

\$1 Million Dope Haul Made in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22 (AP)—The arrest of a San Francisco seaman on suspicion of having smuggled approximately one million dollars worth of heroin into this country was announced today by Customs Collector Paul Leake.

Leake said approximately 104 ounces of heroin, presumably ready for the trade, were seized. He said the haul was the biggest narcotic smuggling case in the history of the San Francisco customs office.

He identified the man under arrest as John Spina, 22, a seaman on the Pacific transport lines "Hong Kong Transport" which docked here about a week ago.

The heroin is believed to have been smuggled in from Hong Kong by the customs collector said.

Customs officials, tipped that Hong Kong transport was a "hot ship," searched the vessel when it docked and found the bags of heroin secreted in the ship's fore peak.

They maintained a vigil for five days and five nights awaiting someone to attempt to pick it up. Leake said Spina made three visits, on the first two just loitering around. Today, he said, officers watched Spina lift up some bags, go after the bags of heroin and start to go away with two of them.

Man Surrendered
Leake said the valuation of the heroin was estimated on the basis of what it would bring, when cut, on the black market.

He said the smuggler was liable to a maximum of \$5,000 fine and 10 years imprisonment on each of three counts: possession, transportation and importation of a narcotic.

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Battle of Bulge Vets Meet on Anniversary

DETROIT, Dec. 22 (AP)—Four years ago tonight, an American division—surrounded by Nazi troops during fierce fighting at Bastogne, France—made history when it rejected surrender demands with a terse "nuts."

Tonight Detroit area veterans of that 101st Airborne division had their former commander, Maj. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, as guest at a reunion.

They swapped stories about their experiences during those bitter days of fighting and General McAuliffe told how he got the surrender demands from Nazi officers.

He related that he wrote out the single word reply—"nuts"—and gave it to an American officer for delivery to a German outpost.

The Nazi officer who got the reply wasn't familiar with the word, but he passed it on.

McAuliffe continued, "The American Courier explained to the Nazi 'it means go to hell. You understand that, don't you?' The German added, 'and went back to his troops.'

The day after Christmas, the American troops had blunted the Nazi drive on Bastogne and had launched successful counterattacks.

General McAuliffe took time out from the celebration tonight to send a cablegram to the people of Bastogne.

It reads: "Men of the 101st Airborne division and myself join in sending the city of Bastogne a supply of American nuts in memory of Dec. 22, 1944. May the citizens of Bastogne enjoy a happy Christmas eve."

World's Press Barred from Jap Executions

(Story also on page 1.) TOKYO, Thursday, Dec. 23 (AP)—The press of the world sat out the war crimes executions today by order of General Douglas MacArthur.

General MacArthur's public information officer, Col. Marion P. Echols, declined to elaborate on the execution story which his office prepared. He refused to answer additional questions such as the identity of the hangmen, the disposal of the ashes and descriptions of the bodies.

Echols said he did not attend the execution himself. He said no pictures were made of the hangings "unless plans were changed at the last minute."

Headquarters has never explained officially why the press was not allowed to watch the execution. American correspondents protested MacArthur's order. On November 26, however, Army Secretary Royall said in Washington it was up to MacArthur to decide whether or not reporters and photographers should be permitted.

The same policy prevailed in the executions of former Generals Tomoyuki Yamashita and Masaharu Homma in the Philippines. As one result, thousands of Japanese believe these two are still alive. Some Japanese think the same feeling could arise concerning the men who died today.

Police Given Unexpected Yule Carols—Via Phone

City policemen were on the listening end of some unexpected Christmas caroling Wednesday night via telephone.

After the carolers had concluded with the "Yuletide music," a voice identified the group as the Hot Red Squirrel association and asked, "Now, will you admit that we have talent?"

AFL MEETING MOVED
PORTLAND, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Oregon State Federation of Labor today awarded the 1949 convention to Eugene. Originally scheduled for Corvallis, the meeting was ordered shifted because of the Corvallis room shortage.

PORTLAND LIGHTS TREE
PORTLAND, Dec. 22 (AP)—Portland got into the "biggest Christmas tree" derby tonight by turning on lights on a 138-foot growing tree in an east side park.

ACTRESS IN IRELAND
COBH, Eire, Thursday, Dec. 23 (AP)—Rita Hayworth and Aly Khan disembarked from the liner Britannic early today and said they hoped to spend a pleasant Christmas in Ireland.

