



TAME WOLF DOGS — L. Saarloos (left) of Dordrecht, The Netherlands, holds two pups he bred with real wolf blood. One of the Saarloos dogs (right) sits quietly while a little boy plays with him. The experiment was started 20 years ago by mating a she wolf with a dog. The dogs are friendly to children. Some are used as guides for the blind and as police dogs in The Netherlands.



Indonesia Teaches Dutch That Days of Empires Nearing Close

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The Dutch finally have acceded to the United Nations demand that they end hostilities in Indonesia and release the captured members of the Republic cabinet.

However, the compliance is qualified. The cease-fire will be given in Java at midnight Friday, but not until a few days later in the neighboring island of Sumatra.

Since the UN Security Council ordered cessation of fighting Christmas eve, eight days will have elapsed before the ultimatum is met in part. Why did the Netherlands government thus lay itself open to a charge of defying the answer is in part self-evident. The government "got its Dutch up" and decided at all hazards to bring the hostile Indonesian Republic into the projected United States of Indonesia.

We are told that this will be a federation of the republic and six other sovereign Indonesian countries. The federation will in due course become part of a world-wide Dutch commonwealth of nations, similar to the British commonwealth.

for a commonwealth of nations." In short, is Holland really bent on establishing a commonwealth of sovereign states or is she trying to hold her rich empire together from selfish motives? Well, human nature being what it is, I think we are safe in saying that the Dutch must be mighty sorry to see their empire breaking up. Moreover, as I pointed out in a previous column, the evidence at hand would indicate that they intend to safeguard the interests which they have built up during their 300 years of rule in Indonesia. They also have a responsibility towards the natives, some of whom are primitive people.

But having said that, I believe the evidence indicates Holland really does intend to turn her empire into a commonwealth of free states. Naturally she hopes that such a commonwealth will be one of mutual benefit, but she has read the writing on the wall.

That writing says clearly that the days of empires are rapidly drawing to a close. Self-determination is a matter of common sense. The time is past when a "mother country" can impose her authority on civilized peoples belonging to other races. She isn't their "mother" any more than an elephant could be the mother of a tiger. It's against nature. The Dutch explanation of their current "police action" in Indonesia is this: Everything was set for the inauguration, early in the new year, of an interim government leading to the establishment of the United States of Indonesia. The Republic had agreed to join. However, the republic is divided against itself, and the Dutch say those opposed to participation in the federation actually had started, a revolt. The Netherlands government announced last night that negotiations would start forthwith for the establishment of the interim government. Prime Minister Drees himself is going to Indonesia to start the ball rolling.

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Liquor Industry, With More Whiskies of Better Quality, Faces Important Year in 1949

By JACK R. RYAN

NEW YORK — (AP) — The coming year holds an important milestone for the liquor industry—and for the man who likes his whiskey old and mellow.

For the beverage spirits made during those distillery "holidays" from war alcohol-making in 1945 start coming of age in 1949.

This will mean more straight and bonded whiskey on the market, and more of the aged whiskeys going into blends. Liquor not only will be better—it may also be a little cheaper as the competition for the consumer's dollar grows with the beverage supply.

During January, an estimated 19,000,000 gallons of whiskey will become four years old. That may not seem much when compared with the 179,000,000 gallons of all distilled beverages believed to have been consumed in this country this year. But it's a fair start considering there was only about 37,000,000 gallons of whiskey that age or older left in the nation's bonded warehouses last June.

Next July, another, larger batch of the war-holiday brew reaches that key four-year age, and then the distillers' inventory pinch is expected to start easing gradually as the aged stock ratios slowly get back to normal.

However, liquor men expect to see little if any change in the price picture before next fall at the earliest. Distilled beverages cost the consumer just about the same amount in 1948 as in the previous year, and consumption is estimated to have increased only a million gallons or so.

Average Prices Listed
Following is the average price range for a "fifth" size bottle of some representative liquors, as anticipated in the trade for the next several months. The rates may be higher in some states because of higher freight costs, and somewhat lower in certain others which retain monopoly liquor sales rights.

