

# Red Cross Check Of POWs Offered Gen. Ridgway Makes Request

PANMUNJON, Korea, Friday, Dec. 21-(AP)—The U. N. command today agreed to withdraw from all islands off both coasts of North Korea in event of an armistice.

The allied concession was made at a meeting of staff officers who were handed the task of seeking a break in the 25-day deadlock on how to police an armistice.

MUNSAN, Korea, Friday, Dec. 21-(AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway today appealed to the top communist commanders in Korea to open the gates of red prisoner of war camps to the International Red Cross. The reds disclosed Tuesday they hold 11,559 allied prisoners including 3,198 Americans.



By Charles F. Sprague

U. S. News and World Report in its current issue summarizes the results of its sleuthing on the Eisenhower candidacy for president. The net result of its probing is that the general has made it clear to the democrats who came offering him the presidency on a platter (or at least the democratic nomination) that he wasn't a democrat and could not accept their terms. Also that Eisenhower will let his name go on the primary ballot in New Hampshire and will declare himself a republican, and that he has assured his backers that he will not let them down if a nomination is offered him. The magazine did some detective work on the Arthur Krock story that the president and Ike had talked the matter over at their White House luncheon and that Ike then and there rejected the proffered democratic crown. It identifies Krock's source as Justice Douglas; but arrives at its conclusion that Douglas was mistaken, that it was other democratic bigwigs, not the president, who conversed on the subject with Krock.

All this adds up to the conclusion which has been pretty much repudiated by his sponsors who go about the country breathing every assurance that the general will be a candidate for the GOP nomination. If he should withdraw his name from the New Hampshire primary his candidacy would collapse like a punctured balloon.

The real question though is, what kind of a candidate will he be? The nomination isn't going to hunt him up. Nor will it come if Ike admits.

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## Pork Supply Drop Forecast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20-(AP)—The government today forecast a 9 per cent reduction in next spring's pig crop, virtually dashing previous hopes of a larger supply of meats in butcher shops next year.

It also may mean noticeably higher meat prices, on the average. A larger quantity of beef is expected, but it will be offset by a reduction in pork if farmers carry out present hog production plans. This year's meat supply has been estimated at an average of about 141 pounds for each person. Officials had hoped for an average of around 145 pounds next year.

Responsibility for the prospective reduction in pig production rests largely with a dwindling supply of corn and other livestock feeds. Prices of corn have advanced to the point where many farmers see little money in feeding it to hogs.

## Greece Wins Council Spot

PARIS, Dec. 20-(AP)—The United Nations handed two defeats to the Soviet bloc today. Greece defeated white Russia for a seat in the U. N. security council. And over bitter Russian protests the general assembly named a five-nation commission to investigate the possibility of free all-German elections.

Victory for Greece came in a record-breaking 19th ballot in the assembly.

The final vote was 39 for Greece to 16 for white Russia. Four countries abstained and South Africa was absent.

## Animal Crackers



"I think I'll keep Junior home from school today—he's not running a temperature."

