

Sprague Sees Yen To Peace

There was a "notable evidence of solidarity in the cause of peace" at the recent United Nations assembly, despite the "disappointing failure" to obtain an agreement for an early armistice in Korea, Charles A. Sprague, alternate U.N. delegate, said on his return to Salem early today.

Pointing out that 54 out of 60 nations joined in appealing for a Korean settlement, Sprague said that the "unity behind the United Nations command's refusal to repatriate prisoners by force will stand as a benchmark in international relations."

The editor and publisher of The Oregon Statesman, who was named to United Nations by President Truman last September, flew home via Richmond, Calif., where he spent Christmas day with his daughter, Mrs. Melvin Hurler, and landed in Portland Friday night. He was brought to Salem via car by his nephew, Robert Sprague, advertising director of The Statesman. Mrs. Charles Sprague, who accompanied him to New York, remained for a few days in Richmond.

Sends in Resignation
Sprague disclosed that he had sent in his resignation from U. N. and did not plan to take part in the next session in February—"the new president should have full liberty to name members of the delegation" and "I am glad to return to resume my responsibilities here in Oregon." His committee work has been concluded.

Regarding the recently-ended seventh session of the U. N. general assembly, Sprague said: "It is too early to make an accurate appraisal of the work... and perhaps we who participated in it lack the correct perspective for judging..."

"I think now the disposition is for the United Nations to wait the move of General Eisenhower after he becomes president. It is eager to conclude the war without appeasement of the Communists, but no hint has come as to what course he will adopt with reference to Korea. As far as more generous participation in the fighting by other members of United Nations is concerned, I didn't observe eagerness on the part of any... to increase their commitments."

Enlightening Experience
The experience as alternate delegate at all U. N. sessions this fall and winter "was an enlightening one for me," the former governor of Oregon said, "and at times quite thrilling to be privileged to speak for my country in this great organization of nations." Sprague said that many persons asked him about the selection of former Gov. Douglas McKay as secretary of the interior, and that "I was glad to report his great interest in management of natural resources and his acquaintance with their problems. That appointment will be a recognition for him and for Oregon."

Reflecting his impression of general attitude in the east, Sprague said that "the realization of 'change' is in the air and the people look to the inauguration of the Eisenhower administration with optimism tempered by a realization of the gravity of the problems he will face."

Trials Uncooperative
In the U. N. itself, Sprague said, "the Soviet bloc remains uncooperative on most endeavors of consequence. Vishinsky's speech denouncing the Indian resolution on Korea seemed addressed as much to the Chinese Communists as to U. N. members. Russia continues to veto admission of new members unless on a package deal to admit five more of its satellites. The bloc remains pretty much in self-isolation, unable to swing many votes on any vital issue."

"Significant in this assembly was the effort of India to assume leadership, especially of the smaller powers, and the inclination of groups of states to form blocs, such as the Asian-Africans, or the Arabs. These groups led drives against the so-called colonial powers in the Tunisia, Morocco cases, and against color discrimination as in South African race relations." U. N. "Lost No Ground"

Regarding overall results, Sprague said that "if the assembly made no visible progress toward establishing peace in Korea, at least it lost no ground. The members still stand for collective security and resistance to aggression, and even the Soviet bloc was loud in the profession of loyalty to peace at the charter of United Nations."

Sprague will spend today looking over the nearly-completed \$300,000 Statesman plant at North Church and Chemeketa Streets, to which his newspaper is expected to move within the next two months, and in conferences already scheduled for him.

Chile's 'Woman' Of Year Only 13

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Chile's woman of the year got a doll among her prizes Friday and thought it quite appropriate. The presentation was made to Damaris Alvarez in the presidential palace. The jury voted Damaris was the outstanding Chilean woman for a busy year of teaching poor children after attending her own school classes daily. Damaris is 13 years old.

ACCIDENT HURTS FATAL
PORTLAND (AP)—James B. Collins, 56, died in a hospital here Friday where he was being treated for injuries suffered in an automobile accident Tuesday.

