

Supreme Court Gives Reprieve To Jake Bird

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 24—(AP) Gunning broadly, Jake Bird today he was "licked to death" by his latest reprieve from the hangman—this time by the U.S. supreme court.

The husky Negro, convicted of one slaying and admitted participant in others, said he hadn't had any official notification of a stay of execution by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Douglas. Neither had Prison Supt. Tom Smith.

A dispatch from Washington said the stay was granted pending the filing of a petition asking the supreme court to review Bird's trial for the Tacoma ax slaying of Mrs. Bertha Kludt.

The petition for Bird was sent to the supreme court by John Tuttle, young Walla Walla attorney. It was a preliminary petition, to be followed by a formal one. Tuttle said the latter would go to the court by tomorrow night.

Tuttle said his contention in Bird's behalf is that the convicted man, who has argued his own appeals twice before the state supreme court, was not allowed to present the state high court the full transcript of his superior court trial. It was due to lack of finances. Tuttle and Bird contend that Pierce county should have footed the bill for full transcript.

Bird once said he would outlive others who were linked with his Tacoma trial. Five of them now are dead, including the trial judge, while the loquacious Negro has been in one court after another—by person and by post-card.

Heirs Must Learn Lord's Prayer in German to Collect

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 24—(AP) It will pay three nephews and two nieces of the late Christ G. Hopf to learn the Lord's Prayer in German.

They will inherit \$500 each under Hopf's will if they can "speak, read and write the Lord's Prayer in the German language within one year after my wife's death."

Otherwise, they will get nothing. Hopf died October 24 at the age of 89.

U.S. Calls for Austria Treaty Talks Feb. 7

By John M. Hightower WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—(AP) The United States today called for a renewal of Big Four work on an Austrian independence treaty in London next Feb. 7.

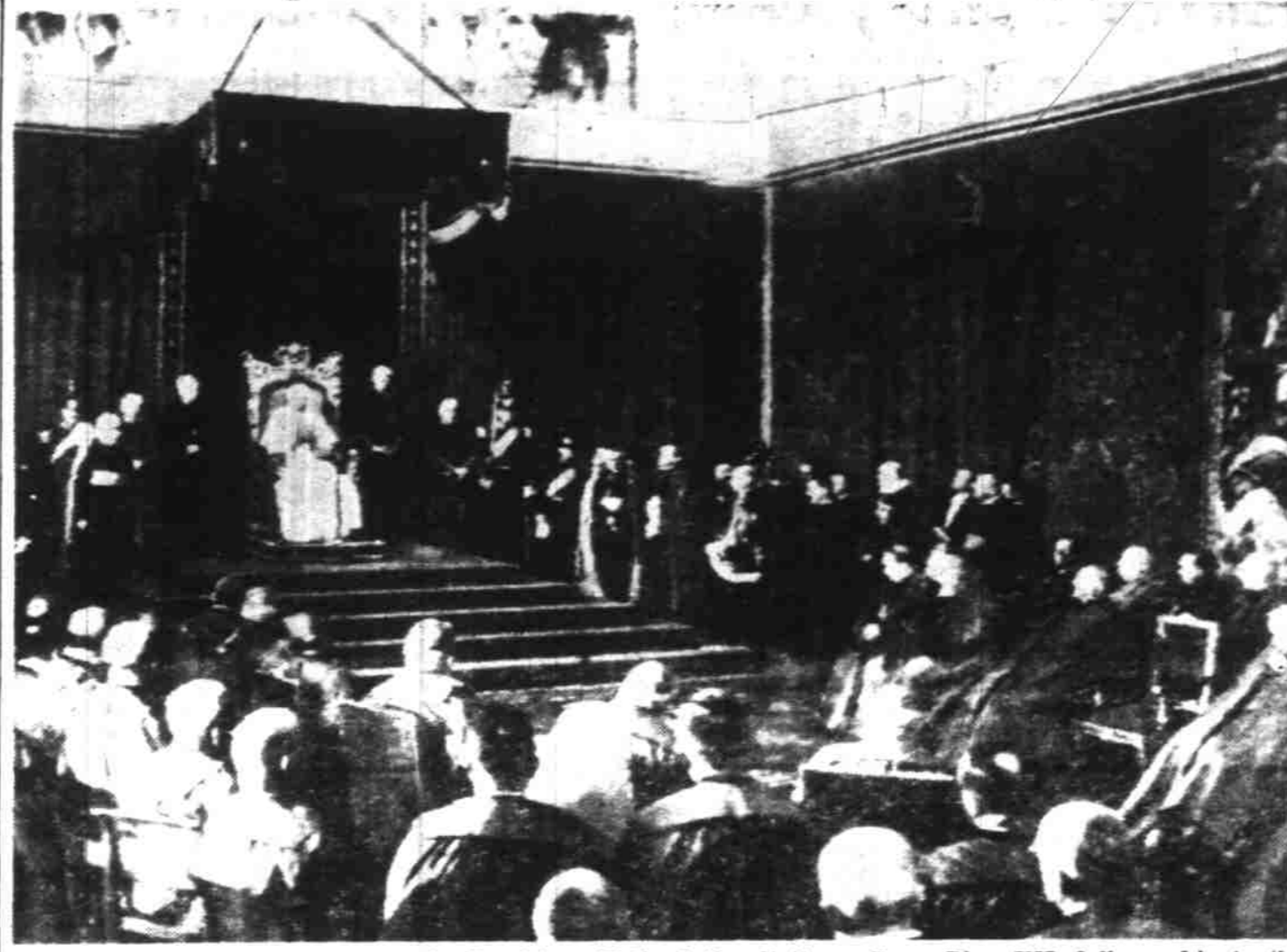
The action announced by the state department struck virtually the only note of harmony in relations between Russia and the western powers this Christmas time. Russia had already agreed to reopen negotiations, although until today no date had been set.