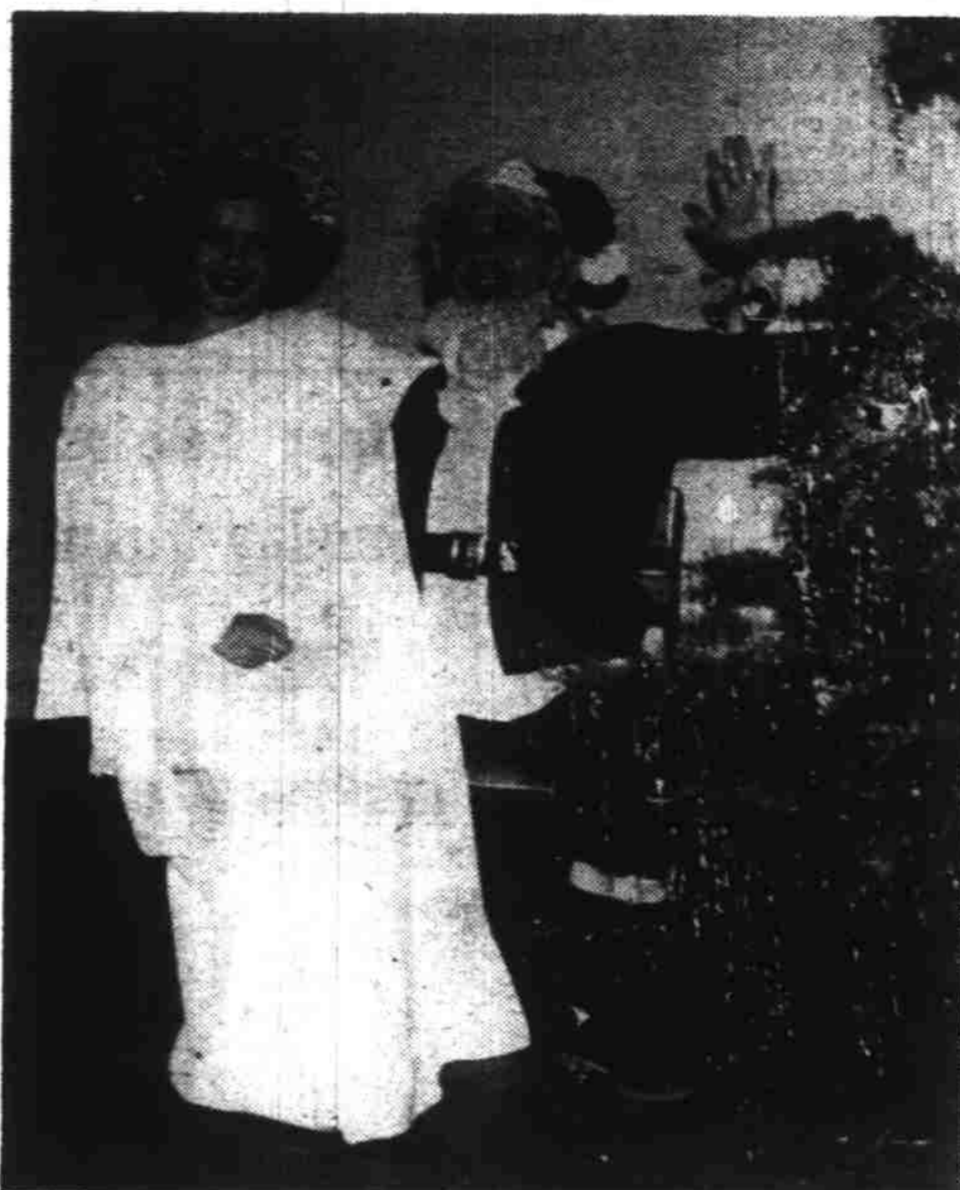
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Weather	Max.	Min.	Prev.
Salem	42	30	42
Portland	42	30	42
San Francisco	42	30	42
Chicago	42	30	42
New York	42	30	42

Winnemucca river 7.5 feet.  
 FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with occasional light rains today and tonight. High today near 42, low 32; night near 35. Salem temperature at 12:31 a.m. today was 42.

## Saint Nick Visits Parrish



"Well hi there, I'll angel," says Saint Nick at his jolliest best Thursday during a Parrish Junior high school Christmas party, sponsored by the Girls' league. Behind the whiskers is teacher Robert Voigt and under the halo is pupil Diane Emigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Emigh, 1220 Chemeketa st.

## POW Lists Complete; No Oregon Servicemen Among Final Group

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20-(AP)—The pentagon virtually wound up tonight its massive task of telling American families who was on the Communist list of prisoners of war in Korea.

To thousands the news was the best Christmas present ever. To even more, who waited in vain for messages from the defense department, the holiday season was tainted with gloom.

Only 192 names remained to be processed by the pentagon, which had notified the next of kin of 3,006 of the 3,198 servicemen named in the Communist POW list.

There were "special cases," mostly questions of confused identity.

The Communist list included 3-198 American POWs, just about one-third of the Americans officially logged as missing in action by the defense department. The original Communist list contained no home addresses, involved a big job of checking by U. S. officials so messages could be sent to the home folk.

The Pentagon had cautioned that the names should be received with skepticism since there was no way of checking the accuracy of the Communist lists.

The army said 20 names on the Communist POW list were those of American soldiers listed on official U. S. casualty rolls as "killed in action."

In some cases, the soldier's \$10,000 government insurance had already been paid to the next of kin.

The army said the names of the 20 will not be made public pending the outcome of field investigations by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo.

## Highway Reroute Program Okehd

PORTLAND, Dec. 20-(AP)—The state highway commission today approved a road relocation program which will result in highway 99 bypassing seven southern Oregon communities.

The commission accepted a survey report of Chief Engineer R. H. Baldock, on which hearings were held Oct. 7-9 in the towns affected.

Towns to be bypassed include Creswell, Cottage Grove, Drain, Yoncalla, Oakland, Sutherlin and Gold Hill.

## Cowboy Boots Upset Actor

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20-(AP)—A casualty of an effort to pull on a pair of cowboy boots, Actor Joseph Cotten returned home tonight on a stretcher from an Arizona movie location.

Cotten fractured a disc in his spine, it was stated, when he tumbled backward in a Douglas hotel room while trying to slip on a pair of cowboy boots. His doctor said the injury is painful but not serious.

