

QUAKES JAR NEVADA, CALIFORNIA REGIONS

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



BILL HART is manager of the Veterans Lounge, Jackson and Washington streets. He is shown there viewing one of the prettiest Christmas trees displayed anywhere during the holiday season, preparing to remove it. Good looking or bad looking, both trees and men suffer the same fate.

Bill married the former Maurice Holmes and the two are preparing to celebrate their first wedding anniversary, which occurs New Year's Eve.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CHRISTMAS news notes:

Jerusalem: The strangest Christmas Eve and the smallest Christian pilgrimage since the Crusades are in prospect today for Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus... sand-bagged gun posts, barbed wire and mine fields bar the Judean hill roads that Joseph and Mary traveled on their way to Bethlehem 1949 years ago.

Elmer Hagar Follows His Brother in Death

Elmer Hagar, 73, well known resident of Roseburg, died Monday following a prolonged illness. He was born at Joliet, Ill., Feb. 15, 1877, and had been a resident of this community for many years.

His death followed that of his brother, Dr. Charles E. Hagar, by only 24 days. Surviving are the following nephews and nieces: Edward W. Hagar of Roseburg; Rowland G. Hagar, Marion V. Poland, and Clara M. Hagar, all of Oceanside, Calif.

Airmen Rescued From Greenland Icecap

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 — (AP) — Air force headquarters announced today the rescue of 13 airmen who had been stranded on the Greenland ice cap.

They were picked up by a C-47 from an air base 270 miles northwest of the crash scene, the air force said.

The C-47, which was specially equipped with skis for the landing, is returning to its base.

It was not immediately certain how many men were rescued. The air force's count has been 13. An official said today, however, that the number may be only 12.

One of the men stranded on the ice cap was 1st Lt. Albert M. Hedvall of Seattle. He was aboard a rescue glider dropped Dec. 17 and later damaged.

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WESTERN GERMANY HOWLS

Agreement of Allies On Control of Ruhr Evokes All-Party Denunciation

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 29.—Western Germany's political leaders let out a howl of protest today against the Western Allies' new Ruhr agreement.

The decision to set up a Ruhr authority to control Germany's coal and industrial basin prompted some of the harshest German criticism of the Allies heard since the war.

After a night of reading and digesting the Allied text, all political parties began to denounce the six-nation plan publicly.

The Ruhr's important trade unions added their protests, too. The criticism was general, widespread and painful. Not only the big political machines, but the struggling little parties and the man in the street said they "could not understand it."

Some of the sharpest criticism came from the left-wing Social Democratic Party which is almost all-powerful in the Ruhr region and stands for Socialism of the British type.

Uniformly, the non-Communist parties demanded that the key industrial areas of England, Belgium, France, Holland and Luxembourg be "internationalized" along with the Ruhr. The na-

tions are, with the U. S., parties to the pact.

The German parties claimed it could only be this way that peaceful European cooperation could be achieved. Keynoting this point of view was Dr. Konrad Adenauer, chairman of the conservative Christian Social Union in the British Zone.

Adenauer said the agreement clearly showed that Germany had regained "nothing" of its sovereignty since 1945. He said the German people would regard the pact "with great reluctance."

"The German Communist party, as had been expected, took the line that the agreement was a step to put Germany's one time organizers of a new war conspiracy."

Some Communist papers in Berlin predicted an outbreak of protest strikes in the Ruhr Valley, where the wheels of production rapidly are gaining speed in the interest of European reconstruction.

The Weather

Cloudy with rain today, becoming partly cloudy with occasional rain tonight. Cloudy with rain Thursday.

Sunset today 4:45 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:45 a. m.

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Earl A. Reed Accused In Fatal Crash

Alleged Driver Facing Manslaughter Charge; Drunk, Complaint Says

Earl Alfred Reed, allegedly the driver of the car in which a passenger, Crawford Whitaker, 68, was fatally injured in a Christmas Day accident on South Stephens Street, was arrested by City Police Tuesday and arraigned before Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartel on a charge of manslaughter.

Reed asked for a preliminary hearing and the opportunity to see an attorney. His bail was fixed at \$5,000, but no date was set for the hearing.

The complaint, filed by Officer L. J. Larsen as prosecuting witness, alleged that Reed was operating the vehicle, a 1941 Chevrolet coupe, while "under the influence of intoxicating liquor." He is alleged to have crossed over the highway and collided with a P. and B. Wrecker Service truck "legally parked" upon the opposite side of the street.

The complaint states that Whitaker was injured by the collision and that he "received mortal wounds and injuries within and upon the body and especially about the head" from which he died Monday, Dec. 27.

