

Con Walks Out of Pen With Visitors; 'System' Blamed

A 23-year-old convict walked out of the Oregon State Penitentiary with a party of visitors Sunday afternoon, and his escape brought repercussions from Warden Virgil J. O'Malley, who cracked down Monday on guards and other penitentiary officials for what the warden termed as "laxity."

The escaped convict was Kenneth O. Smith. O'Malley said he probably disappeared from the prison about 4:10 p.m. Sunday by mingling with a group of visitors leaving the prison.

Smith's absence was not immediately discovered, due to what O'Malley called "confusion in the counting system" of the prisoners. O'Malley said he was taking steps to eliminate whatever was responsible for the guards' failure to note Smith's absence. He said he would not release details of the new counting system until after he has completed investigation later this week into Smith's escape.

The escaped convict was sentenced to seven years from Marion County on Aug. 29, 1950, on a charge of armed robbery. Smith, a native of California, has served time in several penal institutions, according to O'Malley. He was still at large Monday night.

A similar escape attempt by Dupree Poe, serving a life sentence, was not so successful several months ago. Poe was discovered before he'd gotten far beyond the prison walls.

A second escaped convict, L. E. Enfield, 19, who escaped from the prison farm Saturday, was apprehended by the Washington State Patrol at Olympia, Wash. He is being returned to Salem.

O'Malley said Enfield forged a check in Albany to buy a car. He was picked up in Washington after he wrecked the car near Olympia, O'Malley said.

Received Monday afternoon at the prison were six teen-age boys, sentenced in Klamath County Circuit Court Monday morning to 10 years for the robbery of a 72-year-old man Christmas night. They pleaded guilty to beating and robbing the old man of \$340.

They are Eugene Book, 18, Robert Gene Ambrose, 18, Kenneth Smith, 18, Jerry Tucker, 17, Claude Worley Jr., 17, and Jack Ambrose, 19.

Business in the United States will be of mixed character. Controls help put brakes on inflation, and growing competition in many lines will do the same. On the other hand the heavy spending for armament will prevent any extended deflation. It will be a year for selectivity, with some lines prospering while others show declines.

Tax rates are about at the peak. Further increases (Continued on Editorial Page 4)

West Europe Storms Slowly Lose Force

LONDON (AP)—Western Europe's worst hurricanes in half a century slowly blew themselves out Monday night after four days of terror on land and sea, leaving at least 63 dead and 18 missing.

Three sizable vessels had gone to the bottom in waters beaten by winds with gust velocities of more than 100 miles an hour.

Other deep sea ships were disabled or driven into port, fishing fleets cowered in harbors all along the coasts and shore damage in the United Kingdom alone was believed to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The 1,494-ton German freighter Irene Oldendorf went on off the German North Sea island of Borkum early Monday with a crew of 21 and a German coastal pilot.

Two larger vessels were wrecked over the weekend by towering waves in the Bay of Biscay, with one seaman known dead and 17 missing. Rescue ships in the area identified the ill-fated ship as the Dutch tanker Gemma, of 5,000 tons, and the Norwegian tanker Oesthav, of 8,500 tons.

Davis, about 63, was hurt during the early part of December in a logging accident which resulted in a broken right leg.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Bollman Funeral Home of Dallas.

Death Ends 35-Year Stay in Hospital Bed

NEW YORK (AP)—Miss Mary Fallon, 62, who was a patient at City Hospital for 35 years died Monday.

Miss Fallon suffered a spinal injury as a girl. She entered the hospital in 1915 and occupied the same bed in the same ward until her death.

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Salem's First 1952 Baby Born as Year 22 Minutes Old

Salem's first baby of 1952 is a 7 pound, 12 ounce daughter born in Salem Memorial Hospital just 22 minutes after the new year to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie C. Barker, 107 Eleventh St., McMinnville. Both mother and daughter were reported "doing well." The new arrival has three sisters and one brother.

Salem Starts Year Below Freezing Mark

A cold wave, following on the heels of a two-day snowstorm, swept into Salem New Year's Eve and brought temperatures plunging down to an expected 18 on New Year's Day. Low Monday was 26.

More cold weather is in store for the first days of 1952, as weathermen at McNary Field forecast a low of 16 to 18 tonight and continued cold the next day.

A new flood threat for the Willamette Valley appeared Monday in a report from the State Highway Commission that mountains are covered by more snow this year than usual. Heavy or prolonged rain within the next few weeks would swell Valley rivers and streams, bringing on another of the January floods which have in the past plagued the area. The Willamette River was up to 9.9 feet.

