

# BRITAIN RECOGNIZES CHINA COMMUNISTS

## Protection Of Investments Prompts Move

**Hong Kong Security Also Factor; Secy. Acheson Says Action Premature**

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Britain recognized Communist China today, breaking relations with her wartime partner, Chiang Kai-shek.

The move was an effort to safeguard heavy British investments in China and to protect the British colony of Hong Kong. It was a major split with the foreign policy of the United States and France, which are going to take their time about recognizing Mao Tse-tung, Secretary of State Acheson said yesterday. The United States considers such recognition premature.

The action ranged Britain with Soviet Russia against continuation of Chiang's nationalist regime in the United Nations. The action was the representative of curley council. There the Big Five—the United States, Britain, France, Soviet Russia and China—have the right to veto.

The undersecretary of foreign affairs, Christopher P. Mayhew, said recognition of Red China was "an acknowledgment of fact and not a mark of approval." The official note of recognition said Britain has observed that the Mao regime "is now in effective control of by far the greater part of the territory of China." He asked:

"While recognition might be of some benefit to our commercial interests in China, we have no illusions that it will bring us any blood run."

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## Boy Sadist Carves On Girl's Chest

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A 13-year-old girl told juvenile officers a story of a half-hour of horror during which a boy carved figure-eight on her chest with a knife because he "liked to see blood run."

The girl, Joy Fern Chase, was treated last night at a medical center near the Los Angeles International airport for deep cuts.

She told officers that as she was returning from Westchester Junior high school, a boy, about 15, dashed from behind some bushes.

At the point of a knife, he forced her behind a signboard, ordered her to disrobe partly.

Then, her story continued, he sat upon her and began cutting the figures. She said she screamed for help but the youth told her "to keep still, that he'd cut even deeper."

She said the boy told her he "liked to see blood run."

The boy then tried of the brutal torture, she added, and drove away on his bicycle.

## City Permits Must Be Renewed, Holders Advised

City Recorder William Bollman today reminded local citizens they must renew city-authorized licenses and permits to coincide with the new year.

This applies to dog licenses, taxi and peddler licenses and permits for music, cigarette and all other vending type machines.

Bollman said dog owners who reside within the city limits are to apply to the city hall, not to the courthouse, for dog licenses. This also holds true for all other city-granted licenses and permits.

The city recorder also stressed the fact that no licensed peddlers are now operating within the city limits, with exception of the two popcorn wagons seen on downtown streets. All peddlers' permits expired Dec. 31, he said, and no others have been issued so far this year.

## Larcenist Handed Prison Stretch Of Six Years

Leo Eugene Craft, 22, was sentenced to serve a total of six years in the state penitentiary at Salem on two charges of larceny, when he appeared before Judge Carl E. Wimberly in circuit court Thursday.

Craft was charged both with larceny from the Union garage and larceny of an automobile from the Lockwood Motors lot, after which he drove to Sacramento, according to Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter.

Deputy sheriff W. L. Worrall picked Craft up at Sacramento on a warrant issued here.

## WRONG ALARM TYPE

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 6.—(AP)—When her husband came in at 4 a. m. and woke her up by shouting "fire," she ran into the bed, that was the last straw, Mrs. Katherine Craver testified yesterday.

Advisory Master William A. Hegarty granted the Passaic woman her divorce. Ground were extreme cruelty.

## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

"Birds of a feather flock together" especially when the feather consists of the almighty dollar. The prestige of her Union Jack is now of less importance to Britain than the "jack" she has in Chinese industry.

# The News-Review

**The Weather**  
Mostly cloudy with occasional rain today, tonight and Saturday.  
Sunset today 4:53 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:45 a. m.

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## Memphis Battered By Terrific Ice Storm

### Traffic Upset, Wires Down, Homes Dark

### Flood Dangers Mount In Indiana, Illinois; Freeze Again Hits California

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Emergency repair crews, weary from their long battle against this city's worst ice storm in 17 years, continued their efforts to restore power and telephone service to thousands of Memphis residents.

A relentless sleet and rain storm has battered Memphis since late Wednesday night. All public utilities, including transportation, have been severely curtailed.

City bus transportation has been cut in half. All electric buses have been pulled off the runs, and gasoline powered buses have been pressed into service.

