



**PRODUCE DISPLAYS**—they are colorful. George Kirkpatrick lovingly handles the sweet potatoes in the produce rack at Safeway. If he lived in the Old South he'd probably have turkey and sweet potatoes for Christmas dinner. Living in Oregon, as he does, likely he'll have turkey and sweet potatoes. (By Paul Jenkins).

## Soviet Spending Billions To Boost Strength Of Navy

LONDON — (AP) — Jane's fighting ships — the world's bible of naval intelligence — said today Russia is building a navy "already far in excess of the normal requirements of defense."

The new edition of the yearbook said Russian navy estimates for the year 1950-51 are 15,400,000,000

rubles, equivalent to \$3,850,000,000 compared with the U. S. naval appropriation of \$4,168,000,000 for the same period.

The yearbook also noted that last February a Soviet navy ministry was created, independent of the armed forces.

Jane's said there are reports the Soviets have launched two 35,000 to 37,000-ton battleships with towers for firing guided missiles and are constructing a third one.

The yearbook said 250 to 370 Russian submarines are believed already in service with 120 more in the works. It added that the Soviets have, or soon will have, 14 heavy cruisers of the 9,500-ton Kirov type, plus two ex-German cruisers of the 15,200-ton Poltava class.

"It is also believed," Jane's said, "that the Russians are concentrating heavily on large destroyers or ocean-going torpedo boats approaching destroyer size in the Far East, 36 in the north and eight each in the Baltic and Black seas."

"The capacity of Soviet shipbuilding, now largely under the supervision of German specialists, bolstered by foreign labor, is reported to be twice that of 10 years ago," it said.

Rumors of the existence of the new battleships have been trickling out of Sweden and Finland for the past year. They are reported to be from 800 to 900 feet long, carrying six 16-inch guns mounted in triple turrets and two towers for guided missiles.

## French Forces Abandon Indochina Defense Post

HANOI, Vietnam, Indochina — (AP) — The French disclosed Wednesday the abandonment of Dinhlap, the western anchor of 100-mile long defense line originally intended to guard Hanoi and the Red river delta against a Vietminh invasion from the North.

A French military spokesman said the Dinhlap garrison, made up of several companies of Foreign Legionnaires, withdrew from the town Tuesday without interference.

French army headquarters in Saigon announced the troops pulled back to a fortified position about four miles southeast of Dinhlap, which lied on Colonial highway No. 4 near the border of Communist China. Usually reliable sources in Saigon reported the action was taken in the face of strong enemy pressure.

## Defense Spending Program Gives Government Worry Over Likely Inflation Hike

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK — (AP) — This is national thrift week. It is also a week in which:

1. The government is shaping plans to spend \$70 billion a year for defense, while worrying over how much of a kick that's going to add to inflation, thereby lowering the purchasing power of the dollar.
2. The Treasury reports that for the first full year since series E savings bonds went on sale in 1941, people are cashing in more old ones than they are buying new ones.
3. The Federal Reserve board chairman reports that "last year about one American family in three spent more than their income."
4. A number of discouraged Americans are asking: "The way things are going, is it worthwhile anymore to save?"

Thomas B. McCabe, chairman of the Federal Reserve board, says it is "Everyone knows that inflation is a threat to a savings program," he concedes, "but savings is a powerful antidote for inflation. If we wish to escape the horror of inflation, the answer is to save more — not less. It is still smart to be thrifty."

There is a certain irony in the fact that savings bonds, bought under patriotic urgings in the last war, are being cashed in to the embarrassment of a Treasury preparing for the threat of another war.

So far this year the Treasury has had to redeem nearly \$3.4 billion of series E bonds, or \$178 million more than it has sold in 1950. Next year \$1.1 billion will be 10 years old and ready to be redeemed. There will be outstanding \$33.4 billion more that could be presented to the Treasury.

Dr. Herman B. Wells, president of the National Thrift committee, warns: "If these savings are to be spent in a market that is already short on the supply side, the bidding up of prices will assume major proportions."

Control Plans Feared

The public has other billions in purchasing power it could turn

loose. Henry H. Heimann, executive manager of the National Association of Credit Men, fears the effect of the planned federal controls. He says: "With billions of dollars accumulated in the hands of the consuming public, any controls or regulations limiting civilian production and buying will merely defer inflation or cause a wild scramble for the limited supply of goods."

Treasury Secretary Snyder plugs steadily for "voluntary individual savings." The Treasury is warming up a drive to induce people to buy more savings bonds and to hold onto their old ones — probably by offering to continue paying interest on bonds held after the redemption date.

Voluntary savings include more than just buying government bonds, of course. Some people are putting their money into corporate securities; some into real estate; some into insurance — sales this year were at a record high; some into the various forms of bank accounts and savings institutions.

There are plenty of Americans left, apparently, who still believe in thrift — Americans who remember the old fable about the ant and the grasshopper when the winter blasts set in.

## Easter On March 25, 1951, Will Be Earliest Until 2008

CHICAGO — (AP) — If for no other reason, the year 1951 will be distinguished by at least one thing for sure: It's Easter — on March 25 — will be the earliest observance of the holiday in the second half of the 20th century.

