

ALLIED NATIONS WILL STANDARDIZE ARMS

U. S., Canada, Britain Agree On Joint Plan

Fliers And Technicians Exchanged, Single Level In Defense Setup Slated

LONDON, Dec. 19. — (AP) — Britain, the United States and Canada announced today a plan for standardizing their arms and military training.

American pilots have been assigned to fly and study Britain's jet bombers. At the same time British and Canadian officers have worked in developing and flying many American planes. Similar exchanges have been made in the other branches of the armed services.

"These arrangements will insure that in time of necessity there will be no material or technical obstacles to full cooperation among the armed forces concerned and the greatest possible economy in the use of combined resources and effort will be obtained," the ministry of defense said.

It added that "no treaty, executive agreement or contractual obligation has been entered into by the participating nations."

Common Designs Planned
Arrangements have now been exchanged between the nations on a technical level. Here the U. S. mission was generally called "nuts and bolts"—an apt title for its mission of studying standardization of minor but vital parts in the western powers defense machinery.

The defense ministry said "our arrangements were decentralized (down) to the working level agencies of the armed forces of the three nations for study in various fields of military equipment and operational procedures."

"The studies are aimed at the gradual development of common designs and standards in arms, equipment, and training methods."

"Cooperative arrangements for this purpose do not impair the control of any country concerned over any of the activities in its territory."

"These arrangements, which have been under discussion since 1947, are a step towards the fulfillment of the wider arrangements under the North Atlantic military production and supply board which calls for the promotion of standardization of the parts and products of military equipment in the north Atlantic area. They are similar to arrangements already made by the Brussels treaty powers."

After the London announcement a similar one was made in Washington. It added no details to what had been given out by the British government.)

Christmas Amnesty For "Conchie" Suggested

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19. — (AP) — President Truman has been asked to grant Christmas amnesty to thousands of conscientious objectors.

The central committee for conscientious objectors said yesterday 70 eminent Americans had written the president asking Christmas amnesty for the objectors.

The request, the committee said, was made in behalf of those whose conviction for objectors not only resulted in their imprisonment but classed them permanently as felons deprived of civil rights.

"Men who already paid heavily for their beliefs from long prison terms still suffer the disabilities which follow the loss of civil rights," the signers wrote.

"Surely men who have endeavored meritoriously to follow the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount should not therefore be permanently relegated to second class citizenship."

Mrs. Thomas Decides Not To Run For Congress

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 19. — (AP) — Mrs. J. Parnell Thomas withdrew today as a candidate for the congressional seat to be vacated next month by her imprisoned husband.

The withdrawal left the field open to state labor Commissioner Harry C. Harper, who was selected over the weekend as the Republican organization candidate for the 7th congressional district post.

Mrs. Thomas has announced previously that she wanted to take over her husband's seat in the house of representatives. Rep. Thomas now is serving a jail term on payroll padding charges. He has submitted his resignation from congress effective Jan. 1.

HIGHWAYS DANGEROUS

SALEM, Dec. 19. — (AP) — Ice and snow made driving dangerous today on most Oregon highways, the State Highway commission reported in its 9 a. m. road report today.

The commission said chains are necessary in all mountain passes, in the Klamath Falls district, and in other snow areas.

Three Douglas Students Attend San Jose State

Margaret Blaze, Roseburg, Lester Ferguson, Days Creek, and George Nolan, Glendale, are attending San Jose State college at San Jose, Calif.

Enrollment in the state's oldest publicly-supported college has reached an all-time high of more than 8200 full-time students.

Church Landmark In Alaska Razed By Fire

MATLAKATLA, Alaska, Dec. 19. — (AP) — Fire destroyed the Duncan memorial church here yesterday. It had been a landmark in this southeastern Alaska Indian community for nearly 60 years, although rebuilt shortly before World War II.

The blaze was believed caused by a faulty heating plant.

The News-Review

The Weather
Partly cloudy with a few showers today and Tuesday. Cooler tonight.
Sunset today 4:39 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a. m.

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Huddle Called On N. Y. Water Lack

Gov. Dewey Acts In Crisis Facing City

Month's Rain Needed To Refill Two Reservoirs; Rationing Possibility

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 19. — (AP) — Gov. Thomas E. Dewey summoned the state's top water supply officials and their engineering aides to a conference today on New York City's water crisis.

