

POWERS AGREE ON ATOM, JAP RULE

Firemen Search Blast Wreckage



Firemen search for victims in the wreckage of a warehouse-apartment building destroyed by an unexplained blast at Santa Barbara, Calif. Five bodies were removed from the debris, while five other persons were injured. (AP Wirephoto)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Spurgeon

Most of the attention respecting the postwar army has been absorbed by the discussion of the proposal for universal military training. Little reference has been made to the future of the national guard and the organized reserve which are the civilian components of our defense system as supplement to the standing army. In Portland Wednesday, Brig. Gen. Tom Riley, adjutant general on leave, stated that the national guard would be continued on an expanded basis, if appropriations come through, and further, that the 41st division would be reactivated as a northwest national guard division. The acting adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Raymond Olson, had similar assurance on a recent trip to the national capital.

The national defense act of 1920 set up an excellent frame of organization for the national defense. It never was realized in full, but the skeleton is still sound: the army, the organized reserve and the national guard, which is state-connected, and having the federal government establish a separate military training organization of civilians. This idea has been dropped. It was found that the expense would be terrific, and the states still would feel it necessary to maintain a state guard in addition as a military force available to maintain order if the police complements proved insufficient.

Since the chances of passage of the May-Gurney bill for universal (Continued on Editorial Page)

Salem Electricity to Be Off for 3 Minutes

Harry Reed of the Salem Electric Co. announced Thursday night that power service to Salem users from the Bonneville power plant would be interrupted for three minutes beginning at 4 a. m. Saturday, December 29. The interruption has been made necessary by the installation of larger transformers which will be put into operation at the time of the break in service.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Mama, are you POSITIVE we're tobacco bugs?"

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Hopes For Miners Grow Dim

Rescue Workers 7000 Feet From Trapped Men

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 27 (AP)—Rescue workers trying to reach more than 30 trapped miners here are at least 7000 feet from the area where the men are believed entombed, Earl Lewis, superintendent of the No. 1 mine of the Kentucky Straight Creek Coal company, said tonight.

Previous estimates had placed the rescue teams within 200 feet of the trapped men.

Lewis, son of owner W. E. Lewis, had just emerged after 26 hours in the mine with a rescue crew.

"It would be a miracle if they found even one of those men alive," Lewis told the Associated Press in an exclusive interview.

"There is not even a mouse alive in there."

The mine superintendent was the first man to enter the mine yesterday after the explosion, and officials and workers were agreed that he knows every foot of the mine better than anyone else on the scene.

Lewis said the mine is almost exactly two and one-fourth miles long, and expressed the belief that the miners' bodies would be found at the far end of the tunnel.

The superintendent said he was convinced that the 31 names on the list of men to whom lamps were issued yesterday morning were all in the mine and added that there might be "one or two others," but he doubted it.

2 Women Hit In Downtown Salem Accident

Salem's 1945 traffic toll got in a last minute blow Thursday night when two pedestrians were struck by a car at North Capitol and Marion streets at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Mattie White, 54, 595 Statesman st., and Mrs. Lillian White, 72, a resident of the Methodist Old People's home, 1625 Center st., were crossing the highway at Marion street when the accident occurred. Both women were unconscious when taken to Salem General hospital where their condition was reported grave early this morning.

Hillard L. Golden, 910 Shipping st., was the driver of the car, the city police reported. Golden was charged with failure to give right of way to a pedestrian, and police are holding his car pending investigation.

TEACHING TO APPLY

Employees of state departments who had taught school before assuming their present jobs may count the years they spent teaching in applying for benefits under the state's new public employees' retirement pension system, Attorney General George Neunder ruled Thursday.

2 Walter Norblad Nominations Filed

The nomination of Walter Norblad as independent republican candidate for congress from the first Oregon district became official Thursday when it was filed twice at the state department in Salem.

One candidacy was given by the assembly which met in Astoria on Wednesday night; the other was the result of action by the first congressional committee, which met in Salem on December 8.

Lakeview Man to Represent Draft Boards at White House

(Picture on page 14)

O. C. Gibbs, Lakeview attorney, whose name was drawn in yesterday's selective service "reverse lottery," will go to Washington, D. C., to return the president's greetings and represent Oregon draft boards at ceremonies at the White House on January 21.

