9:45—Rhythm Rendezvous.  
10:00—Rhythm Rendezvous.  
10:15—News.  
10:30—Rhythm Rendezvous.  
11:30—Sign Off.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29, 1948

6:00—Sunrise Serenade.  
6:15—Yawn Patrol.  
7:00—News.  
7:15—Music and Shine.  
7:30—State and Local News.  
7:45—Breakfast for Two.  
8:00—Shoppers' Guide.  
8:15—Victor H. Lindlahr.  
8:30—Must You Remember?  
8:45—Meet the Band.  
9:00—News.  
9:15—Gospel Singers.  
9:30—Man About Town.  
9:45—Musical Interlude.  
10:00—Shoppers' Guide.  
10:15—Ladies First.  
10:30—Rhythm for a Day.  
10:45—Melody Matinee.  
11:00—Book of Bargains.  
11:30—Music.  
11:45—Musical Menu.  
12:00—Frank Johnson Family.  
12:30—Sports Page.  
12:45—State and Local News.  
1:00—Terminal Market Reports.  
1:15—Man on the Street.  
1:30—Guest Star.  
1:45—It's Requested.  
2:00—Dance Time.  
2:15—Frank Johnson Family.  
2:30—Passing Parade.

**Alaskan Trek Puts Youth in Hospital**

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 28.—(AP)—William S. Street, 18-year-old son of the president of Seattle's Frederick and Nelson department store, is in serious condition after a five-day trek in sub-zero weather in an effort to get home for Christmas.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Street of Medina, a Seattle suburb, are flying north today with special medicine for treatment of frostbite. The youth is in St. Joseph's Hospital here.

Dr. Arthur J. Schable said young Street may lose two or four badly frozen toes and that the infection is causing a "dangerously high temperature."

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