

British, Soviet Poland Plans Start Debate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—British-Russian plans for pushing Poland farther westward set off a string of verbal firecrackers on Capitol Hill today but the rest of official Washington remained silent.

Centering his fire on Premier Stalin of Russia, retiring Senator Reynolds (D-NC) declared that when the war ends the question will not be whether there is to be "power politics" in Europe, but "whether Mr. Stalin is going to extend his rule to all of it."

Senate debate was touched off when Senator Danaher (R-Conn) offered a text of Prime Minister Churchill's house of commons speech of yesterday for the official record.

Reynolds, chairman of the military affairs committee who did not seek reelection this year, declared he was "very unhappy" to learn from Churchill's speech that "our allies have deserted Poland."

And Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich), who earlier had called for "plain speaking" in our relations with Russia and Britain, said: "I should greatly appreciate the inclusion also of a speech from the president should one become available for insertion in the congressional record."

GOP Has Cash For Starting New Campaign

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—Armed with the first cash surplus the party ever brought out of a presidential contest, Herbert Brownell, jr., started the ball rolling today on a four-year republican campaign aimed at electing mayors, governors, members of congress and finally, a president.

The GOP national chairman, back from a month's vacation in the west, said he hadn't decided yet whether he wants to keep the non-paying job he took over last summer when his long-time friend, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, became the party's presidential nominee.

But Brownell gave every appearance, as he arranged a series of conferences with republican leaders, of a man who intends to keep his hand on the party reins. That issue will be determined when the national committee meets, probably early in February in some midwestern state the GOP carried in the presidential campaign.

Committee members heard that the 40-year-old chairman already has sufficient written pledges to assure his reelection, if he wants to hold on.

Trolley Coach Mishap Fatal to Aged Woman

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (AP)—Injuries inflicted when she was caught in a trolley coach door were fatal today to Mrs. Sarah Murratto, 87.

The city's 38th traffic fatality this year was recorded when Charles C. Behrens, 52, one of three pedestrians struck by a police car last Sunday, died today in a hospital.

Lumber Workers Get \$27,000 Back Pay

DALLAS, Dec. 16 (AP)—Back pay totaling \$27,000 has been given 350 Willamette Valley Lumber company employees here through a west coast lumber commission ruling.

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Harry Hopkins Not Interested In Foreign Diplomatic Post

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Harry L. Hopkins wants to stay put.

The mystery man of the White House feels he is handling war assignments of surpassing importance as chairman of the Anglo-American munitions assignment board and special assistant to President Roosevelt.

He doesn't want to become a diplomat, therefore, even though it would insulate him against some of the criticism which has been his lot. He doubts his boss will give him a chance, anyway.

Yet there has been considerable talk about prospects of Hopkins' going to London, either as ambassador or as a personal representative of the president. Some of the talk has centered among persons who had an idea that so many brickbats were hurling his way that he might like to duck out to Europe.

Among the latest heaved in his direction: Stories that he alone of all White House officials could reach the president by telephone.

Statements by Senator Chandler (R-Ky) that Hopkins was the man to ask for inside information on six new nominations for top state department jobs. Chandler called them "Hopkins nominations."

But friends of the slender presidential helper have been told that criticism doesn't bother him much any more—he's used to it; he's willing to take it as long as he thinks he can be useful to the president.

Hopkins will concede that congress would rise and cheer en masse should he quit tomorrow—though associates say he believes he could convince most legislators he is not a sinister influence on government.

But he has no more intention of telling them how he operates, who he sees, what he does, than of describing his activities on billboards.

Soviet Will Be Strong Peace Force, Claim

BURCOTE BROOK, near Abingdon, Berkshire, Dec. 16 (AP)—John Masefield, England's poet laureate, said today he believes Russia will be one of the strongest forces for peace in the post-war world.

"Russia seems determined there shall not be another European war, that the craze for conquest shall not get out of hand on this continent," the 69-year-old gray-haired man of letters said in an interview.

Longest Rural Route In Country at Bend

BEND, Dec. 16 (AP)—The longest rural mail route in the United States operates out of here, is 95.30 miles long and has 382 boxes and 1800 patrons, the post office has been informed by the postmaster general.

The carrier is Willard A. Higgins, who receives \$3100 salary annually.

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Septuagenarian Killed In Fall, After Mishap

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 16 (AP)—A 20-foot fall down an embankment on the road to Galice last night took the life of Harry Dimmick, 73, Sheriff Lloyd Lewis said today.

Loren Cooper, forest ranger at the Rand station, found Dimmick's open car hanging by the rear wheels over the edge of the road at 1 a. m.

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Annual Party Of 40 and 8, Marion Event

The "40 and 8" contingent of veterans of World war I who saw service overseas staged their annual Christmas party Saturday night in the American Legion hall.

The order, operated under auspices of the Legion, implies by its name that members at some time during their foreign service rode the "deluxe" seats in a French box car, familiarly labeled "40 hommes, 8 chevaux" which in translation gives 40 men and eight horses.