Snow and ice covered most Oregon highways New Year's Eve, but no serious accidents resulted. Slush, left from early Monday morning's snowfall, disappeared with a spell of sunshine during the day.

Army Gives Doctor Course in First Aid

SEATTLE (AP)—A doctor who was inducted into the army as a private and then was put through an eight week first aid course, asked a federal judge today to get him out.

The petition was filed by Dr. Stanley J. Orloff, 27, who said he was drafted from a job as senior psychiatrist in the mental hygiene division of the New York State Department of Health. He is a Tulane University graduate, with an M.D. degree.

Dr. Orloff now is at Fort Lawton as a medical corpsman.

His attorney, John Caughland, told the court Dr. Orloff was denied an Army commission and now is held illegally in service because he is not allowed to do the medical work for which he was drafted.

J. Edgar Hoover Suggested for U.S. Presidency

PENDLETON (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is the choice of some members of the Milton Freewater Veterans of Foreign Wars Post for President of the United States. They want him entered in the Oregon Republican Primary Election next spring.

Vincent Cooney, spokesman, said the group does not want a military man for president. He had reference to talk of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower being nominated.

New Yorkers Greet New Year With Spectacular Celebrations

By The Associated Press

Despite the grimness of world politics, people of nearly all nations Tuesday celebrated the arrival of a New Year with a toast to peace and hopes for the best.

The most concentrated form of celebration anywhere was in Times Square, New York. Tens of thousands of New Yorkers and out-of-towners, who had converged on the city in special trains, pushed into the neon-bright district for a mass rite of welcome to the New Year. Plate glass windows had been boarded up to withstand the crush. A special police force of 1,200 kept order. Two emergency "field stations" for first aid were ready.

Granted temporary all-night licenses, New York's night clubs took on the biggest onslaught of splurging customers since last New Year's Eve. The clubs' "special preparations" included a general upping of prices. A tab of \$55 per couple was collected at the door of one plush hotel dining room.

Further downtown in Manhattan, one benefactor passed out 80 one dollar bills to Bowery down-and-outers. As they filed past he advised them not to buy rum. But business quickly surged in liquor stores around the corner.

In Berlin, police permitted cabarets to stay open all night, both in the East and West Zones.

Some 6,000 merry-makers carried on at the notoriously rowdy Chelsea art ball in London.

One of the biggest-scale observances warmed wintry Moscow where the Reds made the holiday count for both New Year's and a sort of Christmas. The Russian Santa Claus, "Grandfather Frost," doled out toys around decorated green trees. Children got a 10-day recess from school.

PW Data Readied By Reds

MUNSAN, Korea, Tuesday (AP)—An allied spokesman said the Reds made it unequivocally clear today they will supply data on 50,000 U. N. prisoners not named on their earlier prisoner list. Most are South Koreans.

The spokesman described the subcommittee session on prisoners—first of the New Year—as amicable. He did not provide any details as to the new POW data expected from the Reds.

The subcommittee adjourned after one hour and 20 minutes until tomorrow.

There was no immediate report on results of the truce supervision meeting, which lasted only 40 minutes.

The Allies entered the New Year determined to hold firm on their latest offer for policing a Korean armistice and to obtain more information on the 50,000 missing Allied soldiers.

"Ominous Shadow"

Maj. Gen. Howard M. Turner, a U. N. Command negotiator, told the Reds yesterday:

"You have cast an ominous shadow over these negotiations by your stalling and delaying tactics." Specifically on the Red insistence on building airfields during an armistice, Turner told Hsieh:

"By your assumed attitude of a victor and your insistence on developing a military air capability, you have served clear notice to the world that what you have in mind is not peace but war."

The subcommittee on truce supervision adjourned for the day after only 40 minutes. It called another meeting for 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Artillery Barrage

The New Year opened with a heavy artillery barrage on the Western front not far from the Panmunjon conference site. An hour-long air alert sounded in the Seoul area as the Reds apparently made a pre-dawn raid. Three old-style Red biplanes dropped bombs in the vicinity of Kimpo Airfield.

On the armistice question, the seldom-heard-from South Korean fears that their cause was being ignored or belittled.

U. N. Delegate Maj. Gen. Lee Hyung Keun, in a statement to the Korean people, declared the U. N. command "will not accept any sort of proposal that is against our military advantage" in supervising a truce.

Cupid Waits For Leap Year

Cupid was apparently waiting for Leap Year.

At any rate, marriage licenses issued by the Marion County clerk's office totaled only 828 during 1951 as compared to 947 for the previous year and 1,229 during the record 1946 year.