Gibbs is a member of the Lake county selective service board. He gets an expense-paid round trip to the nation's capital and a two-day stay there.

Mrs. Earl Snell, wife of Oregon's governor, drew Gibbs' name at the state capitol building, and picked also from the 101 names of board members who have served continuously since selective service became law in October, 1940, the names of the following alternates:

Reuben W. Well, Hillsboro, Washington county board No. 1; Alfred D. Collier, Klamath Falls, Klamath county board No. 1; and George H. Bell, Stayton, Marion county board No. 3. However, Gibbs has declared he will go to Washington.

There are 262 board members and former board members who served two years or more, and thus are eligible for a congressional medal and certificate for their services, which they gave without pay. There now are 171 draft board members in the state.

Governor Snell will present the two-year medals on behalf of congress at ceremonies to be held in Portland, Salem, Eugene, Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, Baker and The Dalles.

Also present at today's drawing were Col. Elmer V. Wootton, state selective service director, and his wife; Governor Snell; Maj. Troy D. Walker of the state

Santa's Alaskan Neighbors Show Fear of Jolly Gent

KOTzebue, Alaska, Dec. 28 (AP)—Santa Claus' appearance at a community observance at this town far north of the Arctic circle nearly broke up the party.

His resemblance to the feared "little hiding men"—an Eskimo superstition of beings believed responsible for many evil deeds—sent the children into a near panic. Some climbed over the seats and jammed the door trying to get out; others tore the wings off tableaus "angels" and broke shepherds' crooks.

Santa unmasked and revealed himself as one of the community's parents. Things then quieted down.

28 Nations Sign Bretton Woods Monetary Pact

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Hailed as a forerunner of an improved world economy, the Bretton Woods monetary agreements were formally signed today by 28 of the 45 nations which had drafted them in July, 1944.

Russia was the only big power absent but she has until Dec. 31 to ratify and sign as one of the original 45. The larger nations signing were the United States, Great Britain, France and China.

The agreements establish a \$8,100,000,000 international bank to make loans to help rebuild and rehabilitate war-torn countries and a \$8,900,000,000 fund to keep world currencies stabilized.

They still can be signed until next Monday by the other countries participating in the United Nations, 1944 monetary conference at Bretton Woods, N. H. After that date, a nation wishing to participate will have to be approved by the fund or bank boards.

East Coast to Get UNO Site

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—All proposed sites in the middle west and south for a world capital for the United Nations organization were ruled out tonight by the UNO preparatory commission's seven-man investigating committee.

The action by the committee, expected to leave for the United States next week to make "on the spot" investigations, eliminated bids from all cities except those in 10 Atlantic coast seaboard states.

States still in the running, the committee said, are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

G. M. To Deliver Decision

General Motors To Tell Hearing Plans Today

By the Associated Press
The possibility of two big strikes increased the nation's industrial problems last night, while General Motors corporation, party to another dispute, announced its representative would attend President Truman's fact-finding hearing today to present a formal statement regarding the company's position "with respect to further proceedings."

The new strikes—notice of which have been served by two unions—would affect the electrical and telephone industries.

Officials of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine workers in New York termed a walkout of 200,000 workers in plants of General Motors, Westinghouse and General Electric "inevitable" and said it might be called late next week.

The government hoped a meeting set for Jan. 2 between federal labor conciliators, General Electric and Westinghouse might avert the strike. The executive board of the ERMW meets Jan. 5 to arrange the walkout, authorized by the union membership in support of demands for a \$2 a day wage rate increase. Negotiations between the union and General Motors are continuing.

Meanwhile, independent union spokesmen said a nation wide work stoppage by telephone employees might result from a strike set for next Thursday by Western Electric company workers in the New York-New Jersey area.

Salem Merchants To Discuss Dec. 31 Holiday Proposal

To close or not to close? That is the question which will be posed to Salem merchants today by the city's retail trade bureau. The bureau is asking offices of Salem Chamber of Commerce, of which it is a part, to telephone store operators today to learn their sentiments on Monday closure preceding New Year's day.

When merchants met to discuss closing Armistice day, they agreed to lock doors on November 11 but expressed the wish to keep stores open December 31, Robert Needham, president of the bureau, said Thursday. However, some have now expressed a desire to close so that the three-day holiday (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) may be used for taking of inventory, Needham added.