Quality "name" blends will range from \$4.00 to \$5, with less

tant to the economies of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Domestic wine consumption has been growing steadily for the past 18 months. American wine-growers expect to chalk off 1948 as their second largest sales year in history. And they are looking forward to even bigger business in 1949.

H. A. Caddow, secretary-manager of the wine institute, says California wineries alone shipped 76,471,000 gallons during the first nine months of 1948—38 per cent more than in the same period of the previous year.

As for beer, leading brewers said recently its sales appeared to be heading for an all-time record, slightly over 1947's peak of 2,700,033,345 gallons.

Tighter Loyalty Checks Listed For Atomic Workers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission has laid down a tight list of loyalty checks for atomic workers.

The Commission described it as a formal set of rules "for the guidance of the responsible officers of the Commission in determining eligibility for personnel security clearance."

It listed nine "classes of derogatory information which establish a presumption of security risk" and nine more which would land a prospective worker in the suspicious class—where "the attitude or convictions of the individual must be weighed."

Included in the first nine, besides such things as current membership in a subversive organization and evidence of previous sabotage or treason, were insanity, drug or alcohol addiction, and the omission of "significant information" from a personal history statement.

The second category emphasized possible sympathy, identification or association with subversive individuals or groups—including the Communist party—as well as conscientious objection to military service, except for religious reasons.

In both categories, the Commission said, the standards were to be applied to the individual's spouse, as well as to the prospective employee himself.

Marshall Plan to End As Wated, Official Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A top Marshall Plan official says that the general European recovery program "will end on schedule" in 1952 despite the plea of Western Europe that it cannot stand alone on its economic feet by that time.

Richard M. Bissell, deputy assistant administrator of the economic cooperation administration, who made the forecast referred to a long range plan for the European recovery released yesterday in Paris by the organization for European economic cooperation. The report declared that the countries receiving American foreign aid under ECA still will need as much as \$3,000,000,000 in assistance after the plan, as now constituted, comes to an end.

Child Critically Hurt By Dash Into Trailer

SELMA, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Seven-year-old Bonnie Ruth Brown suffered head injuries Tuesday when she dashed into the side of a trailer truck moving on a highway near her home.

State Police Sgt. C. R. Borgman said the girl, a daughter of Mrs. Floyd Breedlove, was in critical condition. The driver of the truck was Clarence Wardlaw, Rogue River.

Disabled Vet May Receive Pension Or Compensation

A veteran disabled by injury or disease incurred in, or aggravated by, service during World War I may qualify for disability compensation paid by the Veterans Administration.

Monthly rates of compensation range from \$13.80 to \$138, depending on the degree of disability, plus statutory awards for blindness, amputations, etc., up to a maximum of \$360. World War I veterans rated 60 percent or more disabled are entitled to additional compensation for dependents.

Disability compensation is payable to any veteran with a service-connected disability, regardless of his income from other sources.

A World War I veteran who becomes permanently and totally disabled for reasons not traceable to his service in the armed forces may be entitled to a VA pension, as distinguished from compensation paid for service-connected disabilities. The veteran must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable after a minimum of 90 days' service, or else discharged because of a disability incurred in line of duty.

The veteran is disqualified if his annual income exceeds \$1,000 if single, or \$2,500 if married or has a minor child. The monthly rate of pension is \$60, which is increased to \$72 after 10 years, or when the veteran reaches age 65.

Seven Men Die in Crash Of Air Force Transport

COLFAX, Calif., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Seven men were killed and another was believed missing in the crash of an Air Force transport plane 10 miles southeast of here Tuesday night.

The plane was flying from Hill Field, Ogden, Utah, to its base at McClellan Field, Sacramento, Calif., when it crashed in this northern California Sierra Nevada foothill area.

Witnesses fairly well established that the plane caught fire and then exploded while flying at about 1,000 feet.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AGT

Mr. and Mrs. E. Le Gat, returning to their home at 1038 Union Avenue from a three-day week-end trip, found a large footprint in their house.

They reported the intrusion to State Police. Questioning of the neighbors, however, soon cleared up the mystery.

The Le Gats, upon leaving home, had failed to turn off their radio. An understanding neighbor entered the house through a window to turn off the music box.

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