

The hard core of socialist thinking is the superiority of central planning over unregulated private planning. In the well-planned society, everyone is employed at wages providing both subsistence and comfort, production is geared to consumption, speculation is under taboo, the price structure is stable. In the planned society, excesses and extremes are avoided, progress is orderly, group relations are peaceful.

Critics point out that in a complex society large-scale planning is exceedingly difficult, and that in the end the police state must be invoked to sustain the socialist government. Great Britain's labor government, however, is undertaking to prove that socialism can succeed without impairment of essential liberties and resort to police state methods. A discerning American, John Fischer, re-visited England last summer and noted the strains in the socialist bureaucracy. In the January Harper's magazine he gives a report under the title "Insomnia in Whitehall." It is well worth reading.

The lower echelons of power, where the real work of government is performed, shows signs of weariness and frustration. One of his old friends, an ardent socialist, now in a responsible office in the government, "looked worried, uncertain, and pitifully tired." The latter confessed:

"We are just beginning to suspect that socialism has some built-in contradictions of its own." Fischer then goes on to set down some of these contradictions. One of these is full employment vs. inflation. There is full employment in Britain today, along with inflation. In spite of (Continued on editorial page 4)

Weyerhaeuser Holds Pension Plan Discussion

TACOMA, Jan. 5 (AP)—The Weyerhaeuser Timber Company said today informal discussions were being held with union representatives in Portland, Ore., regarding a non-contributory pension plan for hourly-rated workers.

Officials said the unions involved were the International Woodworkers of America (CIO), Lumber and Sawmill Workers union (AFL), International Brotherhood of Pulp Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (AFL).

No details of the plan were announced, but officials said such a plan had been under study by Weyerhaeuser for several months. Salaried personnel now are covered under a non-contributory plan.

The plan under discussion would cover more than 9,000 hourly-rated employees in Washington and Oregon. They would be eligible for retirement at the age of 65.

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—The CIO International Woodworkers of America union disclosed tonight it was calling in an expert to study pension proposals.

James E. Fadling, union president, confirmed that discussions had been held with the Weyerhaeuser Timber company.

Bids on Scio High School Building Asked

SCIO, Jan. 5—Bids on construction of a new, eight-room high school building here were advertised today by R. M. Shelton, clerk for union district 3. Bids will be accepted until January 27.

The building will be made of frame and brick veneer except the gymnasium which will be of frame construction only. Most floors will be of asphalt tile.

A low-pressure boiler, fired by oil, will furnish hot water for overhead heaters in the rooms. Two of the rooms will be used for home economics and general science classes, another for a boiler room, one for the principal's office and the others for classrooms.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Inimitable" is the only word I can think of.

'U.S. to Stay Clear of Formosa Fight'--Truman

Shanghai-Bound Ship Loses Nine Crew Members

HONG KONG, Jan. 5 (AP)—Local agents for the American freighter Flying Arrow announced today that nine of the crew had signed off rather than make a voyage to mine-threatened Shanghai. The ship is now due to sail Friday with the remainder of the 43-man crew.

The signing-off was authorized by the U. S. state department, which has agreed to arrange loans for those unable to pay their passage home.

Northwest Cold Snap 'Snapped' By Ocean Air

Some of the thousands of lumber workers idled by bitter weather prepared to return to their jobs today, after the weather warmed slightly in the Pacific northwest.

Warmer ocean air began thawing the Willamette valley Thursday and moved onward toward the still icy region east of the mountains.

For Salem a high of 44 degrees was predicted today following temperatures up to 40 and rain Thursday that melted most of the week's accumulation of snow. The temperature here early this morning was 40 and slated to remain well above freezing.

The state highway commission announced reduced load limits for trucks operating on 42 highways in a move to protect the roads when frost leaves the ground. The new limit cut log loads almost in half. The restrictions will be lifted when roads return to normal. (Story on page 9.)

The warm air was a boon to tired logging crews, and to scores of lumber operations forced to halt. Mills in Josephine county are to reopen today after closing because power intake lines on the Rogue river froze up.

The cold snap had thrown thousands out of work. In Washington logging camps around Tacoma were closed. So were those in the Grays Harbor area. The Weyerhaeuser lumber company's logging operations at Longview were down, and 2,000 mill workers in British Columbia were idled.

The Oregon highway department said chains were still required on all mountain passes.

Chicago Man Inherits Four Dancing Girls

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (AP)—The man who bought Hitler's bullet proof automobile for a novelty had a bigger one on his hands today—four Egyptian dancing girls.

Christopher G. Janus, 38, Chicago general contractor and importer, said he inherited the girls from his late uncle, P. Z. Aristophan, who died in Egypt in 1944.