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Yule Auto Toll 320, Near All-Time High; 86 in Other Mishaps

By The Associated Press
They Christmas holiday traffic death toll continued to mount Friday night, pushing the number of fatalities nearer a grim all-time record.

With two days of the extended holiday remaining the nation's auto toll was 320, the highest since 1936, when 555 persons were killed by auto mishaps and 761 from all types of accidents.

The rate of highway slaughter approximated 1950's disastrous record for a shorter, three-day Christmas period when 545 were killed by cars. The overall toll for that period was 724.

3 Pedestrians Hit in Salem; 3 Others Hurt

Three auto-pedestrian accidents in Salem were included in Friday's traffic mishaps. Two occurred during the darkened, rainy night hours.

Three other auto accidents, including one near Woodburn which sent two Portland residents to the hospital damaged several autos and disrupted an emergency run for a local ambulance. (Additional details on page 2).

First pedestrian mishap Friday morning sent 5-year-old David Bealey, son of Mrs. Frances Bealey, 3805 Cherry Ave., to Salem Memorial Hospital with a possible fractured leg, bruises and lacerations.

Marion County sheriff's deputies, called to the scene, said it appeared the boy had run from between two parked cars in front of his home into the path of an oncoming auto. Driver of the car was G. B. Rundstrom, 1545 Norway St. Officials at the hospital reported the boy's condition as "good" Friday night. No citations were issued.

The second accident occurred in the evening when Mrs. Dolly Salchenberg of Sutherlin was struck at High and Court Streets. Driver of the auto was James N. Gray, 1505 N. Capitol St. Mrs. Salchenberg was checked by Salem first aidmen and driven to her car. No injuries were listed, and no citations were issued.

The last pedestrian to be struck was Richard Chytka, 20, of 1534 Ruge St., who was hit at North Commercial and Marion Streets at the eastern approach to the new Marion Street bridge. Driver of the car was Ola LaMoine Clark, 753 Marion, St., who was driving onto the bridge at the time of the accident.

Chytka was taken to Salem General Hospital by Salem first aid where he was examined for a possible fracture of the leg and bruises. No citations were issued.

Bombers Blast Red Supplies; 3 Jets Lost

SEOUL (AP)—U. S. fighter-bombers rained destruction on Communist supply and frontline positions Friday, blowing up 15 supply dumps with spectacular explosions that indicated hits on ammunition.

Sixteen Sabre jets fought twisting dogfights with 16 Russian-made MIG jets high over North Korea, but the Fifth Air Force said there were no damage claims.

Allied ground forces knocked back four Red probing attacks along the 155-mile front, and sent out a few patrols.

Allied troops moved north of the Central Front. Temperatures dropped to two degrees. An inch or more of snow fell Friday night across most of the battle front.

The Fifth Air Force said it lost three warplanes during the week ended Friday. An F-86 Sabre jet was shot down in air combat, an Australian Meteor jet fell to Red ground fire and a third jet was lost to "unknown causes."

The Air Force said its fighter bombers destroyed 600 Red trucks during the past week.

French Cabinet Attempt Given Little Chance

PARIS (AP)—Premier-designate Jacques Soustelle began talks Friday with French political leaders to see if he can build a parliamentary majority and form a new coalition cabinet.

But observers gave the 40-year-old secretary-general of Gen. Charles de Gaulle's French People's Rally Party (RPF) little chance of success on the ground it would be difficult to get majority agreement on the sort of program the RPF is likely to offer. A foreign policy statement by Soustelle to reporters was seen sure to incur opposition of Foreign Minister Robert Schuman's powerful Popular Republican Party (MRP) whose lack of support caused Premier Antoine Pinay to quit last week.

fatality mark reached 320. Other types of accidents took 86 lives, including 40 lost in fires. Violent deaths from all accidents totaled 406.

Traffic fatalities were running well ahead of those for the record four-day holiday—Christmas, 1936, when 555 persons were killed by auto mishaps and 761 from all types of accidents.