Sleet-laden tree limbs, falling across power lines, have left thousands of homes in darkness, and many without heat.

The weather bureau says no relief is in sight.

About 6,000 telephones were out of service late last night. Roy Freeman, district manager of Southern Bell, said repairmen were making scant headway in fixing lines. As rapidly as a break is repaired, another occurs, he said.

More than 400 of 1,000 long distance circuits through here were also knocked out.

Western Union reported that (Continued on Page Two)

## Recession Beaten, "Greater Stability" Won, Truman Declares In His Economic Message

### Business Expansion, Income Hike, Credit Control Main Needs Listed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Truman declared today the United States can offer its people 61 million jobs this year, 64 million in five years and, in the end, "the complete elimination of poverty."

In a sober yet optimistic annual economic message, Mr. Truman told Congress the nation's economy has emerged strong and stable, and with reborn confidence, from its postwar crisis.

The way lies open, he said, for a rise in national income equal to nearly \$1,000 a year for every family by 1954. His startling statement seemed to mean an average American family income above \$5,000 four years hence.

Mr. Truman called on business, labor and farmers—as well as the government—to rise to the "magnificent challenge" ahead: A steady growth of income, employment and production to hitherto unknown levels.

The president added two points to his legislative want-list: stand-by powers to control credit, and more liberal loan terms for little business. He again asked a "moderate" tax increase.

But he proclaimed this turning-point in national policy: Prices—with some "outstanding" exceptions—are generally close to the level where they should stay. "The basic economic problem facing the country (Continued on Page Two)

## New Housing Program Set For Congress

### Huge Fund Planned For Guarantees Of Loans To Moderate Income Class

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A new administration housing program intended to construct thousands of new homes for families with "moderate income" is ready for Congress.

Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.) told a reporter today the legislation "is badly needed and will carry out President Truman's promise to fill the gap in our present national housing program."

The new plan, bearing administration approval, could make between \$2,000,000,000 and \$2,250,000,000 available during the next two years as guarantees for loans to cooperative and non-profit groups providing housing for the "moderate income" class.

Although the administration does not define "moderate income," Sparkman said Congress would probably limit the new housing aid to persons "with incomes of from \$2,000 up to \$5,000, or perhaps more, a year."

Sparkman explained that loans or mortgages would be guaranteed by a proposed new government agency known as the National Mortgage corporation for (Continued on Page Two)

## Application For Housing Loan Has Court's Approval

The Douglas county court reported it has approved application of the Douglas County Housing authority to the Public Housing administrator for a preliminary loan up to \$40,000 to cover the cost of surveys and planning in connection with the development of 100 dwelling units of low-rent public housing in the county at the rate of 50 units per year.

The county court agreed to cooperate with the Housing authority in providing low-rent public housing which may be required by the Public Housing administration in accordance with the United States housing act of 1937, as amended.

The housing units will be for low-income families, especially families of deceased veterans or servicemen.

The court said the need for housing is not being met by private enterprises and the lack of housing constitutes a "menace to the health, safety, morals and welfare of the county's inhabitants."

## Hearing On Milk Prices Dated Here

A public hearing to consider revision of minimum prices paid producers for fluid milk and wholesale and retail prices to consumers in the Douglas county marketing area No. 1 will be held in the Knights of Pythias hall, Roseburg, on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 10 a. m., according to notices issued by the State Milk Marketing administration.

The hearing will be held as a result of requests made by producers and processor-distributors supplying the Douglas market area with fluid milk and cream, following a dispute in December regarding prices paid to producers by distributors and wholesale and retail prices charged by distributors in the Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, and nearby markets.

Cecil L. Griggs, examiner for the Milk Marketing administration, will preside at the hearing, assisted by William H. Durbin, field representative for southern Oregon.

## Even Padlocks Taken

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Evans H. Haenes, an Atlanta truck driver, told police thieves removed \$405 worth of equipment from his truck during the night.

Haynes said the thieves stole three truck tires and tubes and two wheels—and also the chains and padlocks with which they were locked to the truck.

## Trains Head For Storage In Coal Supply Shortage

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Hundreds of the nation's passenger trains today were headed for the storage yards.