New York City officials said the municipal reservoirs upstate were at 34.8 per cent of capacity as of yesterday. They reported the supply in the Croton and Catskill storage systems at 88 billion gallons.

No rain was expected today for the 1,000-square mile watershed, although cloudy skies and mild temperatures were forecast.

A month's rain is needed to bring the water supply back to normal in the city's two reservoir systems.

Stephen J. Carney, city commissioner of water supply, gas and electric, raised the possibility of water rationing. If rains don't come, he said, "drastic action" might be necessary.

Called to the conference here with Dewey (4 p. m., EST) were members of the state water power

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Oregon Traffic Mishaps Kill Four

(By The Associated Press)
Four persons died over the weekend in traffic mishaps in Oregon.

Floyd Hughes, 19, Milwaukie, was injured fatally when a sedan he was driving smashed into a Southern Pacific passenger train engine in Portland Saturday night. Three companions, two of them sisters, were injured but not seriously.

A passenger and the 18-month-old son of the driver were killed when a car carrying seven persons plunged off highway 30 east of The Dalles Sunday. Dead when pulled from under the wreckage at the bottom of a 300-foot drop was Samuel J. Starr, 38, the youngster, David Tkumbur, died in a hospital. The child was seated on the lap of the father, Wesley Tkumbur, when he lost control of the car. The four other occupants and the driver were unharmed.

The fourth fatality was Fred Landreth, 40, a pedestrian struck in Portland.

In a second accident near The Dalles, an icy highway sent the car of Ed Rowberry, The Dalles, plunging into the corner of a house. The driver's wife, Carol, suffered a head concussion.

Five young people climbed out of a dunked car that toppled off a railroad trestle early Sunday into the edge of the Columbia river. Police said the driver, Leland J. Warner, 21, Nehalem, reported he got onto the trestle by mistake during a rain storm.

Ex-Clearing House Head Admits Racket Guilt

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. — (AP) — William Dennison Doble, former secretary-manager of the Cincinnati Clearing House association, today pleaded guilty to two counts of an indictment charging conspiracy to contrive a lottery.

One of the counts, a felony, carries a possible four-year prison term. The other, a misdemeanor, carries one-year in the city penitentiary.

Doble was alleged to have used his former clearing house position to falsify daily published figures of that city's bank clearings, on which an alleged \$50,000,000 numbers racket ring paid off.

Police said Doble received \$35,000 from the ring in the last few years.

Seven men already have pleaded guilty in the case.

Czechs Expel Another Mormon Missionary

PRAGUE, Dec. 1. — (AP) — The Czech government has expelled another missionary of the American Mormon church, the 12th worker for that group to be ordered out in six months.

The expulsion was announced by President Wallace Toronto of the Mormon mission, who said the government in each case complained the missionaries represented "a threat to the peace and security of the state."

Toronto said the church had denied the charge and one of the missionaries had appealed his ouster order but "an adverse answer is expected."

RENT CONTROL

Council To Hear Pro, Con At Its Session Tonight

Renters and landlords — all persons interested in the fate of local rent control — are urged by the Roseburg city council to attend tonight's council meeting at the city hall chambers at 8 p. m.

Mayor Albert G. Flegel announced at a previous council meeting that no action would be taken on the proposal to remove rent controls until opinions were expressed by local townspice. Council members will hear from the audience arguments for keeping rent controls as they are at present and comment on the need for requesting Gov. McKay that controls be removed.

Also slated to come before the council tonight is a request from the residents of West Roseburg for installation of certain street lights in that recently-annexed area.

Southern Oregon Industry Amazes Official Of S. P.

Continued development of Southern Oregon's industry "never ceases to amaze me," asserted W. W. Hale, vice president of the Southern Pacific company's system freight traffic.

"I was through this area only a few weeks ago," Hale said Saturday, "but even in that short space of time I see evidence of new growth and activity."

Evidence seen by the eye is borne out by cold figures, says Hale, who reports that each month during the last half of the year has seen an increasing load of freight moving out of the area.

"Even during the time we were receiving complaints about car shortages, our car loadings were increasing steadily," Hale reported.

