

Russ Accuse Finland of Breaking Peace Treaty, Harboring Criminals

Snow Storm Fringe Ushers in New Year

Old Man 1949 went out raining and quietly, but young 1950 made a noisy, snowy debut in the Salem area.

Almost simultaneously with the sounding of horns and New Year's noise makers, Salem began catching the southern fringe of a snow storm spreading south from Canada and western Washington.

Chains Finns Hiding 300 Red War Criminals

MOSCOW, Sunday, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Russia has accused Finland of violating her peace and mutual aid treaties with the Soviet Union by harboring more than 300 Soviet war criminals, Tass reported early today.

Boy First to Greet New Year

Salem's first baby of 1950 arrived at the year was just 1 hour and 43 minutes old.

Oregon Guard Outlaws Race Discrimination

Oregon has become the tenth state to outlaw racial discrimination in the national guard, Gov. Douglas McKay will declare in a radio broadcast scheduled for 9:45 tonight through a Portland station.

300 Flee Pittsburgh Country Club Blaze

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 1.—(Sunday)—(AP)—More than 300 men and women in evening clothes fled from a flash fire early today at the swanky Westmoreland country club.

IT SEEMS TO ME By Charles A. Sprague

Though it is a year before the end of the first half of the 20th century, the passing of the calendar for the '50's prompts comment by way of review of the events of the last 50 years.

In this period great powers have collapsed or declined; others have emerged. Vast changes have occurred in industry, in the pattern of living, in trends of thought.

C. A. Chisholm, manager of the club which is located 15 miles from downtown Pittsburgh, said at 1:55 a.m. that all persons in the structure had escaped.

While he spoke, firemen from a half dozen volunteer companies battled the flames futilely.

"I can't estimate the loss but it will be several hundred thousands of dollars," Chisholm said.

Chisholm said the fire started in the kitchen near a stove.

The first alarm was turned in five minutes after advent of the New Year.

Motorists Get Reprieve if Plates on Way

Motorists who applied for new plates prior to January 1 need not worry about being arrested because of failure to display the new licenses, William E. Healy, assistant secretary of state, declared Saturday.

Healy said H. G. Malson, superintendent of state police, had assured him that his operatives would accept the motorist's evidence of having mailed in his application.

Those who have not made application, however, are subject to arrest if they drive their automobiles with old plates after December 31, Healy averred.

Healy estimated the registration for 1950 would exceed 1949's by approximately 100,000, including 80,000 new automobiles which are being registered for the first time.

Receipts from motor vehicle registrations, aggregating approximately \$4,000,000 in 1949, will exceed \$11,000,000 in 1950, due to the increase in registration fees for passenger cars and the increased truck fee.

Healy said all mail applications made on file will have been filled by tonight with the entire mailing crew operating today to accommodate belated applicants.

Ask Explanation "The Soviet government would like to know why the Finnish government has not yet handed over the above-mentioned war criminals to the Soviet authorities, in violation of the peace treaty and the Soviet-Finnish treaty of friendship, cooperation and mutual aid, concluded in April, 1948."

Russia said that among the 300 are 56 "who have committed the most serious crimes against the Soviet Union. At present, the list of these persons is being handed over to the Finnish government additionally."

Treaty Obligations Gromyko was quoted as having told the Finnish minister that Finland, under the peace treaty, undertook to take all necessary measures to insure the extradition of all Soviet citizens in her territory to be tried for treason or collaboration with the enemy during the war.

The Soviet press previously has accused the Finns of violating the peace treaty for various reasons. But the statement reported by Tass this time is notable because it is not the Russian newspapers but the ministry of foreign affairs which is speaking.

The governor released the transcription Saturday for publication in advance of the broadcast. It was made Thursday prior to his departure for California.

"Any male citizen, regardless of race or religion, may enlist in the Oregon national guard with the stipulation of course, that the applicant is mentally, morally and physically qualified and that a vacancy exists," Governor McKay will say. He will add that some vacancies are to be found in the ground units but the air units are filled because "the younger generation is much air-minded."

Thomas Lawson McCall, the governor's administrative assistant, disclosed that openings exist in the infantry, field artillery, anti-aircraft and engineer units, among others.

The announcement of equality of opportunity and treatment for all applicants was formulated at a conference of the governor, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, Oregon adjutant general, and the guard's chief of staff, Brig. Gen. G. Robert Dodson, Portland, according to McCall.

