

Dutch Marines Take Republican Java City

BATAVIA, Java, Tuesday, Dec. 21—(AP)—Dutch marines have occupied the Republican port of Toeban in the central Java campaign, the Netherlands army announced today.

Toeban lies on the north coast of this key Indonesian island, 140 miles northwest of Jogjakarta, the Republican capital which the Dutch took with an airborne assault Sunday.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

The executive committee of the Oregon State Employees' association adopts as one point of its legislative program insistence on "parity" pay for state employees.

By parity the board means equality with industry, on a comparable basis.

So here we have parity breaking out in a new place. The farm bloc got parity back in the early days of the new deal, and retaining it is the aim of many politicians and farm groups.

Parity for farmers means that their prices are held at levels which will give them substantially an equivalent amount of products which they obtained back in the pre-first-world-war period. Now public employees are adopting the word (and the argument) and asking to be put on the same level as workers in industry.

I have no disposition to criticize the state employees or the farmers for wanting to improve or protect their position in life. This parity idea, though, is an interesting development. Our printers, for instance, want about the same wages as Portland printers. The latter probably want the same as Seattle printers, and so it goes. Now railroad employees want a 40-hour week such as industrial workers get under the wages and hours act.

Parity, parity, we all want parity; only we want it by stepping up a roud on the ladder. Nobody proposes a parity that means the fellow on the top rung should step down a notch or two.

Will we arrive at an economic equality through this leveling device? Will the upgrading of groups with lower levels of income proceed until

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State Contests Evaluations in Derby Estate

Inheritance tax determinations on the estates of the late Frank N. Derby and Marian Derby, his wife, are objected to by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott in a motion filed Monday in Marion county probate court.

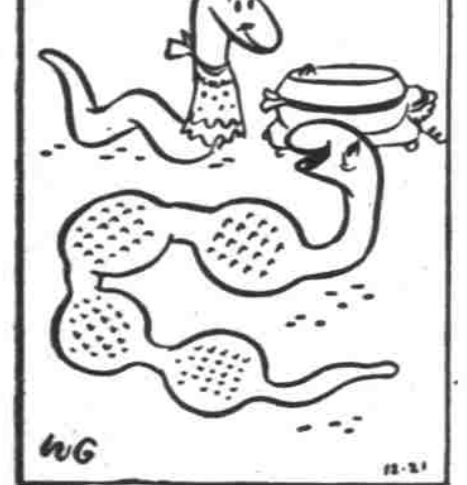
Scott says he believes the true market value of the real property held by the estates is greatly in excess of the values placed on it by the estate appraisers. The inheritance tax actually due, Scott contends, is more than the tax computed on the basis of the appraised value.

Scott also denied that bequests made to Masonic, Eastern Star and Elks lodges of Salem were tax free. Inheritance taxes on the Frank N. Derby estate, valued at \$111,455, were set at \$15,777. Inheritance tax of \$1,556 was set on the estate of Marian Derby, valued at \$112,813.

Marian Derby died here July 14, 1947. Her husband had died several years earlier. He had owned a number of businesses here including the Senator hotel. Shares left the three fraternal lodges were valued at \$13,022 each in the Frank Derby estate and at \$12,181 in his widow's estate. In each case they were marked as charity bequests.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Honest, Honey—that's all the waffles I can eat!"

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Your 1949 Senators!!
Oregon will have 20 republicans and 10 democrats in its 1949 state senate. Many are new. All will be presented pictorially in Sunday's STATESMAN.

Spy Suspect Dies in Fall from Building

Court Appeal Fails For Jap Warlords

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—(AP)—The Supreme court held today it has no power over the International Military Tribunal which condemned Japanese leaders for war crimes. The findings cleared the way for execution of former Premier Tojo and other warlords.

Two paragraphs of a brief unsigned opinion disposed of appeals filed by seven of the men, solely on the ground that the International Tribunal was outside the reach of any U. S. court. It did not go into detailed legal arguments nor give any consideration to their attack on the basic legality of the proceedings.

The one dissenter in the 6 to 1 decision was Justice Murphy. He merely noted his position and did not write an opinion.

In the hearing on the case last week, however, Murphy gave a clue to his reasoning. He questioned attorneys closely on the scope of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's control over the proceedings as allied commander-in-chief, and on the degree of American authority over MacArthur.

The division of the court later will be either 7-1 or 6-2. Justice Rutledge reserved his vote and said he will write an opinion later.

The court's brief majority ruling today was read—and presumably written—by Chief Justice Vinson. It said:

"We are satisfied that the tribunal sentencing these petitioners is not a tribunal of the United States. The United States and other Allied countries conquered and now occupy and control Japan.

"Under the foregoing circumstances the courts of the United States have no power or authority to review, to affirm, set aside or annul the judgments and sentences imposed on these petitioners and for this reason the motions for leave to file petitions for writs of habeas corpus are denied."

TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 21—(AP)—U. S. supreme court refusal to intervene raised the question today whether General Douglas MacArthur will order execution of seven Japanese war lords in the midst of the yule season.

Headquarters awaited official notice from the army department to proceed with the hanging of ex-Premier Hideki Tojo and six others convicted as war criminals.