## Traffic Toll Slows as M-Day Nears; Saturday Seen Mark

By The Associated Press

The tempo of highway slaughter slowed down a little yesterday as the nation approached the 1,000,000 traffic fatality mark.

It reached 999,814 at 9 p. m. (PST).

Extra driving caution and wide-spread severe wintry weather that kept many cars off the highways apparently were responsible.

The national safety council has forecast that the 1,000,000 mark will be reached around noon Saturday in highway race with death that started Sept. 13, 1949.

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## New Building Proposed for Agriculture

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20-(AP)—The first formal move toward a new building for the state department of agriculture—orders for determination of requirements and estimate of costs—was announced Thursday by E. L. Peterson, director.

The state printing office, in the same building, will not ask for any more space, according to Harry Dorman, director of the finance department.

The action to relieve overcrowding came at the state board of agriculture's semi-annual meeting here Wednesday. When department officials complete the study, the board plans to ask the board of control to include its needs in the building program.

Printing Building Rejected

Dorman told The Statesman that the printing shop is crowded in some respects but not enough to warrant plans for construction or other expansion. The 1949 legislature rejected a proposed printing building. The present structure at 148 N. 12th st. was built about 1930 for the printer, who uses the first floor. The agriculture department was established in 1931 and took the upper floor.

Peterson told the agriculture board that inadequacy of present space is preventing the full discharge of some functions and is causing loss of work efficiency. This is particularly true, he said, in lack of laboratory space, which bars essential work in feed, fertilizer and economic poison analysis.

Remodeling Underway

Pending results from the long-range building plan, the department currently is engaged in extensive remodeling of its quarters. This is aimed at better use of space to provide some more office rooms and laboratory. Some offices are being cut to half their present size. A large workshop is being divided into offices for field men, and a hall is being closed off for laboratory equipment.

The department also occupies an old residence at the rear of the main building.

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## Flying Family Object of Hunt

PENDELTON, Ore., Dec. 20-(AP)—Three members of a Walla Walla, Wash., family, flying home for Christmas, were sought today in the snow-covered Blue mountains southeast of Pendleton.

The plane of Stanley Lott, head of the Lott Supply Co., of Walla Walla, his daughter, Rose, 20, and son Wallace, 10, disappeared in a snowstorm over the mountains yesterday.

Low clouds kept planes from taking part in the search but ground crews went into the area where ranchers reported hearing a plane overhead shortly before Lott radioed yesterday that he was lost and his plane was icing up.

Lott had flown to Provo, Utah, to bring his daughter home for the Christmas holidays. She was a student at Brigham Young university. The son went along for the ride. They were on the return trip when they disappeared.

Waiting at home were Mrs. Lott and another daughter of high school age.

## Eugene Robbery Suspect Arrested

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## TO OPEN CAMPAIGN FOR IKE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20-(AP)—Sen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today on a television (NBC) program that national headquarters for the republican Eisenhower-for-President campaign would be opened in Washington Saturday.

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## Waste of European Aid Fund Charged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20-(AP)—Senator Ellender (D-La.) charged today that "scandalous" waste and graft are sapping the multi-billion-dollar European aid program and that some top American officials abroad are "living like princes."

Asked if he plans to air his accusations when congress returns in January, Ellender said he would. "You're damned right. You're going to hear the damndest scandals in the spending of all that money."

He said he will demand that congress attach strings to further economic aid to western Europe.

Informed of Ellender's blast, Mutual Security Director W. Averell Harriman, in charge of the aid program, contended that the United States is giving European allies relatively small sums in terms of mutual security, and he declared:

"We are not throwing money away."

Ellender called a news conference on Capitol hill to voice his charges on returning from a trip to Europe.

So angry that his voice shook the Louisiana senator bitterly accused France of "milking" the aid-to-Europe program.

Ellender said he found John J. McCloy, U. S. high commissioner in western Germany, and members of his staff living "like princes" at the expense of U. S. taxpayers.

Among other things, he said a hotel near Bonn, Germany, had been converted into "luxury" quarters for McCloy and his staff.

"McCloy and his whole outfit are spending money like wild people," the senator said.

Asked if he had uncovered evidence of graft in the handling of European aid funds, Ellender replied:

"Yes. He said he knew of no grafting by Americans, but emphasized that he found 'unconscionable waste.'"

## Mystery Man Fails Probers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20-(AP)—House tax investigators met secretly today with Henry W. Grunewald, their mystery witness, but they didn't get a word out of him.

"He didn't even say hello," William P. Maloney, Grunewald's attorney, reported as the pair emerged from a 90-minute private session with a ways and means subcommittee headed by Rep. King (D-Calif.).

