

100th YEAR

There is something pathetic in the passing of Sinclair Lewis, alone, in Rome, where once he lived at the apex of his career, writing there one of his famous novels, "Babbitt" and entering into marriage there with Dorothy Thompson, the journalist. Rome was a long way from Sauk Centre, Minn., and a long way from Gopher Prairie whose prominent citizens were caricatured in "Main Street" the novel which made Lewis famous.

Lewis was a satirist, and the same "Americana" that H. L. Mencken and George Jean Nathan satirized in the American Mercury was the grist for his acid etchings. "Babbitt" pilloried the businessman, Rotarian, conventional joiner. "Elmer Gantry" exposed to ridicule the preacher-revivalists. "Dodsworth" was another businessman whose wife had social ambitions; and "Arrowsmith" had a country doctor (his father was one) as its main character.

Lewis was hard on the smug "middle class" who pride themselves on being the backbone of America. He saw the weak flanks in their pretentions, their foibles, their bland self-assurance, their conformity. Re was a skilled craftsman in fiction, both in developing plot and characters and in his writing style. He was original in his ideas, industrious in gathering materal and fully aware of the social significance of his writing. His "It Can't Happen Here" was a pre-war alarm clock on the perils of nazism.

Yet the content of his novels give a dating to Lewis as a writer. (Continued on editorial page 4.)

### **AEC to Test** A-Weapons in Nevada Area

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11-(AP)-The atomic energy commission announced today it will use a vast Nevada area for a proving ground to speed up development of atomic weapons, indicating it has mastered a method of small scale explosion tests.

Such achievement would mean a valuable short cut in vital defense research. Presumably it also



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Truman Hits Back

He cited, among them, Andrew Jackson.

The same, he said, was true of Jefferson.

Soldiers Anywhere in World

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11-(AP)-President Truman declared today

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They Helped Set Blood Donation Mark



# **Enemy Drive Threatens Flank U.S. Endorses Cease-Fire Plan**

At Criticism, Says

**Doing Best He Can** 

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11-(P)-President Truman declared tonight

# Malik Refuses Commitment **Of Russians**

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 11-(AP)-The United States accepted today a new U.N. cease-fire plan for Korea calling for a conference on all far eastern problems by the that he is doing the best job he can for the U.S. and the free world U.S., Russia, Britain and Red with no concern for criticism directed at his administration. China as soon as the Korean fighting stops.

Chief U.S. Delegate Warren R. new democratic members of congress. Austin okayed the plan shortly after its five points were outlined attacked" in the press and elsewhere. to the U.N. assembly's political committee by Canadian Foreign Minister Lester B. Pearson, mem- said. ber of the three-man U.N. cease-

fire committee. Britain, France, India, Norway, Israel and Turkey also accepted the suggestions. But kley described as a time "of great danger." Russia said they must be studied Great Presidents Drew Heaviest Attacks fully.

istration, told the audience that the presidents before him who are now classified as "great presidents" had the most trouble and were Soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik declared that there was "nothing new in the substance of the prothe most viciously attacked. posals.

U.N. observers and persons fa- time disclosed that attacks on the first president were "terrific and miliar with Russian tactics in the terrible.' U.N. said they did not believe

Malik had closed the door. They said he apparently did not have pression as the men he named. his instructions.

The plan will be submitted to United States and will do the best he can "for the United States of the Red Chinese regime as soon America and for the world." as the assembly approves it. It calls for:

1. In immediate ceasefire with safeguards "ensuring that it will President Claims Power to Send not be used as a screen for mounting a new offensive."

2. When a ceasefire is obtained advantage should be taken of it to pursue consideration of further steps to be taken for the restoration of peace."

he has the power to send troops to Europe or anywhere else he thinks 3. All non-Korean forces to be they're needed - - and he threatened to carry the question to the Amwithdrawn in stages from Korea. erican people if congress tries to stop him. 4. "Appropriate interim arrangements" to be made for the admin-

I licked 'em once, the president said in a tartly plain reference to tral Korea. struggle with the 80th congress before his election in 1948.

as a matter of courtesy before taking this step.

He also told his news conference:

pean defense force.

ited foreign policy.)

Hartley act.

# Superforts Hit **Reds in Wonju Battle Zone**

TOKYO, Friday, Jan. 12-(AP)-Communist troops swept 30 miles behind American lines in central Korea today in a wide end run on the east flank of the U.S. Second

division fighting near Wonju. The president made his comments at a big reception given by the Meanwhile, two enemy regidemocratic national committee at the Shoreham hotel in honor of ments - about 6,000 Reds - bore down on the Wonju sector defenders from the northeast, cut the Mr. Truman mentioned other presidents he said were "viciously

supply road to the south, and seized a commanding hill. The Reds from their dominant

"No one was more bitterly attacked" than Jackson, Mr. Truman height poured withering small "He didn't care," Mr. Truman continued, "and neither do I." His impromptu talk followed pleas by Vice President Barkley and Speaker Rayburn for "unity" behind the president in what Bararms and automatic weapons fire into the Second division's horse-shoe-shaped line.

