Red Ultimatum Orders U.S. Ship to Quit 'Free' Port



By Charles A. Somme

State employes around the retirement age of 65 are regarding the new system of retirement annuities with mingled feelings. Some who are ready to quit are happy at the prospect of receiving a monthly check, although the date when payments under the (The law makes the effective date Loosened July 1, 1947 or the legal termination of the war, whichever is later). Others who are not ready

the time when they must. and satisfactory to the state as housing industry. employer.

pations, like firemen, the age 15 trol program. usually 60 or 55. Thus we look forward to a day when most of Charges Reduced the people past 65 will be pen-monthly carrying charges on FHA-

ployment to young men and when many were unemployed. I believe it is quite probable however that this idea will play us duced accordingly. false, because of the changing

age pattern of our people. our population will be 45 years of age or older, and that by the end of the century two-fifths of our population will

(Continued on editorial page)

Churches Plan and National Housing A trator Raymond M. Foley. Services over Yule Holiday

The dwelling must be suitable Several Salem churches will hold and intended for year round oc-Christmas eve services tonight and cupancy. The total floor area must many services will be held be limited to 1500 square feet, throughout the city on Christmas which officials said was sufficient

Rent Unit Eight Women, Three Men on

NINETY-SIXTH YEAR

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 23-(AP)to retire view with apprehension The federal housing agency announced tonight liberalized financ-The system however is one ing for builders of rental housing which when it gets to working simultaneously with the removal will be beneficent to employes of a number of controls over the

The action was one of a series Most retirement systems set 65 in which government agencies as the age for retirement, though scrapped a series of industrial some set 60 for women. In the controls in a pre-holiday speedcase of persons in particular occu- up of President Truman's decon-

In liberalizing rental housing insured mortgages, which had the Part of the retirement annuity effect of extending the average philosophy perhaps carries the maturity for such mortgages from , thought of having older people 27 years and 7 months to 32 years vacate jobs in order to give em- and 7 months on the basis of a 4 per cent interest rate. The reducwomen. This grows out of the tion was made by lowering the 2 experience of depression days per cent initial minimum principal payment to 112 per cent, with subsequent principal payments re-The agency said too that it

would provide a means for ad-In a recent statement Dr. Louis justing its insurance commitments I. Dublin, statistician of the Met- to meet fluctuating construction ropolitan Life Insurance co. said costs and was studying means to that careful forecasts indicated protect builders against decreased that by 1960 nearly one-third of earnings after the current housing shortage is relieved. At News Conference

> Revision of housing controls was announced earlier at a joint news conference by Federal Housing Expediter Frank R. Creedon and National Housing Adminis-

Removed were the old cost ceiling of \$10,000 on houses built for sale and a ceiling price requirement.

These conditions will be attached to the granting of a housebuilding permit under the new system



Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, December 24, 1946

Mrs. Frank A. Waldorf, 1150 Lee st., is shown receiving the major grand prize-a 17-jewel wristwatch-at the conclusion of The Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving campaign. Presenting the award is Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., head of Oregon's traffic safety division. Between them is the camellia given Mrs. Waldorf for winning first in one of the 10 daily campaigns, (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman Staff photographer)



Traffic Experts To 1,088 Judge Tops in **Driving Courtesy** TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 24. (AP)-The official casualty toll for Ja-

pan's great earthquake and tidal Eight women and three men wave disaster reached 2,395 towere announced today as win- night - including at least 1,088 ners of the grand prizes in The dead-as all agencies strove to get Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothquick aid to nearly 100,000 homeers Courtesy Driving campaign. less in bitter winter weather. with Mrs. Frank A. Waldorf of

The official figures came from 1150 Lee st., Salem, topping the the home ministry, which said 1.088 were dead, 165 were missing, Most of the 11 grand awards and 1.142 were injured by its last

went to the drivers who placed compilation made at 11 o'clock last first in the daily campaigns. night. It placed the number of Records of the entire 100 daily homeless at 94,669, winners were thrown into the Kyodo High 1,125

pool for the grand prizes, how-Kyodo news agency previously ever, and in re-evaluating their had listed the dead at the even good deeds the campaign's judges higher figure of 1,125, and its -traffic experts from the office total of injured closely tallied with Bride Denied of the secretary of state-found that of the ministry's, although its some of the second-place daily figure of 104 missing was lower. Supreme headquarters' health Silverton Man winners also entitled to share in the grand awards. and welfare section in its inde-

