# Multnomah Sheriff Raids Police Party, Finds Gambling Games

### **Ex-Sherif Nationalists To** Pratt at **Give 'Halt Fire' Order to Armies** Meeting

#### **Official Source Discloses Decision: Peace Commission to Talk with Reds**

NANKING, Wednesday, Jan. 19-(P)-China's executive Yuan has decided to issue a ceasefire order to nationalist armies and send a delegation to negotiate peace with the communists, a high official source disclosed today.

Details have not yet been decided. A statement is expected to be issued later today

Embassies visited this morning by foreign office officials were exits and windows in a hurry. told that the government would

rirclement.



Buying a combination mechanical music box promises to become a trying ordeal. "More trying" is perhaps the better trem, for pre-viously one has had to tax his wits to determine which type of machine suited him best-which radio had the best tone, which recordchanger was most practical. From here on however the choice will become far more complicated.

We have grown accustomed to combination sets: radio and phonograph in one cabinet. And to the extension of the combination to provide both AM and FM radio reception, though the latter has not proven nearly as popular as its producers predicted. Now one must consider a television set, either separate or in combination, for television is coming-in many parts of the country it is already here. Completion of coaxial cable from the Atlantic seaboard to the grams over a considerable portion the chin in trying to analyze

of the USA. Before many months such connections will be completed on the Pacific coast. Telecasting stations are operating in California and in Seattle and one is projected for Portland.

An added complication in the rying the public. But a lot of noise field of sound reproduction is the will come out of some of the new offering of long-playing records. ones introduced. This makes it possible to put a lengthy musical selection on one all practical nurses - from the platter. The complication comes Aunt Jemima kind on down od

PORTLAND, Jan. 18-(AP)-Mult-nomah county Sheriff Marion Elliott said tonight that his deputies had raided the El Rancho village club east of the city and seized

slot machines, a dice table in operation while a social party of county and city law enforcement officers was in progress.

Elliott said that there were about 150 men present and that when his deputies arrived many left all Elliote said that among those

begin to leave for Canton, in present were R. M. Pratt, chief deputy of the traffic department in the sheriff's office, former Sher-Most embassies have already deiff Martin T. Pratt, Deputy Dis-(Communist peace terms, broad- trict Attorney Charles Raymond cast last Friday as a statement by Capt. Eugené Ferguson and Capt. Chairman Mao Tse-Tung, amount Carl Shoemaker of the Portland to unconditional surrender. There city police department, and Capt. has been no official reaction by Carl Prehn of the harbor patrol.

Followed by Deputies

Senate Votes

the El Rancho

were made

the Chinese government.) Pratt Suspended Sheriff Elliott said he was sus-Observers said earlier that, if the civil war continues, Nanking pending Deputy Pratt immediately and would ask the civil service may become another "Tientsin" board to dismiss him for neglect - prey to artillery fire and en-

said.

of duty. "I had issued orders that all officers were responsible for the suppression of vice and gambling in

Sub-freezing temperatures contheir districts whenever found," he tinued to plague the Salem area Tuesday, and the weather man Elliott said the organization held out little hope for a warm-up holding the meeting was the Footprinters, whose membership is today.

largely law enforcement officers. A minimum of 23 degrees was recorded at the McNary field wea-Entrance into the club was made ther station Tuesday morning and by deputy sheriff Walt Raven, a temperatures were expected to member of the footprinters. drop to about 24 today. Fog shuttled in and out of the area Tues-Raven was followed by uniformed deputies and sheriff cap- day night making driving condi-

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tains led by Elliott himself. There tions hazardous. were eight men in the raiding Oregon weather was generally party. Elliott said the raid was warm enough, however, to loose made as a result of a telephone the ice - jammed Columbia and tip that there was gambling in also add a little more water for power producing. River flow at

James H. Walker, manager of Bonneville was up 2,000 second the club, was cited to appear feet to 83,000 Tuesday to increase next Monday before the sheriff kilowatt output by 7,000. to answer a charge of illegal Despite a slight increase in pow-

er production, the situation re-No other arrests or citations mained critical in the northwest, And disputes over responsibility for the shortage warmed between Bonneville administrator Paul Raver and utility and industrial officials.