Col. Marion P. Echols, chief of MacArthur's public information office, said he probably would reinstitute the 24-hour death watch in his section tonight. News of the execution will be announced by Col. Echols' office. Correspondents will not be allowed to attend, under regulations announced previously.

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Skiing in Manhattan



NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Three boys and a girl start on a skiing expedition in Central Park here Sunday night after 19.5 inches of snow blanket the city. The storm ended early this morning and moved out to sea. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Icy Blasts Greet Official Winter New York Blanketed by Snow

More Freezing Temperatures Due for Salem

Not that any contrast will be noticeable, but winter starts officially today at 2:34 p. m.

While Willamette valley residents and the rest of Oregon were still shaking from last week's cold spell, the U. S. weather bureau Monday forecast that the icy blasts will resume again early this morning and late tonight.

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Technical Institute Is New Name Given Vocational School

Oregon Technical Institute Monday became the official name for the state vocational school established a year ago in former marine barracks area at Klamath Falls.

The state board of education ordered the new name after Superintendent Winston Purvine explained that the name Oregon Vocational school had been misunderstood by many prospective students. He suggested the name indicated to many a sort of state reform school.

Only board member to oppose the new name was May Darling of Portland who said the new name implies the school is too technical.

Famed Movie Actor Passes in Los Angeles

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 20—(AP)—Sir C. Aubrey Smith, who typified the British Empire itself to most moviegoers, died today of double pneumonia and a heart ailment. He was 85.

Active right up to his illness, he was signed for a part in "The Forsythe Saga" by K-G-M only last Friday.

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QUICKIES



"Oh, Alvin, you've sold our car with a Statesman Want Ad—and bought some meat!"

Former Hull Aid Identified

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—(AP)—Police said tonight that Laurence Duggan, 43, president of the Institute of International Education and former state department official, plunged to death about 7 p. m. (EST) from a window of his 16th floor office at 2 West 45th street, Manhattan.

Police said Duggan was identified from papers found in his possession.

The body of Duggan, an expert on international affairs, was found lying on the sidewalk in front of the 45th street building.

The initial police report on Duggan's death said he "either jumped or fell."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—(AP)—The house un-American activities committee disclosed tonight that Lawrence Duggan had been named as among those who passed confidential information out to a red spy ring courier.

Rep. Mundt (R-S. D.), acting chairman of the committee, disclosed secret testimony in which Isaac Don Levine, editor of Pinch Talk, an anti-communist magazine, had given on Dec. 8.

Levine said Whittaker Chambers, a self-confessed courier for the spy ring, had told Former Undersecretary of State A. A. Berle, jr., that Duggan was among six individuals in the state department who had passed confidential information along at various times.

Mundt released the transcript of Levine's partial testimony a few hours after Duggan had fallen to his death.

In releasing the transcript, Mundt said "the testimony should speak for itself."

He told reporters that the committee had refrained from questioning Duggan because it was under the impression that the federal grand jury in New York, which has also been looking into communist activity, was planning to call Duggan as a witness.

Duggan, an expert on Latin American affairs, served in the state department from 1930 to 1944. He served as an adviser to Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

The Institute of International Education, which Duggan headed as president, was founded with help from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Levine said he had become acquainted with Chambers when the latter brought him an article in the spring of 1939, describing the operations of the Soviet spy apparatus in the United States.

After the signing of the Stalin-Hitler pact in 1939, Levine said he persuaded Chambers he should lay his whole story before federal government officials.

Levine appeared before the un-American activities committee in the secret session on Dec. 8.

Forest Grove Blaze Damage Near \$250,000

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 20—(AP)—Damage was estimated between \$140,000 and \$250,000 today from a fire in the business district here early yesterday.

Two food markets were destroyed and two adjoining buildings were damaged.

Christmas Programs Slated by Salem Area School Students

Most of the schools in the Salem area are having Christmas programs, singing assemblies or parties during this brief three-day week before the school Christmas vacation begins.

Bush grade school students will present the "Christmas Story" for their parents Tuesday at 1 p. m. Garfield school will present its program at 1:15 p. m. Tuesday. Washington's program will begin at 1:30.

Programs Tonight
Parrish and Leslie junior high schools will both give programs at 8 p. m. Tuesday at their schools.

Rickey's program will be given at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, and Auburn's will be given the same evening at 8 o'clock.

The sixth grade Garfield choir will sing at the state capitol Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday, Christmas parties will be held at Auburn, Rickey, Liberty, Swegle, Garfield, Grant, Washington, West Salem and assemblies at Englewood, Richmond and Auburn.

McKinley will have a "holway" open house Tuesday from 2 to 3 p. m. Parties Scheduled
Highland grade school and West Salem junior high have both pre-

viously given their Yuletide programs but both schools have scheduled parties for Wednesday afternoon.

Englewood grade school has been holding daily singing assemblies, each one presented by a different room. The Englewood drive for funds for the Chinese poor school in Tientsin, China, is continuing, with contributors placing decorations on the "Chinese Christmas Tree" in the hall. At present there are more than 400 ornaments on the tree.

4 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



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