Reed, as he came into and left the Justice Courtroom, limped badly from injuries he, too, sustained in the accident that sent him and three passengers, including Whitaker, to Mercy Hospital. Reed was released Monday, but the other two passengers, Richard Whitaker and Carolyn Whitaker, are still hospitalized.

Federal services have been set for Whitaker for Friday at 2 p. m. in the Roseburg Funeral Home. The Rev. Vernon Kleim of the Assembly of God Church will officiate, and interment will follow in the Masonic Cemetery. Whitaker was a resident of the Winston vicinity.

Mock Invasion Of Alaska Will Test Sea Force

TERMINAL ISLAND NAVY BASE, Calif., Dec. 29 — (AP) — The biggest naval operations in Alaska waters since the Japanese were driven out of the Aleutians will take 18,000 sailors and marines north soon.

Kodiak island will be "attacked" in extensive amphibious "invasion" activities.

A fleet of 34 vessels, Rear Adm. L. T. DuBois announced yesterday, will launch an assault on the island, the site of the navy's northernmost Pacific base. Vessels of almost every navy type, plus 16,000 sailors, 2,000 marines and 120 carrier-based aircraft, including four jets, will take part.

Defending the island will be army, air force and naval units directed by Rear Adm. A. E. Montgomery, commanding the Alaskan sea frontier.

Not only clothing, but scores of other items—such as oil, engines and de-icing gear—as well as food and personnel will be tested.

"This is not a military problem," Adm. DuBois told a press conference here yesterday. "It is an exercise to test men in cold, wet weather and rotten conditions."

He said cold weather clothing, sufficiently light and flexible to permit its wearers to work and move about easily, is one of the chief objectives.

Youth Arrested Here In Stolen Automobile

State Police from the Roseburg office early today apprehended a 15-year-old Portland youth, formerly of Oklahoma, who admitted the theft of a 1948 Chevrolet sedan from Oakridge Monday.

The officers report the youth was in possession of the car at the time of his arrest at 12:47 a. m. near Cook Junction. The automobile was registered to Frank C. Singletary, Oakridge, and was identified by the arresting officers from a description obtained earlier.

The prisoner was booked at the Douglas County Jail to be turned over to Lane County authorities, who believe he may be implicated in other cases in that county, the police report.

Log, Lumber Hauling Halted Until Thaw Ends

The Douglas County Court has issued an order that when the ground thaws following the present freeze, all log and lumber hauling shall cease until roads are dry and settled again.

This includes all county roads in Douglas County and all loads of logs and lumber in excess of five tons total weight of load and vehicle.

The road patrolman in each district will notify haulers when conditions are again right for hauling. Violations will be prosecuted.

Dutch Yield To Demand to Cease War in Indonesia

PARIS, Dec. 29 — (AP) — The Netherlands told the United Nations Security Council today the Dutch will order an end of hostilities in Indonesia at midnight Friday.

The Dutch representative, Van Royen, also announced that The Netherlands soon will release President Soekarno of the Indonesian Republic and member of his cabinet who were captured at the outset of Dutch operations.

The release will be "on the understanding that the persons concerned will refrain from activities endangering public security," he told the council.

The statement came within an hour of the end of a 24-hour deadline served by the Council on Holland yesterday for the liberation of the Indonesian Republic leaders.

Storm Lashes Nebraska, Moves on Into Iowa

OMAHA, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Nebraska early today was buffeted by high winds, about all that remained of a snow and sleet storm which clogged highways and cut communication lines.

As the storm moved out of Nebraska into Iowa, temperatures plunged. It was 5 degrees above zero early this morning at Chadron, in the northwestern part of the state.

Yesterday winds of 40 to 50 miles an hour drifted snow on highways across the width of the state, ice and wind was blamed for breaks in at least 314 long distance telephone lines and 46 communities were isolated.

Sleet Storm Snarls Columbia Gorge Traffic

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Sleet and freezing rain gave the Columbia River Gorge highways a sheath of ice last night. Traffic was snarled on both the Washington and Oregon routes through the gorge.

Multnomah County sheriff's deputies reported some 30 vehicles, ditched by skidding, halted traffic for several hours early in the night while tow trucks cleared the Oregon route.

On the Washington side of the gorge, patrolmen of that state reported traffic over the Evergreen Highway was limited to one-way travel at some points.

Religious Course Plan Receives No Action

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 29 — (AP) — The Salem Ministerial Association submitted a new plan to the Salem school board last night for providing religious instruction for school children, but the board took no action.

Multnomah would provide two teachers who would give the instruction during school hours in churches or private homes.

Each pupil from the 3rd through the 6th grades would get 45 minutes of instruction a week. The former system, where the instruction was given in the schools, was banned by the U. S. Supreme Court.

