

Chinese-Soviet Friendship Pact Appears Certain

Mao Tze-Tung, Reds' Leader, Visits Stalin

High-Ranking Officials Meet Visitor's Train; Two Chiefs Have Talk

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Dec. 17. — (AP) — A Chinese-Soviet friendship pact appeared almost a certainty here today following the arrival of China's Communist leader Mao Tze-Tung in Moscow last night.

Some observers speculated that the subject of the pact already may have been introduced when Mao and Prime Minister Joseph Stalin met last night at the Kremlin, soon after the Chinese leader arrived from Peking on the Trans-Siberian railway.

The two countries also are expected to work out trade and mutual assistance agreements during Mao's first visit to the Soviet capital.

Mao Sounds Keynote
On his arrival at the Moscow railway station Mao spoke immediately of his admiration for Stalin and of stronger ties between China's Communist government and that of Russia.

The most important tasks facing them, Mao said, would be fulfilled thanks to the correct international policy of Stalin.

And these tasks, he said, were the strengthening of the peace front, the struggle against the warmongers, the strengthening of good neighborly relations between China and the Soviet Union and the strengthening of friendship between the Chinese and Russian peoples.

After his long rail trip across Siberia and Russia in a special railway car, Mao was met at the station by Deputy Prime Minister

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Riverside School Changes Schedule To Single Shift

Completion of the new unit to Riverside grade school and a change-over by that school from double to single shifts, has made necessary a change in the hours city public schools will begin and dismiss.

Paul S. Elliott, city school superintendent, said that because of the limited school bus facilities in Roseburg, the following schedule will go into effect Monday, Dec. 19:

All city grade schools will begin classes at 9 a. m. First, second and third grades at Benson, Riverside and Fullerton schools will be dismissed at 2:45 p. m. Fourth, fifth and sixth grades at these three schools will be dismissed at 4 p. m.

Rose Students in the first and second grades dismiss at 2:39 p. m., third graders at 3:15 p. m., at 3:45 p. m., and fourth, fifth and sixth graders at 3:45 p. m.

At those schools where the time has been shortened, Elliott said the required amount of class time will be attained by a shorter noon lunch period.

Both the junior and senior high schools will begin classes at 8:50 each morning, with dismissal time set for 3:30 p. m. The earlier dismissal time was made possible by shortening the noon hour to 40 minutes.

Elliott said other accommodations for more uniform school hours will be made later if school bus facilities are increased.

Drew Pearson Ups Libel Action Suit

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. — (AP) — Columnist Drew Pearson, who originally sued columnist Westbrook Pegler and others for \$500,000 in a libel action, now is suing for \$1,200,000.

Pearson obtained court permission yesterday to increase the amount of the suit, after claiming that he and Pegler made an agreement in 1946 not to criticize each other publicly.

Pearson alleged Pegler violated the agreement in his columns of last May 23, June 8 and July 2. The libel action is based on statements made by Pegler in the three columns.

Pegler denies making any non-criticism pact with Pearson. Pearson's amended action seeks \$300,000 from King Features Syndicate and Pegler; \$200,000 from King Features alone; \$200,000 from Pegler alone; and \$500,000 from Harst Consolidated Publications, Inc.

SALEM, Dec. 17. — (AP) — Drunken driving cost 188 Oregon drivers their licenses last month, the secretary of state's office reported today. Sixty-four more motorists lost their driver's licenses for other offenses.

LEBEN DRIVERS LOSE LICENSES
Ruth Aberle, rescued after being lost for five days in the frigid Washington state woods, attributes her survival to girl scout training. Girl scouts are included in Douglas county's Community Chest budget. Have you contributed yet?

The News-Review

The Weather
Showers, mostly cloudy today and Sunday; continued cool.
Sunset today 4:39 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:40 a. m.

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WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



R. A. CAVIN is familiarizing himself with the stock at Goettl's Variety store on Jackson street where, immediately after the first of the year, he will become store manager.

