

**IT SEEMS TO ME**  
 By Charles F. Somphe

The 81st congress will re-assemble tomorrow to conclude its labors. Little is expected in the way of legislation in the short interval before it adjourns sine die. Some work will be done on an excess profits tax and Senator Cordon is going to press for adoption of measures granting statehood to Alaska and Hawaii. The probable death of legislative enactments, however, should not be construed as meaning the session is unimportant. It will be more important for what its members say than what they do.

This will be the first gathering since the election. Republicans are elated over the returns; democrats are disappointed and the new dealers must be despondent. The real question is not the fate of fair deal legislation but what will develop respecting our foreign policy and the personalities who handle it. More specifically: What will republicans in the flush of near-victory do and say on Secretary Acheson, China, Formosa, Korea and Russia?

The defeat of Senator Tydings in Maryland may signal a revival of McCarthyism. Already some republicans like Hickenlooper are getting into the fray with demands that Acheson resign. Senator Knowland, protagonist of MacArthur and Chiang Kai-shek, has been in the orient to assemble material for his policy of support for the Chinese nationalist government. Some senators are reported as trying to get for Knowland the seat on the foreign relations committee which has been promised to Morse.

As I see it, the republicans in the senate have no agreement.

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**Eruption of Mt. Etna Starts Panic in Sicily**

CATANIA, Sicily, Sunday, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Mt. Etna, Europe's highest volcano, erupted late last night, spouting flames which lighted Catania, 20 miles away, and causing panic in villages nearer the scene.

The night sky, angry and red, reflected the glow over miles of eastern Sicily. The eruption came with a series of heavy earthquakes and mushrooming clouds of smoke.

Longtime residents of Catania expressed fear the eruption would be the worst of this century. Two molten streams of lava poured down toward half a dozen little villages on the northeastern slope of the 10,741-foot high mountain.

The eruption began at 10 p. m. (1 P. M. EST). Within an hour the lava appeared from a distance to have poured as far as two miles down the mountainside from a huge new crater on the northeastern side about 300 feet from the peak. There are some 200 craters clustered near the peak of the mountain.

The nearest village is still four or five miles beyond the smoldering molten flow.

No Casualties

At midnight (3 p. m. PST) there were no reports of casualties.

The residents fled in panic from their little herds and farming villages on the northwest slope. In Catania, on the southeast side, most of the 250,000 population turned out into the streets watching tongues of flame shoot from the crater.

The force of the eruption and the speed of the lava flow were described by residents of Catania as potentially much more dangerous than the last eruption in December, 1949. The lava flow, moving in two streams, is pouring down the Valle Del Leone (Valley of the Lion), the Valle Del Bove (Valley of the Cow). These slopes lead eastward to the coast in the area of the towns of Giarre and Riposto, some 10 miles from the crater.

Nearest Village

The nearest village in the direction of the flow is Fornazza, midway between the peak and the coast.

Etna has erupted some 80 times in recorded history and many of these times brought staggering death tolls and vast destruction.

Earth shocks preceded the eruption last December and for a time the little village of Maletto was threatened, but the lava flow slowed down several miles from the village. The flow of lava continued slowly for two days, but except for a few farms, the population suffered little from it.

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## Deep Snow, Hurricane Winds Paralyze East States

### Toll 99; Storm to Continue

By the Associated Press

November erupted Saturday with icy fury, howling winds and paralyzing blizzards that caused at least 99 deaths.

Large areas reeled under their worst weather whipping in years.

Property damage ran into the millions of dollars.

Snow piled up in Ohio and Pennsylvania, reached a depth of 30 inches in West Virginia and blew into Maryland.

Furious winds buffeted the Atlantic coast.

Southerners suffered in a bone-chilling cold wave, the worst on record. Even Florida was not immune.

The American Red Cross' eastern area headquarters estimated the severe weather had brought hardship in some measure to 2,000,000 persons.

Industries shut down. Traffic stalled in snow-clogged city streets and drift-laden highways.

Forecasters could see no early let up for much of the snow storm area.

The winds that battered the eastern seaboard with hurricane force for more than 12 hours slackened off in the middle Atlantic area Saturday night.

No Let Up Seen

But they were belaboring northern New England with renewed vigor. No let up in the raging Appalachian snowstorm was forecast until Sunday.