#### Air Strike Successful

B-29 Superforts in one of their rare tactical missions blasted the The president, obviously thinking of criticism of his own admin-Reds around Wonju with tons of bombs. Preliminary reports said the air strike was a success.

Twenty carrier-based Skyraid-He said that a reading of the newspapers of George Washington's ers and Corsairs also roared down on the Red-held hill near Wonju. They dumped bombs and searing jellied gasoline on the Reds. Pilots The president said he didn't believe he could make the same imestimated a force of 400 to 800 communist troops was dug in on But he said he had the responsibility of being the president of the

the height. The Eighth army said a communist force estimated at 26,000 troops was moving down the peninsula from Wonsan, North Korean east coast port. There have been no recent reports of activity along the Sea of Japan coastal road leading toward Pusan.

Another threat was developing in the massing of communist troops in western Korea. Red armies there were building up strength for a frontal assault against allied lines.

But the main action was in cen-

would hasten the day when the commission will know if it can actually perfect the tremendously powerful hydrogen bomb. It also may speed up work on new type A-bombs for guided missiles and artillery shells. Military officials have indicated such developments are feasible.

#### Test for Materials

AEC said nothing about small scale atomic blasts but its statement was open to interpretation that such explosions can now be set off.

Achievement of such a method would provide a "test" of the explosiveness of materials designed for an A-bomb without the necessity of detonating a finished bomb itself as was done in the spectacular series of atomic studies in the Pacific.

while the commission declined amplify its prepared statement. Full-Page Ad to amplify its prepared statement, the interpretation that the AEC the interpretation that the ABC has perfected a method of making small-scale explosions is based upsmall-scale explosions is based upon these facts:

1. In its own statement, the commission says test activities at Harry Bridges, controversial longthe new site will include "experi- shore leader, was greeted by a mental nuclear detonation"-the full-page ad declaring "You are word "experimental" apparently not welcome" today as Pacific on less than a full-scale basis.

2. The commission in one of its three-day conference here. reports to congress a year ago, hinted at the possibility of pro- chart their union course on the sion.

### **Col. Echols Denies Censorship** Report

war news, the officer declared to- posts. day.

speak freely on war developments.



Salem's January blood bank quota absorbed a record 245 pints Thursday when the Red Cross mobile AFL Motor Coach Employes union unit set up operations in the armory for the first time. Here is the long row of cots with donors and ordered drivers to stop loading the busy nurses and volunteers, as it looked at one time. No cot was empty for more than a few min- passengers at temporary streetutes at any time. The armory will be used as the permanent location for the blood bank each day it will be in Salem. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

> Vernon Olsen New Health Educator Storm Rips Vernon H. Olsen, 40, director of Bay District health education for the state of

LONGVIEW, Wash., Jan. 11-(AP) educator by the Marion county department of health, Dr. Willard the San Francisco Bay area today, Stone, county health officer, reported Thursday.

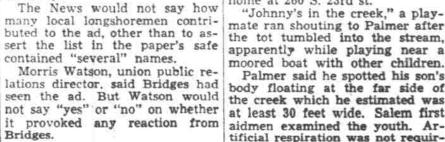
coast longshoremen opened a Olsen is due to arrive in Salem The dockers are parleying to and take over his new duties Febducing a "small nuclear explo- security screening of workers, hir- ruary 1. He will be accompaning hall policies and the steam led by his wife. Olsen received his schooner loading dispute. The caueducation in the health field in cus brought delegates from Alaska New York and North Carolina.

to Hawaii. Bridges, who came from his San Francisco headquarters for the meeting, was greeted by the full-

TOKYO, Friday, Jan. 12-(P)- meeting, was greeted by the full-page ad in the Longview Daily Boy Rescue General MacArthur's own public News. It appeared over the names information officer originated the of numerous business men and the new system of announcing Korean commanders of three veterans'

Also, the News said in an inter-Col. M. P. Echols told newsmen view later, the contributors in-"there is not an ounce of truth" to cluded "several" members of the reports published in the United Longview local of the Internation-States that Washington had strip- al Longshoremen and Warehouseped MacArthur of authority to men's union. The paper said the longshoremen did not want their

signatures affixed to the ad for fear their union cards would be taken up.



