

Royall Sees Greek War at First Hand



Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall, right, touring Greek fighting areas, questions captured Greek guerrillas in Argos, Greece. Note the woman at extreme left. The secretary also inspected Greek Army installations as he visited the Balkan hot-spot during his European trip.

Annual Lost Week of Mankind, With Joys and Heartbreaks, Now Faced

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK. (AP)—This is the annual lost week of mankind—the week of the big let down.

I mean, of course, in America.

It is during this week that America is in a big essential sense the least like a foreigner would expect.

He would come here prepared to find the wealthiest people in the wealthiest nation—a nation that has spread its wealth deeper and farther among more people than any of the other so-called civilized nations—geared to the machine.

But he would find that these people are out of tune with the machine. Their pulse has lost the tempo. He would find—that foreign visitor—that this is the week when the cast mechanism that is America slows down.

It is the time when the "circuit breaker" operates. It also could be called in the language of Detroit "mental retelling week."

It comes always at the same time—the week between Christmas and the New Year.

It is the time when the slow-down of the production output is only partly measured by the holidays men take from their jobs.

Neither can it be measured by the extra alcohol that some consume nor by the extra days that they take away from their tasks. In addition, in many cases, to their regular holidays.

Souls Being Adjusted

There is a human factor that cannot be shown accurately on any chart or graph. This is the adjustment that takes place in their souls at the annual season of good will.

It is the time of letdown. It is the rest period that any productive equipment, man or metal, must have—else it collapses.

Certainly it is a strange and mixed time, confusing beyond any other period. For it is in this week that a man, relaxed by a feeling of well being, looks toward the goals his race could really achieve—by living nearer to his religion all year around.

It is also, unfortunately, the time when many new annual business contracts are let, contracts that determine the year ahead. Many old men who have run the machine—their own particular machine—are quietly given their walking papers. The newspapers are full of details of new promotions. But for most promotions there is a heartbreak—as well as a heart leap.

Some Gain, Some Lose

Somebody gains . . . somebody loses . . . and either way a man wants to keep the light shining on his Christmas tree just a few more days.

The big man, the middle man, the small man—papa bear, mama bear, baby bear—they all are prisoners. They are victims of a new failure or a strange success, something to make them live differently. The new year always has a fresh burden or responsibility to be shouldered.

But even if they escape the persecution of sudden change, there still is an adjustment to be made.

For they have seen for a day a holy vision—an interlude when they could live by the heart, and spend its goodness like prodigals. They have had the happy holiday of the heart and its freedom, and it just takes them a little while to go back. They accept the harness a little slowly, like a tired horse that has tasted for a day a vacation of the greener pastures we all yearn for.

It isn't a bad thing at all—this letdown. Every system has to permit it. Even in the cycle of the stars the astronomers allow for a leap year. Man is a creature that has to leap sometime, too.

Christmas is only the small opening in a closer circle the world will open wider as it wakens.

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GIs in Germany Given Sentences in Bribe Racket

MUNICH, Germany, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Two American military police have been convicted and two arrested in what the U. S. Army describes as "the first major bribery case involving military personnel in the European Theater."

Revelations by a pretty frau-tein led to discovery of what an Army spokesman said yesterday "is believed to be a gigantic syndicate" importing American cigarettes into Germany illegally.

"The operation is so large that when we confiscate three or four truckloads of cigarettes no one claims them nor is any complaint received from those who believe to be at the top," the spokesman said.

The frau-tein boasted to other military police that her boy friend, Pfc. William E. Brown, had netted approximately \$40,000 in cigarette deals in little more than a year.

Brown is scheduled to go on trial soon in Austria with Sgt. Elmer K. Bogart on charges of offering a bribe. Both are MPs stationed at Salzburg, Austria.

Already convicted of accepting a bribe are Corp. James C. Schneider and Pfc. Roscoe E. Stephens, military police stationed at Berchtesgaden, Hitler's old mountain retreat on the German-Austrian border.

Schneider was sentenced to two and one half years at hard labor. Stephens to one and one half years. Both were ordered dishonorably discharged.

The specific deal involving the four MPs concerned a \$1,000 bribe for allegedly allowing about 1,000 cartons of cigarettes to cross the border from Austria to Germany.

PRECAUTION

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—While showing cowboy pictures, the Rialto theater in London's grimy Bermondsey district hangs this sign in the lobby:

"Park your guns at the box office."

Youngsters fork over toy pistols, peashooters, slingshots and knives as they go in.

