

Traffic Problems Top Meet Study

By Robert E. Gangware
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Salem's city council Monday night took steps to remedy three persistent traffic snafus—the State and 12th street intersection, the Oregon Electric switching operations on Broadway street and city bus stops in the downtown area.



By Charles A. Sprague

First pouring of concrete for the new McNary dam on the Columbia river just above Umatilla occurred last Friday. Col. Theron D. Weaver, who had surveyed the site before the war, tripped the lever dumping the bucket of concrete into the forms. In the batch to be sealed in the concrete was a time capsule, a grey steel lunch box which contained copies of current papers and various trivia.

McNary dam will be completed about 1954, according to present schedule, and will generate 980,000 kilowatts of power. The cost will exceed \$250,000,000. Its length will be 7600 feet and height 158 feet. It will be a great addition to the string of multiple purpose dams along the Columbia, pouring out power for homes, factories, farms.

But what of the time capsule? Into what seems of time does it look? How long will this dam stand? When will it be outmoded as a producer of energy? Will the splitting of the atom or the harnessing of cosmic rays make it in the course of years an inert heap of concrete across a mighty stream?

Or how long will it be before the pool will fill with silt? ... centuries, probably, because the Columbia is remarkably free of silt. Then how long before the agents of erosion will wear it down? Or perhaps will there be some great war in which this dam will be blasted to bits? Even then the chunks of concrete will long be imbedded in the earth, with the time capsule sealed within.

Our comprehensions of time are so inadequate. What are a few centuries in the time-scale of the earth? Man himself is but a late arrival on the scene. It may be that the capsule itself will be disintegrated when in the distant future the concrete that distorts the future of the dam itself is wasted or broken away. But if in that time intelligent beings still tread the earth they will find in the ruins of the dam itself the prime evidence of the energy of this age, not in the stuff poked into a steel box and buried in the concrete. And until its energy is no longer needed or the dam is destroyed by the elements or the hand of man it will serve the region with heat and power and light. That is the prime fact about McNary dam.

Jews Accused Of Violating Truce by U.N.

PARIS, Dec. 27—(AP)—United Nations observers today accused Israeli forces of attacking Egyptian units in the Negev in violation of truce agreements, but mediator Ralph J. Bunche said he was not blaming either side.

The observers' lengthy report to the Security Council tended to support Egyptian complaints that Israeli forces had reopened hostilities in violation of the council's truce order.

The mediator explained that his report contained statements from observers on the Egyptian side which tended to lay the blame on Israel. He said he was unable to include statements from observers on the Israeli side.

TEL AVIV, Israel, Dec. 27—(AP)—Israeli and Egyptian armies clashed in a fierce and spreading desert battle near the Egyptian frontier today and a Jewish communiqué said Arab sniping had broken out in Jerusalem.

It was the first time since the United Nations cease-fire agreement for the Holy City was signed on Dec. 1, that the Jews officially reported sniping from Arab lines.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Well, got any other suggestions?"

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Cease Fire Order in Java Refused by U.N.

PARIS, Dec. 27—(AP)—The United Nations Security Council refused today to command compliance with its cease fire order in Indonesia within 24 hours. The Soviet Union demanded that action.

The order, issued Dec. 24, demanded an immediate stop of fighting and release of Indonesian leaders seized by the Dutch, including President Soekarno. The council had refused to order the Dutch back to the positions they held before the fighting started. It refused to do so again today.

The Dutch launched what they called a "police action" in Indonesia Dec. 18 after failing to reach agreement with the Republic of Indonesia on their taking part in a United States of Indonesia. The Dutch announced setting up of a Federal Interim government without participation of the Republic. The Republic charged the Dutch with refusing to continue talks for participation in the government.

BATAVIA Java, Dec. 27—(AP)—Indonesian Republican troops were said today to have launched their first major guerrilla attack against Netherlands forces which drove them from the major cities of Java.

Dutch units, meanwhile, isolated the Republicans on Java from those on Sumatra. A Netherlands communiqué said the Bantam area, which forms the western tip of Java, had been occupied. It added that the Republicans put up "only very slight resistance" there. Mopping up operations have begun in the whole of Java, the bulletin said.

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Hill replaces Lt. Comdr. Samuel H. Mallicoat, who has returned to active duty. The orders also announced staff appointments for the new naval air reserve unit.

Named to lead the aviation volunteer unit 13-7 by Lt. Ernest T. Eldridge, commander, were Lt. Richard S. Clover, administrative assistant; Lt. Comdr. Wallace Hug, training officer for both flight and ground work; Lt. Comdr. Mathew R. Thompson, mouth, for ground training.

Hill was in the navy from May, 1942, to December, 1945. He spent 22 months at Guadalcanal and in the Solomon Islands and won the silver star for night landings in New Georgia. He later did submarine reconnaissance work and led a scouting party ashore on Bougainville two months before its invasion.

GERMANS HERDED IN RUSS LABOR CAMPS Army Chief Claims

BERLIN, Dec. 27—(AP)—The Russians had herded more than 2,000,000 Germans, including many women and children, into forced labor camps in the Soviet Union, U.S. Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall charged today.

Royall emphasized this figure is in addition to prisoners of war still held by the Russians.

Royall had announced in New York early this month that 13,000,000 persons are held in Russian forced labor camps. He told the newsmen the total includes 9,000,000 Russians, 2,080,000 Germans, and 2,000,000 persons of other nationalities. Many of the latter are Poles and Czechoslovaks, he said.