The National Safety Council, which predicted a record 590 traffic deaths for the present period from 6 p. m. (local time) Wednesday to midnight Sunday, said its gloomy forecast now appears conservative.

The impressiveness of the nation's holiday accident death list was emphasized by comparison with the Defense Department's most recent weekly casualty report—33 killed, 182 wounded and one missing.

A rule of thumb used by safety engineers sets the number of persons injured in accidents at about 10 for each person killed. Thus, 590 deaths during this Christmas holiday might mean 5,900 others injured.

Ned H. Dearborn, Safety Council president, said that deceptively clear driving conditions, lack of common sense and courtesy, and driving under the influence of alcohol probably were the major factors contributing to the current high accident toll.

Oregon Record Clear
Oregon had not recorded a Christmas holiday traffic fatality by Friday night, pending a report from the coroner's office on the death of Henry Vieth, 80.

Vieth's car plunged off a street in North Portland Christmas night, but police were awaiting a report from the coroner's office as to the cause of his death. The coroner's office said there were indications he suffered an attack of some sort, but that an autopsy should be held to be certain.

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Francis Named Chairman of 2 House Groups

PORTLAND (AP)—State Rep. Carl H. Francis of Dayton will be named chairman of both House law committees when the Legislature convenes Jan. 12, State Rep. Rudie Wilhelm reported Friday.

Wilhelm is scheduled to become speaker of the House. In the past there have been a judiciary committee and a revision of laws committee, each with different chairmen.

But Wilhelm said that since one of the major jobs of the coming session will be statute revision, there will be one major committee—the judiciary committee this session. It will consist of five members with Francis as chairman, he said.

The other committee, to be known as the Statute Revision Committee, will be made up of the judiciary committee plus five or six other members.

Wilhelm also reported that the House caucus will be at 8 p. m. Jan. 11 at the Senator Hotel in Salem.

State Sen. Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville, who is to be president of the Senate, said the Senate caucus will be held the same day at 2 p. m. in the State Capitol.

MURRAY'S BROTHER DIES

PILGRIMAGE — James V. Murray, 46, brother of the late CIO president, Philip Murray, died Christmas Eve after an illness of several years.

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Dulles Asks for 'Concrete Proposals' From Stalin; Churchill Bound for U.S.

Briton Slates Talks to Ike And Truman

By PHIL CLARKE
LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill is sailing for New York on New Year's Eve to discuss the Korean War, Western defenses and other world problems informally with President-elect Eisenhower. He will fly to Jamaica later for a vacation.

Churchill's office made the announcement Saturday. It said he would have "informal talks" with Eisenhower. Informed diplomatic sources outlined the global topics the two will discuss.

They said Churchill also wants a preview of the Eisenhower administration's policies toward Britain's trade and financial situation before the White House changes hands Jan. 20.

In New York, Eisenhower commented: "I heard that my old friend was coming and I am delighted to meet him."

After about three days in New York—where he will be the guest of his old friend, Bernard Baruch—Churchill will stop off in Washington "to pay his respects to President Truman."

Before the elections that returned him to the prime minister's office, Churchill had indicated he favored another high-level meeting with Stalin.

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Ex-Detective Shot by Son In Florida

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP)—James O. Barker, former chief of Miami detectives and a prominent figure in the famous Oakes murder trial in Nassau in 1943, was killed Friday by his son, James Jr., 24.

A steel-jacketed bullet from a .38 police special revolver ended the 49-year-old man's life. His son said the gun went off in a struggle while his father was "hopped up on dope."

John Tyler, chief of the Dade County sheriff's criminal bureau of investigation, said "the evidence points to the truthfulness of the boy's statement" and indicated justifiable homicide.