Those attending the conference were represented as feeling that, although racial and religious integration may have been practiced informally in the Oregon national guard, it should be made a matter of official and uniform policy.

Other states which have taken similar action are Minnesota, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Connecticut, New York, California, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

McCall said the governor's broadcast also would include a discussion of progressive laws passed in Oregon, including the fair employment practices act.

Lowery Drive To Pause for Girls' Funeral

FALLS CITY, Dec. 31.—Residents of this community will pause today in their drive for aiding the stricken Omar Lowery family to attend the funeral of the two little girls who died in the tragic Wednesday morning fire.

Services for Betty Louise 7, and Mary Frances, 5, will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Hendrick-Bollman chapel. Burial for the victims of the fire, which swept through the Lowery home while the family was sleeping, will be in Dallas cemetery.

After the funeral, efforts will be continued to provide funds, food, clothing and a new home for the surviving mother, father and three other children.

The Methodist Ladies of Falls City were spending their New Year's eve sewing quilts for the Lowerys and donations of blankets from the Mangolia Rebekah lodge were added to the growing list of contributions.

Meanwhile, plans were being formulated to give Salem area residents an opportunity to contribute. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burke with Emery Alderman will donate their time, services and facilities at 3610 Silverton road for a donation auction sale Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Persons wishing to contribute items to the auction may have them picked up by notifying the Burkes by phone.

Early Morning Wreck Leaves 2 Youths Hurt

Two youths were seriously injured early this morning in a two-car wreck near the Oregon Electric tracks on Chemawa road north of Salem.

Jess Jones, 20, 575 Patterson st. West Salem, was taken to Salem General hospital with his left leg partially severed, city first aid men reported. C. L. Peutt, 18, 439 Pine st., driver of one of the cars, was also hospitalized, with a fracture of the right ankle, with a fracture of the right ankle.

Peutt's brother Daryl, 15, received scratches but was not hospitalized. All three were in the same car.

Occupants of the other car were unhurt, first aid men said. Their names were not available early this morning. State police were investigating the accident.

THE WEATHER

Table with columns: Max., Min., Precip. for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York.

WILLAMETTE river 4.3 feet. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with showers of snow or rain today. Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with a few widely scattered showers. High today near 45. Low tonight near 30.

Table with columns: This Year, Last Year, Normal for SALM PRECIPITATION.

Your Statesman Today

Year-end summaries and prospects for the New Year and the next half century are included in Your Home Newspaper today. And in the feature section is a story showing what shape Salem's in-geographically speaking.

A Happy New Year!

Oregon Statesman

Mass Meeting to Protest Cut in Bus Service Slated at 4 Corners

A mass meeting to protest planned curtailment of Salem suburban bus service and to formulate a plan of action will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Four Corners Community hall. The session was announced Saturday by Otto H. Heinke of a committee from the affected area east of Salem.

Petitions from bus riders in the area — on Fruitland, Swegle and Fisher Road lines — will be accepted also, a group was told by City Manager J. L. Franzen.

City Transit lines had announced it would abandon parts of the three lines on the first of the year, but after protest has postponed the curtailment for an indefinite number of days, during which bus and city officials and customers are to confer. Bus officials said the cut in service was necessitated by a "constantly decreasing patronage in these areas."

Fire Destroys Carl Hess Barn

SILVERTON, (Sunday) Jan. 1.—A spectacular blaze which could be seen for 20 miles destroyed a barn on the Carl Hess farm early this morning.

All the livestock was removed to safety with the exception of a sow and a litter of piglets. There was no estimate given immediately of the damage caused by the blaze which occurred during a snowstorm. Hess tentatively blamed defective wiring for the fire.

Editor Appointed to State Department

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Edward Ware Barrett of New York, editorial director of Newsweek magazine, was chosen by President Truman today as assistant secretary of state for public affairs.



A Mountain and a City Snow-capped Mt. Hood in all its winter glory looms protectively on Salem's northeast frontier in this outstanding year-end photo by Statesman Staff Photographer Don Dill, taken from Clive Scott's Aeronca coupe.

Detroit Man Arrested in Pinball Raid

A Detroit tavern proprietor was arrested and a pinball machine confiscated at Detroit Saturday night by deputies from the Marion county sheriff's office.

