

# Sharing Theme Set At Thanksgiving by President Truman

By the Associated Press  
Americans at home and abroad gave thanks yesterday for the nation's bounty which thousands vowed they must share with a needy world.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The "purge" at Hollywood trends on rather dangerous ground. For example RKO has fired two men who were cited for contempt of congress for failing to answer questions as to their political beliefs. But these two are the producer and director respectively of "Crossfire," a movie whose theme is the degrading practice of anti-Semitism, rated as one of the better films of the year. Surely that theme cannot be listed as "American."

Chairman Thomas of the committee on subversive activities says that the committee will soon publish a list of "tainted" films, citing chapter and verse, or scene and script, which indoctrinate in alien ideology. Yet the motion picture association in its statement announcing the discharge of the 10 who have offended the committee says that "nothing subversive or un-American has appeared on the screen." This statement does not jibe with the committee's opinions, that is clear.

For that matter is there any dependable definition of what is un-American? Some would regard "Tobacco Road" as "subversive," others that it is a document of actual life in certain sections. Likewise "Grapes of Wrath," and in its day, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Privilege always regards any threat to itself as "subversive."

The risk in all this is that under a wave of hysteria we deny essential freedoms. Because unjustly those whose opinions may differ from the norm, deny minority rights which presumably are protected by the constitution. We thus may get through threat or fear a censorship of the movies and of other mediums of expressing opinions which would paralyze art and stultify thought in this country. Surely our political, social and economic order is not so frail that it has to drive dissent underground.

## Four Ill from Food Poisoning

An illness diagnosed by a physician as ptomaine poisoning made four persons occupying a trailer house at 546 North High st., violently ill Thursday morning, city first aid attendants reported.

Stricken were Irma Spence, Joyce Spence, Barbara Spence and Bob Davis. Police and first aid attendants called to the trailer said they found all four victims violently ill. A doctor summoned to treat them diagnosed the illness as ptomaine poisoning.

First aid attendants who questioned the victims said they believed the poison was caused by butterscotch pie purchased at a store and eaten by the group Wednesday night. The case was handed over to public health officials who will attempt to trace the source of the poison.

## Teamsters' Boss Supports Warren

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 27 (AP)—Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), said today the entrance of Gov. Earl Warren of California "into the scramble for the republican nomination for president of the United States gives a somewhat encouraging aspect to the nominating convention next summer."

Tobin, writing in the International Teamster for December, added, however, that "there is not much hope that Gov. Warren will get the nomination."

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Boy, I'll be glad when this day is over!"

## Alaska Crash Kills 13 on Oregon Airliner

## Russ Seek Jap Pact Parley in January

## Walter Winchell's Daughter Missing

NEW YORK, Nov. 27 (AP)—Red-haired Walda E. Winchell, 20-year-old actress daughter of Columnist Walter Winchell, was reported missing today by her mother, who said the girl was ill.

In Hollywood, the columnist and radio commentator said his daughter is "very, very ill, according to several doctors, and needs hospitalization and immediate treatment." He added:

"This is a helluva Thanksgiving." Mrs. Winchell informed police her daughter last was seen yesterday at the Gotham hotel on Fifth avenue where she had been staying. She gave no details of the girl's illness and Winchell said doctors had not disclosed its nature to him.

Miss Winchell, using the stage name Toni Eden, has appeared in three Broadway shows, "Up in Central Park," "Dark of the Moon" and "Devils Galore."

She married William F. Lawless, 29-year-old Cambridge, Mass. scenic design student, on June 5, 1945, eloping with him to West New York, N. J.

Lawless filed for divorce in Cambridge Sept. 6, 1945, charging his wife had treated him cruelly.

On Dec. 9, 1946, Judge John C. Leggat of the Middlesex probate court dismissed Lawless' suit, commenting that Lawless could wait three years and sue for divorce on grounds of desertion.

Winchell said he had no idea where his daughter might be. She never has disappeared before, he said, adding she is "the most wonderful daughter in the world."

## Thanksgiving Services Draw Large Throngs

Salem residents, both Protestant and Catholic, gave thanks for their many blessings in Thanksgiving services held throughout the city.

A large assemblage gathered at a union service held in the First Methodist church under the sponsorship of the Salem Ministerial association to hear a sermon by the Rev. Orville Jenkins of the First Church of the Nazarene.

"Most of us are too prone to take too much for granted," Jenkins said. "Ours is a troubled world and only in God is there hope and courage; just so long as we have God we need not be afraid."

Large throngs attended masses at St. Vincent DePaul and St. Joseph's Catholic churches. Two services were held at St. Paul's Episcopal church and others at St. John's, Christ Lutheran, St. Mark's and Central Lutheran churches.

## \$330,000 Error Made in City Books At Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 27 (AP)—The bookkeeper who made that error in the Indianapolis city accounts was no piker. The mistake was for \$330,000.

As a result of the error Mayor-elect Al Feeney, a democrat, will take over the city that is busted on Jan. 1 when the republican regime goes out.

C. S. Ober, city controller, who announced the error, said that Indianapolis has \$330,000 less cash on hand than the books show. He blamed "sloppy, haphazard bookkeeping" and said no money was missing.

## Willamette Valley Bank Plans Open House at Hollywood Site

The new Willamette Valley bank's plans for open house on Saturday and business opening on Monday were announced Thursday by G. Carroll Meeks, president of the Hollywood institution.

Meeks invited the public to view the bank's facilities, in a building constructed especially for it at 1990 Fairgrounds rd., from 2 to 7 p. m. Saturday. All equipment will be in place and ready for use in the modern and colorful structure.

