

NO U.S. ARMS AID FOR FORMOSA--TRUMAN

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



HARRY HOEHNE, Copco garage foreman, walked up Jackson street for a distance of a block, through heavy pedestrian traffic, wearing the fancifully ruffled overalls in which you see him above. Did anyone stare at him, or give him the eye? You'd sure think everyone would but no one did, except one little old lady. Harry did it on a bet with the Copco office gang. I forget what the bet was. That is, I forget whether it was for one quart, or two.

Harry has been with Copco as garage foreman for 26 years, all this time in Roseburg with the exception of a seven-year interlude with the Medford plant. When the company erected its spick and span new garage on East Second avenue South last fall the office threw him a party in the new building and that's where he got his fancy pants. Some of the gals even put up curtains at his office windows, of such-and-such a color. Pink ones, if you must know—just what he wanted.

Nationwide Telephone Tieup Threatened In Union Demands For Pay Hike, 35-Hour Week

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A nationwide telephone strike is planned by a newly-chartered CIO union for early next month. The CIO's Communications Workers of America said it will call the walkout unless the Bell Telephone system yields to demands for a "substantial" wage increase, shorter apprentice periods, and a 35-hour week.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SOUTHERN Pacific company has just made a breakdown of its taxes showing that in the current fiscal year (which runs from last July 1 to next June 30) it has paid to the various counties in Oregon in which it operates the sum of \$2,487,140.12. This, the statement adds, amounts to 2.8 per cent of all taxes levied in the state.

That is a lot of money from one outfit. What it boils down to is this: Southern Pacific is big, and so are its taxes.

Big people in these days have to expect to carry a big burden.

In a letter accompanying the tax statement, one of the company's officials says:

"I can't resist sending you this because I think it shows the railroad."

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PARKS TO BE IMPROVED

City Commission Plans Sidewalks, Landscaping, Kitchen, Merry-Go-Round

Extensive improvements to city park facilities, as provided in the budget, are contemplated for the coming months by the Roseburg Park commission.

A report submitted to the city council by Chairman Percy Croft reveals plans for the construction of a large community kitchen in the Umpqua Park area to improve picnic facilities. This unit has not been started, but will be completed before the summer season.

Considerable work has been done to make permanent improvements at the park, the report shows. Cement posts have been installed around the picnic and playground area to keep automobiles from entering upon the lawn area.

A community fireplace was constructed last summer of native rock, to add to evening use of the park. The trees and lawn area have been kept clean. The play equipment is reported in

good condition. The commission expects to install some concrete sidewalks and do some landscaping at the swimming pool before the summer season. Meanwhile the grounds, pool and wading pool are being maintained during the inactive winter months. A merry-go-round has been ordered and will be installed when

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The Weather

Cloudy with occasional rain this afternoon. Partly cloudy with scattered showers Friday.

Sunset today 4:52 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:45 a. m.

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Illinois Rivers On Costly Rampage

Floods Rout Families, Shut Many Schools

Weird Winter Weather Pattern Covers Nation; California Crops Hit

(By The Associated Press)

Scores of persons in parts of Illinois were made temporarily homeless today by floods. The homeless families were plagued further by colder weather.

Rising waters and creeks in East Central and Southern Illinois followed several days of heavy rains. Volunteer National Guardsmen and the Red Cross rushed emergency aid to the flooded areas. Schools were closed in many communities.

The main flood area was in East Central Illinois. Danville sloshed in the waters left by a 60-hour downpour. Fifty families were evacuated from homes along Stoney creek. Flood waters of the Embarrass river covered one-third of Villa Grove, a Central Illinois community of 3,500. Many families were rescued by boats from their homes.

Between 15 and 20 homes were flooded at Vandallia, in South Central Illinois, after the rain-swollen Kaskaskia river ripped through a levee in three places. Army engineers and volunteers

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Last Of 4 Escaped Cons Caught; Two Of Them Wounded

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Four convicts who shot their way to freedom Saturday and touched off one of Arkansas' most sensational manhunts are back in custody today—two of them in a hospital with bullet wounds.