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22 New Federal Judgeships to Be Asked of Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Creation of 22 new federal judgeships—five in circuit courts of appeals and 17 for districts—was proposed yesterday by Senator McCarran (D-Nev.). He is slated to be Senate Judiciary committee chairman.

McCarran said as he introduced the bills that the need for additional manpower on the bench in certain areas has become increasingly evident in recent months.

Types of cases calling for the greatest amount of time on the part of the judges have been increasing in recent years, he said.

His bills would provide for two additional places on the court of appeals for the District of Columbia and one each for the Third, Seventh and Tenth Circuits.

There would be two additional judgeships for the northern district of California and one each for the districts of Southern California, Oregon and Kansas.

McCarran said the number of civil cases, exclusive of price regulation actions (which have declined), filed in 1948 was 43,156, which was 8,000 above the number filed annually in pre-war years.

"It is cases in these classes," McCarran said, "that place the greatest burden upon the judges."

He said 11 judges who kept time records during the fall and winter of 1947 reported that 73.8 percent of the time spent on all civil cases was devoted to hearing and deciding private civil cases.

Salem Publisher Sued On Charge of Libel

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—A libel suit for \$150,000 was filed in Circuit Court Tuesday against George Putnam, publisher of the Salem Capital Journal.

The suit was brought by Andy Burk, defeated Democratic candidate for sheriff, who charged Putnam wrote a libelous editorial against Burk.

Fire Chief Suspended On Misconduct Charge

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Fire Chief Peter Loftus faced today the prospect of a hearing on charges that he neglected his duty by allegedly attending a firehouse cellar party featuring beer and theatrical entertainers.

Loftus, 54, was suspended from

It's a Sound Idea



From the tweezers he holds, General Electric engineer George Ledges, Schenectady, N. Y., dropped 11 pieces of cork and they remained suspended in mid-air. The fragments are held aloft by sound waves, pitched too high to be heard by the human ear. Waves, from a tiny air whistle two feet above the tweezers, are focused on the metal reflector at bottom. The waves coming down meet those coming up, creating a still area where the cork remains stationary.

"all duty, without pay" by Fire

Commissioner Frank J. Guayle.

The chief, who has held the \$11,500-a-year post since last Aug. 1, was accused of "misconduct and neglect of duty, conduct unbecoming an officer and prejudicial to good order and discipline."

Quayle said the action, reported to be without precedent here, had the approval of Mayor William O'Dwyer.

Loftus, a member of the Fire Department for 29 years, made no immediate comment on the charges. A date for the hearing has not been set.

Record Year Noted By S. & L. Assn.

Several records of performance were broken in 1948 by the Umpqua Savings and Loan Association, it was shown in yesterday's annual report by H. O. Pargeter, secretary-manager.

The assets of the association have reached a new high of \$1,572,627. The amount advanced for the construction of new homes was \$554,050, the largest amount in the association's 31-year history, and the net inflow of money from the community's savers reached an all time high of \$1,257,094.

The net gain in the savings of the public amounted to \$344,127. Dividends paid during 1948 amounted to \$36,541.00.

Expansion of the lending activities of the association, with new emphasis on loans to build new homes, was cited by the association officer as an important factor in solution of the housing shortage here. Pargeter stated that the 1949 lending would give precedence to the applicants for loans to build low priced homes, since this is the basic need throughout the country.

"There is no question that the Umpqua Savings and Loan Association will continue to grow in 1949," he said. "There is an almost limitless opportunity to serve the home ownership needs in this community if the savings of the people come to us in sufficient volume to permit careful consideration of every loan application made with us."

Three Years Sans Traffic Death, Record at Bend

BEND, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—This Central Oregon city boasted today of three calendar years without a traffic death.

Throughout 1948 there was not a fatality. In fact the last such death was in the summer of 1945 as Bend celebrated the end of the war.

Bend has received state and national safety awards in the three-year period.



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Red Mayor of Berlin Branded 'Fool,' 'Puppet'

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Col. Frank L. Howley, the U. S. commandant here, pinned the label of "fool" and "puppet" Tuesday on the Communist mayor of Soviet-occupied Eastern Berlin.

Commenting on an apparent relaxation of Soviet pressure in Berlin, Howley said:

"They've grabbed one third of the city from international control and now they're busy consolidating it under the puppet government of Friedrich Ebert. They've given the United States government the greatest insult it has ever received in peacetime from a supposedly friendly power, and they think they've gotten away with it."

Howley said he was uncertain whether Ebert, son of the first president of the Weimar republic, was a member of the Communist party.

"I draw no distinction, however, between a fool who obeys Communist orders and a scheming Communist," he added.

The use of cocaine leaves is forbidden to women in South America.

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