The grand prizes went to driv- pendent survey put the casualty ers from Salem, Turner, Perry- total at 2.051-982 dead, 266 missing and 803 injured. It was believed that the prop-

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Relief trains speeded through

The cooperative effort toward erty damage figure would reach driver-consciousness was made billions of yen. The ministry proceeded slowly with its estimates. possible through Salem merchants'

Relief on Way donations of prizes valued in excess of \$1000, and was designed the choked railway system, carryto reduce the expectable pre-holiday accidents and make traffic ing supplies to the 24 prefectures out of Japan's 47 which felt the in Salem more pleasurable.

shock of Saturday's gigantic earth In addition to Mrs. Walderf, movement. who was awarded the major The homeless, estimated unofficgrand prize-a 17-jewel Harvel wristwatch from Slevens & Sonially as more than 100,000 stoicial-

the 10 grand prize winners were ly dug in to salvage possessions announced as follows (all prizes from the mud and debris of their are available at The Statesman): homes or huddled around fires built out in the open.

First: Mary Jane Weinberg, 33512 N. Capitol, Salem. (General tire and tube, State Tire Service.) second: E. J. Scharf, Perrydale Scope of Lewis (Dishes, service for 8, Salem **Case Widened** Hardware) Third: Mrs. Albert Switser, 3845

Silverton road, Salem. (Sandwich-**By High Court** grill and fly rod, Sears Roebuck.) Fourth: Mrs. Harold F. Chris-

tiansen, route 2, box 110, Turner. (Permanent wave, Larsen's Beauty The supreme court agreed today transport to broaden the basis on which it



Dairen WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 -(AP)-The state department tonight sought full details on a "verbal ultimatum" issued by Soviet mili-

tary authorities ordering a U. S. navy craft to leave the Port of Dairen, Manchuria, within 20 minutes or risk unnamed consequences.

A state department spokesman said the department was awaiting a report on the incident from H. Merrill Benninghoff, American consul general at Dairen. The spokesman added that if

a report were not forthcoming shortly, the department would WASHINGTON, Dec. 23-George press one.

S. Messersmith, American am-A dispatch from Dairen said bassador to Argentina, who re- the American ship, an unarmed turned here today with "absol- war-tume troop landing craft, utely nothing to say" on reports pulled out after receiving the that he is seeking a showdown Russian ultimatum. The dispatch with Secretary of State Byrnes was sent by William H. Newton, on Argentine policy. Byrnes has Scripps Howard staff writer repbacked Spruille Braden''s 'get resenting the combined World tough' policy with Argentina Press.

which is contrary to the opin- Officers Hurry Aboard

Under Soviet pressure, the ship departed so hurriedly that its commanding officer, Lt. (jg) Ray C. White, of Solver City, N. M., and the American diplomatic courier, Harris H. Ball, of Amarillo, arrived on board only at the last minute before the vessel left. The dispatch quoted the Russian commander, Maj. Gen. V. U. Kerzhanoff, as sending word to the ship that "unless you leave

One of the "saddest persons in within 20 minutes we will not be London" last night was Irene responsible for the consequences." Oehler, English war-bride of The navy department here with-Harry Oehler of Silverton, whose held immediate comment, saying scheduled plane flight to America only that the craft, the LCIL "as a Christmas present" was can- (landing craft infantry large) celed because of bad weather. 1090 left Dairen Dec. 31 (Dec. 20, A transatlantic plane carrying U. S time) on its return trip to

ties

25 hastily recruited GI brides, one the American base at Tsingtao on bride-to-be and 25 children of the north China coast. former American servicemen was Even before the order for the forced by ocean storms to turn American vessel to leave, Korback over Ireland and return to zhaneff had refused to permit an London after completing a short American businessman to debark, leg of its Christmas flight to the despite the fact that he carried United States, Associated Press full clearance from U.S. authori-

ion held by Messersmith.