Earl Edward Layman, Detroit box 39, posted \$1,000 bail on a charge of promoting a lottery in the case.

Sheriff's deputies moved into the Cedar Tavern in Detroit on a search warrant about 6:30 p.m. Saturday, arresting Layman and confiscating the one-ball horse race-type machine in the establishment. The machine is owned by the Willamette Amusement Co.

Layman was nabbed on a district court warrant on the lottery charge following a private complaint that the tavern had been paying out cash for free games won on the machine, District Attorney E. O. Stadter, jr. said Saturday night.

Layman is expected to appear in district court in Salem Tuesday for preliminary hearing.

Dark Streets Blamed On Christmas BB Guns

WARRENTON, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The streets are dark in this town, and it's the fault of Christmas. City officials found it was Christmas presents that blacked out 16 street lights—kids' BB guns.

U.S. Freighter Plans Run to Shanghai; Story of Force to Hold Crew Denied

HONG KONG, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The American Freighter Flying Arrow was loading tonight for a voyage to mine-threatened red Shanghai amid a variety of reports and denials that fearful crew members were being forced to make the trip.

Capt. David Jones of Chicago was formally notified by U.S. Vice Consul Frederick A. Hill that the Chinese nationalists have announced the mining of Shanghai's approaches. Last Wednesday the U.S. state department warned that any captain who ran the nationalist blockade might lose his license.

Ships Run Blockade Jones maintained his determination to take the 14,000-ton ship to Shanghai as directed by his owners, the Isbrandtson line of New York, whose ships have repeatedly run the blockade.

The sailing is scheduled for Tuesday. The captain acknowledged that some of the crew of 43 were jittery over the mine announcement, but pointed out that they got bonuses for the run and declared none had signed off.

All top officers of the ship denied a published report that the captain was using "force of arms" to keep the crew in line.

Most crew members were celebrating New Year's eve ashore in Hong Kong while the ship loaded, Scoff at Report.

Those remaining aboard, interviewed shortly before midnight, scoffed at the report of force but indicated they were not eager to go to Shanghai. They said they had heard "rumors" that some members had sent messages to the United States to try to force cancellation of the voyage.

Vice Consul Hill said he had talked with three crew members ashore but had not heard of any mass protest against the voyage or that the men were being forced to make it.

Jack M. Pattison, the ship's agent, declared he also knew of no attempts by men to quit the ship.

The Hong Kong Sunday Herald declared the crew had radioed the U.S. state department and the National Maritime union in New York that they would refuse to work if the Flying Arrow attempted to run the blockade.

Idanha to Vote On Councilmen

Election of officers for the newly incorporated city of Idanha will take place Wednesday, February 15, at the Idanha fire hall, Marion County Clerk Harlan Juod reported Saturday.

The election will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nominated so far for the five councilmanic seats are Lloyd Girod, Sam Palmerton, Huber Ray, Charles T. Haseman and E. G. Cochran. All five were active in the incorporation election on December 9.

Mac Says Japs Have Right of Self-Defense

TOKYO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Japan has "the inalienable right of self-defense against unprovoked attack" despite her constitutional renunciation of war, General MacArthur declared tonight.

The statement, in his annual New Year's message to the Japanese people, was coupled with strong praise of the now-war constitution, however, and intimated that no change was contemplated in it.

Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney, head of the occupation government section and one of the supreme commander's closest advisers, explained to correspondents that MacArthur "had no intention of saying the Japanese have the right to re-arm for war or to re-establish an army or navy."

Whitney said the message meant that Japan has "the right to conclude defensive alliances or deal with the United Nations for protection, or, if attacked directly, the Japanese can fight back with all the power at their command."

Salem Greet 1900 Noisily

"CAME IN LIVELY — The Year 1900 was ushered in in an enthusiastic manner in this vicinity and if the business for the year is as lively in preparation, there will be no room for calamity howlers at its close.

"Almost with the first stroke of the town clock, there was a perfect fusillade of firearms, bombs, firecrackers, sky-rockets, etc., followed by the blowing of horns, ringing of hand bells, and yelling of the 'kids.'"

"The only church bell to be heard was on the First Congregational belfry. This state of things continued about 20 minutes and then the usual quiet prevailed during the remainder of the night."