The end of the gueling, five-day chase through rain and finally sleet and cold weather came last night when the last of the desperadoes were captured in North Little Rock.

"I'm glad it's over," said 22-year-old Jack Rheauark of Sapulpa, Okla., one of the wounded men. "The cold was hell."

Arkansas prison Supt. Lee Henslee said he, too, was glad the hunt was over.

Rheauark and James Perry Williams, 29, of Sheridan, Ark., were the only two fugitives who lived up to Henslee's prediction that the convicts would not be taken without a fight.

Cornered in a shack, the pair defied officers' commands to surrender, and the posse opened fire.

Williams was wounded in the back, thigh, neck and shoulder. Rheauark was hit in the leg, back, ear and hand. Their conditions were described as "not critical."

Less than an hour before, the second fugitive, 28-year-old David Dyer of Oklahoma City, was taken. Like the first of the gang apprehended—Odus Eaton, 25, of Stilwell, Okla.—Dyer didn't resist.

All four of the men were armed.

Eaton separated from his companions Sunday night and was caught the next day near Scott, Ark., not far from Tucker prison farm from whence they escaped early Saturday, killing a trusty in their flight.

A "mistake" shooting Monday night during the height of the manhunt cost a reclusive life. A member of the posse was wounded. And an officer was wounded Sunday night in a brush with the fugitives.

Check Book On Injured Boy Clears Forgery Cases

LEBANON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A blank checkbook found by police on a 16-year-old being questioned at a hospital, resulted yesterday in a forgery charge against the boy.

Police Chief Cliff Price said Louis Theodore Hirschi had admitted using the names of prominent Lebanon men on checks ranging from \$5 to \$33.75. Thefts in Lebanon and Sweet Home stores were also cleared up, Price reported.

Hirschi was injured slightly in an automobile accident Tuesday. He was being treated at a hospital when police became suspicious about his having the blank checks.

COLD—AND HOW

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The temperature skidded to 60 degrees below zero today, press reports said, in the village of Alvro in central Sweden.

The News-Review

Second Soviet A-Bomb Blast Is Forecast

Advance Notice Given By Publisher Who Heralded First One's Explosion

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The man who predicted Russia's first atomic explosion said today there will be another at midnight, Greenwich mean time (4 p. m., PST), Saturday.

Magazine editor Kenneth de Courcy also said there are indications that the Russians now are ahead of the U. S. "in some respects" in atomic development.

De Courcy told reporters he based his statement on private reports reaching him from behind the iron curtain. His forecast was made in a written statement to the press.

He predicted last January that the Russians would attempt an atom explosion during 1949. President Truman announced in September that they had succeeded. The 40-year-old editor publishes a monthly called "Intelligence Digest," devoted to international affairs. He claims to have highly-placed informants in several eastern European nations.

For irrigation project. The explosion Saturday, he said, "will be of an unusual kind because it will be connected with a blasting operation in connection with an irrigation project."

"This is rather a disquieting statement because it suggests that the Russians are in some respects ahead of the United States of America," the statement added. He declined to amplify this remark.

After President Truman's announcement, the Moscow news-

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STAN MCGUIRE, one of the two Oregon State college athletes killed Tuesday night in a bogging accident at Corvallis. A star lineman of the college football team of 1949, he was chosen captain for 1950, and his name is being retained for that position in memorial status.

Sanitary System Bids' Opening Set

Sealed bids for the purchase of North Roseburg Sanitary district's negotiable serial coupon bonds in the sum of \$250,000 will be opened at 8 p. m. Jan. 10 at an open meeting of the board of directors in the office of the Landis Iron Works, North Stephens street.

Bids should be addressed to the secretary, Edyth A. Landis, P. O. box 176, Roseburg.

The bonds are in the denomination of \$1,000 each, all dated January 15, 1950, but maturing annually from Jan. 15, 1951, to 1969.

The bonds shall draw interest at the rate specified by the successful bidder, payable semi-annually, and the interest and principal shall be payable at the office of the county treasurer of Douglas county.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check in an amount equal to five per cent of the bid. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and re-advertise the sale of the bonds.