'Big 3' at a Glance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The foreign secretaries of the U. S., Russia and Britain announced these agreements:

Atom . . . The United Nations assembly meeting next month should set up a commission to propose controls of atomic energy.

Japan . . . General MacArthur remains in charge. But a commission of 11 nations is established to fix policies and a council of four nations is established to advise the commander and review his actions.

China . . . There must be "a unified and democratic China under the national (Chiang Kai-shek) government." The U. S. and Russia will withdraw their troops as soon as feasible.

Korea . . . The U. S. and Russia will form a joint commission to unify Korea. A four-power trusteeship will be established for a period up to five years. An independent Korea is the ultimate aim.

Treaties . . . Final peace treaties with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland will be concluded along lines announced Christmas day.

Balkans . . . The governments of Rumania and Bulgaria now recognized by Russia will be broadened, looking toward their recognition by the U. S. and Britain.

Communists Give Plan for China Truce

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (AP)—Chinese communists, meeting government leaders to arrange for full-dress peace discussions, submitted in writing today their plan for a truce to end China's civil turmoil.

"All we can do is hope," declared Chou En-Lai, head of the communist delegation, on emerging from the preliminary conference at which the rival factions met formally for the first time since Nov. 17.

Then he set off for a dinner honoring Gen. George C. Marshall at the home of Walter Robertson, U.S. charge d'affaires, also attended by representatives of the government and China's democratic league.

Chou insisted the plan—text of which was withheld—called for an "unconditional" truce, but the government had asserted that as made orally last week it contained some booby traps.

2 Planes Lost In Northwest

SEATTLE, Dec. 27 (AP)—The 13th naval district said tonight two marine-piloted fighter planes of the navy ferry command were missing after encountering thick and soupy weather on a flight from the Seattle naval air station to Portland, Ore.

The district spokesman said a second flight also had made the trip, landing safely, but only two of the four craft in the first group got through, one of these coming down in a crash landing at Beaverton, Ore.

President Ready For Return Flight To White House

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27 (AP)—President Truman ordered his big C-54 resided tonight for his return to Washington as his Christmas holiday came to an end with another round of visiting and handshaking.

The "Sacred Cow" in which he flew to Kansas City Christmas day, was scheduled to take off at 9:30 a. m. EST tomorrow for the capital where he will begin work on a nation-wide speech to the people.

Army Colonels Outnumber Lieutenants

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) urged the war department today to "reduce the number of colonels and get more bright young second lieutenants."

"We've got an army of colonels today," Johnson told a reporter. "Why, we've got more regular army colonels than the governor of Kentucky has honorary colonels."

"I just asked the war department for its list of regular commissioned officers," Johnson said. "It shows we have 3387 lieutenant colonels and only 2295 second lieutenants. We've got more colonels and lieutenant colonels than we have first lieutenants."

"Lieutenants and captains are valuable to an army. Too many older colonels are worthless. We have so many colonels today it's almost a comic opera army."

Bing Crosby Retains Box Office Crown, Van Johnson Second

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27 (AP)—Bing Crosby was named the movie box office leader again in 1945 in a poll of exhibitors conducted by the Motion Picture Herald.

Ranked in the top 10 in six of the 14 annual polls, Crosby scored heavily in "Going My Way," which the Herald said has grossed \$8,000,000. Crosby also appeared this year in "Here Comes the Waves," "East Side of Heaven," "Duffy's Tavern," and served as the voice of Eddie Bracken in "Out of This World."

Van Johnson was ranked as the No. 2 drawing power, followed in order by Greer Garson, Betty Grable and Spencer Tracy, with Humphrey Bogart and Gary Cooper tied for sixth; Bob Hope, Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien and Roy Rogers.

Abbott and Costello, Betty Hutton, Ingrid Bergman, Bette Davis, Alan Ladd, Dane Clark, Joseph Cotten, Claudette Colbert, Walter Pidgeon, Fred MacMurray, Danny Kaye, Gregory Peck, Ginger Rogers, John Wayne and Mickey Rooney.

