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# Solons to Publish 12 Spy Papers

# Slides, High Water Slow Travel

## Cons Caught 'Tunneling Out' Of Walla Walla Penitentiary

## Bill of Human Rights Wins U.N. Approval

### Russ Bloc Protests, Refuses to Vote

PARIS, Dec. 10 –(AP)– The United Nations tonight adopted over Russian objection the first world bill of rights proclaiming freedom and equality for everyone.

The vote was 48 to 0 with eight absentions and two delegations absent.

When the ballots were counted the delegates stood to applaud Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt who championed the declaration since its beginning 2½ years ago. Russia and her satellites sat in silence.

Chief Soviet spokesman, Andrei Y. Vishinsky, accused the United States, Britain and France of paving the way for World War II in one of the bitterest attacks yet against the West during final debate.

The adopted document, entitled "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," has only moral authority until the next regular assembly in September, 1949. Before that meeting opens, a human rights covenant is to be drafted. The covenant would obligate signatory countries to respect individual rights or face penalities.

Dr. Herbert V. Evatt of Australia, president of the current assembly called the moment of adoption "historic" in the U.N.'s fight for world peace.

Western delegates described the document as a "potent ideological weapon" against communism. Russia and her allies in the Slav bloc charged it would foster facism everywhere, and tried to defeat it with a filibuster they began last night.

Some of its provisions call for, without regard to race, color or sex:

Freedom of thought, conscience and religion, of opinion, expression and assembly. Prohibition of slavery. Freedom of movement within a country and the right to travel abroad. Right to hold property. Privacy of the home. Right to work and to have a free choice of work. Protection against unemployment. Right to free education. Right to leisure.

## Pair Captured Day Short of Reaching Walls

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 10 –(AP)–Guards tonight captured two convicts trying to tunnel out of the Washington state prison, forestalling a prison break by as many as eight men.

Prison Supt. Tom Smith said the convicts had been working on the tunnel for six days and were only about a day short of reaching freedom in one of the most desperate escape attempts in years.

The two men were caught when guards, who heard them working underground, drove a hole down into their tunnel in the prison courtyard, only about 15 feet from the prison walls.

They came out peacefully.

Their tunnel had been discovered earlier and the entrance had been barricaded. Guards had crawled part way into the tunnel and called to the men, trying to get them to come out. The convicts ignored them and kept on digging.

Smith identified the captured men as Amada Cadena, Yakima county, serving life for first degree murder, and Harry Callas, King county, serving 10 years for robbery.

Smith said "I know other inmates were involved." He said as many as eight may have taken part at intervals in the digging.

An old shovel and kitchen equipment such as a large spoon were used as digging tools.

The captured men worked in the kitchen. Smith said they gained access to a steam pipe corridor under the building which they widened for 30 feet and then started off on a tangent with a tunnel of their own. They had gone 40 feet farther to the hospital building, 15 feet from the walls. Dirt from the tunnel was hauled back into the steam pipe corridor.

## Salem Electric to Ask Power Zones Linked

A new Salem Electric transmission line to provide alternate source of power in the event of an electricity failure is one of the first steps planned by the utility cooperative as a result of its city operating franchise as recently won in the Salem election.

Robert Nordyke, manager of Salem Electric, Monday night will petition the city council for emergency permission to establish the line connecting the cooperative's systems in north Salem and downtown Salem. The latter now draws power from West Salem and the former from a substation near the Cherry avenue fertilizer plant.

**Business Increased**

The cooperative, which did a $16,124,498 business in 1947 after approximately doubling its business annually since its inception in 1942, will take on new customers in stride, Nordyke said.

But, he added ,the cooperative's first interest is in improved service for present customers. Commercial and industrial users take the major portion of the voltage. Financing will be a primary problem for Salem Electric, said the manager, but what form that development will assume is not yet decided.

**Follows Front Street**

Most urgent part of expansion is construction of a line, essentially following a Front street route according to tentative plans, from the northern substation to the downtown hookups. This is needed to take care of emergencies in which one line gives trouble, to permit cutting out of one line to make repairs and to provide additional voltage for more customers.