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Closed Shop To Again be Legal, General View

Even Senator Taft Thinks Ban 'May be Changed' By Demo-Ruled Congress

By MAX HALL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 — (AP) — People on both sides of the labor-management fence are predicting that the 81st Congress will make the closed shop legal again.

If this happens, great numbers of workers will be brought under contracts requiring them to be union members in order to get or hold their jobs.

Labor leaders are taking it for granted that the closed shop ban in the Taft-Hartley act is doomed. Officials of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States say this "seems likely."

Senator Taft, one of the sponsors of the Taft-Hartley law, told a reporter:

"It is safe to say that the absolute prohibition of the closed shop is likely to be changed."

But Taft quickly added that it's impossible to predict exactly what congress will enact on this general subject. He hinted he will seek a "closed union" law, as a substitute for the closed shop ban.

"If we are going to permit the closed shop, we can hardly have the closed union," he said.

By "closed union," he means a union that bars people from membership on grounds other than non-payment of reasonable dues or initiation fees.

Taft predicted flatly that congress will eliminate the Taft-Hartley provision which prohibits a union from writing a "union shop" contract unless a majority of the employees authorize it in an election.

This provision ought to go," he said.

Here's how the union shop differs from the closed shop:

A closed shop contract prevents the employer from hiring a worker who isn't a member of the union. A union shop contract permits the employer to join the union or get fired. Under either contract, if a worker quits the

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Grid-Track Star Drowns In Plunge Through Ice

SEATTLE, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Little Mike Scanlan, 28, University of Washington football and track star, broke through thin ice and drowned yesterday at Pine Lake, north of Seattle. His brother-in-law, William Richstad, 18, drowned in a rescue attempt.

Scanlan, a substitute quarterback on the Washington team, gained all-American honorable mention in the Associated Press selections for 1948. He attended high school in New Orleans and Tulane University for one year before entering the Navy during the war. He was a senior at Washington.

Mrs. Scanlan, an expectant mother, was at the Lakeside home of a sister at the time of the accident. The Scanlans had one son, Mike, Jr., 2.



ARRESTED — Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty (above), Roman Catholic prelate and chief cleric, was arrested by Hungarian police, Radio Budapest announced.

Broadcast stated that the Cardinal was being held "for high treason, an attempt to overthrow the Democratic regime, espionage and foreign currency abuses." A "confession" was reported. (NEA Telephoto)

Airliner With 30 On Board Lost On Flight to Miami

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 29 — (AP) — Hope faded rapidly today for a charter airliner missing more than 24 hours on a flight from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Miami with 30 persons aboard.

A fleet of 37 planes went out at dawn to resume an intensive search over the 1,200-mile air route to San Juan and fanned out over the Florida peninsula and the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

The official passenger list, released at San Juan last night, named 25 passengers and a crew of three as aboard the missing craft. Earlier Airborne Transport, Inc., of New York, which leased the plane, said two infants in arms also were aboard.

Many of the passengers who boarded the plane at San Juan Monday were described as Puerto Ricans returning to the United States after holiday visits to relatives.

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Chiang Calls Conference Of War Leaders

Peace Rumors Vie With Reports of Shifting Of Resistance to Formosa

By HAROLD K. MILKS
NANKING, Dec. 29 — (AP) — From all corners of China today came Nationalist military leaders to talk war or peace with Chiang Kai-shek.

The 62-year-old president, urged by many to quit, called the conference.

It probably will start tomorrow. On its decision may rest the future of Nationalist China, beset on the north by conquering Communists.

Even as the warlords, generals and leaders arrived in Nanking, a government source revealed that a Red underground organization was hard at work only two miles from the capital.

A hint that Chiang, or his Nationalist leaders under a new chief, would carry on the fight came late in the day. Gen. Chen Cheng, former army chief of staff, was appointed governor of Formosa by the executive Yuan (council).

His appointment, plus the fact the Navy and Air Force have moved some of their headquarters units to the big island off the coast half way between Shanghai and Canton, might presage flight of Chiang's government there if Nanking is attacked.

North of the Yangtze it appeared almost as if over for Chiang's men. A few pockets held out, notably in Peiping and Tientsin, and Gen. Tu Li-ming's Red-surrendered force 50 miles south of Suchow. None seemed to have any chance of getting out.

Peace Rumors in Nanking
Nanking was filled with rumors of peace. One source described the forthcoming meeting as a "roll call" of those National leaders who still retain personal followings either military or civil in order to determine the feasibility of continuing the war with the Communists.

There were recurrent reports that Chiang, after more than 20 years at China's helm, had decided to quit. His successor, these sources said, would be Vice

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Would-be Burglar In W. Roseburg Scared Away

A prowler was reported frightened away from the Dr. E. W. Carter home at 1307 Harrison Street in West Roseburg about 4 a. m. today.