From New Orleans to Chicago and east to New York, operators prepared to lay-off trains to save fuel supplies dwindling fast in the face of a three-day work week decreed in the nation's coal mines by United Mine Workers chief John L. Lewis.

The Interstate Commerce commission has ordered all railroads with less than a 25 days' supply of coal to take one-third of their steam-operated passenger locomotives out of service Sunday night.

In the Far West, most of the major lines use diesel or oil-powered locomotives, and would not be immediately affected, unless asked to share their locomotives with coal-powered lines.

So far, there were few reports of plans to lay off railroad workers.

Some of the railroads planned to hire buses to replace the frozen rail transportation. Others reduced daily runs of trains to two or three days weekly.

One of the biggest cutbacks in service was scheduled on the New York Central railroad, which announced it would discontinue 147 trains at midnight Sunday.

Most of the trains this road plans to furlough operate in the New England area.

In Chicago, headquarters of the Illinois Central announced suspension of 17 trains; the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, 22 trains; the Grand Trunk Western, three, and the Milwaukee railroad, 20, with reduced service on 12 others.

## Jealous Boy Shoots Girl Over Matter Of Shape

BAYONNE, N. M., Jan. 6.—(AP)—A jealous boy shot his 14-year-old girl friend because she "brought out her shape too well" and she wouldn't stop wearing them, police said he told them.

The 16-year-old youths fate today hangs on the outcome of the girl's fight for life in a hospital, where she is reported slightly improved but still on the danger list.

Police yesterday identified the boy as Arthur Brown. His girl friend is Janet Borow, they said.

He is being held on an open charge while the girl still is in danger. A .22 caliber bullet was taken from her lung after the shooting last Monday.

## Dynamite Finder Abduction Victim

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 6.—(AP)—The watchman who found a dynamite charge planted last month at the CIO United Auto Workers headquarters was abducted early today and dumped, alive, beside the River Rouge.

He was found this morning, trussed up and suffering from exposure.

The watchman, William Thomas, 58, told police two men grabbed him at 5 a. m. and drove away with him in a car.

Doctors at Wayne county hospital said he was temporarily in serious condition.

Thomas said he was walking on a downtown street when he was seized. The abductors tied his hands and feet and placed a loop of rope around his neck, he said.

Thomas was night watchman at the UAW's three-story international headquarters here the night of Dec. 20 when unknown plotters placed 39 sticks of dynamite outside the building. The charge did not explode.

Police believe the dynamite attempt was part of a plot against the UAW connected with the shootings of Walter and Victor Reuther.

Walter Reuther said he believed it possible that Communists are involved.

## Alleged Forger Jailed In Default Of Bail

Richard Thomas McBee Jr., 21, Remote, charged with forgery, was lodged in the county jail Thursday, upon failure to post \$1,000 bail, Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter reported.

Albert James Johnstone, 38, Roseburg, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, posted \$250 bail and was released when he appeared before justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes, Carter added.

## Misses First Day's School In 49 Years; Father Dies

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Jan. 6.—(AP)—For the first time in 49 years as a pupil and teacher, Miss Frances Sebesta (about 55) missed a day of school yesterday.

A teacher of girls' physical education in a high school here, she left for Chicago to meet a train taking the body of her father, T. J. Sebesta, to that city from Roseburg, Ore., where he died Tuesday.

Miss Sebesta has been a teacher here 31 years.

Thomas Joseph Sebesta, 80, was a former resident of Chicago but lived in Roseburg for five years prior to his death. He died Tuesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Goberville, Calkins road.

## Drain Man Hospitalized With Bullet Wound

EUGENE, Dec. 6.—(Special)—Hiram Cowells, 82, of Drain was in good condition at Sacred Heart hospital here this morning after he had reportedly attempted to shoot himself. He was brought here at 2 a. m. from Drain and told state policemen, they reported, that he had shot himself in the back of the head with a .25 calibre gun because he "had trouble breathing" during the night. He told officers, they added, that his wife was asleep at the time. The bullet was thought to be still lodged in his skull.

## Dr. Isaiah Bowman, Aide Of 2 Presidents, Dies

BALTIMORE, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Dr. Isaiah Bowman, 71, president emeritus of Johns Hopkins university and one of the world's foremost geographers, died at Johns Hopkins hospital today.