December licenses were issued to 69 couples, according to Mrs. Rea Stanton, deputy clerk.

Truman Considers Slap at Hungary

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today was reported seriously considering some move through the United Nations to hit back at Communist Hungary for the imprisonment and \$120,000 fine of four U. S. fliers.

Rep. Mansfield (D-Mont) quoted Mr. Truman as saying he is "very strongly" considering a formal presentation of the case to the U. N.

The fliers were arrested in Hungary Nov. 19 and released finally after the United States paid the \$120,000 fines levied by the Communists. The fines were generally denounced in this country as ransom money.

Strike Threat Delayed

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Any possibility of a nationwide aluminum strike New Year's Day vanished Monday as President Philip Murray of the CIO United Steelworkers told industry members to stay on the job until Jan. 31.

New Year's Eve Race Provides Novel Spectacle

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It was just a friendly New Year's Eve race down Main Street. Until Edward J. Ellinger's vehicle swiped a parked car and piled up and Clay G. Chrisman's jumped a curb and overturned.

Traffic officers who intervened at that state found Ellinger, 56, suffered minor cuts and bruises, but they booked him on suspicion of drunken driving. Chrisman, 53, was unhurt.

So were Ellinger's mule and Chrisman's horse. Their junk wagons were slightly damaged.

Penny Postals Take a Lick of Work Now



This New Year's Day will see the end of the familiar penny postcard as the postage rate is increased to two cents by congressional action. Hereafter, persons with the old penny card will be picking up to lick the necessary one-cent stamps as Mrs. Ralph Valentine, left, and Mrs. Leland Brandt, secretary in the Salem Boy Scout office where they have a large supply of the one-centers. (Statesman photo.)

Stalin Sends 'Sympathy' to Japan People

TOKYO, Tuesday, Jan. 1 (AP)—Soviet Premier Stalin sent New Year's greetings to the Japanese today and expressed deep sympathy for the people whom he described as "trapped in a serious situation under foreign occupation."

The precedent-shattering message was requested by Japan's Kyodo News Agency through the Soviet Mission in Tokyo.

Similar requests to the heads of 17 other governments were unanswered by this morning.

Stalin's message said "there is no custom or tradition in the Soviet Union for a foreign Premier to express his own wishes to the people of a foreign nation."

"However, I break our tradition to reply to your request because the Soviet people deeply sympathize with the Japanese people who are trapped in a serious situation under foreign occupation."

The propaganda-laden message was regarded here by observers as an attempt to butter up a Japan that is emerging again into full status in the community of nations.

The message as carried by Kyodo wished the Japanese "success in fighting for the freedom of your own country," and said the Soviet people also have experienced foreign occupation and said that "therefore the Soviet people fully realize the hardships of the Japanese people and have deep sympathy for them."

Walter Pierce 'Much Improved'

Walter M. Pierce, former Oregon governor and congressman, was reported "very much improved" Monday night by attendants at Salem Memorial Hospital where he has been confined for the past 12 days.

Pierce will be permitted to leave the hospital for his home today if his condition continues the same, attendants said.

Churchill Sails for U. S. to Visit Truman

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng. (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill sailed into the New Year Monday night for talks with President Truman which he hopes will bring a new deal in British-American relations.

Pastor Wins Liars Contest With Tale of Fast-Growing Melons

BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP)—The Burlington Liar's club Monday named a clergyman as the world's champion liar and his parishioners are so pleased they're talking about raising his pay.

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Truman Asks Cuts in Giant Military Budget

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman has balked at the multi-billion dollar military budget advocated by his joint chiefs of staff, it was learned Monday, and has asked for economies in defense spending.

A source familiar with the situation reported that the President was spurred in his objections by Joseph Short, presidential press secretary, confirmed that there has been "considerable discussion" of the military budget and that some items are still undecided.

The situation is such, Short said, that there will be a delay in presenting the administration's general budget to Congress in January. The budget covers government expenditures for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 1952.

For the current fiscal year, Mr. Truman asked Congress for approximately \$60 billion dollars to carry on the fighting in Korea and build up the American military establishment at home and abroad.

He estimated last April that actual defense spending would run about \$34.5 billion, with the balance required in the form of contract authority for future outlays.

End of Power Crisis Delayed

SEATTLE (AP)—The Pacific Northwest's power curtailment order, scheduled to be cancelled at midnight Monday, will remain in effect at least another 10 days.