Employed for many years in Seattle by the Associated Dime Stores and by Kress's, he is returning there to bring his wife and two children to Roseburg. He is looking more or less frantically now for a home for them.

Nine Soloists Will Appear With Local Choral Society In Presentation Of Messiah

Nine soloists picked from the ranks of the 50-voice Roseburg Choral society will complete the program offered Tuesday night in a performance of Handel's Christmas oratorio "Messiah."

The choral group climaxes nearly four months of rehearsals with the Tuesday concert at the junior high school auditorium, beginning at 8 p. m. No admission will be charged, although a free-will offering will be taken at the conclusion of the program.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is an interesting statement:

"Britain's compulsory health system is burdened with red tape BUT THE MAN IN THE STREET WOULD RISE TO ITS DEFENSE IF A POLITICAL PARTY TRIED TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM HIM."

THAT opinion was expressed at a meeting in Berkeley the other night by a Dr. Leslie Banks, former medical officer of the British ministry of health, who is in the United States on a speaking tour.

He added:
"The man in the street may grumble. We (British) are a nation of grumblers, anyway. But if you tried to take the service away from him, you'd be surprised at the average Englishman's reaction."

I THINK Dr. Banks is right. And I'm quite certain that all theatre owners and managers will agree without hesitation that he is right.

There was a time when theatre (Continued on Page Four)

LeBaron Is Given Nod For Pop Warner Award

PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 17.—State college backfield star, was one of the runners-up for the Glenn (Pop) Warner award which went to Eddie LeBaron, T-formation wizard of the College of the Pacific.

The sponsoring Palo Alto sports club presents the award each year to the man it considers the most valuable football player on the Pacific Coast.
The club announced late yesterday that LeBaron, a quarterback back had been selected by more than 400 sportswriters and announcers who were polled in the balloting.

Other runners-up were Bob Celeri of California, Hall Haynes of Santa Clara and Ernie Johnson of UCLA.

Wright Brothers' First Flight Celebrated

KITTY HAWK, N. C., Dec. 17.—(AP)—This birthplace of aviation today celebrated the 46th anniversary of the Wright brothers' flight.

It was here on the North Carolina outer banks that Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, made the first successful flight in a heavier than air, power-driven machine.

One event on the anniversary program showed how far aviation has come since their flimsy craft flew about 120 feet in 12 seconds. An air force F-84 Thunderjet, with an assist from a helicopter, was scheduled to make a 960-mile trip to Dayton and back within three hours.

A commemorative six cent air mail stamp honoring the late brothers went on sale officially today. Kitty Hawk's tiny fourth class post office was swamped

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5 Cases Cleared With Arrest Of Joseph McKee

Joseph McKee, 54, of Myrtle Creek, arrested early Friday by Roseburg city police, was arraigned that afternoon in Deer Creek justice court on a charge of larceny from a store, reported Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes.

Chief of Police Calvin Baird, who was assisted in his investigation by State Police Sgt. Holly Holcomb, said McKee's arrest cleared up four local burglaries and one Eugene case.

He said McKee admitted entering Keystone Welding, Western Auto Supply and Industrial Electric, all in the same block early Friday. He also admitted burglarizing Henninger's Mart No. 2 on Dec. 3, and the Schol and Dorsey Hardware in Eugene the week previous to that.

He damaged a safe in Western Auto and at the Eugene store, said Baird. The safe was already open at Henninger's, where he obtained about \$350 cash and a .25 calibre revolver. There was no safe in Keystone Welding, but he obtained a small amount of cash, according to Baird.

Although apparently unable to open the Western Auto safe, he picked up tools and a .38 calibre revolver. He had both guns with him at the time of his arrest.

At the present time he is charged only with the Henninger larceny. His bail has been set at \$2,000.

McKee, married and the father of two children, told officers he came here about three months ago from Duncan, Okla. He said he was unemployed.