Raver said he doubted utility To Tax Tickets, operators were in a position to give an "objective opinion on whether too much Columbia river power is going into aluminuio payrolls and production."

Columbia river tugs were trying Tuesday night to break a trail through ice on the river gorge



WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 -(P)-Dean Acheson, 55 - year - old lawyer - diplomat, won senate confirmation as the new secretary of state by an overwhelming 83 to 6 vote today.

No. 266

Before the vote Senator Van-denberg (R-Mich.) served notice that confirmation does not necessarily mean approval of future de-

But Chairman Connally (Deign relations committee, hailed the vote as a "ratification of our foreign policy of firmness and vigor." He called Acheson eminently qualified to handle the "gi-gantic" duties of the nation's No.

Acheson is expected to be sworm

in Thursday or Friday as the fifth secretary of state the nation has had in five years. He succeeds ailing Gen. George C. Marshall, who resigned following a serious

Six republicans cast the only votes against Acheson. They were Senators Bridges (N.H.),- Capehart (Ind.), Jenner (Ind.), Knowland (Calif.), Langer (N.D.), and Wherry (Neb.).

Wherry told his colleagues he was going to vote against confirmation because, he said, "it is common knowledge that Mr. Acheso nhas been an appeaser of Rus-

#### **GOP** Changes Minds

Other republicans who had been lukewarm toward President Truman's choice for the all - important diplomatic role had apparently changed their minds, however, in the light of Acheson's own testimony last week. In public and secret sessions of the senate foreign committee, Acheson had vigorously denied that he was an "appeases" and had blasted communism as "fatal" to a free **Douses Lights** society and to human rights.



Bills 'Fall

south China, on Friday.

cided to remain in Nanking.

clared "the trend was mixed" and let it go at that. But it wasn't the stock market, and this isn't New York, so the possession of slot machines. legislative press had to take it on

bills to reach from page 1 to 999 in any encyclopedia on the market. The bills passed were of the kind that could pass in the peace and quiet of solitude without wor-

Inauguration One would require licenses for WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 -(AP)-Another wants congre

in that different players or attach ments will be required. The conventional phonograph

has run at a speed of 78 revolutions (Continued on editorial page)

## **Salem Firms** Seek Room **For Expansion**

Construction of a new Wallace Bonesteele warehouse and expansion of the Salem plant of North-Co. were forecast Tuesday night ance agents and up fees for optoat the Salem planning and zoning metrists. commission meeting in city hall.

Preliminary information was Electric railroad, who said petitions will be presented to request the vacation of an alley parallel to surance on property, and assure by the commission.

Keys said OE railroad is prequired \$11,000,000. pared to enlarge the present Asks Tax Kept Northwest Poultry building from Front street to the alley, lying between Shipping and Norway streets. The addition would be 85 by 160 feet and would enable the firm to employ at least 50 more persons, Keys said. committee, was in line with a bill

Keys also said Wallace Bonesteele will seek alley vacation in the next block north across Norway street, for erection of a warehouse 76 by 120 feet.

The zoning commission also approved a zone change aimed at facilitating a YWCA building program. (Additional details on page

**B-36 TO TEST IN ALASKA** FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 18 -(AP)-A United States B-36 sixengined land-based bomber, largcome and repeal the personal proest known in the world, landed here this morning to undergo a two-month Arctic test.

mills.

**Animal Crackers** By WARREN GOODRICH



In the sheep dip?"

weatherman today pledged The at the business of flood control reasonable cooperation in Presithrough a Columbia Valley authordent Truman's inauguration on ity. These two dropped in the se-Thursday, but the senate threw in nate, where time out also was taka financial monkey wrench. en to congratulate President Tru-The forecast, for the hour when man. The senate's 10 democrats the president is sworn into his

were tickled. Its 20 republicans voted yes, too. **Bills Fall Like Rain** 

or snow. Bills fell like a gentle rain in But the senate atmosphere was the house. They'd up salaries of frigid as it voted, 47 to 44, against state police, tack around 30 per exempting tickets to inaugural evcent on workmen's compensation benefits, increase tax exemptions tax. It was the first administrafor disabled veterans, raise more tion defeat in the new democratic

money for veterans' loans, permit congress. taxation for reforestation, estab-The tickets have been sold out, lish new fire districts on timber with no tax collected. It was gueswest Poultry and Dairy Products land, require training for insur- sed unofficially that the tax on parade, inaugural ball and other tickets might be \$60,000. **Committee Has to Pav** 