The firm, whose distribution lines are now of the 13,000-volt variety, hopes to erect a second distribution line from the Eola Bonneville substation to the West Salem city limits, along the Dallas highway. This would be not only an emergency provision but would allow extra voltage, since the present West Salem line is expected to reach capacity by next fall.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

*By Charles A. Sprague*

Truckloads of neatly piled Christmas trees, southbound, and trees appearing at local sales lots remind one that Christmas is just around the corner. The trees excite mingled emotions. One is the feeling of gayety and brightness as one thinks of a lighted and decorated tree in a home, with presents piled at its foot, and children looking at its wonders with awe and anxious curiosity. The other is the innate aversion to cutting down what might become a tall forest tree. We are veritable Druids or tree-worshippers here. We have been educated so ardently to save the forests that we worry a good deal about the annual slaughter of infant fir trees to embellish the holiday season.

Actually foresters agree that tree-cutting properly done may be beneficial rather than destructive to a growing forest. Nature is apt to be lavish and let more seeds sprout than can mature into commercially useful trees. What happens is for the stronger individuals to dominate, and the weaker trees die and fall. Selective cutting does a thinning process which gives remaining trees a chance to thrive.

Commercial cutting of Christmas trees has been brought under state control, with permits required from the state forester's office. Cutting must comply with good forest conservation. Casual tree-cutting for individual use should observe these rules: get permission from the landowner, and no cutting of trees within 300 feet of a highway.

There is one feature of the tree business which can't be put under legal regulation very well, and that is the tendency to glut the market. Both locally and in the California cities in the past too many trees have been cut and put on the market. Then after Christmas the sales lots may be piled high with "surplus" which can only be burned. Dealers ought to do a better job of estimating demand to avoid such waste.

One more thought about the Christmas tree: Take it down after Christmas or at least right after New Year's. Don't throw it out on the back alley, but chop it up and burn it, in the fireplace or outdoors, or put it in the garbage can to go to the dump. Spare the tree the ignominy of a discard on the ashpile.

**NEW DAY DAWNS**

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10 –(AP)– Dennis Day, the Irish tenor, has someone else to croon his ballads to. It's Patrick James McNulty, born today to the former Peggy Almquist of Linwood.

## CIO Union Votes to Make Wives Mind

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10 –(AP) The CIO International Woorworkers of America have voted 2 to 1, to make their wives mind.

A referendum vote approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the union's executive board to suspend or revoke the charter of any ladies auxiliary which "ceases to be of assistance."

The ladies auxiliaries angered their husbands during the October convention here by condemning the Marshall plan just after the union approved it.

## Thief Fails to Absorb Yule Spirit, Swipes Trees

A low ebb in the Christmas spirit was reported to city police Friday morning by L. W. Caudle, 130 Roberts st.

Caudle told police that several Christmas trees had been stolen from his sales lot at Center and Capitol streets during the past few nights.

## Hayden Denies Asking Judge To Quit Case

Marion County District Attorney Miller Hayden denied emphatically Friday that he had filed an affidavit seeking to disqualify Polk County Circuit Judge Arlie Walker from hearing the Kingwood Heights water district suit in Dallas.

While hearing Thursday's arguments by attorneys for the city of Salem and John Lutz, plaintiff seeking to enjoin Salem from assuming control of the district, Judge Walker said Hayden was taking action to request him (Walker) to disqualify himself on grounds of prejudice.

Hayden said he had filed a demurrer to remove Marion County Assessor Roscoe Shelton from the case as a defendant, but said no other action along that line had been filed with the Polk county court.

Hayden conferred with Judge Walker before Thursday's hearing, but did not stay for the proceedings.

## Seaside Plant Threatened as River Moves

SEASIDE, Dec. 10 –(AP)– Seaside's nine-year-old $250,000 sewage disposal plant was endangered today by a river which broke its banks and cut a new channel to the sea.

The Necanicum river, flooded by heavy rainfall, spewed over a sand spit last night and began flowing into the ocean just 90 feet away from the big sewage plant. The normal channel is a half mile distant.

City Engineer R. F. Shawcross said the Nenacicum was cutting toward the plant and — if the river remains in flood several days—might undermine it.

The city council held an emergency session today to consider building a short road to the eroded bank and attempting to halt the river's progress by laying riprap on the bank.

The river also overflowed the hiyhway at the entrance to the city. Some eight inches of water covered the road.

## Policemen to Receive Public Hearing Dec. 15

Public hearing will be given the appeal of two discharged Salem policemen at a meeting of the city civil service commission at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 15, in city hall.

The hearing will be conducted if at least two of the three commissioners are on hand, it was stated Friday night by Lyle J. Page, one of the commissioners. He said he and Commissioner William Entriss are anxious to delay no longer in holding the hearing.

Meanwhile, A. A. Gueffroy, chairman of the commission who is in Santa Barbara, Calif., visiting a daughter, is expected to notify Mayor R. L. Elfstrom tonight by telephone whether he will return in time for the hearing.

Gueffroy in a letter received by the mayor earlier this week offered to resign if he was unable to return in time for the hearing of an appeal by Detective Hobart Kiggins and Patrolman Leland Weaver who were dismissed from the police force November 12 after being charged by Police Chief Frank A. Minto with violating civil service code by campaigning against city manager government in the November pre-election campaign period.

City aldermen have indicated that if Gueffroy submits his resignation the city council probably will accept it and appoint a replacement at the regular council meeting Monday night. Arthur H. Moore, a former chairman of the civil service commission, is considered a candidate for the post.

## 1⅓ Inches Rain Fall In Salem

Snow slides on the Santiam highway near the summit at Hogg Rock blocked traffic for the second time in three days Friday and some area routes were blocked by high water in the wake of continued heavy rains.

State police reported that a slide 300 feet long covered the Santiam route with eight feet of snow, but crews expected to have the road open to traffic again early Saturday. Police said the Dallas-Kings Valley highway was closed by the flooding Luckiamute river and portions of the Silverton-Marquam road were reported under water.

Several west-bound motorists narrowly escaped death Friday when an avalanche roared down on the Sunset highway a mile west of Snoqualmie pass in Washington. The avalanche buried a 150-foot stretch of highway under snow 20 feet deep, the state patrol reported.

Extremely heavy snows felled trees in Rainier National park, blocking the highway. It was indicated that the park might not be reopened until after Christmas.

The Santiam river overflowed at Jefferson again Friday, reaching a crest of 14 feet where it was expected to remain until sometime Saturday. Flood stage at Jefferson is 13 feet.

The river crested at 14 feet—six below flood stage — at Salem near midnight Friday and the weather bureau forecast a general drop in the Willamette river level.

More snow piled on highway routes through the Cascade mountains Friday with five inches reported at Santiam Junction, three at Odell lake and 12 at Government camp. Sanders and plows were in operation in some sectors. Use of chains was advised for all mountain travel over the week end.

## It's Even Wetter Than Last Year

**Last year was an unusually wet year, but this year promises to be even more unusual as Friday's 1.34 inches of rain shoved the September 1 to December 11 total to 17.40 inches. For the same period last year 16.43 inches of rain fell. The normal is far behind both marks at 12.70 inches.**

**Average yearly rainfall in Salem is 37.80 inches and the total reported so far this year indicates that nearly half of that amount has fallen in 102 days—and there are 263 more to go.**

## *Weather Could Be Worse: It Was in 1919*

George M. Graves, well-known about town as a retired commercial salesman, was able to take Friday's storm in stride. He was looking back over one of his old diaries (George has kept a diary since he was 16 years old), that for the year 1919. His entry for that date was:

"More snow on the ground; 21 inches. No trains or street cars running."

Two days later the diary had an entry: "Reported 12 degrees below zero."

That was the famous cold snap of 1919 when the rivers in western Oregon froze over. The coal strike was on across the country and communities dependent on coal for fuel were on the verge of suffering when the strike was called off.

## Typhoid Fever In Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 10 –(AP) Discovery of typhoid fever here started mass immunization of this Linn county city's 800 residents today.

Dr. A. D. Blanchat, Linn county health officer, said there have been three cases of typhoid since Nov. 24, plus two suspected cases.

He and his staff spent the day here vaccinating school children and adults appearing for treatment. They will return each Monday and Friday until the required series of inoculations is completed.

Source of the disease has not been determined

## *Yank Penetrates Russ Zone to See Family*

**BERLIN, Dec. 10—Former American paratrooper, Edward J. Lada, 28, of Newark, N. J., sees his German girl-friend, Ruth Riecki, 23, of Berlin, and their two-year-old daughter, Nancy, today, but not the way he had planned. He is behind bars of U. S. military jail in Berlin, charged with being in Germany without a military entry permission. Lada said he had tried to take Ruth and Nancy to United States with him in 1947 but was turned down because of immigration restrictions. He was captured in the Russian zone of Berlin where Miss Riecki lives. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Berlin to The Statesman.)**

## Martial Law Declared for All of China

NANKING, Dec. 10–(AP)–Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek proclaimed martial law tonight for all nationalist China except the island of Formosa, Tibet and three semi-independent far western provinces.

The communist-threatened cities of Nanking, Shanghai and Peiping already have been under martial law for a month.

There was no explanation for tonight's action extending the military rule to huge south-China areas thus far untouched by combat.

It came, however, as the communists were attempting to cut behind the Hwai river line which is Nanking's last barrier north of the Yangtze river, and as government troops struggled to smash two communist-laid traps farther north.

A spokesman for the communications Ministry disclosed that communists had temporarily severed the railway between the Hwai river line anchor of Pengu and Pukow, Nanking's railway terminal on the north bank of the Yangtze.

## Truman Hears Plea for China

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 –(AP) President Truman "listened sympathetically" late today to a plea by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek for new American aid to China's hard pressed nationalist government.

They talked over the China crisis for about a half hour at Blair house after a 5 o'clock tea which Mrs. Truman attended.

Madame Chiang "stated her case and the president listened sympathetically," Eben Ayres, a press secretary, told newsmen.

Mme. Chiang, wife of Generalissimo Chiang, herself told reporters that "the president is the one" to report on the conference.

It was her first meeting with Mr. Truman since she arrived 10 days ago on a hurried, unofficial mission for the anti-communist Nanking regime.

## Weather

| | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salem | 44 | 42 | 1.34 |
| Portland | 46 | 44 | .32 |
| San Francisco | 54 | 48 | trace |
| Chicago | 21 | 16 | trace |
| New York | 41 | 34 | .00 |

Willamette rive 14 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with rain today. Partly cloudy with scattered showers tonight and early Sunday morning. More rain again Sunday afternoon. High today near 47. Low tonight near 34.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Dec. 11)

| This Year | Last Year | Average |
|---|---|---|
| 17.40 | 16.43 | 12.70 |

## 960-Hours-Worth Of Fines Paid by Overtime Parker

Wayne L. Colby, Roseburg, could have parked legally for many days on the $48 fine he paid Thursday for overtime violations in Salem.

Statisticians at Salem's city hall figured Colby could have parked 960 hours on the good side of city laws had he put nickels in the meters rather than ignore overtime tags and wind up in municipal court.

## *Ghost Scares Hearse Driver*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 10 (AP)- A negro hearse driver abandoned his funeral car in the middle of a downtown street last night.

Police said the driver told them this story:

He had just driven off from the funeral home when he heard something in back.

"I got out and went around back to shut the door. I saw something white inside. I closed the door. I opened it again and saw something move. Then I sort of eased off.

"I thought I saw a ghost or something."

Officers found a man asleep inside the hearse. They took him to city jail.

## Churchill Asks British Recognize New Jewish State

LONDON, Dec. 10–(AP)–Winston Churchill today urged the British government to abandon it "sulky boycott' of Israel and give prompt recognition to the new Jewish state.

He asked the labor government to face the fact that the Jews "have a victorious army at their disposal" in Palestine. A continuation of Britain's present unrealistic policy in the middle east, Churchill said, could produce a falling out with the United States.

The labor government gave Britain's wartime prime minister a prompt reply. C. P. Mayhew, undersecretary for foreign affairs, said the cabinet was not prepared "at this time" to recognize Israel.

## Postoffice Windows to Stay Open Longer Today

To provide extra service for Christmas mailing, the stamp, parcel post and general delivery windows will be open today and next Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Other windows will close at noon as usual.

## Grade C Milk Permitted in 19 Oregon Areas

Provisional permission for grade C milk sales, to supplement the shortage of Grade A milk, was granted to distributors in 19 Oregon areas in an order released here Friday by O. K. Beals, in charge of the foods and dairies division of the State Agricultural Department.

These include Albany, Lebanon, John Day, Prairie City, Hermiston, Cottage Grove, Corvallis, Waldport, Newport, Toledo, Taft, DeLake, Madras, Oregon City, Grants Pass, Tillamook, Springfield, Oakridge and the suburban area adjacent to Eugene.

The milk must be labeld as Grade C milk, in line with the Agricultural Department's requirements.

Beals said the action was necessary because the supply of Grade A milk in these areas is insufficient to meet their nutritional requirements. He also reiterated a previous statement that Grade C milk comes from selected farms, must meet sediment and bacteriological standards higher than for factory milk and must be pasteurized and processed only in approved and licensed milk plants.

"Actually," Beals continued, "much of the Grade C milk will meet bacteriological standards of Grade A milk although the state minimum requirement is not as rigid. He explained the Grade C producing dairies lack the proper buildings and some of the equipment required to obtain a Grade A label.

## Talks Begin on Atlantic Treaty

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10 (AP)- The key nations of western Europe today reopened negotiations for the United States and Canada for an unprecedented North Atlantic military alliance. In the European view the pact should last for the next 50 years.

The United States may object to making a commitment for such a long period. Top officials here appear fully confident, however, that a pact will be finally worked out in about three months to coordinate the military might of North America and western Europe for many years to come.

## Dallas Votes Bonds for Elementary School

DALLAS (Special) —Purchase of the 18-acre Lyle tract and construction of a new elementary school were approved here Friday with voters balloting 491 to 97 in favor of a $250,000 bond issue.

## Ex-Red Resigns Time Post

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 10–(AP)–A dozen of the secret State Department documents allegedly taken from official files by a Red spy ring a decade ago will be released to the public Sunday.**

**The House committee on Un-American activities voted the release tonight, timing it for Sunday morning newspaper publication.**

**These 12 have been "cleared by the State Department as to present national security," the committee said. More than 200 documents in all have come under committee scrutiny in connection with the "pumpkin papers" case. The "top secret" label remains for some even after the passage of 10 years.**

**All Secret at the Time**

**Rep. Mundt (R-SD), acting chairman of the House committee, said the 12 and all the others were secret when Whittaker Chambers got them in the course of his work as a Red courier in 1938.**

**Microfilm copies of the papers came to light last week when Chambers fished them from a pumpkin on his Maryland farm and gave them to committee agents under subpoena.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10–(AP)–Whittaker Chambers, central figure in the probe of alleged communist spying, today quit his job as a senior editor of Time magazine.

**Called to Testify**

His resignation was announced suddenly by his attorneys as Chambers waited at the federal building to testify before a Federal Grand Jury whose investigation he reinvigorated this week.

Chambers said in a prepared statement his offer to quit and the acceptance of the offer "became imperative when I recently began to make revelations about communist espionage."

In a companion statement, Time said it was not "prejudging his recent disclosures" and added:

"Against the admitted disservice to his country of a decade ago, must be set the service we are convinced he is trying to perform for his country now."

Time magazine officials would not give his salary but newspaper reports have placed it at about $30,000 a year.

## Jap to Witness Tojo's Burial

TOKYO, Dec. 10 –(AP)– An unsophisticated Buddhist priest is the only Japanese to be permitted to see Hideki Tojo safely in his coffin after the former premier is hanged.

As a result, he has become a prominent figure in Japan. His wife says he has been offered bribes, threatened and lied to.

The priest is Shinsho Hanayama, 50, a member of the Judo Shinshu sect and instructor in Indian philosophy at Tokyo university.

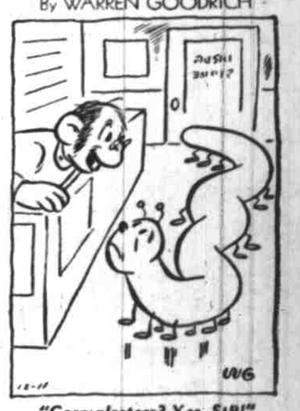
He administers last rites to the condemned and lays them in their caskets after the rope has done its work.

**SCHOOL PROJECT DEFEATED**

HAYESVILLE, Dec. 10 — Construction of an all-purpose room at the Hayesville school was voted down overwhelmingly by a 95 to 18 majority in a special election Thursday night.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



*"Corn plasters? Yes, SIR!"*