'Yule Present'

said last night "Saddest People"

The wives, denied a Christmas ren, the finest seaport in Manreunion with their husbands in churia, since the Japanese surthe United States, were "the saddest people in London," an airport official said as the plane returned to Heathron field. The passengers were sent to

its designation as a free port. Carried Mail, Supplies hotels for the night and weather The ship arrived at Dairen on permitting, will start the flight December 18 carrying diplomatic again today. The trip was to have mail and supplies for the U.S. been a Christmas present for the WASHINGTON, Dec. 23-(AP)- been on waiting lists for sea Without comment, Soviet authoriconsulate, and requested permis-

ties accepted the request. The vessel remained in hacbor

Soviet troops have occupied Dai-

render. Red aimy forces still con-

trol the city, although the Chinese

-Russian treaty of 1945 called for

St. Paul's Episcopal church will house. have 11 p.m. Christmas eve services with a 20-voice choir partici- normally used in equipping one pating and a candlelight service bathroom may be installed will be held by the First Methodist church at the same time.

A solemn high mass will be held them for veterans for 60 days at St. Vincent's Catholic church at 6:30 a.m. Christmas day and masses will be at 8, 9, 10 and 11 at St. Joseph's Catholic church will have masses at 8, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday,

Among churches planning special Christmas observances are the Central Lutheran church, with plus \$3 per room in service an an 11 a. m. Christmas day service; the Calvary Chapel Full Gospel church, with an 8 p. m. Christmas eve program: Christ Lutheran, with a 7:30 p.m. Christmas eve and a 10 a. m. pancy and for construction under Christmas day service: St. John's some other circumstances. Lutheran, with Christmas day services at 9:30 a. m. and 10:45

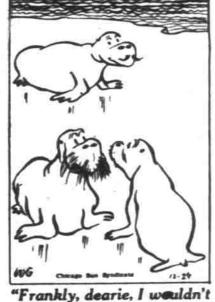
a. m. Christmas will be the main theme of many other regular Wednesday night prayer meetings held in Salem churches.

61 Injured as **Trains Collide**

ORTONVILLE, Minn., Dec. 23 - at Hoyt and South Twelfth sts... admitted guilt of 12 to 14 car (AP)-Sixty-one Christmas travelers in Salem, where a car operated were injured. 11 of them seriously by Tony Bauer of Vista ave. was enough to require hospital treat- struck by a hit-run car, the Sament, in the collision tonight of the lem state police office reported. Milwaukee road's eastbound coast The number was broadcast and train, the Olympian, and a freight Clark was picked up in Albany train a mile east of Waubay, S.D. shortly after the second accident.

F. R. Dowd, division superintendent for the road at Aberdeen, S. D., said the two trains came to- 'Twill Be a Cold Night gether on the mainline when the freight overshot a siding. Both For Santa Claus in Salem reported to police at about midlocomotives, a baggage car and four freight cars left the rails, he said.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



trust that waxed musiache."

for an ordinary three-bedroom Only the number of fixtures

Builders of dwellings for sale to veterans are required to hold

after completion. **Rent** Ceiling Due

Rental properties must be submitted to FHA for establishment of a rent ceiling based on cost. Instead of a flat ceiling of \$80 per month, the average for an entire project is held at \$80 per unit.

charges. Rental projects must be held 30 days for veterans. Under the new program, non-

veterans may obtain permits to build homes for their own occu-

Driver Held in **Hit-Run Cases**

To Review U.S. **Conchie Cases**

WASHINGTON, Dec 23 - AP In a pre-Christmas move toward

possible clemency for some persons convicted of violating the draft act, President Truman today set up a three-member amnesty board to review all such convictions.