"The first two weeks in December saw loadings total more than 1,000 cars ahead of the same period last year."

Declaring that lumber shipments provide the most important freight movement on the system, Hale asserted that every effort is being made to provide sufficient cars to handle the products of Oregon mills. Since 1941, he reported, the Southern Pacific company has increased the number of its boxcars by 35.3 per cent and other types of cars 16 per cent, with an over-all percentage increase in cars of 25.9 per cent as compared with 7.6 per cent increase in car ownership among all Class I railroads.

Mr. Hale spent Saturday in Roseburg meeting with local shippers and conferring with Congressman Harris Ellsworth.

Lost Elk Hunter Sought In Blue Mountains

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 19. — (AP) — Lost for four days in the 10-below-zero cold of the snow-covered Blue Mountains, a 31-year-old Donald McDonald was being sought today by nearly two-score volunteers who planned to criss-cross the rugged area on skis, snowshoes and dogsled.

The Walla Walla youth wandered away from an elk hunting camp last Thursday. His plight became known late Saturday when a companion, Jack Farquharson, a 42-year-old hunter, reported he had seen the missing hunter's tracks in the snow.

Farquharson, suffering from frostbite and barely able to walk, said he had encountered snowdrifts three and four feet deep.

Bids On 23 Trailers To Be Opened This Afternoon

Sealed bids on the remaining 23 trailers remaining at the Roseburg trailer park were to be opened at 2 p. m. today, H. L. Scofield, director of the Douglas Housing authority, said.

With acceptance of these bids, Scofield said the trailer park site, owned by Youngs Bay Lumber company, will be cleared for industrial use.

Scofield said four utility trailers were sold on open bidding Dec. 5 and that sales of the 18 family trailers, sold on a fixed price scale, has also been completed.

BEAR MYSTERY SOLVED

WACO, Tex., Dec. 19. — (AP) — The mystery of why Baylor university's bear mascot, Josephine, has been irritable and sluggish was solved today.

Veterinarians say it will be twins or maybe even triplets, and that they will arrive about Christmas time.

Last Of Hitler Generals Faces Prison Stretch

Von Manstein Sentenced To 18 Years For German Atrocities In Wartime

HAMBURG, Germany, Dec. 19. — (AP) — A British military court today sentenced former Field Marshal Erich von Manstein to 18 years imprisonment for atrocities against Poles and Russians committed by German troops during the war.

Manstein, last of Hitler's generals to be tried by the victorious allies, declined to plead for mercy.

He was found guilty on nine specific charges and was acquitted on eight other counts. All grew out of alleged atrocities by German troops under his command during the Nazi invasion of Poland and Russia. The sentence is subject to confirmation by higher authority.

The decision to try the German field marshal after such a lengthy imprisonment had aroused much controversy in Britain. Wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill was among the prominent people who subscribed to a fund to provide English counsel to defend him.

Three other German war leaders were also to have been tried by the British. But Field Marshal Walter von Brauchitsch died in captivity, and British army doctors ruled that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt and Col. Gen. Adolf Strauss were unfit to stand trial. They were released.

Tomorrow Manstein will be taken to the prison at Weir, near Hamm, where he will join two

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Mistrial Ordered In Flogging Case

ROME, Ga., Dec. 19. — (AP) — The deep south's first mass civil rights trial, in which 10 men were accused of flogging seven Negroes, ended with a deadlocked jury.

Federal Judge Frank A. Hooper declared a mistrial Saturday afternoon after the jurors were unable to reach an agreement.

On trial were Dade county Sheriff John W. Lynch, three of his deputies and six private citizens.

They were accused by the government in a two count indictment of conspiring to have the Negroes arrested falsely the night of April 2 and then surrendered to a Ku Klux Klan mob for whipping near Hooker, Ga.

By so doing, the government charged, the Negroes were deprived of their right to equal protection under the law and to freedom from illegal assault and battery while in the custody of the law.

The trial began Nov. 21.

Goldenweds Celebrate In Adjoining Hospital Beds

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 19. — (AP) — Dr. J. Adrew Hall and his wife Jean celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in adjoining hospital beds.

And their room was filled with well wishers at St. Luke's hospital yesterday. Dr. Hall, a minister here, and his wife were injured severely when struck by an automobile Nov. 20.