They'd also let a sheriff charge more than \$8 mileage for a single A spokesman for the non-parpresented by Attorney Walter service of papers if he travelled to tisan, non - profit inaugural com-Keys, representing the Oregon the moon or way - points for it; mittee said he supposed the comprohibit a seller from specifying mittee "will have to pay it what broker must be given the in- there's no other way.'

Nobody was able to say im-Front street, on which both pro- cities their 10 per cent of high- mediately whether the anticipatjects hinge. No action was taken way revenues even if the kitty ed profit, which was to have gone to charity, would cover the bill. didn't show the previously - re-Senate Says No

gress would, as in past years, ap- coffers.

Meanwhile, State Tax Commisprove the exemption. The house sioner Earl Fisher came out for did so yesterday but the senate retention of the state withholding stunned administration leaders by tax, providing farm workers and voting no. And then, on a recondomestics were exempted. His resideration vote, said no again. commendation, to the senate tax

#### Weather

introduced last week by Rep. J. Max. O. Johnson and Sen. Paul Patter-Salem 23 son, but opposed to the stand of Portland San Francisco 26 36 Gov. Douglas McKay, who pro-17 posed outright repeal, and Rep. Chicago New York John Steelhammer who has a bill Willamette river -2 of a foot. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bu-eau, McNary field, Salem): Partly to knock the act from the books. Several other controversial bills reau, also were known to be ready for cloudy today with occasional light showers. Continued shower activity tonight and tomorrow. High today near a sleigh ride through legislative 40. Low tonight near 25.

Staff

To avoid enactment of drastic

Two, by Rep. Giles French of Moro, would assess a business tax of 1/2 of 1 per cent on gross in-This Year 21.86

#### perty tax.

**Proposes** Pension Another, by Sen. Richard Neuberger, proposes an outright \$50 pension minimum no matter what funds are available.

Tuesday was another "first" for Governor McKay. He signed his first bill and the first one to pass the 45th legislature. It pungles up \$200,000 for legislative expenses. More will be asked later. No session of the senate or house has lasted more than 30 minutes so far, but committees have been unfering from growing pains. usually active for so early in the Unless state laws regulating year. The bets still were that the government of both counties are session would end well before the rewritten and repassed this ses-84-day record set two years ago. Formal sessions will be resumed sion, both counties will automatiat 10 a.m. today. (Additional details on page 3) completed in 1951. The statutes now affecting Marion and Lane counties are written

ELLSWOTH GRANDFATHER for counties with less than 100,000 population. Conservative estimates ROSEBURG, Jan. 18-(AP)-Word of both counties place them well has been received here of the birth above the 100,000 bracket. of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs.

Donald Dittman of Chicago. Mrs. changes more than 30 separate Dittman is the daughter of U.S. acts must be completely rewritten Rep. and Mrs. Harris Ellsworth. by the Marion and Lane county ounces, was born January 15. legislature.

rea above Bonneville dam. Freezing fogs added greatly to the woes of Oregon motorists Tuesday and early Wednesday by spreading a treacherous glaze over state highways and streets. Fog and freezing temperatures dropped over Salem early Tuespresent job at better pay, is for day night, cleared briefly, then wind, clouds and chill. No rain returned to add a new layer of ice.

> **County Tax on Property Sales** Kecommended

A plan to add a state tax on real property transactions, similar to the existing federal tax, was outlined to Marion county court Tuesday by Marion County Recorder Herman Lanke.