American officials are not at all certain that new talks will result in final agreement on a treaty. They hope so—and they are prepared to make compromises. But they are not prepared to mortgage Austria's political and economic future to Russia.

Several weeks ago the Austrian government itself proposed that the U. S., Russia, Britain and France reopen the negotiations which were broken off at London last May.

Work on the Austrian treaty is conducted by deputies of the council of foreign ministers. The United States, Britain, France and finally Russia agreed to the Austrian request. Last week the government at Vienna notified Washington that this agreement had been reached and asked for action.

Pope Delivers Christmas Message



ROME, Dec. 24—From his throne in Consistory Hall of the Vatican, Pope Pius XII delivers his tenth annual Christmas message to the world, today. Seated before the throne are members of the Sacred College of Cardinals. Standing around throne are high Vatican officials and Swiss Guards. (AP Wire-photo via radio from Rome to The Statesman).

South Salem Provisions Needy Families



Christmas dinners today will be assured 17 needy families in Salem as the result of \$400 worth of groceries and goodies contributed by South Salem residents in response to requests from the South Salem Progress club. Shown with 34 baskets of foodstuffs before delivery by Harold Harrison are, left to right, Roy Adsett, club director; Clayton Jones, chairman board of directors; Mrs. Adsett and Mrs. Jones. (Statesman photo).

Five Named to Credit Board

Five new members of the Salem Retail Credit association's executive board were unanimously elected Friday in an association luncheon meeting at the Golden Pleasant restaurant.

They were nominated by Walter Larson, chairman of the nominating committee. New board members are Vernon Livingstone, food; Mel Pillette, installment credit; David Holtzman, general; Richard Cox, building materials, and Helen Benson, automotive.

Three members of the present board who will continue to serve are E. E. Peterson, William J. Braun and W. W. Braun.

Egypt Claims Negev Desert Battle Victory

GAZA, Palestine, Dec. 24—(AP)—The commander of the Egyptian forces in Palestine said today fighting in the Negev desert region of southern Palestine ended this morning in victory for Egypt.

At 10 a.m. GMT. (5 a.m. EST) the battle which shattered the Holy Land truce as the Christmas season approached appeared to be over, at least for the time being. The combat sector was quiet and traffic proceeded normally past the battle scene.

Later in the morning the Egyptian commander declared the battle ended in the Egyptians' favor. (In Tel Aviv, headquarters of the Israeli army issued a brief communique today which said: "Land and air activities on both sides continued during yesterday evening and this morning in the western Negev." It gave no further details.)