"I might bring them to Chicago to act as baby sitters, but I don't think my wife is keen on the idea of bringing them here at all," Janus said.

Janus said his uncle left one third of his estate to Janus' mother, who died recently. Included in the estate were several cotton plantations in Egypt. Under the custom of that country, Janus said, a property owner is responsible for everything on his land—the workers and their families as well as work animals and machinery. The families of the workers include 12 young dancing girls.

He said he had received a couple of offers for the girls from representatives of the entertainment industry, but hadn't yet decided what to do about it.

Americans Told to Leave Isle; Britain to Recognize Reds

Revolt Against Nationalists, Attack Feared

By Edward E. Bomar
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Americans in Formosa are being told quietly but officially to quit the communist-threatened island unless they have urgent reasons to remain, it was learned tonight. Diplomatic authorities said the advice was given on an individual basis, without a general warning to evacuate such as was issued in advance of the communist conquest of Shanghai and other mainland areas. A general public warning was avoided because it might needlessly weaken the nationalists' hold on the island, their last stronghold.

The advice is being given by embassy and consular officials in Formosa, authorities in Washington said.

Officials here believe there is danger of an internal upheaval against the nationalist regime, as well as a communist amphibious attack.

Americans in Formosa would have a better chance to get out hurriedly than those on the mainland. There are several ports which could be reached by ships of the recently reinforced seventh task fleet in the western Pacific.

Incomplete records indicate there are between 100 and 200 Americans in Formosa, including officials, missionaries and a scattering of business and professional people, some with families.

Hitchhiker Dies As Result of Albany Crash

ALBANY, Jan. 5—Frederick Wayne Clink, 20, a hitchhiker in an auto that spun in circles and struck a truck on the icy Pacific highway Monday, died today in a hospital here.

Clink, who suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries, never regained consciousness.

Clyde Smith, Medford, driver of the auto, is still in critical condition at the hospital, attendants said. Smith had offered a ride to Clink a short time before the accident occurred three miles north of Albany.

Clink was said to be en route from Yreka, Calif., where he had been working, to Portland. Born Sept. 18, 1928, at Morley, Mich., his home is at Clare, Mich., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Clink, survive him.

The body is being shipped by Fisher Funeral home of Albany to Lakeview, Mich.

The truck driver in the accident, Ronald Cornelius of Portland, was not injured. He told state police he saw the Smith car spinning toward him on the highway but couldn't maneuver out of the way. The truck skidded into a ditch when struck by the rear end of the car.

WU Dormitory Rates to Rise

A jump in room and board charges at Willamette university next fall was revealed this week in a law school bulletin.

Increases of \$15 a semester are scheduled for Baxter and Lausanne halls and for fraternity wings with a \$10 boost at Bishop house. The increases will jump charges to \$240 at Baxter hall, \$235 at Lausanne hall and \$200 at Bishop house.

Yester has neither confirmed nor denied his candidacy for the senate, and is known to have considered entering the race for Salem mayor, but persons closely connected with him said Thursday it was "pretty definite" he would choose the senate when he files for election.

Old Car Licenses To Bring Arrests

State police announced here Thursday they are "cracking down" on motorists who are not displaying their 1950 license plates or cannot show evidence that they have made application for them.

Those who fail to produce this evidence are being cited into court.

The law requires that all cars shall be equipped with new plates on and after January 1 and officers have no authority to grant an extension of time under the act.

Editor Predicts Russ A-Blast For Saturday

LONDON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Editor Kenneth de Courcy says you can look for a second Russian atomic explosion next Saturday night, January 7.

Specifically, at midnight Greenwich mean time. That's 7 p.m. Eastern Standard time, or 2 a.m. Sunday Moscow time.

De Courcy is the man who predicted last January that Russia would attempt an atomic explosion in 1949.

He said in a statement to newsmen today the second explosion will be set off at the week end in blasting for an Asiatic irrigation project unless there's a technical hitch, in which case "the Russian general staff plans are to have the postponed experiment on January 10."

De Courcy is editor of The Monthly Intelligence Digest, a private information service. A man of 40 with an extensive background in international intelligence, he claims information from highly placed informants in several eastern countries.

The Atomic Scientists association of Britain also issued a declaration today on Russia's atomic position. It said the Russians will have enough bombs in a year or two to fight an atomic war.

There will be no immediate check on a new explosion unless the Russians choose to announce it, which is unlikely. Eventually, however such a secret will out. Intelligence reports, plus scientific monitoring of the earth's atmosphere for radioactivity, tell the news. American-occupied Japan is a likely point for part of the monitoring.

De Courcy's digest Sept. 1 contained the news that Russia had made an atomic bomb. This was 23 days before President Truman announced there had been an atomic explosion in Russia.