In recent weeks demonstrators, some of them clad sumbolically in prison stripes, have been parading before the White House demanding release of "conscientious

objectors still in U.S. prisons." The White House emphasized

however, that conscientious objectors comprise only a small proportion of the 11,000 cases which the new board, headed by Former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, will review. The board was directed to recommend executive clemency in "deserving"

State police at Albany are holding Ivan Clark of Parkdale. who allegedly was driver of a hit-run car involved in accidents at Salem and Albany last night. By Local Boys tained by a witness at the scene Two 15-year-old Salem boys

prowls, all committed within a few hours last night, on a trip from Paulus Bros. cannery to Parrish junior high school, city police report. Arrested at about 11 o'clock

last night, none of the boys' acts were reported by the victims until an hour after their arrest, po-

lice said. Chet Goodman, 2545 Lee st.

night that the glove compartment A 25 degree low temperature of his car had been smashed, but predicted for tonight by Mc- that he did not notice anything Nary field weather station. Low- missing. Two flashlights, a camest low temperature of the month. era and a deck of cards were

this would make for Christmas found in the boys' possession eve several degrees colder than when they were arrested. The last, which was rainy, experienc- youthful pair is being held in jail pending further investigation. ing .41 inch of precipitation.

Vancouver Youth Charged with Murdering 17-Year-Old Girl Soviet to Expand

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 23 kitchen of the house where she -(AP)-A 16-year-old high school roomed.

Gilpin said the boy ran to the athlete was charged with first depolice station to give himself up gree murder today in the stabbing and told this story:

of a girl when she resisted his He called at the home of Pete nomic planning system involving Tamis, where the girl roomed, to more planning powers for indiadvances. He was Joseph Henry Maish, a see a friend, Ted Tamis. The girl vidual ministries. high school sophomore who had was alone, practicing on a typenever been in trouble before. Su- writer. He left, then returned via relaxes the strict centralization perior Judge Charles W. Hall re- the kitchen door. When the girl of penning activity prevailing manded him to criminal court and resisted him, he picked up a 12- here during the war, individual the murder charge was filed at inch pastry knife and stabbed ministries will submit economic her five times. once.

D. M. Gilpin, Clark county chief The girl, who came here two rather than quarterly and will probation officer, said the boy, weeks ago from San Francisco to have new authority to modify son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. be near her father, a cafe chef, production assignments to enter-Maish, admitted knifing La Dona ran next door, where she died in prises under their control within Toscas, 17, Saturday night in the the arms of Mrs. Cecil Beedle.

Just Tries to Obey the Law

Mrs. Frank A. Waldorf of 1150 Lee st. Salem, winner of the major grand prize in The Oregon Elfstrom's.) Statesman - Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving campaign. thought "that certainly is a grand room heater, McKay Chevrolet.) surprise," when informed by The Statesman of the judges' action "But I didn't know I was be-

ing extraordinarily courteous. I just try to drive as the law says." Mrs. Waldorf, who lived in ware.)

gineer for the Southern Pacific Statesman office).

Under the new decree, which

ceive one.

esy which he said the S. P. has at Bishop-Moderne. stressed in its campaign to be

'the friendly line.' nearly 24 years with one minor prizes in the daily campaign were foursome tipped the scales at 3 accident which her husband says "certainly was not her fault." Waldorf also commented that (second, three pairs nylons), Gen- pounds 12 ounces, and 4 pounds "she's a better driver than I am."

Mails Getting brella), Hamilton Furniture(fifth, **Back to Normal**

fice, announced last night that Gained Endorsement mails were gradually sliding back The Oregon Statesman-Warner tending nurse.

tion yesterday of 77.000. dorsement of high state and city He also indicated that most officials from its inception, and is Christmas cards delivered from credited with markedly improvnow on would be those "from ing traffic conditions on Salem whom you didn't expect to re- streets.