The world will have to wait until the year 2008 to celebrate it earlier. That year it will be on March 23, according to computations at the Adler planetarium and Astronomical museum, Chicago. The last time it was on March 23 was in 1913.

Although Easter has come to be associated with bunnies, colored eggs and spring fashions, it primarily is a religious feast day. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ on the third day after Calvary. As a religious feast it is governed by the ecclesiastical calendar and is movable, unlike Christmas which always falls on Dec. 25.

Easter can be as early as March 22 and as late as April 25, a variation of 35 days. The last time it was on March 22 was in 1818. It next will be that early in 2285. It fell on April 25 in 1943; it will not do so again until 2038.

The method of fixing the time of Easter is complicated and dates back to 325 A. D. In that year the council of the Christian churches met at Nicea (Nice) in Asia Minor. Besides setting forth the Nicene creed, a summary of the belief in the divinity of Christ,

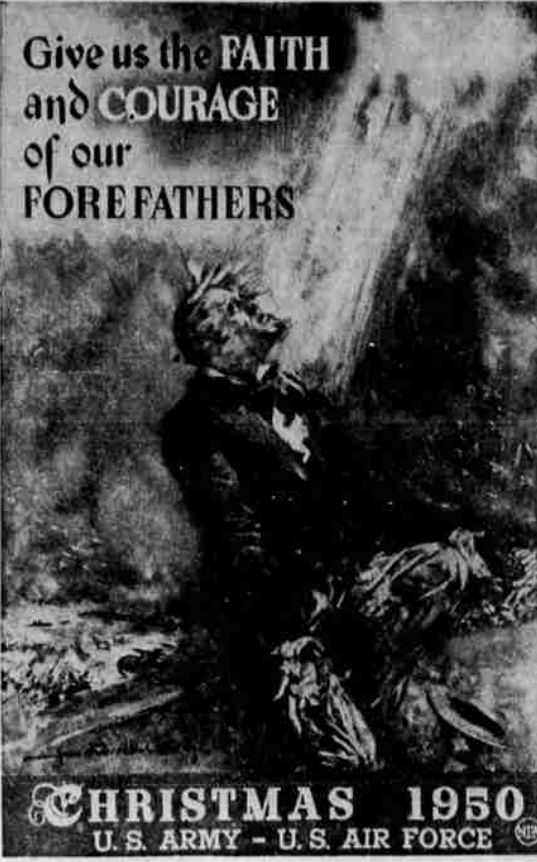
the council decided that Easter should be the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon which occurs upon, or next after, March 21, the vernal equinox.

Travel underlay this decision. In early times Easter was a day of great celebration in big cities and pilgrims journeyed on foot or in crude transports to take part. They needed moonlight to help them find their way at night, so the reckoning of the Easter date was worked out for their convenience.

If the Paschal full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter is observed the following Sunday. The Paschal full moon is the 14th day of a lunar month reckoned according to an ancient ecclesiastical computation, and not the real, or astronomical, full moon.

The 20th century had an earlier Easter twice before. In addition to March 23 in 1913, it fell on March 24 in 1940. It will be on March 23 again in 2008 and March 24 in 2391.

A small rotary-type snow plow has recently appeared for use with a garden tractor.



CHRISTMAS POSTER—This is the colorful Christmas poster painted for the Army and the Air Force by artist Howard Chandler Christy. The original artwork was done in 1942, and was loaned to the services for their use at this time. The poster is being displayed by recruiting stations the country over.

## Chicago Racket On Policy Wheels Told To Probers

CHICAGO — (AP) — Operations of Chicago's biggest policy wheels, which each year take an estimated \$60,000,000 in bets ranging upward from a dime, were told to the U. S. Senate crime committee Tuesday.

The huge income and big profits, from the wheels — numbers racket — were disclosed as committee investigators questioned two of the so-called policy kings of the south side Negro district.

Both men — Edward P. Jones, 53, and Theodore Roe — were seized by state's attorney's police after their testimony.

State's attorney John S. Boyle early today ordered the two locked up pending filing of gambling charges. He said he planned to present the case to the grand jury in January.

Jones and Roe are partners in the Main-Idaho-Oho wheel, one of the city's biggest. There are six or seven wheels of comparable size and a dozen or so smaller ones, Roe told the committee. He said his wheel takes in about \$24,000 on two drawings a day, a total of \$8,760,000 a year.

Jones said he is a one-fifth partner in the wheel. "participating in the profits," he said. His profits in 1948, he said, were \$200,000. Other partners are his mother, a brother, Roe and Cliff Davis, Jones, a former railroad porter who now operates an automobile agency in Mexico City, told how he and his two brothers started a policy wheel some 20 years ago. He served 22 months in the federal prison at Terre Haute, Ind., on conviction in

1941 of evading \$198,786 in taxes on his 1938 income.

In earlier testimony at the committee's sessions, it was brought out that Edward McBride, a university of Miami law student who owns a nationwide racing service, netted a profit of more than \$600,000 last year.

The committee was told that McBride's profit was the share of the gross income of \$2,353,000 of Continental Press. The testimony was by McBride's uncle, Thomas F. Kelly, general manager, who said he gets \$400 a week for his services and also got more than \$100,000 in a share of the 1949 profits.

The Continental maintains a wire service, furnishing racing information to racing publishers and various distributors.

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