Crosby won the poll's top spot in 1944. Betty Grable in 1943, Abbott and Costello in 1942, Mickey Rooney in 1939, 1940 and 1941, Shirley Temple from 1935 to 1938 inclusive, Will Rogers in 1934 and Marie Dressler in 1932 and 1933.

For western pictures exclusively, the poll this year shows these top 10:
Roy Rogers, George "Gabby" Hayes, William Boyd, Bill Elliott, Smiley Burnette, Johnny Mack Brown, Charles Starrett, Red Barry, Tex Ritter and Rod Cameron.

Mac To Remain In Power

Russia Agrees to 'Broaden' Balkan Governments

By Douglas B. Cornell

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Foreign ministers of the United States, Britain and Russia formally announced tonight agreements on governing Japan and Korea and on United Nations control of atomic power.

In a lengthy communique they proposed in effect that the United Nations security council see to it that atomic energy is used "only for peaceful purposes."

The communique summed up results of a 10-day conference in Moscow of Secretary of State Byrnes, Foreign Secretary Bevin of Britain and Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov, Russia to join.

For Japan, they agreed that Russia should join a revised far eastern policy commission and serve with Britain, China and the United States on a control council. Gen. Douglas MacArthur still would play a dominant role as chairman of the council and "sole executive authority for the allied powers in Japan."

The big three foreign secretaries said they were in accord, too, on:

1. Reorganizing the Rumanian government to "free and unfettered elections" will be held as soon as possible and Britain and America can recognize the expanded government.

2. Broadening the Bulgarian government so that this country and Britain also can recognize it. (Russia recognizes the present governments of both Rumania and Bulgaria.)

3. Setting up for Korea a provisional "democratic government" and a four-power, five-year trusteeship—with "a view to the re-establishment of Korea as an independent state."

The three foreign secretaries reaffirmed adherence to a policy of "non-interference" in the internal affairs of China. And Byrnes and Molotov said they were in "complete accord as to the desirability of withdrawal of soviet and American forces from China at the earliest practicable moment consistent with the discharge of their obligations and responsibilities."

The three top diplomats at the conference had announced, on Christmas eve, plans to call a 21-nation conference by May 1 to consider peace treaties for Italy, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Finland. The communique repeated that announcement.

It wound up with the plan for safeguards against atomic destruction. In general, the plan followed the arrangements recommended last November by Britain, Canada and the United States—the countries which share the secret of making atomic bombs.

Russia agreed to join these three nations in offering a resolution on atomic control to the first meeting of the United Nations general assembly in London next month. France and China were invited to sponsor the resolution, too.

It provides for the general assembly to establish a control commission—with the same member nations as the security council, plus Canada.

The commission's reports and recommendations would go to the security council. Thus each of five big powers—the United States, Russia, France, Britain and China—would have veto authority over any major action dealing with atomic questions.

Convict Escapes from Penitentiary Annex

Charles Breeden, 33, an inmate of the state penitentiary, escaped from the annex sometime Thursday, after 4:30 p. m., the state police reported. Breeden was sentenced from Multnomah county on a burglary charge. He is described as 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing 121 pounds. His eyes are brown and hair is dark brown. The distinguishing feature about him is his very large and prominent mouth.

FRANCE MAY APPROVE

PARIS, Dec. 27 (AP)—Official sources said today that France would probably approve the Moscow conference peace treaty proposals tomorrow, provided they contain no debatable matter.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	55	45	50
Eugene	55	44	50
Portland	48	39	1.01
Seattle	53	40	50
San Francisco	63	52	50

Willamette river 6.5 ft.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Showers, occasional periods of clearing. Wind of 18 to 20 m.p.h., decreasing. Maximum temperature 50 degrees.

Marines End Cross-Country Cab Trip



PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 27—The city limits of Los Angeles extended clear to Pittsburgh today, insofar as the above-shown taxi is concerned. It came across country with five marines who refused to be held up by the train-plane-bus bottleneck on the west coast. They and their driver were weary from 4½ days of travel. Left to right are Sgt. Melvin Upton, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Sgt. E. M. Sheppard, North Woodstock, N. H.; PFC Ralph Manichino, Bronx, N. Y.; Cab Driver Harry E. Orsoba, Los Angeles, and Sgt. Gordon W. Edwards, Queens, L. I. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman). (Story on page 2)