Judge Sends Youths To Jail Instead Of Church

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A judge refused Wednesday to sentence two youths to church. He sent them to jail instead.

Robert S. Ross, a mailcarrier, and Theodore R. Gustavson, a clerk, each 20, were convicted of annoying slacks-clad girls on Hollywood boulevard by shooting them in exposed areas with BB guns. Gustavson's father, Atty. Reginald Gustavson, asked Superior Judge William M. Byrne to give him custody of the youths and sentence them to attend church each Sunday.

But the judge held that the desire to go to church should "come from within." He handed them \$25 fines and 90-day jail terms, then suspended all but two days of the jail sentences in favor of a year's probation.



TO BECOME MONK—Donald D. Foster, (right) 50, a California state official and businessman, is closing his affairs in San Francisco so he may don the black robes of a Benedictine monk. His wife, May C. Foster (left), approves of his decision to enter the order. "We have prayed 20 years for this to pass," explains Foster. "Now God has brought it about." Mrs. Foster hopes to enter a convent at a later date. Foster is scheduled to enter St. John's abbey, a Benedictine monastery at Collegetown, Minn. The couple have a daughter who is a nun.—(AP Wirephoto).

S.P. Employee Ends Long Duty



HUGH E. WELLS, who retired Dec. 31 after nearly 34 years of service with the Southern Pacific railroad, reclines in an easy chair, given him by his fellow workers at a farewell party Wednesday morning at the SP passenger station. His granddaughter, Marilee Havens, is the little girl on his lap, while Dan Bridge, fireman for Wells the last several years, stands behind.—(Paul Jenkins picture).

Three Sentenced To State Prison

Two persons were sentenced to the state penitentiary when they appeared before Judge Carl E. Wimberly in circuit court Wednesday.

A large easy chair for his retiring days and other gifts were presented him by fellow employees. But Wells said he doesn't exactly plan to take it quite so easy as his associates would make out.

After a trip to San Francisco and then possibly to Virginia, he intends to return to Roseburg and at least keep active.

"Frat" Case At Last Gets Judge

SALEM, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Salem's secret high school fraternity case is going to be tried in circuit court late this month.

Circuit Judge Dal M. King, Coquille, has agreed to hear the case after several other judges had refused.

Some judges said they couldn't hear it because they were prejudiced. Other judges said they were too busy.

Nineteen high school students were expelled last fall because school officials charged they belonged to a secret fraternity. Secret societies in public schools are banned by state law.

Eighteen of the boys appealed to the circuit court, and they were allowed to remain in school pending the court hearing.

The case is attracting statewide interest because of similar incidents in other cities, including Portland.

Food Market In Eugene Suffers Big Fire Damage

EUGENE, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Fire swept through the Irish and Swartz downtown food market Wednesday morning, causing damage estimated at between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

With only four days of the new year gone, the area's fire losses have jumped to well over \$100,000, according to a statement from Fire Chief Ed Surfus of Eugene.

The chief said the supermarket blaze Wednesday started about 3 p. m. in the motor of the deep freeze unit and burned through the basement and first floor of the building.

Proprietor Harold Swartz reported the business fully insured.

Rise In Temperature Affords Local Relief

Roseburg and surrounding area welcomed a definite break in the weather today. The lowest temperature during the night, the Weather Bureau said, was a "mild" 32, a relief from the 18 registered two days ago.

The weatherman predicts rain this evening and more clouds today and tomorrow. But there is no immediate forecast for more snow. If we get any snow, it will probably be in very light showers mixed with rain, the official said. Most of the snow blanket covering the countryside yesterday morning has now melted, especially on the lower levels.

Load Limits Fixed For Douglas County Roads

Load limits for Douglas county roads, effective Friday at 8 a. m., were announced today from the Roseburg office of the State Highway department.

The limits specify 11,000 pounds per axle, 20,000 pounds for two or more axles, and a combined limit of 35,000 pounds for the following roads:

Coos Bay-Roseburg highway No. 42, throughout; Territorial secondary highway No. 200, from Crow at milepost 24.3, to the Pacific Highway junction east of Drain at milepost 47.45; Elkton-Sutherland highway 225, throughout; and Tiller-Tiller secondary highway 227, throughout.