Kidnaper Of Girl Starts Life Term

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The kidnaper of four-year-old Janie Franz is beginning a life term in prison today.

Gerald A. Hutt, a 35-year-old father of two small children, received the sentence from County Judge Charles P. Hutchinson yesterday.

Hutt, who lived with his wife in Bridgeport, Conn., admitted he kidnaped the blond, blue-eyed youngster for sexual reasons.

After luring her into his dilapidated car on the evening of September 9, he took her to a tourist cabin where he spent the night with her after removing her clothes.

However, a medical examination of the little girl failed to disclose any evidence of sexual relations.

Janie was kidnaped as she was playing in front of her Trenton home. She was found abandoned the next day in Philadelphia and Hutt was captured a few minutes later.

Hutt pleaded guilty to the charge of kidnaping after Janie appeared in court and told her story.

At his arraignment, Hutt said he had been an inmate of New York mental hospitals. Until he was sentenced yesterday he had been under observation at the Trenton State mental hospital.

MacKenzie King Passes 75th Birthday Saturday

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Former Prime Minister MacKenzie King celebrated his 75th birthday today and spent the day quietly at his city residence, Laurier House.

King told reporters his members are not progressing very rapidly because he is easily fatigued.

"I have been arranging and classifying," he said, "and I believe I know what the public would like me to refer to and what might be helpful to others."

Extended Draft Definitely Will Be Asked In '50

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Administration leaders definitely will ask an unwilling Congress to extend the peacetime draft for three more years.

It was learned today that Secretary of Defense Johnson and Secretary of State Acheson will urge the extension at the next session as a necessary part of the all-out defense against communism.

The present act, passed by a reluctant Congress in 1948, is due to expire June 24.

One congressional source, who asked that his name not be used, said the selective service extension "is number one item on defense legislative musts."

Johnson already has informed Congress that continuation of the draft machinery is "essential to national security."

He has asked an annual fund of \$16,700,000 to operate the nationwide system of registering and classifying youths from 15 through 25 years.

Johnson's communication to (Continued on Page Two)

\$200 Check Signed By Santa Claus Goes Through Firm, 2 Banks

NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A \$200 check signed by Santa Claus went through the hands of a meat firm and two banks before anyone questioned it.

It started with Dom Domnisee asking Willis Bruce, a grocer here, what he wanted for Christmas. Bruce said \$200, and Domnisee wrote a check for that amount. He signed it Santa Claus.

Bruce gave the check to a Swift & Co. salesman, who sent it on to the firm's Portland office, where Bruce's account was credited for the payment. Then it cleared through two Portland banks and came back to the bank of Newport, on which it was drawn.

This bank notified Bruce that they found no Santa Claus account, and Bruce would have to make good.

Bruce gave the bank \$200. Now he intends to have the check framed.

Burma Recognizes Communist China

RANGOON, Burma, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Burma recognized Communist China today.

The Burmese foreign office sent a telegram to the Communist foreign minister, Chou En-lai, saying:

"Believing the central people's government of China has the support of the people of China and bearing in mind the tradition of friendship between the Chinese and the Burmese peoples, the government of the Union of Burma confirms the recognition of China's people's republic and looks forward to establishment of diplomatic relations and an exchange of envoys."

MAO TAKES MANY GIFTS

TAIPEH, Formosa, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The press in this Chinese Nationalist capital said tonight that Mao Tze-tung took 15 carloads of gifts to Premier Stalin and other Soviet leaders on his current visit to Moscow.

REASON NOT GIVEN

Hungarian Police Arrest American Relief Director As He Returns From U. S.

VIENNA, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Israel Jacobson, director of the American joint distribution committee in Hungary, has been arrested by Hungarian police, it was learned here today.

Hungarian officials confirmed his arrest, but refused to specify the charges against him.

Harold Trobe, Vienna director of the American joint distribution committee, a Jewish relief agency, said Jacobson was arrested Thursday when he returned to Budapest after a six-week leave in the United States.