McKay Fete Monday

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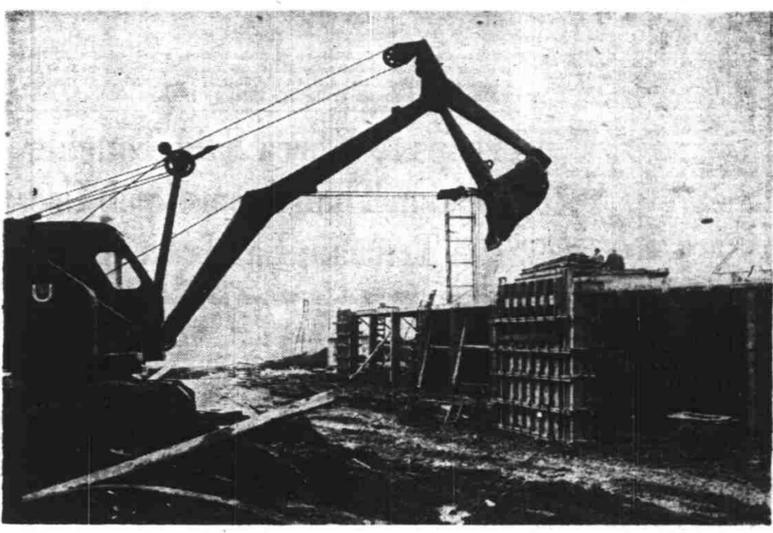
McKay is expected to speak briefly to state employees who will gather in the rotunda at 12:45 p. m. for a short program. Featured will be group singing led by the Oregon State Employees Association choral group. The former gov-

ernor will share the spotlight with his secretary, Miss Alene Phillips, who is accompanying him to his new duties. Both will receive gifts from the OSEA, presented by its president, Virgil O'Neill.

William L. Phillips is general chairman of the McKay Day program assisted by the following committeemen: Russel Mayor Alfred Loucks, Russel Pratt, William H. Hammond, Russell Bonesteel, Ed Schreder, Marion County Judge Rex Hartley, L. O. Arens, Robert L. Edstrom, Robert Ashby, Clay Cochran and Robert Fenix. Dave Hoss has been in charge of publicity; Edwin H. Armstrong, Capitol arrangements; Mrs. James T. Brand, reception; Miss Dorath Steusloff, guest book; Miss Estelle Bratzel, decorations; and Ralph Cooley, finance.

In a short ceremony at 1:30 p. m. Secretary McKay will be awarded the victory medal and American theatre ribbon for World War II service. The presentation will be made by Maj. Gen. Thomas Riley, state adjutant general.

Walls Rising for New South Salem High



Where houses stood a few months ago, concrete walls for the new South Salem High School, at Church Street and Rural Avenue, are rising. This photo shows forms for part of the north basement wall of the gymnasium wing, looking eastward. Looming over the work is one of several power shovels and other earth-moving machines which have completed about 60 per cent of excavation. Finishing of the building is some 18 months away.

Mud Slowing S. Salem High Construction

The new South Salem High School building is off to a good start on its extreme ends, which will house the music and athletic departments.

This was the mud-slowed picture this week after some 50 days of construction on the new school adjacent to Leslie Junior High.

Seventy per cent of the footings in the gymnasium sections at the northwest end have been poured, while footings were being poured Wednesday for the music rooms at the southeast end, along the Leslie auditorium.

Webster Smith, superintendent of the Donald M. Drake Co., general contractor, said excavation is 60 per cent done on the entire project. However, two sections of the structure between the two ends, mostly classrooms, will not be started until the ground is less muddy.

Forty men and considerable machinery are engaged in the building, which will not be completed until the fall of 1954.

The Salem School District already has paid the first \$118,000 on the \$43,062,723 contract.

Other developments at the site have included paving of a new parking area north of Leslie School to replace a south-side one torn up by construction; moving of a bicycle shed, and arrival of the three boilers for the new school. It will have a heating plant separate from Leslie's.

The district has ordered corridor lockers, gymnasium lockers and baskets and folding bleachers for the gymnasiums, at a total cost of some \$67,000. These will not be delivered for another year at least, but had to fit in to architectural details. District Clerk Connel C. Ward said no more equipment would have to be ordered for several months.