James P. Fairman, administrator of the DEPA, has notified the Northwest Utilities Conference that the cancellation will be withheld, pending a meeting of the group's operating committee.

Improved water conditions recently led the DEPA to announce its intention of cancelling the power curtailment order.

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Thief Gives Loot to Priest At Confession

MT. CLEMENS, Mich. (AP)—Police Monday were sorting out \$1,200 worth of cameras and other burglary loot—brought them by a Catholic priest.

A burglar smitten by repentance at Christmas brought the loot to a confessional last Saturday, the Rev. Thomas Esper of St. Louis Catholic Church informed police. The burglar, the priest said, told him he got it with a pal in ransacking rooms at a Detroit YMCA.

What's more, the priest said, the burglar told him he would attempt to influence his accomplice to turn his part of the loot, including \$500 in cash and \$1,675 in securities.

"This man was truly repentant," said Father Esper. "I cannot divulge any details about him or his description or name."

Ike Supporters Plan 'Major News Announcement'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Supporters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the Republican presidential nomination Monday promised for Sunday a major announcement which one of them described as good news.

Senator Lodge R-Mass, campaign manager for a group of Republicans backing Eisenhower for the top spot on the GOP ticket, set a Washington news conference for Sunday noon.

Asked by a reporter whether he regards the impending announcement as good news from the viewpoint of those backing the general for the GOP nomination, he replied:

"Indeed yes."

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Airliner Found in New York

By The Associated Press

One of four planes that vanished over the week end was found in dramatic fashion Monday with 14 of the 40 aboard alive. The other 26 were dead.

And there was an unconfirmed report that wreckage of a second missing transport, a military plane carrying 28 persons, was sighted in Central Arizona. A ground party was en route to the scene.

The unscheduled airliner that disappeared Saturday night on a flight from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Buffalo, N. Y., was discovered when an injured passenger struggled to a farm house and reported the disaster.

Brought to Safety

Thirteen other survivors were brought to safety from the rugged area in southwestern New York near Little Valley. Thirty-year-old George Albert of Miami, Fla., himself injured, had brought word of their plight to civilization. His mother was killed in the crash.

"The first thing I did was look for my mother," said Albert. "When I found her there was nothing I could do for her." Albert said that when he left the wreckage and the survivors about 11 a.m. Monday, "I had no idea where we were; I thought it was New York State, but you couldn't be sure. The pilots were dead. They were the only one's who knew."

"So I took off."

Seen by Flier

The military transport missing in Arizona was reported sighted by one flier in a ship searching the area.

Lt. John Jennings, public information officer at Williams Air Force Base, said the flier thought he saw the wreckage during a brief break in the clouds some 20 miles from Superior, Ariz. Jennings said there was no way to evaluate the report.

Two other planes also were missing—a fighter plane in Arizona and a Transocean Airlines C-46 transport en route from Point Barrow to Fairbanks, Alaska, with at least two aboard.

The military transport lost in Arizona carried 24 military passengers, including 19 West Coast cadets, and a crew of four. Bad weather hampered searches.

En route from Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif., to Goodfellow Air Base, Tex., it was last heard from when it radioed for landing instructions at Phoenix Sunday afternoon.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—Flashing light signals spotted in the Alaska wilderness led to hopes Monday night that they may be from survivors of a Transocean Airlines C-46 transport missing since last night on a Point Barrow to Fairbanks flight.

Holiday Deaths Climb to 379

By The Associated Press

Accidental deaths during the four-day New Year's week end mounted Monday, even before New Year's Eve revelers finished their celebrating.

An Associated Press survey from 6 p.m. local time Friday showed 379 persons lost their lives in accidents. Of these, 235 were traffic victims. Fires took another 44 lives, and 100 persons perished in a variety of miscellaneous mishaps.

The National Safety Council has predicted 350 persons will be killed in traffic accidents alone during the 12-hour period to midnight New Year's night.

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and the people of his Biggs Community Church out in Northern California.

Mr. Kirk said he was mighty proud to be declared the champion liar and Leon Brink, president of the Biggs, Calif., church, said the 34-year-old pastor "deserves a salary raise."

"We have a minister with a broader than usual viewpoint," Brink, who is 64, said.

The winner's entry:

A man living west of town tried to raise watermelons this summer. He had very bad luck. The soil was rich. The watermelon vines grew so fast that they wore the watermelons out, dragging them along on the ground.

"One of the boys from town went out one night to swipe a melon. He got the melon all right, but the vines were growing so fast that warm night that the boy had to be taken to the hospital. Before he could break the melon off the vine, it had dragged him half a mile and he was in bad shape."