Lumber Operations Suspended By Weather

The winter's first spell of cold weather has forced suspension of activity of two of Douglas county's largest lumber concerns, with several smaller mill and logging companies also closing down for the time being, according to George Foster, director of the Roseburg unemployment service office.

Logging operations at the Roseburg Lumber company's Mt. Scott site have been suspended, as has activity at Oakland's Martin Brothers Box company plant.

Foster said a number of lumber mills and logging operators were forced to close down Tuesday but resumed activity with the rise in temperature.

Coos Bay Dock Collapse Causes Heavy Damage

COOS BAY, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A quantity of pulp and a new automobile were dumped into the bay at Empire yesterday when a portion of the Coos Bay Pulp Corp. dock collapsed.

Officials of the company said about 1,000 tons of pulp, valued at \$75,000, was involved. Some of it may be salvaged. Damage to the dock was estimated at \$50,000.

Cause was not determined. There were no injuries to workmen. The freighter Buckeye State was loading at the time.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

It takes more than a puny bit of winter to dispel Roseburg's spring-like lure. Note the robins hopping on the lawns.

Isle's Defense Rests Solely With Kai-shek

Of No Strategic Value To U. S., Opinion; Fall To Communists Expected

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President Truman today declared an American hands off policy toward the Chinese island of Formosa.

In a news conference statement, he said the United States has no desire to use its armed forces there or become involved in the "civil conflict in China."

He made clear the only help Chiang Kai-shek's government in Formosa can expect from the United States is continuing economic aid.

"The United States has no predatory designs on Formosa or on any other Chinese territory."

The "United States has no desire to obtain special rights or privileges or to establish military bases on Formosa at this time. Nor does it have any intention of utilizing its armed forces to interfere in the present situation."

"The United States government will not pursue a course which will lead to involvement in the civil conflict in China."

"The United States government will not provide military aid or advice to Chinese forces in Formosa. In the view of the United States government, the resources on Formosa are adequate to enable them to obtain the items which they might consider necessary for the defense of the island."

"The United States government proposes to continue under existing legislative authority the present ECA program of economic assistance."

GOP Urge Disregard. Mr. Truman's declaration followed weeks of growing controversy at the capital over policy toward Formosa. Some Republicans—among them former President Herbert Hoover and Senator Taft of Ohio—have urged that the United States use its Navy, if necessary, to keep the Chinese Communists from gaining Formosa.

The big island, lying about 100 miles off the Chinese mainland, is the last stronghold of the Chinese nationalists.

Mr. Truman's statement made emphatically clear that under present conditions in the Far East the United States government would not lift a finger to prevent Formosa from falling to the Chinese Communists if Chiang Kai-shek is unable to hold it.

The joint chiefs of staff have taken the position that Formosa, while an important place, is not of sufficient strategic value to American defenses in the Western Pacific to warrant involving American forces in its defense.

Seizure By Reds Expected. Actually, state department officials see very little chance that Chiang and his forces will be able to hold Formosa for very long. They consider very great the danger of an internal breakdown, opening the door to Communist conquest.

Exactly where General Douglas MacArthur stands on the matter is not known.

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Town Gets Chance To Purchase Itself

WINFIELD, N. J., Jan. 5.—(AP)—This community of 70 families, which sprang out of the mud of industrial North Jersey during the war, is going to get a chance to buy itself.

The township's board of trustees yesterday was authorized to accept the government's offer to sell the community to its citizens for \$1,350,000 on a 45-year mortgage.

That would amount to less than \$2,000 for each of the 700 families. Residents have been leasing the 700 one, two, three and four-family frame houses from the federal government at an average of \$30.50 a month.

The federal housing authority set up Winfield in 1941 as a housing project for war workers.

Established in a muddy morass on the outskirts of Linden, about 20 miles from New York, the community grew into a pleasant, attractive place to live. Its population is about 3,000.

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