Lanke estimated the additional tax, from stamps printed by the Rates for Area state and collected by counties. would yield an additional \$40,000

The committee had though con- in revenue for Marion county The plan is simple. When a

property deed is recorded at the recorder's office an additional county fee, equal to the federal day the Reclamation bureau is mitted to Sen. Allan Carson, Earl Pacific northwest. Fisher of the state tax commis-

Min. Precip sion and to F. L. Phipps, execu-.00 tive secretary of the Association of Oregon counties. .00 The present fee for federal tax

trace imum of 55 cents on the first congress from Washington, Orestamps on property deed is a min-\$500 of the sale price and \$1.10 gon, Idaho and Montana. the federal government now col- meeting: lects \$52.80 and the county only

75 cents. The county, Lanke point- trends but we have no specific SALEM PRECIPITATION ed out, does all the work in re- proposals under consideration for (Sept. 1 to Jan 19) Average cording and maintaining it as a raising.northwest power rates, and 20.30 permanent record Last Year 26.23

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17-That was the reason given by Associate City had in this section of the country Counselor Roy A. Fish today when he asked dismissal of eareless at any time." driving charges against 23-year-old Jean H. Klein, dress designer.

Besides, he said, witnesses were lacking. The judge dismissed the case. The city charged Miss Klein's car rammed a fire plug at a **Control Board** street intersection. She claimed the car skidded on wet pavement. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).



Farm Editor, The Statesman

Farmers watched skies and barometers in vain Tuesday for signs of the clouds which would bring rain to save their frost-injured grain crops. Unless a good rain comes shortly, losses will be rather heavy in many areas in the Willamette valley.

"Our assets are certainly frozen," remarked one farmer near Salem as he viewed his vetch, pulled out by the roots, lying on top of notice that all lights in the room the soil. It could be raked up like

hay, he said. A good soaking rain **Boost in Power** would, however, drive much of the planting into the ground again and save considerable of the crop, Harry L. Riches, Marion county agent, said Tuesday. When asked to estimate losses Under Study in the county, Riches stated this

would be impossible as yet as so much depended upon the weather WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 -(AP)of the next week. He did say, how-Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) said to- ever, that grains and vetch seeded late and in the lower places were badly damaged and that the fee, would be collected. Lanke studying a question of possibly grains seeded early seemed to said his proposal has been sub- higher electric power rates in the show very little damage. Where there was snow, even a very light covering of snow, crops, Riches Cordon said he raised the guestion of rate increases at an Interior believed, would come through in department meeting at which rec- fine shape. But snow missed much lamation officials explained their of the country, while in other sec-1949-50 program to members of

> Newly seeded ryegrass on poorly drained ground is completely production and insure the state flax plant raw material.

> Riches also estimated consider-**Production Too Low** able loss in vine berries that were trained on the wires. Some of the duction is too low," Laws devine berries on the ground escaclared. ped injury although in some sections even these, where there was no snow, suffered some damage. No damage was believed to in done to shrubs or trees, fruiting or ornamental. In some of the more tender varieties the tips may

\$9,700. For the past several years thing that is deeply rooted will the three payments on No. 1 flax have escaped heavy injury. have amounted to \$60 a ton and

**Elliott Wins** 

PORTLAND, Jan. 18-(AP)-Robert A. Elliott, who managed the Oregon presidential preference primary campaign for Harold E.

Stassen last May, was elected chairman of the Multnomah (Portland) county republican central committee tonight.

A young Portland insurance man and a young republican state federation leader, he succeeds Donald R. Van Boskirk who declined to seek reelection.

Elliott's opponent was Thomas Purcell, publisher of the Gresham highway, and from Cogswell hill things which are necessary and to Outlook. He was named alternate to Belknap on the McKenzie high- help get peace in the world," he chairman of the committee. way.

North Bend Founder Dies There was plenty of light being shed on state business Tues-

day - in fact, too much. The NORTH BEND, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)-Louis J. Simpson, 72, Oregon Not until near the end of a and California lumberman, railboard of control meeting, where road executive and banker, died the power shortage was being dis-

at his Barview home here yesterday. He was a son of Capt. Asa M. Simpson, early Pacific coast shipping and lumber tycoon, and in his youth had attracted international attention as a "gay blade"

Walter Pearson that all state of- in Europe, particularly in Paris. fices close at 4 p.m. instead of He founded this city and ac-5 p.m. until the power shortage tively carried on the lumbering and industrial enterprises established by his father. The family Secretary of State Earl T. Newfortunes stemmed from California bry replied it would be impossi- gold strikes by the elder Simpson ble for his office to close at 4 in 1850.