Fat Men Start Reducing Race

ASTORIA, Jan. 5 (AP)—Eleven Astorians were eating lettuce leaves and lean meat today, in a 40-day contest for \$110. Sheriff Paul Kearney and 10 of his friends agreed to go on a 40-day diet to see who could trim the most pounds. They each put \$10 in a pot for the winner.

The men's weights range from 195 to 284. Joe Garcia, a 240-pound automobile dealer, was elected president of the heavy-weight club.

"I think we got the only club in America," said Garcia, "that hopes to get smaller as it gets older."

OPERATION QUIRINO

BALTIMORE, Jan. 5 (AP)—Johns Hopkins hospital announced that arrangements were completed today to admit President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippines as a patient January 9. He is expected to undergo a kidney stone operation.

Men's Store, Apartments Site, Meat Market Plans Furthered

Addition of a men's store to the Capitol Shopping center was announced Thursday as other plans came to a head for a new meat market and seven-story apartment house near the center.

The men's store will be established about March 1 by Ward Shryock who located in Salem this week after operating a Chillicothe, Mo., men's store for 18 years.

Shryock signed a 10-year lease the 20 by 125 foot store space just south of the Hughes apparel store in a North Capitol street building between Center and Marion streets. Grabenhorst Bros. represented the property owner, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. Home on Candalaria.

Shryock sold his Missouri business last July and is now building a home on Candalaria Heights. With his wife and seven-year-old daughter he is residing now at the Ambassador apartments.

Another newly announced location near the growing shopping center is to be a branch of the downtown Midget market. Proprietor Harry Levy said the new meat market will open within two weeks at 611 N. Capitol St. in space leased from A. R. Siegmund. It was occupied by the former Capitol Street grocery.

Levy, who has operated the Midget market at 351 State st. for 35 years, said his new store across the street from the Capitol Shopping center will feature poultry products as well as meat.

Property Deeded
Earlier announced plans for building an apartment house one block west of the shopping center were furthered Thursday when North Summer street property, 66 by 165 feet on the west side between Marion and Union streets, was deeded to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coates of Portland.

The property was sold by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Cane and Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Lamb of Salem. Although the price was not announced, it was understood to have been approximately \$15,000.

A representative of the Coates Construction Co. said construction of the 36-unit apartment, a \$350,000 investment, was scheduled for this spring. Preliminary plans have FHA approval, but completed plans remain to be drawn, it was reported. The property is now unoccupied. Grabenhorst Bros. handled the real estate transaction.

Wreckage of Airplane Said Seen on Peak

LEBANON, Jan. 5—Lebanon fliers Friday will investigate airplane wreckage reportedly spotted in Cascade country miles east of Sweet Home last Thursday.

Aaron Ingram, Lebanon pilot, said he had been contacted by an officer at McChord field, Wash., in an unsuccessful attempt to trace another man named Ingram. The other Ingram is said to have notified McChord field that he saw the wreckage on Soap Grass mountain, four miles south of U. S. Highway 20.

Ingram, Walter Bowman and Joe Gilbert, who is a director of air rescue search for Oregon, planned to fly over the area Friday morning if weather permits. Otherwise they said they would drive close to the scene and go in on snow shoes.

Gilbert said the scene was on a direct flight route from Lebanon to Sisters. Frequently, he said, there was a treacherous air pocket around Soap Grass mountain where a low-flying plane could get into trouble. He said he had bypassed it many times.

The CAA control-tower operator at McNary field, Salem, contacted McChord field and verified that wreckage on Soap Grass mountain had been reported there.

50-Year-Old School Burns

FOREST GROVE, Jan. 5 (AP)—The 50-year-old Lydia school, near Gales creek, burned down today at a loss of \$8,000.

The school, only one room of which was being used, caught fire from an oil burner before school had convened this morning. The frame structure was used for overflow students from Gales creek.

The fire will give the students a week's vacation. Principal Jack Goodman said the youngsters would be taught in the basement of the old Gales creek school, now vacant. But it will take a week to put the structure into condition.

100 Blackbirds Caked in Ice



OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 5—More than 100 blackbirds were encased in ice at Lake Overholser and game rangers today went to work with salt and ice picks to free them. Above, a few of the birds are being freed with an ice pick. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

'And When the Ice Was Thawed, They All Began to Sing.'

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 5 (AP)—A flock of blackbirds, frozen to the ground today by a falling mist, were freed by game rangers using salt and ice picks.

The birds, about 100 of them, were imprisoned at the edge of Lake Overholser.