Married in Winnipeg, Can., the couple spent 37 years in missionary work in the Philippines before coming here. They have three children.

BUTTER THEFT CHARGED

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 19. — (AP) — An 88-year-old woman was in jail today accused of stealing two cubes of butter.

The prisoner, Mrs. Margaret Russell, said "I never did such a thing in my life."

She was arrested last Thursday and has been in jail since. Her trial is set for police court tomorrow.

The butter is worth 38 cents.



"NOW LET ME THINK, SANTY; there was something else," Leslie Laurance seems to be saying, as she perches on the old codger's knee when he visited the Montgomery Ward store Friday. Leslie is a little over three years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stace B. Laurance of 1960 Fairmont street. (By Paul Jenkins).

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



JIM CLARK, who retired last week as local agent for the Southern Pacific company, is going to do some fishing. "Not right now," he hurriedly to say, "but when the weather gets good and I find myself in the right mood for it. I'm going to San Francisco to spend the holidays. After that? I'm not just sure. I have a new car ordered and I plan on doing considerable traveling."

Well, happy goings, Jim. You were responsible for a lot of the friendliness felt for your company. Since we happened to be raised in adjoining pastures (or so to speak) I'll miss our occasional hashing over of old times and old friends, too.

SOVIET NAVY GROWING

Rocket-Firing Warships, Long-Range Submarines On Reds' Building Agenda

LONDON, Dec. 19. — (AP) — While Britain and the United States are scrapping or mothballing many of their warships, Soviet Russia is reported to be building up her naval strength with rocket-firing battleships and long-range submarines.

Jane's Fighting Ships, the authoritative naval publication, said today the Russians are believed building three ultra-modern, 35,000-ton battleships, equipped with radio-controlled aerial torpedoes and rockets. Two others were said to be in the blueprint stage, and possibly in the shipyard stocks.

Russia already is known to possess two battleships.

The Soviet union also envisages, as part of its five-year naval building program, a fleet of from 750 to 1,000 long-range submarines by 1951, Jane's said.

Shipyards throughout the U. S. S. R. and in the Soviet zone of Germany were reported working day and night in three shifts turning out smaller war vessels such as motor torpedo boats and mine sweepers. Jane's, regarded as the last word on the world's navies, emphasized that its information on Russia was presented "with all due reserve."

Moscow does not publish details of its defense program.

Jane's said it did not believe the reds had either the shipyards or the technicians to achieve their goal of 1,000 subs by the end of 1951.

Submarine construction, it said, had been given special priority. A large number of new submarines of the German type—with high submerged speeds and long ranges—were scheduled for delivery during 1948-49.

Jane's estimated that Russia now has some 360 submarines of

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Hey, Kids! Here's Your Chance To Phone Santa

Santa is coming to town! Kiddies in Roseburg can talk to St. Nick over the telephone starting Wednesday evening and tell him what they want for Christmas.

Santa may be reached by phoning 78 either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, from 5:30 until 8 p. m., except Thursday, when he will answer the telephone from 5:30 until 7:30 p. m.

Any boy or girl who has not written Santa yet, is invited to phone him on those three days. He'll be waiting.

Santa is being sponsored locally by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

DIMES GOAL DOUBLED

National Polio Finances In Their Worst Condition

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. — (AP) — The National Foundation for infantile paralysis is in the worst financial condition in its history, President Basil O'Connor says, and it will double its March of Dimes goal.

He said yesterday that the foundation must raise more than \$50,000,000 in January in its annual March of Dimes campaign—twice the amount raised in the 1949 drive.

The crisis was caused, he said, by "the largest number of cases of infantile paralysis in any one country in any year in the world's history."

O'Connor said 41,461 cases have been reported thus far this year.

Writing to the foundation's 2,800 local chapters, he said the national headquarters on Dec. 1 had only \$1,699,000 on hand to meet emergency requests for the next six months.

"Against this \$1,699,000," he said, "we already have on hand at this moment requests for \$1,605,000 from chapters that must have financial assistance from national headquarters."

The 1950 March of Dimes will start Jan. 16.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The sign of a well-regulated, post-Christmas family will be evidenced when dad and junior divide time operating the toy electric train without wrangling.