**Big, Little Inch** stricter conservation of electricity The board approved a proposal Lines Explode

state flax plant, that flax seed be BATESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 18-(AP) sold to growers, who contract their product with the state, at \$4 per The big inch and little inch pipebushel. The market price is ap- lines burst into a giant torch toproximately \$6. Laws said a low- night, destroying two dumping ering of the price for seed prob- stations one and one - half miles ably would encourage more flax east of Batesville.

State police at Connersville reported three persons were burned, none severely.

The pumping station on one line burst into flames and the other followed it less than an hour later. The two lines, carrying natural gas to the east coast from Texas, 1948 also received approval. This run within a few feet of each

other at the point of the fire. payment was fixed at \$15 per ton It was the third big fire infor No. 1 flax, \$12 per ton for No. volving the pipelines in Indiana 2 flax and final payment of \$14 within a year.

**Truman Pledges to Exert All Efforts to** \$48 for No. 2 flax. The second payment would reach the growers **Get Peace in World** 

### **Truck Load Cut on Roads**

PORTLAND, Jan. 18-(AP)-Danger of damage to thawing road beds prompted the state highway department to place load limits on trucks today.

sun alone was enough.

were going full blast.

turned out.

is relieved.

**Impossible to Close** 

cussed, did Gov. Douglas McKay

They were immediately ordered

The discussion centered on a

suggestion by State Treasurer

p.m. during the legislative ses-

sion. Governor McKay suggested

in state offices rather than adopt-

by L. L. Laws, manager of the

"At the present time flax pro-

Second payments for flax de-

ivered at the state flax plant in

ing an earlier closing plan.

The department put a limit of 36,000 pounds and an axle limit of highways. Major routes affected been. are the 12 miles from Hatchery

about March 1.

creek to Philomath on the Alsea

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 - (AP) -President Truman declared tonight in a pre-inaugural talk that he intends to carry out democratic platform pledges and exert all his efforts to "get peace in the world."

Mr. Truman spoke, at a \$15-aplate dinner of the Truman-Barkley club. He said that he and his vice president-elect, Senator Alben W. Barkley, are in accord more completely than any presi-8000 pounds on sections of 15 dent and vice president have ever

> "You and congress must get behind us and help us - - to get these

## grown its britches in recent years Tuesday his department was too Marion county would be required and in the process has created a busy to handle the project and to hire a domestic relations judge legal headache for the 1949 legis- said that it would probably re- and a jury commissioner. A jury

more than 5,000 would be need-

cally inherit Multnomah county's gations will meet with the Marion mandatory at the county jail and laws after the federal census is county court today following ad- a probation officer would be ap-

journment to determine who will pointed by the circuit court. take on the gigantic legal project. County employes could no longer participate in the state retirement system, but would need their own pension system.

tic changes would occur if preslem was injected by one Salem In 1951 the county court would legislator who pointed out that be abolished. Another circuit Marion and Lane counties would judge would be added. The county be subject to the statute applying udge would become a circuit to the Portland Rose festival. The child, weighing 9 pounds 7 delegations and passed in the judge in the probate department "What would the Cherrians and the present three-man court think of that," he mused.

Marion County Outgrowing Its Legal **Britches; Proves Headache to Solons** Deputy Attorney General Rex | would become a five-man com-By Lester Cour

Marion and Lane county dele-

In the case of Marion county-

judicial district by itself-dras-

ent laws are not rewritten.

Kimmell, in charge of bill draft- mission. Marion county has literally out- ing for state departments, said Under Multnomah county laws

lature. Lane county, too, is suf-quire several lawyers several list of more than 2,000 and not weeks to rewrite the measures.

A legislative law committee was ed. A deputy prosecutor would be employed to handle juvenile also too busy to handle the job.

cases. Jailers and matrons would be

"We are always studying cost

for No. 3 flax. The total payment be somewhat injured, but nurwould aggregate approximately serymen held that as a whole any-

**GOP** Position

A humorous aspect to the prob-

tions from light to heavy snows fell Reclamation Commissioner Mi-\$48,000 transaction, Lanke said, chael W. Straus said after the gone, several farmers reported. uninjured.