The reason given for Grunewald's silence is that he is insisting on an open hearing.

"His name was bandied about in public hearings and he is entitled to answer from the forum from which he was vilified," Maloney told reporters.

Grunewald, grinning broadly, appeared willing to talk to the reporters, but his lawyer wouldn't let him. "Not a single word," Maloney cautioned.

Grunewald's name has been mentioned indirectly in connection with the \$500,000 shakedown story told to the committee by Abraham Teitelbaum, Chicago lawyer.

## Should Be Easier Way

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 20-(AP)—It took Examiner Tullio Scaramucci only one agonizing minute to determine that a would-be applicant could not handle an automobile. He suggested improvements.

"Oh, I know I can't drive and I don't intend to," she told him. "I want the driver's license for identification."

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## 103 Rescued After Early Morning Fire

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 20-(AP)—Flames swept the Danaher ship Erria at the mouth of the Columbia river today, and 11 persons were feared dead.

The fire broke out in early morning darkness as the ship rested at anchor, waiting clearing weather before crossing the bar into the Pacific ocean.

The flames spread rapidly, and only the nearness of a coast guard station prevented the death toll from mounting high. The coast-guardsmen were less than a mile away, and they directed the rescue of 103 of the 114 aboard.

The other 11—three crewmen and eight passengers—were feared drowned or trapped aboard the 460-foot vessel.

Boy Tells of Trap

The fear increased after one of the survivors, an 11-year-old boy told authorities a number of persons were trapped in the ship's lounge.

John Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Ray of Vancouver, B. C., said flames blocked the doors, and the adults were too big to escape through the lounge port holes.

They shoved him through a port hole, and eventually he made his way to safety. Before he left, he saw flames burst out in the hair of two men, the boy said.

The coast guard held hope for hours that the 11 were aboard a lifeboat, but later Lt. Commander Victor Johnson of the coast guard said all lifeboats were accounted for.

Air Search Halted

He ordered air search halted after six planes had flown the area without sighting any other survivors. The planes had gone aloft when it was reported a fifth lifeboat was missing. Later, Johnson said, he learned there were only four lifeboats.

A few coast-guardsmen climbed onto the fan tail of the burning ship after the rescue, and reported no signs of life aboard the flaming ship. The men were unable to move forward into the burning area.

The 23 passengers and 80 crew members accounted for were under Red Cross care at the John Jacob Astor hotel here. Most of them left after their belongings behind when the order to abandon ship quickly followed the first alarm.

Missing Identified

The missing were identified by the East Asiatic lines, ship's operator, as

Mr. and Mrs. Holst Andersen and Mrs. A. Sorensen, Copenhagen; Mrs. G. F. Scott and Mrs. C. M. Tag, Vancouver, B.C.; Mrs. A. M. Brunlee and daughter, Elizabeth, of Whitehorse, Y.U. Miss Myers and Scott were en route to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Mrs. Brunlee and daughter were bound for New York.

The three crewmen missing were identified as A. S. Iversen, T. Anderson and La A. Haase, all of Copenhagen.

Only two of the survivors had known injuries. A. T. Lowery, 66, pilot who took the Erria down-river from Portland, hurt his back sliding down a hoisting cable.

Boy Among Injured

John Ray, 11, Vancouver, B. C., suffered a burned heel and shock. Lowery said he helped young Ray over the side into a rescue boat.

The Erria, skippered by Capt. M. Agge, was bound for Liverpool via New York with a cargo of wheat, apples and lumber.

The fire broke out at 2:40 a.m. Crewmen said it started from sparks from a shorted electric cable. Within minutes flames were shooting from a hold.

In mid-afternoon two navy tug hauled the still-burning ship within a 100 yards of the Oregon shore. The ship, also carrying 250 tons of iron from Seattle for England, apparently was hauled aground, and the danger of it capsizing was lessened.

## Sea Warmer Near Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 20-(AP)—The ocean off northwestern Japan is getting warmer—and the effects may be far reaching.

Kyodo News Agency said today a mass of cold arctic water is gradually pushing warm currents nearer the coast.

Reason for the change is not known, but the temperature of coastal waters is about 90 degrees, some four degrees warmer than last year.

Kyodo said weather experts fear this may mean little snow along the Japanese coast. Fishing has been hurt in some areas, but in others southern fish from warmer waters are being taken, the news agency said.

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The mercury dipped to 25 below in Havre, Mont., and -19 at Sheridan, Wyo. Albany, N. Y., also shivered in -19 weather—coldest since -20 recorded March 4, 1950. Daytime temperatures were near zero in northwestern New Mexico.

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