Max. Min. Precip Salem 39 37 .31 .18 .52 Portland 45 trace York Willamette River 3.6 feet FORECAST (from U. S. weather bu-reau, McNary field, Salem): Foggy and partly cloudy this morning with in-creasing cloudiness this afternoon and tonight. Rain by Saturday morning. High today 46-48 and low tonight 38-40.

THE WEATHER

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept .1 This Year Last Year Normal 29.80 20.48 19.22



(AP)-High wind, rain and hail hit causing at least \$1,700,000 damage and injuring four persons.

ered all of northern California.

here would approximate \$1,500,-000

**From Creek** 

A Salem father plunged into Mill creek fully clothed Thursday and drowning

H. D. Palmer, Marion hotel bartender, and young John were principals in the near-tragedy which EGG PRICES TO DROP occurred a half-block from their

home at 260 S. 23rd st. "Johnny's in the creek," a playapparently while playing near a moored boat with other children. Palmer said he spotted his son's body floating at the far side of seen the ad. But Watson would the creek which he estimated was aidmen examined the youth. Artificial respiration was not requir-

### **GUAY DIES ON GALLOWS**

MONTREAL, Friday, Jan. 12-(P)-J. Albert Guay died on the gallows here early today for the time-bomb murder of his wife and 22 other persons in a Canadian

QUAKE SHAKES ITALY

ey to state the maximum amount; SIENA, Italy, Jan. 11 -(AP)- A strong earthquake was felt here today. No casualties or damage were reported.

istration of Korea. **Portland Bus Station Tie-up** Threatened

PORTLAND, Jan. 11-(AP)-A bus ie-up threatened here today as the Korea. corner terminals. Central Bus Terminal workers.

members of the same union, struck today and set up picket lines, but buses continued to operate. Drivers refused to cross the picket lines, but had picked up passengers retary of state. from street corners.

if the order is followed. The storm climax came after a smaller commuter lines in front

muter lines in the park blocks. Worst hit was Sunnvvale, in-Authority for the temporary dustrial town 40 miles south of loading arrangement was granted said San Francisco. Building Inspector by City Commissioner Ormand R. Stanley Golas said the damage Bean.

But K. C. Tanner, union attorney, said the permit was in viola-In addition, the collapse of a tion of a new ordinance requiring section of the Westinghouse Elec- bus lines to operate from the tric plant at Sunnyvale did dam- terminal after January 1.

age company officials estimated at Bus companies have placed an \$100,000. More than 2,000 workers embargo on express matter. Parcels on hand are being delivered were ent home The high wind, which reached at other points on route lines.

78 miles an hour at San Francisco airport, crumpled buildings not Washington Firm Wins only at Sunnyvale but at San Jose near there, and also in communi- Detroit Clearing Contract

Auburn, Wash., contractor submitted the lowest of five bids for

The government esti-

Harold Oathes, union business agent, ordered the drivers to stop Manpower Conservation Policy loading from street corners and **Expected Soon from President** W. H. Egger, division superintendent of Pacific Greyhound lines, said this might tie up busses Greyhound was loading on the sidewalk in front of the terminal,

a defense official said today, night of rain and snow that cover- of the YMCA and the larger com-Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, assistant secretary of defense, disclosed the directive would be issued in a few days. All governmental agencies concerned with defense and mobilization have approved it, she It would call upon each group to consider its own needs against

overall manpower requirements of mobilization. She added that Mr. Truman would ask industry, agriculture, military and civilian groups to conserve available manpower.

Mrs. Rosenberg, brought to government service a few weeks ago as a manpower expert, declined to give reporters details about the manpower mobilization policy.

### Wage, Price Controls Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan.  $11-(\mathcal{P})$ -President Truman said today that wages and prices will be controlled as soon as possible but he declined to predict a rollback of prices.

Asked at his news conference whether consumer costs will be forced down to some previous level, Mr. Truman said he would have to PORTLAND, Jan. 11 -(P)- An cross that bridge when he got to it.

Mr. Truman would not say whether he will ask congress to amend the defense production act which forbids ceiling prices on some imclearing two areas in the Detroit portant foods at a level below parity (a pricing formula intended to be fair to the farmer.) Some believed a request for broader price con-Fred Wager & Son, Inc., bid trol powers over food products may be included in his economic mes-

Elements of the flanking column Mr. Truman's remarks, made under brisk cross-questioning at his swept behind allied lines and set weekly news conference, added up to a flat rejection of the stand up a roadblock at Ochiri on the taken by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) that the president must get congress' Chungju-Tanyang supply highway. consent before putting American soldiers in the new western Euro-This was 31 miles southeast of Wonju, the Second's northernmost Several times Mr. Truman repeated that he will consult congress positions.