Korean Crash Fatal to 14

TOKYO (AP)—A twin-engine Greek Air Force transport plane slammed into a hill shortly after taking off from an airfield in southern Korea Saturday and killed 14 passengers and crewmen.

Nine passengers and the radio operator were reported to be U.S. servicemen.

It was the second crash in Korea in six days involving flyers from the Royal Hellenic Air Force. Fourteen died in an earlier crash.

Far East Air Force headquarters said the plane, a C-47 transport, failed to gain altitude after takeoff at 3:25 a. m.

It said the plane crashed into a hill about two miles from the airfield and burned.

Headquarters said four crew members of the Greek Air Force were killed.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year 9.87 Last Year 22.94 Normal 16.15

Once Wealthy Says Grandma Gave to Poor

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Grandma, who pulled a toy gun on a bank teller once too often, revealed herself Friday as a one-time daughter of wealth, educated at the best schools, polished by travel study in Europe.

But, she said, her father lost his 20-million-dollar fortune in Wall Street in the crash of 1929, and she turned to robbery when arthritis crippled her hands. She insisted it was a Robin Hoodish sort of career—she gave her money to others.

Her father, said grandmas, was a New York and Philadelphia financier, the late Robert M. Catts, who made his vast stake in real estate and construction financing.

But reports from the East indicated that her description of his operations may have been somewhat overdrawn.

Charged in three counts of bank robbery, Mrs. Ethel Arata, 52, told U. S. Commissioner Howard V. Calverly in Federal Court that she wished to plead guilty and did not want an attorney.

But he ordered her plea delayed until Jan. 9 to give a "and jury a chance to look into her case."

She was captured Christmas Eve by the manager of a bank in nearby Arcadia, moments after she failed to bluff a woman teller with a toy pistol.

Later, to police, she admitted she held up branches here of the California bank on Oct. 17 and the Citizens National Bank Nov. 26, getting a total of \$1,469.

She denied a third robbery, of \$2,600 from the Union Bank & Trust Company here, and a teller could not identify her. So police now are looking for another grandmas.

Salem Pullet Lays Threat To Egg Record

A 6-month old Rhode Island Red pullet hen might be in line for a Chicken of the Year award—based on a tremendous egg-laying feat.

Brought into The Statesman newsroom Friday was a giant egg laid Christmas Day by the pullet. The egg weighed 5½ ounces and measured 9 inches around the ends and 7 inches around the middle.

The hen is owned by Van Carver, Salem Route 4 poultryman. Her mighty effort, which was one of her first laying attempts, took, was brought in by Carroll's son-in-law, E. D. Coons of Portland.

The Statesman carried an Associated Press story which originated in Malvern, Ark., earlier this week concerning a possible record-breaking egg laid by an inexperienced white leghorn pullet. This egg weighed a mere 5 ounces and measured 8½ inches around the ends and 6½ inches around the middle.

Regarding the Salem pullet, Coons said she is "tired but doing nicely. I am going to preserve this egg until a larger one comes to light. I think it's a record."

Karnes to Die Jan. 30 for Salem Slaying

Albert William Karnes was sentenced Friday to die Jan. 30 in the Oregon State Prison gas chamber, for the axe-slaying of elderly Mrs. Susan Litchfield in Salem last summer.

While Marion County Circuit Judge George Duncan passed sentence, the slender, blonde Karnes showed the same calm he exhibited throughout his first degree murder trial last August. He was found guilty of the June 7 killing by a jury which did not recommend leniency.

The 24-year-old Astoria youth had been sentenced to die on Oct. 17. But that order was delayed when Karnes' court-appointed attorney, J. William Stortz, filed a notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Judge Duncan asked Karnes Friday if he knew of any reason why sentence should not be passed.

"No," the youth answered in a low steady voice. Judge Duncan presided at the four-day trial at which Karnes had pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. Karnes yesterday also signed a waiver dismissing his appeal to the supreme court.

Stortz filed the notice of appeal Sept. 25 because the U. S. Supreme Court had under study the constitutionality of the Oregon law dealing with insanity pleadings. Subsequently the U. S. court upheld the Oregon law and Karnes' final chance was considered lost.