B-17s Win Race With Gasoline In Pacific Hop

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22 (AP)—Two navy planes over the Pacific, dangerously low on fuel, called for help today but both made safe landings at Moffett field, near here.

They were Flying Fortresses—B-17s—long familiar as air force equipment. The navy said it was using several of them as "utility ships," and on "experimental missions."

The two were en route to the mainland from Hawaii. They encountered headwinds of unexpected strength and fuel consumption leaped.

The first word of danger came at about 9 a. m. PDT. The navy said the pilot of one plane sent a distress message saying he might have to "ditch" his ship 600 miles off San Francisco.

That message sent navy, coast guard and air force air-sea rescue units, both air and surface, toward rendezvous.

Soon an aerial escort accompanied the plane and saw it to a safe landing. One officer said it had only 45 gallons left in its gas tanks.

Meanwhile escorts had hurried to take over the watch on the other Fortresses. It got in safely, too, about 15 minutes after the other.

Each plane carried a crew of 5 men.

German Jury Holds Fate of U.S. Woman

MARBURG, Germany, Dec. 22 (AP)—A military court had in its hands tonight the question whether Mrs. Wilma (Billie) Ybarbo maliciously and cruelly killed her U.S.-soldier husband as the prosecution charges, or acted in self-defense.

A verdict may be announced tomorrow in this first trial of an American woman for murder by a U.S. military government court. Even if she is convicted of having shot and slain her husband, Sgt. John Ybarbo of Goliad, Texas, the night of September 20, there seemed no prospect that the death penalty would be inflicted.

Her attorney, Stanley H. Gaines of Brookline, Mass., has entered a self-defense plea for the comely 23-year-old Malden, Mass., defendant. In final arguments he asked the court to find that she acted justifiably, and to acquit her "so that she and her little boy—and the court—can enjoy this Christmas."

AFL Chilly to CIO Proposal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The CIO's offer to form a united labor lobby with the AFL and railroad unions in the new 81st congress met a chilly setback from AFL President William Green today.

CIO President Philip Murray made the proposal a week ago. He urged that the major labor groups unite in making demands for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act, higher minimum wages and other legislation.

Today, Green wrote to Murray saying that a former reply could not be made until the AFL's 15-member executive council meets in Miami Jan. 31.

However, Green reminded Murray that when the CIO made a similar offer a year ago, the AFL council insisted on merger before cooperation.

McKay, Hall Confer At Executive Offices

Governor-elect Douglas McKay and John Hall, retiring governor, held a lengthy conference in the executive department here Wednesday.

They were reported to have discussed their messages to the 1949 legislature. Neither would comment.

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Aurora Rural Mail Carrier Hurt in Wreck

AURORA, Dec. 22 (Special)—George Jones, Woodburn, rural mail carrier, was taken to Salem Memorial hospital this morning with severe head injuries following a collision of his car and a truck on the Donald-Aurora highway.

Considerable Christmas mail was scattered over the highway, but Harriet Fleischauer, Aurora postmistress, reported that none was lost. Francis Ryan, substitute mail carrier, will handle Jones' route, she said.

State police identified the truck driver as James Marshall Tuck, Tigard. The accident occurred at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday at the intersection of the new Wilsonville highway and the Donald-Aurora road about a mile and a half west of Aurora.

Officials at the hospital gave Jones' condition as "fair" Wednesday night.

Atom-Damage May Help in Eye Research

By Frank Carey
Associated Press Science Reporter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Science may gain new knowledge of eye cataracts as a result of damage done to the eyes of five researchers by "atom-smasher" radiations, a government doctor said today.

At the same time, Dr. Shields Warren and other members of the atomic energy commission's scientific staff said the exposure of the five "should be written off as a certain amount of calculated risk" in the face of a hazard that was known to them.

Saying the men were exposed while working on early-type cyclotrons before and during the early part of the war—and not under government contract—Dr. Warren told reporters early-type machines were subject to "operational grief with the necessity for physicists to make adjustments high in operation."

The A.E.C. scientists declared at the time the men were apparently first exposed (anywhere from six to 12 years ago) they and all other scientists were ignorant of certain factors regarding the bodily effects of "neutrons"—a type of radiation that can be produced in a cyclotron.

Three of the men had worked at the University of Illinois, one at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and one at Carnegie Institution of Washington, a commission spokesman said.