A U.N. patrol sent to clear the roadblock found the highway min-1-He has no intention of abandoning the "fair deal" even though ed. A brisk fight developed.

defense programs must get top priority in the present emergency. But A.P. Correspondent Don Huth he indicated that he won't, as in the past, demand repeal of the Taftreported from Eighth army headquarters that civilian Koreans said 2-Gen. Douglas MacArthur, contrary to some published reports, there were 1,000 communist troops

has not recommended that United Nations forces be withdrawn from strung along the Chungju-Tan-Korea. Of MacArthur, the president said tersely: He's taking orders. yang road. This is one vital supply Mr. Truman likewise denied a Tokyo report that MacArthur has been line for the Second division. "muzzled" by Washington to prevent his speaking publicly about Size of Unit Unreported

The Eighth army did not dis-3-The White House door is always open to Taft or any other close the size of the communister senator. But he had no plans to invite Taft to come and see him. (The flanking column. But earlier, A.P. senator recently offered to join the president in helping form a un- Correspondent William C. Barnard reported from the front that a 4-Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York has not been approached force of 20.000 Red Koreans-the about any federal job. A recently published report said Dewey had Sixth and 10th divisions-was been sounded out on the question of succeeding Dean Acheson as secsliding past the Second division's

east flank.

The Second division, bulkwark-ed by French and Dutch troops and supported by massed artillery, was making its fighting stand in hills less than two miles south of the central Korean road-rail hub of Wonju.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11-(P)-President Truman is about to set The Second was guarding the forth a new national manpower policy for the mobilization emergen- web of roads that fans south from cy, calling for conservation of manpower resources all along the line, Wonju into the heart of South Korea.

> **Bomber Crash** Fatal to Six

SEGUIN, Tex., Jan. 11-(AP)-Six men died in the fiery crash of a B-29 superfortress near Seguin

today Air force officials said five men parachuted to safety before the big plane from Randolph air base. San Antonio, plunged to earth in, a farm pasture 10 miles southwest of Seguin, exploded, and burned. Wreckage was scattered over a 200-vard area.

Col. Harold L. Jones, deputy commander of Randolph field, said the plane was on a combat training mission; that the crew was undertaking transition training to fa-

The president gave no indication when controls will be imposed miliarize themselves with the Bbut he said they are on the way.

# Twenty Bills Hit Hopper as Legislature Starts Rolling

of those in the state at large; ing another for 10 years; and auth- civil service commission. But most | close to the Southern Pacific main eliminate the year residency re- orize the game commission to es- legislators do not believe the bill line on 12th street.

Oregon's legislators will wind up quirement for women seeking sep-Other new senate measures their first week today after meet- arate maintenance from husbands who desert them; increase state coming pregnant to collect unem-The week's tempo was stepped police salaries and require all Oreweeks: increase the number of up slightly Thursday when 20 bills gon counties not under the county -many of them controversial - unit school plan to vote on the small firms covered by the unemwere introduced in the senate and issue before July 1, 1953. ployment compensation act; liberalize in favor of workers the sea-Senate measures introduced would require all political camsonal workers clause of the unemployment compensation act and alpaign contributors to be identified

low the unemployment compensawere measures that would require by name and address; allow Oretion commission to bring charges gon courts jurisdiction over husbands who leave the state to avoid

require initiative petitions to car-ry signatures of 5 per cent of registered voters in each congres-sional district instead of 8 per cent revoke the license of a hunter kill-

The senate education committee tablish fishing areas for juveniles. will be given serious consideration. The house Thursday passed and announced that 37 bills embracing would allow women workers be- sent to the senate a measure to recommendations of the Holy reappropriate \$400,000 for legisla- port would be ready for intro ployment compensation for 12 tive expenses. It was the first bill tion early next week. Changes in approved by the house. Oregon's school system were sec-

ommended in a report made by The state board of control asked the joint ways and means committee for 2,500,000 for a state reformatory to house the more incorrigible boys being confined at the state training school in Woodburn and for first offenders now against persons falsifying claims in the state prison.

Dr. T. C. Holy, Ohio education expert, last September. The legislature was slightly be hind schedule Thursday. Only 21 bills were introduced in the senate and 37 in the house. The gam commission was the only state de

### dam reservoir. PORTLAND, Jan. 11-(AP)-Egg prices will be cut here four to \$172,200 on the Santiam river sage to congress tomorrow. mate was \$175,000.

initiative measures to spend mon-

By Lester F. Cour Staff Writer, The Statesman

ing briefly in morning sessions.

10 in the house. (Additional details on page 16). Among house bills introduced

airliner.

ed.

mate ran shouting to Palmer after five cents a dozen tomorrow, a project. the tot tumbled into the stream, leading distributor said today.

saved his three-year-old son from ties north and east of San Francisco.