No deliveries, except specials, ed regret that "we just couldn't will be made from the office on be everywhere at once." because Christmas day though mail will correspondence to The Statesman be received, as usual, up till 6 has indicated many good deeds p.m. tonight. First class Christ- went unheralded. Judges - who mas cards that are incorrectly still prefer to remain anonymous addressed are being given direc- -commented that "it was real tory service. Daugherty said.

choose winners."

solace to men for the 8 to 3 ra-

Min. Max. 43 64

.00 .00 plans to the government annually New York 43 33 .00 Willamette river: 5.1 feet. FORECAST (from U. S. weather bu-reau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today with some clearing in afternoon and night. Fog in morning. lifting in early afternoon. Highest limits as circumstances require.

will judge the government's legal Fifth: Dora H. Burrough, 2395 N. Front, Salem. (Pendleton robe, move against a coal strike. It decided to hear an appeal by John Bishop's Clothing.) Sixth: Mrs. Clare A. Lee, 2465 L. Lewis from the temporary in-S. Commercial, Salem. (Airplane Junction granted just before Lewis suitcase, Miller Mercantile) called off the walk-out.

Seventh: Mrs J. H. Hann, 196 Still before the high court 23rd st., Salem. (Table lamp, the appeal of Lewis and his United Mine Workers against convictions

Eighth: R. E. Vincent, Doolittle and \$3.510,000 in fines for viola-Service station, Salem. (Electric tions of the preliminary restraining order which the temporary in-Ninth: James Brandt, route 6, junction superceded. It was possible for the supreme box 431, Salem. (Table lamp, court to have disposed of the Court Street Radio.)

Tenth: Mrs. M. J. Baughn, De- earlier appeal by merely holding troit. (Andirons, Doughton Hard- that Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough was within his rights in

Woodburn many years, was (A recapitulation of the win-' issuing his restraining order. awarded a 17-jewel wristwatch ners' courtesy-records is on page on the basis of a courtesy record 4, as is the list of new claimants listed elsewhere in The States- to the daily awards and the car man today. She is the wife of license numbers of drivers whose Frank A. Waldorf, locomotive en- prizes still await them at The

who operates the daylightediesel. All winners, both daily and yard engine in Salem. She com- grand, also will receive "Certifimented last night that perhaps cates of Courtesy" showing their one reason for her careful driving contribution to traffic safety, and rests with the fact her husbond all are entitled to certificates for for years has mentioned the court- an 8 by 10 browntone photograph

In addition to the merchants named as donors of the grand Mrs. Waldorf has driven for awards, those who gave valued late today, the only girl of the

> eral Petroleum (third, 10 gals. even. gasoline, oil change, lubrication), Their collective weight was 13 J. C. Penney Co. (fourth, um- pounds 11 ounces.

pliance (seventh, flashlight), The

to a normal flow with a cancella- Bromers campaign held the en-

Official observers have express-

pleasure to read the kind of reports from which we had to

City police offered the only **Planning Bureaus**

MOSCOW, Dec. 23-(AP)- The Soviet government decreed today a sweeping post-war reorganization of the Soviet Union's eco-

campaign were on duty Weather Precip

.00 trace Salem San Francisco Chicago New York

Quads Born Fo War Bride BALTIMORE, Dec. 23-(A) With the crucial first 24 hours of

their lives safely passed, the quadruplets born to Mrs. Charles L. Henn, jr., a British war bride, and their mother were reported 'getting along very well' at St.

Agnes' hospital tonight. When weighed for the first time

F. A. Doerfler & Son (first prize, pounds 55 ounces, and the boys camellia), Army and Navy store weighed 2 pounds 10 ounces, 3

Dr. George Bowyer, the attendcar vacuum), Heider Radio (six- ing physician, gave the babies "a th, album of records), Yeater Ap- very, very good chance" of survival, and the mother, the former Pike (eighth, half gallon ice Dorothy Geast, of London, was re-E. B. Daugherty, superintend- cream), Elsinore theatre (ninth, covering rapidly. Her only anesent of mails at the city post of- and tenth, two theatre tickets). thetic during delivery, said Dr. Bowyer, was the hand of the at- 1944.

ELLIOTT ON WAY HOME

LONDON, Dec. 23-(AP)-Elliott Dec. 24 (AP)-The World Zionest Quebec Hotel Fire Roosevelt and his wife arrived by congress voted 171 to 154 today plane at Northolt airport, near against participating in the Lonondon, tonight on their way home don conference on Palestine unfrom a tour of the Soviet Union. der existing circumstances.