GIRL HURT IN CAR WRECK

Clarice Nelson, five-year-old daughter of Clarence Nelson, 1920 N. 24th st., suffered slight bruises in a two-car collision at Hunt and McCoy streets Friday morning. She was a passenger in a car driven by her father when it collided with one driven by Robert V. Lecke, 1625 Candlewood ave.

'Christianity Best Hope for Peace'—Truman

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 24 (AP)—President Truman solemnly told the world tonight that Christianity remains its "best hope" of preventing war.

In a Christmas eve message from his home in this little mid-western city, he vowed to work unceasingly to maintain the peace which is "the very essence of Christmas."

He spoke by radio from the little music room of his big, old-fashioned house on Delaware street while his family and a small group of newspapermen looked on. A heavy, sleet-mixed snow fell outside, blanketing the big lawn and the modest bungalows of his neighbors. He had seen many of them early this morning

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when he trudged through snow, sleet and slush to wish them a "Merry Christmas." The president voiced, on his Holy night of Christmas, the sympathy of his people for the "underdog" the world over, for "the oppressed of all lands, for all who bear heavy burdens."

HOLLYWOOD

Doors open 1:30 p.m. for Special Kiddies Matinee Program—Prizes

2 Cartoons, Final Chapter of Serial Today! First Chapter New Serial. Special Feature: Roy Rogers and Trigger in "Night Time in Nevada" Also—Benson's Birthday Cake

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Both Costa Rica, Nicaragua Blamed for War, Told to Quit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—(AP)—The council of the Organization of American States today told both Nicaragua and Costa Rica to stop "all kinds of hostile acts between them."

The council acted on the basis of a commission report which blamed both the Central American countries for troubles highlighted by Costa Rica's charge it was being invaded from Nicaragua. But, the commission stressed also charges that the Costa Rican government had been giving help to a set of revolutionaries who are out to overthrow the Nicaraguan government.

These revolutionaries, known as the Caribbean Legion, have the avowed purpose of overthrowing the governments of Nicaragua, Honduras and the Dominican Republic. They are made up of fighters of various nationalities. Agency of Council

The commission is an agency of the council, which in turn is a sort of board of directors for western hemisphere nations in actions they take under the Rio mutual defense treaty.

The commission said there was no doubt that the group invading Costa Rica was organized principally on Nicaraguan soil. It said an important group of Costa Rican political exiles, headed by former President Rafael Caleron Guardia, prepared the expedition in Nicaragua.

It added there was no doubt, either, that the Nicaraguan government did not take adequate measures to "prevent the development of revolutionary activities directed against a neighboring and friendly country."

On the other hand, the commission said, it is undeniable that during many months prior to the invasion, the Costa Rican government gave the Caribbean Legion "moral and material support." It said the legion "enjoyed the official sympathy and facilities to develop its programs and activities designed to overthrow certain governments among them the present Nicaraguan regime."

The council, in addition to telling the two governments to cease all hostilities, created a five-man international military commission to see that they do.

Mailmen Clear Decks Friday

Incoming mail was almost entirely cleared to Salem homes Friday, in preparation for the Salem postoffice's closing today and Sunday. The day climaxed a record holiday season for the postal service, with cancellations in the past 16 days going above last year's about 9 per cent.

Mail will be picked up from downtown collection boxes today, along with delivery of special delivery items only.

Thursday was the biggest day this year for incoming parcels, ac-

ELLIOTT TO POST BOND PORTLAND, Dec. 24—(AP)—Sheriff-elect Marion L. Elliott will file his \$110,000 bond next week, his attorney, George C. Reinmiller, said today.

GRAND Mat. Daily From 1 P. M. NOW SHOWING! More Laughs For A Much Merrier Christmas! Tyrone Power Gene Tierney **"That Wonderful URGE"** Co-Hit! Tom Conway "CHECKERED COAT"

STATE Cont. From 1 P. M. Now! For Your Merry Xmas Cheer! . . . Two New Hits! **HOLLOW TRIUMPH** Story of an Impostor! PAUL HENREID - BENNETT with LESLIE BROOKS

LIBERTY KARTOON KARNIVAL TODAY! At 12:30 with Reg. Show! A Merry Xmas Show! June Allison "BRIDE GOES WILD" **OLD LOS ANGELES** WYLIAM ELLIOTT - JOHN CARROLL CATHERINE McLEOD

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