According to the report, Dr. Carter heard a noise downstairs and upon investigating saw the outline of a person outside a rear door. He called city police, but since the locality was outside the city limits no officer could be sent. No one could be reached at the sheriff's office. The would-be burglar was then frightened away.

Dr. Carter reported the screen had been cut in an attempt to enter the house.

This was the second prowler reported in West Roseburg recently.

A. J. Woodcock's Leg Broken in Log Accident

Andy J. Woodcock of Broccoli Lane, off Melrose Road, contract log hauler for Roseburg Lumber Company, sustained a severe leg fracture when struck by a rolling log shortly after noon Tuesday near Olalla.

According to information obtained by Mrs. Woodcock, her husband was loading logs onto his truck. The logging chain had just been thrown over the load, when the top log started to roll. Woodcock attempted to jump out of the way, but the log brushed his shoulder, knocking him down, then broke his leg. Both bones were said to have been fractured. No other injury was apparent.

Probation Granted To Passer of Bad Checks

Henry Leonard Probasco, Reedsport, indicted by the Grand Jury on two fictitious check charges, pleaded guilty when arraigned before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Tuesday.

The judge sentenced him to serve one year in the state penitentiary on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently, then placed him on probation, in view of the fact he had already spent three months in the County Jail.

Probasco was accused of passing two checks for \$20 each on Ward's Tavern at Reedsport. He has since made the checks good.

Bond Issue to Expand Utility Faced at Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 29 — (AP) — A \$3,000,000 bond issue will be placed before the electors by the Eugene Water Board to finance expansion of the city-owned light and water system. No date has been set for the vote.

Power, Phone Lines Felled, Slides Occur

Series of Shocks Center At Reno, Extend as Far West as San Francisco

RENO, Nev., Dec. 29 — (AP) — Power and telephone lines were knocked down and minor highway slides touched off by renewed earth tremors which shook Reno heavily early today.

The shocks, apparently centering here, extended through the Sierras into Northern California as far west as San Francisco and as far south as Fresno in the San Joaquin Valley.

Three quakes, the first reported at about 4:55 a. m., were so severe as to knock the seismograph of the University of Nevada completely awry.

They were the latest in a series of shocks beginning Monday night, when Reno was shaken seven times within a period of four and a half hours.

The Bell Telephone Company reported its lines down near the California state line about 15 miles west of here.

As emergency crews were rushed out to determine the extent of the break, company officials said heavy electrical charges in the circuits indicated high-voltage power lines had fallen across them.

Long distance circuits linking Reno and San Francisco were not affected.

The highway department at Sacramento, Calif., reported that minor rock slides occurred on U. S. Highway 40, main transcontinental highway to the east over the California Sierras.

The highway remained open, however, after Reno authorities requested California highway crews to put mountain snowplows into action to clear the pavement of debris.

MARYSVILLE, Calif., Dec. 29 — (AP) — An earthquake of moderate intensity was felt here at 4:57 a. m.

Hundreds of persons were awakened by the tremor, which was reported of 5 to 10 seconds duration.

Police reported some downtown windows broken, and some breakage was reported in residential areas.

Veterans Slated For Dividends On Life Insurance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Dividends ranging from a few cents to several hundred dollars will be paid out in 1949 to veterans who took out national service life insurance.

The Veterans Administration said in announcing this that 16,000,000 veterans may share in the payments.

Unofficial estimates of the size of the surplus fund, from which the dividends will be paid, range from \$1,500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000.

Officials said that veterans who took out the minimum \$1,000 policy and held it a short time will receive only a small dividend. But the GIs who got into the program early and for the maximum amount of \$10,000 probably will receive up to several hundred dollars.

The VA plans to make refunds on all policies on which premiums were paid for three or more months. This includes policies that have lapsed or matured, as well as those now in force.

The first policies were effective October 8, 1940. The dividends will cover the period through the 1948 anniversary.

Officials said they doubted if payments will start before next August.

Deadline Cited On Vote For C. of C. Directors

Tonight is the final time to mail ballots to the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce for the election of four directors, reports Secretary-Manager Harold Hickerson.

With 11 more ballots in the mail today, the number voting has now reached 216 out of 516 ballots sent out. This is the largest number of votes in the chamber's history.

Ballots placed in the post office tonight will be delivered in time for counting Thursday afternoon. Noon is the deadline for receiving votes at the office.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Eastern railroads have begun serving notices to employees that they'll be laid off Jan. 1 for business reasons. And after Jan. 1, Uncle Sam will begin admitting refugees from foreign countries at the rate of 10,000 a month. These items no doubt are within the category of "balanced economy."