The staff of seven persons has been completed for the opening of business at 10 a. m. Monday. Hours will be from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. daily and until noon Saturdays.

Safe deposit boxes and night depository equipment were among the last items to arrive for addition to the bank. Modern lighting has been provided in the building, whose walls are of pastel colors. The floor is of asphalt tile over concrete.

A 4,600-square foot parking area adjoins the bank on the north, at Fairgrounds road and Hunt street, with entrance on both streets. Parking is to be provided for general Hollywood district use as well as the bank's customers.

Both business and personal banking are offered, including checking and savings accounts. The bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation.

Cashier of the bank is Al H. Flicker. In addition to Meeks, the directors are Ronald E. Jones, vice-president, Earl H. Moolery, Dr. F. C. Rankin, Frank T. Cuthbert, David O'Hara and Glen M. Slentz.

Contractors for the building were Mortarless Block Co., election of walls; Cliff Ellis, concrete; Salem Heating and Sheet Metal; Parker's Hollywood Plumbing and Heating Co.; plumbing; Denison and Stone, electrical installation. All are Salem firms.

## Suggest 4-Nation Conclave

LONDON, Friday, Nov. 28 (AP)—The Russian news agency Tass said today the Soviet government had suggested that foreign ministers of China, the United States, Russia and Great Britain meet next January to discuss a peace settlement for Japan.

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## Big 3 Favor German Unity

LONDON, Nov. 27 (AP)—The United States, Britain and Russia agreed tonight, informants said, on the necessity of quickly forming a central government for all of Germany. Russia balked at creating a commission to study Germany's final boundaries.

Over the protests of the United States and Britain, Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov declared that so far as the Soviet Union was concerned eastern Germany territory to the Oder and Neisse rivers was ceded to Poland and required no further study. The Potsdam conference placed this territory under provisional Polish administration "pending final determination of Poland's western frontier."

The conference sources said the United States, Russia and Britain reached a tentative agreement that a German government should participate in any peace conference.

## Crew of 38 Saved As Ship Hits Rocks Off South Africa

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27 (AP)—Mackay radio today received at its nearby Manhattan Beach station a radio message from Capt. Harry Newark of the Earlharm Victory saying it had taken aboard 38 crew members of the South African freighter President Reitz, wrecked today on rocks at Cape St. Francis, near Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

The message said the Earlharm Victory, owned by the J. H. Winchester Co. of New York, had been damaged in the rescue operations and was proceeding to Port Elizabeth with the other vessels' crew for repairs.

## New State Hospital Building Rising

Progress on the new addition to the Oregon state hospital located opposite the present hospital on Center street is continuing with the service tunnel finished and some new streets paved. Shown above is the main wing of the treatment building as the forms for the concrete were being dismantled this week. Additional units will include therapy wards, nurses' housing and greater recreational facilities. (Photo by Don Hill, Statesman staff photographer.)

## Thanksgiving Day Accident Toll at 105

By the Associated Press  
A total of 105 persons died violent deaths as the nation observed the Thanksgiving holiday, and the automobile accident was the chief killer.

Ninety persons lost their lives plane crash in West Virginia, hunting accidents and drownings.

The total passed last year's 83, of which 69 were traffic victims.

The traditional fall holiday was marked by sunny, mild weather in the gulf and south plains states and in most of the western states. Skies were generally clear on the east coast, but snow fell over most of the midwest and in western Pennsylvania and western New York.

Illinois, beset by icy roads, and New York state, reported the greatest number of traffic deaths with 11 each. Indiana had eight and Texas and Washington six each.

One violent death from miscellaneous cause was reported in Oregon. A child at Oregon City died after swallowing a pill containing a quantity of strychnine.

## Schuman Regime Wins French Confidence Vote

PARIS, Friday, Nov. 28 (AP)—Premier Robert Schuman and his new coalition government won a narrow vote of confidence in the national assembly today after he promised to demonstrate, before the end of the year, "proofs of the government's energy" in combating France's menacing wave of communist-led strikes.

In winning the vote of confidence 322 to 186, Schuman received nearly 100 fewer votes than he did last Saturday when his appointment as premier by President Vincent Auriol was approved 412 to 164. Eighty-three members abstained from voting today. The ballot gave Schuman only 13 votes more than an absolute majority needed to sustain the government.

Communists Oppose  
All but two of the opposition votes came from the communist deputies.

The motion was introduced by five deputies representing each of the blocs supporting Schuman, a popular republican.

It expressed "confidence in the government to fight by the most energetic means against the high cost of living, to assure immediately the freedom to work, to repress violence and to guarantee the liberty and security of the citizens and maintain order in the republic."

Schuman told the assembly last night at the opening of its all-night emergency session that his government was prepared to use force "as a last recourse" to end the crippling strikes, now involving 2,000,000 workers throughout the nation.

The confidence vote was taken only a few hours after leaders of France's 1,000,000 unionized public service workers applied an unexpected checkrein to the strike wave by voting against a walk-out.

## Driver Escapes as Car Overtakes

J. Malcolm Pierce, 243 D st., escaped with minor injuries Thursday night when his car overturned at North Church and Madison streets, city police reported.

Investigating officers said Pierce's car went out of control as he was driving south on Church street, skidded 100 feet and rolled over three times. The car came to rest 215 feet from the point where it started to skid, police said.

Pierce was thrown out of the car as it rolled over, police said, and he refused medical aid offered at the accident scene.

23 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT  
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS