

Somoza Linked Again to War In Costa Rica

By Tom Stone
(Picture on page 1)
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 18 (AP)—An invader prisoner told newsmen today Dr. Rafael A. Calderon Guardia, leader of the forces invading Costa Rica, had said Nicaraguan War Minister Anastasio Somoza promised him all help possible.
The prisoner, Florencio Ordones, was one of 39 men captured in the fighting in northwestern Costa Rica questioned today by a commission of the organization of American states.
The commission is investigating charges by Jose Figueres, leader of the Costa Rican military government, that the invasion was launched more than a week ago from Nicaragua.
(Somoza, in disavowing any connection with the Costa Rican invasion, said in Managua December 11 that Costa Rican officials "should be the ones accused for maintaining the Caribbean Legion in Costa Rica."
Earlier today the commission viewed rifles and blankets which Costa Rican officials said they had captured from the invaders.
Figueres pointed out two rifles bearing the Nicaraguan coat-of-arms and a blanket with the initials "G.N.," standing for the Nicaraguan national guard.

World Biography Lists Stories on 13 Salem Residents

Names of 13 Salem residents have been placed in the recently published World Biography, it was announced Saturday. The volumes, listing sketches of 40,000 living men and women distinguished in various fields, were issued by Institute for Research in Biography at New York City.
Listed from here are Chief Justice George Rossman and Associate Justices Hall Stoner Lusk, Percy R. Kelly, James Tenney Brand and John Ora Bailey of the state supreme court; Charles Arthur Sprague, editor and publisher of The Statesman and former governor of Oregon; Eleanor Sharpless Stephens, state librarian; Dr. George Herbert Smith, president of Willamette university; Gov. John Hubbard Hall; Walter Marcus Pierce, former U. S. representative; Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction; Dr. Paul C. Packer, chancellor of the state system of higher education; Roy Merle Lockenour, professor of law at Willamette university.

Raver Urges 4 Million Kws. Added by '57

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—An additional 4,000,000 kilowatts of generating capacity by 1957 was recommended by Bonneville power administration today for the Pacific northwest.
Administrator Paul J. Raver said, in a report on plans for next year, that a billion dollars should be spent over the next six years on dams and generating equipment for the northwest.
He said the six year program should see the BPA transmission system at full development of major units.
In addition, Bonneville plans call for spending another third of a billion for transmission lines and facilities.
NEW URANIUM STRIKE
REGINA, Sask., Dec. 18 (AP)—The Saskatchewan department of natural resources said today another uranium strike has been made in the northern Saskatchewan Lac Ra Ronge area.

State Employees Offer Plan for Legislation

A three-point legislative program covering parity pay, a January 1 effective date on new wage schedules, and appropriations for maintenance of parity pay, will be presented to the 1949 legislature by the Oregon State Employees association, it was decided at a meeting in Salem Saturday.
The board of directors of the group with Forrest Stewart, executive secretary, and F. Leo Smith, legal counsel, mapped the program in an all day meeting at the Senator hotel.
Parity pay would give employees in governmental agencies comparable salaries to those employed in industry to attract and retain better workers.
The new wage schedule will add about \$33 per month to salaries, but the association fears that unless it is effective January 1—when the \$20 cost of living increase expires—discontent, and low morale will promote a rapid turnover of personnel.
Appropriations for the emergency fund would be to guarantee finance parity pay under any cost-of-living increase.
Amendments to the retirement act will also be presented for legislative consideration, the board decided.

Batterman's Bid Low On Hospital Laundry

E. E. Batterman, Salem, submitted the low bid of \$73,684 for an addition to the Oregon state hospital laundry Saturday, the state board of control announced.
There were four other bidders. The addition will nearly double the laundry capacity.

VIDEO SEEN IN PORTLAND
PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—The federal communications commission monitoring station here reported today it has been receiving television broadcasts from Seattle — 143 air miles distance — with reasonable clarity since early November.

ROYALTY TO VISIT GREECE
ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 18 (AP)—U. S. Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall said tonight he would fly to the battle zone of northern Greece tomorrow. He plans to talk to American observers at the front.