Warren declared the men "are not on their way to permanent blindness because cataract can be operated on successfully" (By removing the lens of the eye and compensating for its loss with special eye-glasses.)

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Heavy Mail Keeps Real Santa Busy

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 22 (AP)—The man whose peculiar destiny it is to go through life named Santa Claus has mailed answers to 500 children's letters this week.

The Rev. Santa Claus is a Church of God preacher, who moved to Ottumwa last year from Marshall, Mo. His mail box, served by a mounted carrier, is the largest on the route.

For 19 years Rev. Santa Claus has run up a huge personal postal bill along about Christmas time, because he accepts delivery of letters addressed "Santa Claus." He said so far he has been able to answer every one.

It all started in 1929, when he was working in Kansas City and was injured. He was hospitalized 76 days. A fellow patient learned his name, and gleefully informed a newspaper that "Santa Claus has broken his leg."

Then the mail started pouring in. He and Mrs. Claus have prepared separate letters for boys and girls. They enclose a check on the "bank of happiness" with each reply.

"Sometimes we see from the letter that there will be no Christmas for the winter, unless someone pitches in," Santa Claus said. "Then we try by telephone and letter to the clubs or Chamber of Commerce in the town where the child lives, to assure that some gift comes to him on December 25."

Oregon Man Dies in Wreck

WILLOW, Calif., Dec. 22 (AP)—John S. Alexander, 47, of Winston, Ore., was killed and five persons were injured seriously in an automobile collision two miles north of here tonight.

California highway patrolman said Alexander's car collided with one driven by Henry B. Edwards of Seattle.

Alexander's wife, Mildred, 50; his daughter, Maryann, 5; and Myrtle Hickey, 29, also of Winston, Ore., were injured, as were Edwards and his daughter, whose name was not learned. The five injured were taken to Glenn county hospital.

Rep. Thomas Stricken By Stomach Hemorrhage

ALLENDALE, N. J., Dec. 22 (AP)—Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, New Jersey republican under indictment for conspiracy, was stricken today with a stomach hemorrhage similar to the one which laid him up earlier this year.

His physician, Dr. Fred S. Kanning of Allendale, reported Thomas as in satisfactory condition at his Allendale home.

Drive to Save Southeast Asia From Communism Under Way

SINGAPORE, Dec. 22 (AP)—An Anglo-American political drive to save southeast Asia from communism is getting quietly under way. Nobody says anything officially about it yet. Qualified sources, less tight lipped privately, give this picture of the problems and how it is planned to meet them.

The Anglo-Americans want to keep communism from spreading from China into this area, which feeds vitally needed raw materials into the world's trade marts. They do not want to lose these products of Malaya, Indonesia, Siam, Indo-China, Burma and British Burma.

Conditions in these sectors are as dangerously disturbed today as they were in 1945. Communism thrives on unrest, so the Anglo-Americans want to stabilize the area and make it peaceful.

For instance, they feared the Dutch attack in Indonesia might drive the Nationalists into the arms of the communists, and applied intense diplomatic pressure to keep the peace. The moderate Indonesian Nationalists up to now have warred openly with the Reds.

They believe disappointed Nationalists, losing faith in the West, might turn to the communists to help them realize their dreams of self-government, and that no colonial power could muster enough military force to stop them.

Diplomatic pressure is being exerted on France and the Netherlands to think in terms of reconciliation with Nationalists.

Secret orders have been issued for fuller exchange of information between Britons and Americans in equivalent diplomatic positions in southeast Asia. British officials already have such orders.

Americans are expected to get somewhat similar ones shortly.

The French and VietNam republicans are at dagger points in Indo-China, and this worries the Anglo-Americans, too. Burma is in chaos, with communist, non-communist and tribal groups all in separate revolt. Malaya has a small Red rebellion on its hands. Siam has a troublesome 2,000 to 3,000 quasi-communist bandits plaguing her southern frontier.

It is unlikely any plan of action has been written on paper, but qualified sources say the British and Americans are fully agreed on what should be done.

These sources say the plan apparently embraces:

1. Support for moderate Nationalists. The British and Americans fear restoration of old-fashioned

CONCRETE READY FOR DAM
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 22 (AP)—First concrete will be poured at 2:30 p. m. (PST) tomorrow to launch heavy construction on the Columbia river's McNary dam.

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