Gen. Clay Irate as French Set Up derson street here. Firemen fought the flames for three hours from ice-laden lad-**Custom Barriers in Saarland**

ducts from the Sarr and an influx BERLIN, Dec. 23. -(AP)- The of currency into the territory." In London a British foreign ofwinners-the police said at least odds tonight over the French ac- fice spokesman supported the it could be said there were more tion in sending 1,200 men into the French action, saying that it was women than men driving Salem coal-rich Saarland to set up a a step against currency manipula-

> the French had informed the for-Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy eign ministers council in New American military governor charg- York that such action was contemed that the French move con- plated.

But Clay, obviously irked by the stituted "an entirely unilateral action which was not presented to action, declared: the allied control council." "Under quadpartite government

The French, who desire separa- of Germany any action like that tion of the Saar from Germany or taken by the French without placat least its economic integration ing it before the allied control with France, contended officially council for consideration is a unithat their action was an anti-black lateral action.

market operation designed "to pre-There was no immediate reacvent the exporting of food pro- tion from the Russians.

Mrs. Ochler and Leslie, months-old son whom Harry Oehtwo additional hours while Benler has never seen, has been exningheff sought permission for pected by her husband for sevthe American businessman, Jesse eral months, he said last night L. Poole, of Atlanta, Ga., repre-They were married in the fall of senting the Standard Vacuum Oil 1945 in England, where Harry had Co., to go ashore. Almost imserved for 312 years. He returned mediately, the Soviet "ultimatum" to Silverton just before Christwas presented. mas last year. Leslie was born in The incident recalled a recent May, 1946 charge by Edwin W. Pauley, U. S.

"Building a Home"

Bricker, Taft to

Decide Entrant in

Presidential Race

idential nomination in 1948.

JEWS VOTE TO SKIP MEET

BASEL, Switzerland, Tuesday,

potential candidate.

reparations commissioner, that The 24-year-old veteran has the Russians had virtually "sealed been living at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Oehler, Silverton, has been working with Mr. Oehler at the Oehler Lockers and has been building a home for his bride on Silver street. Oh, well-maybe New Year's

off" Dairen during their secret operations in stripping key industrial machinery from Manchuria. Pauley said his inspection group had been unable to obtain the necessary credentials to visit Dairen, either from Soviet or local authorities.

Indo-Chinese War 'Serious'

PARIS, Dec. 23. -(/P)- French WASHINGTON, Dec. 23-(AP)troops, supported by planes and Senator Robert A. Taft said tonight that he and Senator-elect tanks, battled through the main John W. Bricker will sit down to- streets of Hanoi today in their gether soon to decide which shall showdown fight for control of bid for Ohio's support in a pos- northern Indo China. An official sible race for the Republican pres- proclamation expressed fear that warfare might soon erupt in south-His words to a reporter seemed ern Indo China and thus engulf all to commit him or Bricker as a of the rich empire outpost.

Leon Blum, interim president-Earlier in the day, friends of premier of France, told the French Bricker said at Columbus that the national assembly here that the senator-elect wants an early de- situation was "serious" and might cision whether he or Taft should grow worse. He promised a policy step aside in the coming race. of firmness and said he was rush-Bricker got out of Taft's way for ing the famed armored warfare the latter's unsuccessful bid for a specialist, Maj. Gen. Jacques Le nomination in 1940. Taft returned Clerc, to the troubled far eastern the compliment for Bricker in colony.

2 Bodies Found in

QUEBEC, Dec. 23.-(CP)-Twe persons were burned to death tonight when fire, swept the Mount Royal hotel on lower-town Hen-

ders before the three-alarm blaze was brought under control. The fire department officer in

charge said other bodies might still be in the debris.



By Richard Kasisehke American and French military tio against them in the list of governments in Germany were at

streets during the shopping hours customs barrier between the Saar tors and black marketeers and that when observers in the courtesy and the rest of Germany.