The deaths came from a variety of causes attributed directly and indirectly to the weather. This is the breakdown by states:

New Jersey 20, Ohio 15, Pennsylvania 13, New York 12, Michigan 12, Kentucky 6, Alabama 5, Illinois 3, West Virginia 3, Maryland 2, South Carolina 2, Connecticut 2, Georgia 2 and Tennessee 2.

Falling temperatures increased the suffering in the New York City, New Jersey and Connecticut area, where possibly 3,000,000 persons shivered in homes where electricity was cut off by the storm.

In New York, the mercury dropped from 59 degrees at 5:50 p. m. (EST) to 35 degrees at midnight and still was falling about four degrees an hour.

The storm along the eastern seaboard was the worst since the 1888 hurricane. The winds tore a path of destruction from Virginia to New England.

In fact, the weather bureau in Washington called it the worst storm of its kind for the northeastern states, surpassing in its fury and scope a famous 1913 blizzard.

Dangerous Winds

The current storm, it said, was marked by dangerous winds averaging 60 miles per hour with gusts up to 90 and 100 miles having been recorded at New York City and Hartford, Conn.

A huge wind-propelled tide washed homes a mile inland on New York's Staten Island. More than 1,000 families were evacuated from flooded east coast shore areas.

The worst blizzard in 37 years dumped a paralyzing blanket of snow over the important Ohio industrial centers of Cleveland, Youngstown, Akron and Canton.

Pittsburgh was smothered under the heaviest continued snowfall in its history. Snow piled up to a depth of 22 inches and more was in prospect. The U.S. Steel Corp. began closing its big plants employing more than 50,000. A spokesman said the situation was "very serious" and might cause heavy damage. Because of the snow, workers and materials couldn't be moved to and from the plants.

The same storm dumped as much as 30 inches of snow on parts of West Virginia.

More Coming

There was more to come. The Washington weather bureau issued a special bulletin at 6 p. m. (EST) that from six inches to a foot more snow would fall in the snowbound area Saturday night and Sunday.

Trains arriving in New York were two to seven hours late. La Guardia airport was so flooded it looked like a lake. Some 250 scheduled domestic airline flights were cancelled.

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### Michigan Wins Rose Bowl Bid in Snow Storm



COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 25.—The playing field was the same color as the yard markers here today as Michigan defeated Ohio State 9-3 in a snow storm and moved into the Rose Bowl berth as Big 10 representative. Chuck Ortmann (49) far left, has just had one of his kicks blocked by Ohio State. Michigan Halfback Leo Kocinski (18) left foreground, and Ortmann run to recover, but Tony Momen, Michigan center, not shown, finally recovers the ball on Michigan's 3-yard line in a first period play. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

### Ways, Means Committee To Meet Before Session

PORTLAND, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The 1951 Oregon legislature's house ways and means committee will meet January 2, one week before the start of the regular session to get a head start on the state's financial problems.

The announcement was made here tonight by Rep. John Steelhammer of Salem—the expected speaker of the house—in a no-host pre-session organization dinner attended by 54 of the state's 60 house of representative members at the Multnomah hotel.

Rep. Steelhammer said he hoped he could get the similar senate committee to meet in a joint session with the house committee. He said such a joint session would be able to make progress in problems surrounding the \$63,000,000 anticipated deficit likely in the next biennium.

Steelhammer, who claims enough votes pledged to assure him the house speakership, also indicated Henry Semon, veteran Klamath Falls democratic representative, will head the joint ways and means committee.

Speakers at Dinner

Speaking at the dinner besides Steelhammer were Secretary of State Earl T. Newby, State Treasurer Walter Pearson and Budget Director Harry Dorman.

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### Ise Koch to Face Trial in German Court

AUGSBURG, Germany, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Ise Koch, whose whim was once law at Buchenwald, faces a German court here Monday on charges of egging men on to murder.

This is the second time the portly red-haired widow, now 43, has been called to account legally for her conduct as queen of the dreary and brutal Nazi concentration camp.

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### Donation Holder On Pamphlet Rack Stolen at Church

A pamphlet rack containing a donation holder was pried open and some small change taken by a burglar at Bethany Evangelical church, Capitol and Marion streets, Pastor Russell Mayor reported to city police Saturday night.

Mayor said he left the church unlocked from 12 noon to 8 p. m. while he was away and discovered the burglary on his return about 8:45 p. m. He estimated that the loss was under a \$1.

