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"Without or with friend or foe, we print your daily world as it goes"—Byron.

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Blame Yourself Not The Butcher

Turkey prices apparently will be ten to twelve cents per pound more during the Christmas season than during recent Thanksgiving holidays. But don't blame the grocer or butcher. It's your own fault.

Price is one reason. A better, meatier bird sells for considerably less this year than it did at the end of World War II.

Touhy Killing A Reminder Of Gangsterism

Why does the slaying of Roger Touhy attract so much attention? Because it is a startling reminder that gangsterism is still very much alive in this country.

Asia, who was shot down in a New York barber shop. He was believed to be the head of Murder Inc., which specialized in gang killings.

Newspaper Plan Probably Won't Work

The plans of a group of Portland businessmen to start a new newspaper in that city, now still in the discussion stage, would prove to be expensive and most probably unsuccessful.

Portland. In more recent times he has talked about a Virginia town and a couple in California.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Hardest Sales Job By Ike Was Conference In Paris

PARIS— President Eisenhower here faced the toughest part of his trip. The tumult and the shouting of countries which never before have seen a president of the United States was over.

Finally, there's a lot of quiet sentiment among West Germans themselves to let well enough alone. Why take on the headaches and disruptions of trying to join a part of Germany which is completely socialized in trade and industry to a free enterprise, highly prosperous West Germany?

Factor No. 1—will find Western Europe split—just as Ike found the Mediterranean countries and Asia split over his talks with Khrushchev, and over relaxing the cold war.

Ike's Triumph No matter how vigorously they may argue, however, the trump card is Eisenhower's hand. In case of war, the defense of Europe would fall upon the United States.

Miraculous Comeback The phenomenon of Europe today is the manner in which a defeated country, its cities demolished, its industries removed and its people dispirited should stage such a comeback.

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With this German resurgence, however, the British, the Norwegians, the Danes, the Dutch—all NATO nations—are asking whether history is going to repeat all over again.

TO VISIT CHILDREN NEW YORK (UPI)— Musical comedy star Ethel Merman and her estranged husband, Robert F. Six, president of Continental Air Lines, left New York Sunday night to spend the holidays together with their two teenage children in Jamaica.

Outside NATO there is an even bigger question mark regarding a strong united Germany. The Poles are worried over German agitation for the return of disputed portions of East Prussia.

REMEMBER WHEN . . . 25 years ago, W. C. Wilkins, prominent La Grande businessman, announced the purchase of the Strite Motor Co., at Enterprise.

Polish and Czech feuds are an important reason why Premier Khrushchev has to show that he is a strong protector of satellite states.

REMEMBER WHEN . . . 15 years ago, an area serviceman, Almie Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Rt. 2, was reportedly killed in action somewhere in the Pacific.

Barbs You're foolish to expect to find in your office the sleep you lost the night before.

REMEMBER WHEN . . . Two new cases of undulant fever were reported in Union county. There was also an increase of measles, scarlet fever and chicken pox.



IKE IN FRANCE — President Eisenhower waves to cheering crowds as his motorcade moves from the Quai d'Honneur to the railway station in Toulon, France.

See Hope Of Wheat Surplus 'Build Up' Ending Next Year

WASHINGTON (UPI)— The government's latest crop forecast gave hope today that the long, expensive build up of the federal wheat surplus might halt next year.

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LETTERS

Minimum length 200 words. No anonymous letters but true names will be withheld on request.

To the Editor: Very often we are prone to neglect praise when it is deserved. The handling of the fire at our store Saturday night was most efficient.

Our property was protected from any entry except by authorized personnel, and the whole work of the department was methodical and well organized.

We wish to express our thanks to all who make up the fire department of the city of La Grande.

The government will have to pay about \$35,000,000 a year—or nearly \$1,000,000 a day—for storage, transportation and interest on this wheat.

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