On page 9 of today's Statesman is shown what that look netted.

YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER

Salem Samaritan Breaks Arm While Nursing Neighbor

A Salem man who went to the aid of a sick neighbor Monday ended up in the hospital with a broken arm incurred in the line of duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wellington, 1645 Nebraska st., were nursing an ill neighbor next door when the telephone rang downstairs. Hastening to answer it, Wellington tumbled down the stairway, fracturing his arm, puncturing the skin on one leg and bruising his face.

He was taken to Salem General hospital where he is recovering. Salem first aid men, called to the accident scene, administered treatment at the home.

Heart Ailment Strikes Welles; Probe Dropped

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Some Russian Leaders Seek Peace--Truman

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27—(AP)—President Truman disclosed for the first time today that "certain leaders" in Russia are "exceedingly anxious" to reach an agreement with the United States to end the "cold war."

He made his surprise statement in an unheralded appearance at a luncheon here.

Talking "off the cuff" and with no stenographer present, the chief executive accused the soviets of violating "sacred" agreements and said that government "has a system of morals that are not moral."

Then, saying the soviet government has not kept important agreements made at Yalta and Potsdam, he added:

Hungarians Arrest Priest For Alleged Spy Activities

Rescue Efforts Continue for Stranded Men

ABOARD U. S. S. SAIPAN EN ROUTE TO GREENLAND, Dec. 27—(AP)—An air force offer of help in the navy's plan to snatch a dozen stranded men off the Greenland ice cap with helicopters got a warm welcome on the Saipan today.

But Capt. Joseph L. Kane, skipper of this light carrier, expressed the hope that the air force will be able to rescue the men before the Saipan reaches a position where it can launch its windmill craft.

It will be Thursday noon at the earliest before the Saipan can get close enough to send its helicopters aloft.

The air force has been trying to pick up the men with planes and gliders since shortly after a C-47 with seven men aboard landed on the 7,800 foot level of the ice cap Dec. 9.

The stranded party has grown to 12, possibly 13 as a result of thwarted rescue efforts by other aircraft.

The Saipan, with five helicopters, is racing to Davis Strait to attack the problem from offshore.

The area ahead is being scouted by coast guard planes while a navy ice breaker, the Edisto, waits off Cape Race, N. F., to join the Saipan.

Capt. Kane expressed doubt that he would enter the fjord which links Blue West one with the coast guard planes.

Meantime all the stragglers were reported in good condition as the navy and air force began coordinating their rescue efforts.

Hill Named to Command Navy Reserve Units

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What May 1949 Bring?

The Associated Press took a long look at the coming year -- in domestic economy, the international scene, politics, labor, the farm, science, television, aviation, the art, sports and movies.

Holiday Death Toll Reaches 396; Fire Claims Children

By The Associated Press

Approximately 400 persons died in accidents during the nation's observance of the Christmas holiday weekend.

Of 396 fatalities reported, traffic accidents accounted for 277. Approximately half of the remaining 119 deaths were caused by fire.

Fires were the chief cause of children's deaths; at least 32 of 55 youngsters who lost their lives were burned or suffocated in blazing homes.

Second County Draft Quota to Report Today

Fourteen Marion county youths will be bound for probable induction into the army when they leave Salem at 6:30 this morning. They are to go by Greyhound bus to the Portland army and air force induction station for final examination.

This is the second call from the county. None of the 10 men last month was rejected. The December quota was for 20 men, which includes those leaving today and two college students and one high school student deferred until the close of the school year. All of the men going this time were born in the years 1923 to 1926.

The county selective service board has also received another call for men to report for physical examinations—32 on January 14. No other inductions are due here this month, however, even though the quota was not filled.

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Faye Roosevelt Hospitalized For Wrist Cuts

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 27—(AP)—Sheriff C. Fred Cook said today his office has been informed that Faye Emerson Roosevelt, wife of Elliott Roosevelt, had slashed her wrist with a razor early yesterday morning. The injury was not serious and she was released from a hospital today after spending the night there.

"It is my impression that the cutting was deliberate and I am asking Elliott Roosevelt to appear at the district attorney's office tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for further details," the sheriff said.

However, Roosevelt, reached by telephone, said it was "purely an accident. There is nothing to it." He added that he had received no word from the sheriff's office.

YMCA Busy Spot During School Vacation



Salem youths are spending spare holiday moments this week at the YMCA where they may swim, play in the gym or go on guided tours through various Salem industrial plants. Photo shows Al Minn, Y swimming instructor, at left with a group of youngsters in front of the Y telling them of the week's program. (Statesman photo). (Story on page 10).

DC6 Completes 29-Hour Flight for New Record

MANILA, Tuesday, Dec. 28—(AP)—A new Douglas DC 6 of the Philippines airlines landed in Manila today after what was announced as a record-breaking flight of 29 hours from San Francisco -- a distance of 6,400 air miles.

Previous record for commercial planes was 30 hours 10 minutes, PAL said. James Harper, Douglas test pilot, brought the new plane in to join the PAL sky fleet.

Weather

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	47	33	tr
Portland	33	23	tr
San Francisco	51	43	tr
Chicago	33	23	tr
New York	31	15	tr

Willamette river 2 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with occasional light snow flurries or rains. High today 40, low tonight 27.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to Dec. 28)

This Year	Last Year	Average
18.92	18.85	16.35