### Reds Rallying Forces

### Gale Stalls U.N. Meet

By Stanley Johnson

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 25.—(AP)—A sudden storm forced postponement today of a United Nations security council meeting in which a Chinese communist delegation was expected to charge the United States with aggression.

The Chinese will get their chance to blast the United States Monday at 3 p. m. (EST), just a few hours after Russia's Jacob A. Malik is scheduled to press similar charges before the assembly's 60-nation political committee.

Yugoslavia's Ales Bebler, November president of the council, decided on the postponement after Secretary-General Trygve Lie told him police had warned that roads between suburban Lake Success and New York were rapidly becoming dangerous.

Lie immediately ordered all U. N. activities shut down and sent employees home before they could become isolated in the headquarters by the rain and wind.

The U.S., Britain and France had already decided to request putting off the meeting because of the weather, but were spared the necessity.

This was regarded, in western quarters, as good luck, because the request for a postponement would almost certainly have been hailed by communist propaganda as evidence that the three powers were reluctant to face the Chinese communists.

Moreover, it will noticeably weaken the propaganda value of the Chinese charges since on Monday afternoon they will seem merely to echo the complaint Malik is expected to make Monday morning.

### 2-Car Wreck Hospitalizes 4, Destroys Cars

Four people were injured and the two cars in which they were passengers were demolished Saturday night in a collision at Lancaster drive and Garden road. One auto caught fire, but the blaze was extinguished before causing serious damage.

Hospitalized at Salem General were Helen Bondell, 36, 1145 E. st., head abrasions, back and chest injuries; and Richard Irish, 21, Scio, broken hip. Released after treatment for a gash over the right eye was Kenneth Bair, 36, Salem route 2. Louis Edward Scharbach, Scio route 1, suffered abrasions on the face but was not hospitalized.

State police stated that the 1937 Chevrolet Tudor, driven by Scharbach, was headed north when it collided with a Ford operated by Bair. The second auto had just pulled onto Lancaster from Market street when the accident occurred, police said.

Both autos ended up on their sides on the northeast corner of the intersection. The machine occupied by Bair and the injured woman was ripped open by the impact.

The Scharbach car caught fire immediately after the collision. Nearby resident Roy Ward of 4015 Market st., Four Corners fire department, and a truck from the Salem department kept the fire in check.

Marine Raymond Jones and Coast Guardsman Harry McDonald, both of Scio, passengers with Irish in the Scharbach car, escaped injury.

### Dinner Slated For Junior Safety Patrol

The 48 members of Salem's junior safety patrol will be guests of honor at a banquet at 6:30 p. m. Friday in the Senator hotel.

Earl Newby, secretary of state, will be principal speaker at the gathering, which is a windup to National Safety week.

Awards will be presented to patrol members by Salem police, the state police, Salem public schools, Mutual of Omaha Insurance company and Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the patrol.

The patrol was organized in Salem as a safety measure to protect children going to and coming from school. Membership and participation in the honor system.

The banquet will be open to the public. Reservations may be obtained by contacting Larry Moore, Mel Bedsaul or Victor Withrow.

### JANE POWELL EXPECTING

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Singing Star Jane Powell disclosed today that she will become a mother next summer. She and her husband Geary Steffen celebrated their first wedding anniversary November 5.

### European Assembly Starts Down Road Toward Federal Government

By Joseph Dyan

STRASBOURG, France, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The European consultative assembly set out today on a new road toward European federation, with a stopover scheduled at "special authorities."

"Special authorities" is the distinguishing title for a gradual and progressive delegation of power which assemblymen propose to lead to an eventual genuine authority over western Europe's defense, foreign policy, finances and commerce.

It is a new name for federal government.

National sovereignty, it seems, is to be surrendered piece by piece, instead of in a single package, but it will be surrendered just the same if the assembly has its way.

The assembly doesn't always have its way. A discussion group made up of delegates from 15 European nations, it forms the lower house of the council of Europe—a sort of embryo parliament. Assembly decisions are subject to veto by any member of the committee of foreign ministers, the upper house.

But the assembly has begun work on a new statute intended to bring member nations into closer union. For the immediate present, the assembly has:

1—Called for west German troops to take an equal role in a unified European army, linked to the North Atlantic alliance, under a permanent defense organization.