Woodburn to Have Church Yule Programs

WOODBURN, Dec. 18 — Pagents, Christmas programs and special sermons mark the opening of the Yule season for Woodburn churches. Several of the special events are Sunday while others will be December 26. Most of the children's programs will be this coming week.
The Methodist church Sunday school program will be at 7 p. m. Sunday night with a pageant of the Nativity, trees and treats. Special church services featuring five themes and a short Christmas sermon are planned for the 11 a. m. service. A 5 p. m. vesper service for members of the Sunday school will be held at the Free Methodist church Sunday with Nelda Trullinger, Sunday school superintendent in charge. Treats will be distributed at the close of the 9:45 a. m. Sunday school hour. Annual Christmas sermon is "His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful" at the 11 a. m. service. Women's Missionary society will have a special part at Mrs. E. G. Richards' Thursday with Mrs. Mary Stawley in charge.
Drama Scheduled
A Christmas drama, "Born to Die," will be presented at the Foursquare church Sunday at 7:45 p. m. The cast includes the following: cast, Christmas sermon, "On a Midnight Clear," will be at 11 a. m. today and a Christmas party with tree and treats at 7:45 p. m. Wednesday, December 22. Recitations and Christmas plays by members of the Sunday school are planned by the Assembly of God church at 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Another program features a Christmas play and treats to be held Tuesday, December 21, at 7:45 p. m. Pantomime, directed by Mrs. Gordon Seely will be featured by the Christian church at 8 p. m. Sunday. Christmas sermon will also be Sunday. St. Mary's Episcopal Sunday school program with tableaux illustrating Christmas carols, a tree and treats is at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Christmas program at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be December 26 with a two-hour program starting at 10 a. m. William T. Geurts, president of the McMinnville district, will be speaker.

Lutheran Programs Listed
Christmas sermons at the Bible Baptist church will be given Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Christmas program will be at 8 p. m. Thursday, December 23, at the grange hall and will include special music, Christmas story with a short message by the pastor, "Wise Men Still Look to Bethlehem."
Immanuel Lutheran church will have its Christmas tree program Wednesday, December 22, at 8 p. m. Two services have been announced for Christmas day at 9 and 11 a. m. The Christmas program for the Nidaros Lutheran church at Monitor will be Tuesday, December 21, at 8 p. m. and Wednesday, December 22, at 11 a. m. December 26.
"The Star That Still Leads" will be the Christmas sermon subject at the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. Sunday. Another Christmas message is planned Sunday at 7:30. "How Far to Bethlehem."
Sunday school party will be Wednesday, December 22, at 7:30 p. m. Primary department will give songs and recitations, while the junior and senior departments will present a play, "The Christmas Voice," and a pageant, "The Light of the World." The Christmas message at Bethel Presbyterian church, Union school district road, will be given at 10 a. m. Sunday.
Church of God will have two Christmas programs Sunday, the Sunday school program at 10:20 a. m. with music by the junior choir directed by Mrs. Walt Lawson, a mixed quartet, solos and recitations by children, and a Christmas sermon. A 7:30 a. m. play, "The Empty Room," directed by Mrs. Clifford Shrock and Mrs. Raymond Hood, will be given.

Operation Halts 10-Month Hiccups
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18 (AP)—Pauline M. Lucas, 31, the Waynesburg, Pa., woman who has been hiccupping continuously since February 23, stopped her spasms following an operation at Montefiore hospital, her doctor announced today.
The operation, performed after every other known medical aid failed, consisted of crushing the nerves which control movement of the diaphragm muscle. While the crushed nerve mends, Miss Lucas will breathe by learning to use her chest muscles.
One out of six excessive drinkers is a woman.

Security Board Devises War Powers Plan

By Sterling F. Green
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—An outbreak of war would bring an almost instant freeze of wages, prices and jobs if congress approves "looking ahead" plans of the staff of the National Security Resources board (NSRB).
The proposed "National War Emergency Act" rests on President Truman's desk, not yet approved by him or by the seven cabinet members who make up the board. It is nowhere near action by congress.
A board spokesman said a draft may be made public about January 15 — perhaps in a special message by Mr. Truman to congress. An NSRB staff expects by then to have ready detailed operating plans for each of the 20 or so broad economic powers in the proposed law.
"Very rigid" controls over manpower would be included, it was stated. An excess profits tax, priorities, plant seizure powers, a ban against hoarding, and full rationing authority are planned.
These standby powers would be vested in the president. He could invoke them at once if the country were attacked, by declaring a state of hostilities.
If war's onset were slower—a case of a cold war getting hotter — it would be up to congress to declare the existence of the war emergency which would set the controls in motion.
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All-Time High Set for Postal Cancellations

Second all-time record in as many days was broken Friday by cancellations at Salem postoffice, with 171,000 items going through the process, according to Postmaster Albert C. Gragg. Previous record was 162,000 on Thursday and before that 148,000 on December 17, a year ago Friday.
Deliveries on all routes except

rural will be made today, in order to keep up with the mail arriving from Santa Claus and other points. So far, said Gragg, all incoming letters and parcels have been delivered the day of arrival.

The extra hours are over for postal windows kept open late the past two Saturdays, but a large number of extra employes have been added to collect, sort and deliver the increased volume of holiday mail. The postmaster reminded that no additional applications for temporary employment would be accepted and that applicants would be notified when needed.



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