Ranger Red N. Smith said about 35 or 40 of the birds — "trapped only by their feet" — were freed quickly and flew away. The others, covered with ice except for their beaks, were chipped out of the lake — along with big chunks of ice — and taken to a municipal garage near the lake to thaw. Smith said the birds recovered rapidly.

Albany House Blazes Laid To Stovepipes

ALBANY, Jan. 5—Two fires, both apparently ignited by overheated stovepipes, have destroyed two Albany homes within a 30-hour period.

The first blaze Wednesday afternoon razed a two-room trailer house occupied by the James Bidwell family. The trailer, owned by A. A. Griffin, Albany, was parked at Crane and Broadbald streets. The trailer and its contents were a total loss.

The Bidwells and their three children were not home when the fire started.

About 1 p.m. today a two-room house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wealand was destroyed. Wealand, a carpenter, was home at the time and tried unsuccessfully to put out the fire. Some of the furniture was saved.

A fire department official said there was \$2,000 insurance on the Wealand dwelling. The Bidwell trailer was not insured.

It was in the same block where the Wealand home is located that four-year-old Thomas Mather burned to death when a house was destroyed by fire in July of 1948.

Hop Growers Set Series of Meetings

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—The U.S. Hop Growers association and the hop control board today set a series of meetings for discussion of the federal hop market agreement and hop problems.

The meetings: Mt. Angel, January 9; Donald, January 10; Silverton, January 10; St. Paul, January 11; Salem, January 12; Independence, January 12; Albany, January 13; Eugene, January 13; Grants Pass, January 13.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	49	39	31
Portland	49	39	30
San Francisco	50	38	30
Chicago	47	37	30
New York	64	38	trace

Willamette river 1.7 feet.
FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Mostly cloudy with occasional showers today and tonight. Little change in temperature with high today near 44; low tonight near 28.

Republican Senators Blast Policy Stand

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—China's triumphant communists scored two great successes on the international stage today amid bitter recriminations in the United States congress.

1. President Truman, in a major policy declaration, flatly refused to intervene to save Formosa, big island off the China coast, from the reds.

2. Great Britain prepared to announce tomorrow that it is recognizing the communist government of China. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's ambassador to London was called to the British foreign office and politely told Britain no longer recognizes Chiang's government.

Double Blow to Chiang
It was a double blow to Chiang's hopes of building up Formosa as a possible springboard from which to jump back some day to the mainland where the communists had beaten him.

Tonight it was learned that Americans on Formosa, of whom there are between 100 and 200, are being quietly told to leave. Officials here believe that the nationalist government there is threatened with an internal upheaval as well as a communist amphibious attack.

A hot debate raged for hours in the senate. Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) cried that the administration had betrayed the "non-communist nationalists. If Formosa falls, he said, the United States' first line of defense may become its own Pacific coast.

Not Important Enough
Senator Connally (D-Tex.) chairman of the foreign relations committee, replied that Formosa is not important enough to risk war trying to save it.

Just because this nation opposes communism, it can not invade all places where reds are in control, he said.

President Truman served notice that the U. S. government intends to steer clear of the heaven which has put much of China into communist hands.

"The United States government will not pursue a course which will lead to involvement in the civil conflict in China," said a statement he issued at his news conference.

Dispatches from London said the British would announce recognition of the reds about noon (4 a.m. PST) tomorrow.

In No Hurry to Follow
Secretary of State Acheson made plain the United States would be in no hurry to follow the British example. Any question of recognizing the Chinese communists is premature at this time, he said at a news conference. Nothing will be done, he said, without consulting congress.

President Truman's statement drew caustic criticism from republicans who have been demanding aid to Formosa, but applause from democrats who said intervention might start World War III.

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, ranking republican on the senate foreign relations committee, withheld a statement of regret that the administration had acted without a "realistic consultation" with congress members.

"Every practical discouragement to communist conquest, short of active American participation, should be pursued in China and throughout the Far East," he said.

Not Planning Force
A statement, Mr. Truman said emphatically.

1. The U. S. has no intention of using armed forces to interfere in the situation.

2. This government will provide neither military aid nor advice to the nationalists on Formosa, who have "adequate" resources to obtain the defense items they consider needed.

3. Having no predatory designs on Formosa or any other Chinese territory, the U. S. has no desire to obtain special rights or privileges or to establish military bases on the island "at this time."

(Additional details on page 6.)

Driver Dies as Truck Plunges Off Highway

THE DALLES, Jan. 5 (AP)—Donald John Modin, 25, was killed today in the plunge of his truck and trailer off the Old Oregon Trail highway over a 25-foot bank.

The accident occurred 20 miles east of here. Modin was driving a truck for the Portland-Pendleton motor transport co.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

This Year	Last Year	Normal
15.38	21.52	15.28