Acceding to British reserve, the assembly omitted the word "supranational" from this decision, but refused to rule it out for future consideration.

2—Encouraged member governments to set up joint special authorities for economic, agricultural and industrial matters and eventually for defense. The six nations now negotiating a treaty based on the Schuman coal-steel plan, France, west Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg—were urged to complete their talks as soon as possible.

In other words, the future picture being sketched here shows a series of specialized pools, paced by the Schuman plan.

In each case the member nations, not always the same ones, would assign specified powers to a supranational authority which would be responsible to a joint parliament made up of members of the respective national legislatures. The idea is that these men would be picked from national delegations here in the assembly. They would, in effect, be special committees of the assembly and would report to the assembly on their activities.

Assembly President Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium said today that, once a number of special authorities exists, the need to coordinate them will be evident to every one.

### Bride and Groom Missing from Wedding Mass

WEIRTON, Ohio, Nov. 25.—(AP)—A wedding mass was celebrated today at St. Paul's Roman Catholic church here, but the bride and bridegroom couldn't make it. The absentees, Gloria Mancinelli and William S. Byers, both were snowbound in their homes in the east's great storm.

The Rev. Fr. F. Edmund Weinhamer, who officiated at the rites, said the couple would exchange their vows and receive the blessing later.

### Counterattack Hurls Back U.N. Offensive

TOKYO, Sunday, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Strong red counterattacks today in northwest Korea hurled back American forces, drove a wedge between two divisions and trapped one company.

The reds struck with coordination and power along more than 25 miles of the front where 116,000 United Nations troops opened an offensive Friday aimed at ending the war in short order.

Forward elements of an estimated 100,000 Chinese and Korean reds in northwest Korea struck back at the east end and center of the U.N. line. More red troops were reported moving up for a possible showdown battle.

One counter-attack forced back a task force of the U. S. 25th division several thousand yards south of the main road to Kijang. Elements of the second division near Kujang, on the east bank of the Chongchun, still were under attack at this morning's Company Overrun

Another enemy force hit second division near Sinhung, five miles northeast of Kijang. One American company was overrun and a second surrounded.

In the Sinhung sector, the red attack drove into American artillery positions. The artillerymen managed to bring out all guns except one anti-aircraft gun as they withdrew.

Air observers reported a concentration of enemy tanks in the Namri area in extreme northwest Korea on the main road to the border town of Simuiju. That road leads up from American-held Chongju where enemy opposition has been negligible. A red force of about 3,000 was reported between Chongju and Namri.

Northeast of Chongju in the Taechon area, South Koreans were heavily engaged by two entrenched red regiments.

It was a different story in northeast Korea where U. N. forces were slowed only by sub-zero temperatures and snowy mountain terrain.

Almost at Border

The tenth corps said Sunday the 32nd regiment of the U. S. seventh division has gained six miles and is almost at the border near Hyesanjin. That border city was reached last week by the division's 17th regiment, which since has extended its hold for 10 miles along the Yalu river across from Manchuria.

On the east coast, the South Korean capital division entered the city of Chongjin, within 58 air miles of the Soviet Siberian border and captured its airport.

Inland in the northeast sector, U. S. marines captured the town of Yudan, on the northwest side of Changjin reservoir.

But the estimated 100,000 Chinese and Korean reds in the northwest showed fight against a U. N. offensive which General MacArthur himself said was intended to get the Americans home by Christmas.

The U. S. 24th division reported no opposition in the Chongju sector.

South Koreans Recall

Near Taechon, the South Korean first division, operating on the 24th's first flank, found tough going. Red counterattacks hurled back the South Koreans a mile and a half early Saturday. Then the South Koreans recoiled, advanced three miles, and were reported close to Taechon Sunday. Their patrols entered the city's outskirts last night.

On the right flank of the South Koreans, the U. S. 25th division sent a task force five miles east of Unsan. At 2:45 a. m. Sunday, the reds opened a strong new counter-attack.

A field dispatch said a big battle soon may be joined in the northwest.

(Additional details on page 3.)

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	45	30	40
Portland	45	30	40
San Francisco	45	30	40
Chicago	45	30	40
New York	45	30	40

Forecast from 8 a. m. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Mostly cloudy today and tonight. High today near 45. Low tonight near 30.

SALEM PRECIPITATION  
 This year Last year Sept. 1st to 15th  
 1.28 1.21 2.58