The badly-beaten body of the 81-year-old Mrs. Litchfield was found in a woodshed to the rear of her modest home at 4333 Waller St., on the morning of Sunday, June 8. Karnes was arrested at The Dalles a few days later and confessed to the murder.

In prosecuting the case District Attorney E. O. Stadter Jr., asked for the death penalty. Karnes did not take the witness stand in his own defense.

Woodburn Dial Phones Start Work Tonight

WOODBURN—Dial service for the 1,050 telephones in the Woodburn exchange will start at approximately 11 p. m. Saturday when the switchover from manual service is slated.

New telephone numbers, assigned this week, will go into effect at that time. Some of the new numbers have four digits, others have five.

Following the change, patrons will dial 4411 to report fires and 2-3111 to contact city police. The fire number is for residents of Woodburn rural fire protection district as well as city residents.

All Woodburn telephone operators have been offered employment elsewhere by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. Chief Operator Hattie Lytle and five others will transfer to Salem. Five operators will resign.

Weather
Salem Max. 44 Min. 36 Precip. 0.0
Portland 43 35 .06
San Francisco 58 50 .44
Chicago 39 31 trace
New York 42 38 .00
Willamette River -1.3 feet
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McKay Big Salem Showers and partial clearing today becoming partly cloudy and cooler tonight. High today near 44, low tonight near 38. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. was 36.

U. N. Suggested Best Channel; Big 3 Talked

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration held the door open Friday for diplomatic negotiations with Generalissimo Stalin, even as it prepared to engage in important talks with British Prime Minister Churchill in the first days of the new year.

These developments heightened speculation over the possibility of an eventual Big Three meeting aimed at easing world tensions.

It appeared certain that a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of an Eisenhower-Stalin-Churchill session, perhaps including other leaders as well, would come up during the meetings of the President-elect and the prime minister at New York 10 days hence.

In a question and answer exchange with the New York Times, made public on Christmas Day, Stalin expressed a favorable attitude toward a meeting with Eisenhower. He also said Russia is interested in ending the Korean War.

Dulles Says 'Be Concrete'
John Foster Dulles, who is to be Eisenhower's secretary of state, challenged Stalin Friday to back up his remarks with "concrete proposals."

Dulles said the way for such overtures is always open through diplomatic or United Nations channels, and that they would be "seriously and sympathetically received."

London reaction to Stalin's statement had made plain that the British want to be in on any Stalin-Eisenhower conference.

While the policies of the Eisenhower government still have to be defined and declared, the United States has long held the position that it was not interested in exclusive deals with the Russians.

Churchill thus seemed assured of a friendly response from his old wartime comrade-in-arms on this as well as on other points he wishes to raise.

Churchill Trip Not Result
Word that the British prime minister would be in New York Jan. 4 for talks with Eisenhower followed by little more than 24 hours the Times' publication of Stalin's answers to four questions which the newspaper had sent him.

However, informed persons said Churchill's decision to make the trip was not a result of the Stalin pronouncement. They said Churchill's plans to visit this country on his way to a vacation in Jamaica had been in the making for some time.

The first direct reaction to Stalin's remarks came from Dulles, who issued his statement here after conferring by telephone with Eisenhower, who is in New York.

Keeps Door Open
The reaction expressed by Dulles apparently was designed to take advantage of any serious diplomatic intent in Stalin's statement. While thus keeping the door open, the new administration also refrained from making any commitments.

In general the Dulles statement appeared to be in line with reactions of the Truman administration on some similar occasions in the past. It has stressed the need of concrete proposals and has emphasized the use of normal diplomatic channels.

But the Dulles statement also employed a cordial tone in assuring Stalin of serious and sympathetic consideration for any specific ideas he has.

Generally diplomats here and elsewhere in the Western world have been skeptical of any serious intent in Stalin's statement. But they have not ruled out the possibility that it could lead to at least some negotiations.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN COODRICH