Dr. Bowman was a close adviser to President Wilson when the World War I president advanced his League of Nations plan.

The famed educator gave similar help to President Roosevelt throughout World War II and the preliminary work on the United Nations.

## WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



MRS. PAUL W. BARCUS is wearing a corsage presented to her Wednesday night by members of the Zonta club, of which she is president, meeting at the home of Mrs. Emily Judd on Madrone avenue. I think the occasion was something of a celebration in her honor, inasmuch as she had been chosen not long ago (from a list embracing 36 well known local women from various organizations) to represent the Roseburg area in the recent Queen of America contest staged under the popular Queen for a Day radio sponsorship.

Mrs. Barcus also is a member of the Grey Ladies, a unit of the Red Cross which devotes itself to making life a little bit easier and a little bit happier for the patients at the United States Veterans facility here. She also is on the seminar board of the Delphian society.

Mrs. Barcus and her husband live at 846 Cobb street.

## COUNTY ROAD PROGRESS

### In Excess Of \$1 Million Spent In Record Job Year Of 1949, Roadmaster Says

By WARREN MACK  
"The biggest year ever, and another one just like it coming up." That was the recent comment of Durward Owens, Douglas county roadmaster, who briefly touched on the highlights of the county road activities for 1949.

"Douglas county has spent in excess of a million dollars in new construction, rebuilding and maintenance during the past year," he said, adding that about \$100,000 worth of new equipment was purchased in order to carry out this record building program.

The largest single county road job was the Smith river project. Owens said about \$180,000 has been spent for the new retractable-draw span bridge and its approaches, with another \$100,000 needed for further grading and subsidiary bridge building. Completion of this project will be the first major undertaking of 1949.

Owens said, in the same area, 14 miles east of Smith river project, another bridge approach is to be rebuilt at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

Many bridges eliminated. A major emphasis was placed on bridges during the year, but most of the work resulted in elimination of the bridges by installing pipe, then filling in the river channel. Owens said about 40 such bridges, most of them small ones, were eliminated in this manner. The largest pipe used was the 120-inch type in (Continued on Page Two)

## Club Tavern's Beer License Is Suspended

The beer dispensing license of the Club Tavern, 127 W. Cass, has been suspended for 15 days, according to an Oregon Liquor Control commission order posted on the premises.

The suspension, effective Jan. 2, will continue until Jan. 17, states the order.

The reason stated in the closure notice is for operating a "disorderly premise." The action is reportedly the outcome of a hearing held recently by the state liquor board.

## SEX ATTACKER NABBED

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Raymond Cavala, 18, charged with kidnapping a 14-year-old girl after assaulting her mother, was captured near Buckeye, Ariz., today by a highway patrolman.

The girl, Teresa Vasquez, was with him at the time, police said, and apparently was unharmed.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

HELL, Norway, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The temperature dropped to 40 degrees below zero in Hell yesterday.

## MORE LIGHT, LESS COST

### City Manager Slankard Reports On New System Serving Business Zone

Installation of the new mercury standard lights throughout Roseburg's business district has actually cut almost in half the cost per light for operation, while providing three times the amount of light per unit.

A report of City Manager M. W. Slankard to the city council shows that the 113 installations of 15,000 and 21,000 lumen lights are operated for \$1.70 per month each, compared to \$3.30 each per month for the operation of 14 of the 6,000 lumen large globe lights which are still in use in some parts of town.

In addition to these lights, the city has ten 4,000 lumen street lights on pole brackets, costing \$2.80 each per month to operate; six 2,500 lumen lights on pole brackets, costing \$2.50 each per (Continued on Page Two)



DEDICATION of the new school of Green district 5 will take place tonight at 8 o'clock, under sponsorship of the Green Parent-Teachers association. The building, shown above, consists of nine completed classrooms, two unfinished rooms, used as an auditorium at present; a lunchroom, a kitchen, an inner and an outer office. The school has an enrollment of 215, with nine teachers, in addition to the principal, W. E. Stonebraker. The building was constructed by E. A. Shannon, Roseburg, contractor, from plans of architect Cleo Jenkins, Corvallis. A short P. T. A. business meeting will be followed by the dedication, refreshments and open house.—(Picture by Paul Jenkins)