Trobe said he knew of no possible reason for Jacobson's arrest.

Jacobson's home was formerly Rochester, N. Y., but a few weeks ago his family moved to Chicago. His wife, Florence, worked in the Chicago office of the "Federation of Jewish Charities."

Mrs. Jacobson was with him in Budapest before they left three months ago on their trip to the United States.

Jacobson left here last Thursday after spending a week getting a Hungarian visa. Trobe said the visa was issued with "only a minimum of difficulty."

Driven To Border
Jacobson was driven to the Austro-Hungarian border Thursday morning by a driver from the Vienna office of the AJDC. At the border Jacobson was met by a driver from the Budapest office and he crossed the border at eleven o'clock.

When he failed to show up at the Budapest office on schedule Thursday, inquiries were made at the American legation there.

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Students' Bodies Found In Plane

REDDING, Calif., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The sheriff's office said today the mangled bodies of two men had been found in a shattered small plane north of Glennburn.

Sheriff John Balma's office said apparently the wreckage of a two-place converted training plane in which two Washington State college students were flying south. The BT-13 plane was on a flight from Pullman, Wash., to Klammath Falls, and was to have reached the latter point at 4:30 p. m. yesterday.

(Mr. Eliot Adamson, a house mother at Washington State college in Pullman, said two Washington State students had left Pullman at noon yesterday in a BT-13.

She identified them as Tommy Dye, 25, of Clearwater, Calif., and Robert Finch, Phoenix, Ariz. She said they were in Dye's plane, apparently bound for Clearwater.

Carrier Reverts To Bike

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Bernard Blaisdell, 14, isn't going to deliver his paper route by horseback any more.

The Journal carrier took to a horse after his bike tire went flat. The horse shied from a truck, fell into a hole, and Bernard tumbled unconscious on the street.

Some of his customers took him inside and revived him.

Hubbard Man's Last Words, 'Take It Easy' As He Dies In Colorado Gas Chamber

CANON CITY, Colo., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Paul J. Schneider's last words before dying in the state gas chamber last night were: "Take it easy."

The 25-year-old Hubbard, Ore., killer offered this advice to two prison guards who stood at the north gate as he passed through en route to the yellow-stuccoed death room.

Earlier, as he started his 300-yard march up the icy hill from death row, he called to other prisoners in cellhouse No. 5: "Take it easy!" Schneider, convicted of killing Frank Ford, Denver filling station operator; Sept. 20, 1947, also told his fellow inmates: "Pray that the Lord's will will be done tonight."

Looked For Reprieve
Stripped down to his shorts, just before he entered the gas chamber, he was a tired-looking, scrawny young man. Until almost the last he had believed a reprieve was possible, refusing to sign a \$100 U. S. Government Savings Bond he'd kept in his wallet for months.

"I'll be around quite a while," Schneider told prison officials who suggested he sign the bond yesterday afternoon. He also refused the traditional special "last meal," saying: "Maybe I'll get someone to whip me up an egg sandwich around midnight."

The gas was turned on at 7:59 p. m. (MST). He was pronounced dead at 8:01—long before midnight.

Silent Near End
At the very last he was silent. After four prison guards strapped him into the black iron chair and masked his eyes with a dark cloth, the prison chaplain, Rev. Sidney A. Hoadley, walked into the chamber. The chaplain grasped both Schneider's shoulders and said a short prayer.

Schneider had been a resident of death row since Feb. 13, 1948. Ford's sludge-gone body was discovered in a roadside culvert near Brush, Cal., in September, 1947. A month later Schneider was arrested at Pikeville, Ky. He admitted that he killed Ford and coolly told officers he had also slain in a similar fashion two Detroit, Mich., filling station operators.



FOUND SAFE—Ruth Aberle, 16, who was found alive after a five day ordeal in a wilderness near Kelo, Wash., rests in hospital at Longview, Wash. Girl Scout training was credited for probably saving her life. (INEA Telephoto)