Chef de Gare Walter J. Kirk of the Marion voiture presided and introductions of dignitaries and visitors were made by Grand Commissaire Intendant Ira O. Pilcher of Marion voiture.

Many state officers attended the party headed by Grand Chef de Gare Duncan E. Nease, of Portland. Portland voiture had the largest delegation of visitors, led by Chef de Gare Charles Etchel. State Commander Penn Crum of the American Legion and a "40 and 8" member, also attended the affair.

A turkey dinner was served the 109 members registered. Visitors were registered from voitures in Portland, Yamhill, Klamath Falls, Lane county, Tillamook county, Clatsop county, Lincoln county and Benton county.

Chinese Still Pursue Japs

CHUNGKING, Dec. 16 (AP)—The counterattacking Chinese, continuing their advance in Kwangsi province down the Kweichow-Kwangsi railway, have reached the vicinity of Hoghih, 95 miles from Liuichow, the Chinese high command announced today.

Yesterday the Chinese were within 12, 15 and 18 miles of Hochih in three directions. The town has been outflanked on the southeast by Chinese forces which continued to progress today.

Chinese in this capital meanwhile hailed the American landings on Mindoro island in the Philippines as bringing much nearer an ultimate landing on the China coast.

Pennsylvania Governor Warns Against Robots

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 17 (AP)—Governor Edward Martin today ordered Pennsylvania civilian defense forces to be on the alert for robot bomb attacks, saying the war and navy departments considered them possible.

"Should such an attack come it will be without warning and it would be imprudent not to be prepared," Martin said in a statement.

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Thumbnail of War!

Western Europe — U. S. 7th army pours more troops into its four invasion routes into the German palatinate, and captures two towns.

Russia — Reds drive to the Hungarian-Slovakian border in the north and advance into Slovakia to the south.

Italy — British and Polish troops gain a foothold on a dominating ridge two miles west of Faenza in the Po valley.

Greece — Civil war continues to rage in Athens.

Pacific — American troops invading Mindoro push from seven to nine miles against weak Japanese opposition; Adm. Chester Nimitz reports that naval fliers sank or damaged 17 enemy ships and destroyed 235 planes in three days prior to invasion.

China — Chinese troops continue to pursue Japanese retreating south in Kwangsi province.

English Historian, Honor Student Dies

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Philip Guedalla, prominent English historian, biographer and essayist, died today in a London hospital. He was 55 years old.

An honor student at Rugby and Oxford, Guedalla was a barrister for 10 years but retired from practice in 1913 to devote his entire time to writing, at which he already had achieved some success.

Chaplin Will Be Witness Against Self

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (AP)—Charlie Chaplin will assume the role of witness Monday against himself in Joan Berry's paternity suit.

The 55-year-old comedian's appearance promises a welcome break in the boredom of jury selection, still unfinished. Attorneys now say they'll complete the jury in jigtime, then call Dr. Russell Starr as witness No. 1 and Chaplin as witness No. 2.

Dr. Starr delivered Miss Berry of her baby, Carol Ann, 14 months ago. And now Carol Ann's guardian — and Miss Berry — want Chaplin legally named as the father, although blood tests — and Chaplin — deny his parentage.

Joseph Scott, Miss Berry's lawyer, said he summoned Chaplin as an "adverse witness" under a provision of California law which permits this procedure. Thus, he added, plaintiff's counsel can endeavor to make the defendant testify against himself.

College Heating Plant Burned; No Insurance

McMINNVILLE, Dec. 16 (AP)—Linfield college's wooden heating plant building burned to the ground today, leaving the college without heat and causing damages estimated by the college president at \$25,000.

President Harry L. Dillin said boilers and equipment probably can be repaired before school reconvenes after the Christmas holiday. The plant was not insured.

Slain German General's Relative Aids Red Cross

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (AP)—The coffers of the county Red Cross chapter here bulged today with a \$1000 donation from the crew of a Dutch motorship freighter skippered by Capt. Albert Rommel—a relative of Germany's "Desert Fox." He and Marshal Erwin Rommel had the same great-grandfather, the skipper explained.

Portland Seeks 5000 Acres Delinquent Land

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (AP)—A plan to obtain 5000 tax-delinquent acres for reforestation here is being drawn up by city officials.

The area, in the northwest district of Portland, includes a 100-acre strip which might be made into an airfield. Recreation facilities would be developed if the forest were acquired.

Klamath Falls Imports Wood

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 16 (AP)—this crowded community is importing fuel wood for the first time in its history.

Approximately 1500 cords from Eugene and Redmond began arriving this week, the government subsidizing the movement in an effort to avert a fuel shortage.

Percy Murray, Klamath Falls OPA ration board chairman, said that "bringing wood from outside to this big lumbering town is unbelievable."

All-Time Oregon Log Bucking Record Made

LEBANON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Bucking 1,035,000 feet of logs in November, Charles Ray set an all-time record for the Roaring River Logging company here.

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