

Party Caucuses for Congress Friday; Taft, Johnson Lead

WASHINGTON (AP)—Calls went out to Republican and Democratic members of the new Congress Friday to meet here next Friday and choose their leaders.

The 83rd Congress convenes at noon on the following day, Jan. 3. In addition to organizing the House and Senate, the victorious

Auto's Slide Near Woodburn Hospitalizes 3

WOODBURN — A two-car collision resulted Friday night when an auto driven by John Templeton Lindblom, 2360 Grear Ave., Salem, slid out of control on a slippery highway one mile south of Woodburn.

Three Portland residents were hospitalized at Salem General Hospital from injuries incurred in the crash.

Taken to the hospital were Mrs. Oleta Asbury, 19, who sustained a facial injury as well as a possible skull fracture and lacerations; Rose Aldrich, 52, who incurred a sprained shoulder, and Mina B. Aldrich, 77, who had a fractured leg. Driver of the car, Robert Clyde Asbury, was uninjured.

Lindblom was travelling south with his wife, Florence and son, John Allan Lindblom when the collision occurred. None of the family was injured.

All persons taken to the hospital by City Ambulance Service were said by authorities Friday night to be in "good" condition.

Lindblom was cited by state police for failure to drive on the right side of the highway.

Spellman Sees Korean Front

SEOUL (AP)—Francis Cardinal Spellman flew along the front Friday, landing nine times and bringing his Christmas message to soldiers, sometimes within range of Communist artillery.

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General's Wife Visits Salem Man in Hospital



TOKYO—Cpl. Billy C. Phillips of Salem, Ore., received a visit from Mrs. Mark W. Clark (left), wife of the Far East commander, and Mrs. William C. Foster, wife of the deputy secretary of defense, while a patient at Tokyo Army hospital in Japan. Cpl. Phillips is the son of Mrs. Elletine Phillips, 4110 Gary Rd. He is a member of the 7th Infantry Division which is serving in Korea. (U.S. Army photo.)

Troops to Korea Said Tougher Decision Than Atom-Bomb Use, Says Truman; Lauds U. N. Aid

(EDITOR'S Note: Ernest B. Vaccaro, Associated Press reporter who wrote the following story, has covered President Truman through out his nearly eight years in the White House. The story is based on a personal interview, one of a series Truman is giving to the few correspondents who have covered his activities ever since he became President.)

By Ernest B. (Tony) Vaccaro

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman told me Friday that the toughest decision he ever had to make was to send American troops into Korea.

He said it involved the risk of a third world war and so was tougher even than the decision to drop the atomic bombs on Japanese cities in 1945.

The President is convinced that the dispatch of American troops to Korea under a United Nations mandate may have saved the world from World War III.

We sat talking together at his desk in his Oval Room White House office, reviewing some of his experiences in the nation's and probably the world's greatest office.

He pointed to the big globe that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower gave him in 1945 and there was a touch of pride in his voice as he said: "During these eight years, we've kept that old globe out of disaster."

As if trying to sum up the other major reason why he feels history will credit his administration with success, he said: "And we've got here at home an economic situation without equal in the history of the world."

He cited a production rate of 344 billion dollars a year, a national income of 230 billion dollars and an employment total of 63 million persons.

The President hasn't completed his plans for the future—he has had many offers—but one thing is uppermost in his mind: "He wants to talk with boys and girls of high school and college

age whenever he gets the opportunity.

He wants to bring home to them his belief that future peace rests on preservation of the United Nations as a going concern and that the peaceful use of atomic energy and other modern developments holds out the promise of a "tremendous" future for all mankind.

2 MacLaren Boys Caught At Willamina

Statesman News Service

WILLAMINA — Two shivering escapees from MacLaren School for Boys were routed out of an abandoned chicken house here at daybreak Friday following a high-way chase and a two-hour manhunt.

Deputy Sheriff Ford Hagen said the pair stole a 1947 Buick at Newberg and sped away from police at McMinnville and Sheridan. A road block at Willamina forced the youths onto a dead-end street where they abandoned the auto and fled into the underbrush.

Fifteen authorities, uncertain of their quarry's identity, combed the area until the youths were located. They offered no resistance.

The pair escaped from the Woodburn institution at 7 p.m. Thursday by dashing out the rear door of a cottage where they were on kitchen duty.

Authorities identified the pair as Donald D. Imlah, 17, Reedsport; and Bruce Smith, 16, North Bend. They were returned to the school and placed in segregation quarters.

In place of eyeglasses, snakes have a hard, transparent covering for their eyes.

No Reason Found For Pen Fight; One in Isolation

Investigation into the reason for a Christmas day fight between two convicts in the State Penitentiary boller room failed to reveal anything concrete by Friday evening, Deputy Warden Lawrence O'Brien advised.

Placed in an isolation cell pending completion of the probe was Patrick O'Day, serving a life term for murder in Multnomah County. O'Day was received at the penitentiary June 7, 1947.

Convict George Fredericks, victim of the assault, was in the prison hospital suffering from a stab wound of the back and lacerations of the head. His condition was not serious. Prison officials said the two convicts, both boiler room employees, apparently engaged in a fight. Both men have good records in the prison, O'Brien said.

O'Brien said several prisoners would be questioned in connection with the investigation.

S. Oregon Hit By Snowstorm; Traffic Halts

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Another traffic halting snow storm struck the Northern California—Southern Oregon area Friday night.

The California Highway Patrol was stopping northbound highway traffic at Dunsmuir. Southbound highway traffic was being halted at Yreka, Calif., on Highway 99 and at Dorris, Calif., on Highway 97. The storm was reported centered between Weed and Mt. Shasta in Northern California.

The Southern Pacific said its trains still were operating but that snowplows were in constant use in the storm area.

Oregon State Police Friday night urged motorists not to attempt travel north of Klamath Falls through the mountains. Wind driven snow made travel difficult and hazardous, they said.

Ike's Refusal To Talk Would Benefit Soviet

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW (AP)—Several foreign diplomats who have studied Prime Minister Stalin's statement on international affairs declared Friday Russia will benefit in propaganda if President-elect Eisenhower refuses negotiations for a meeting with Stalin.

"It puts Eisenhower on the spot," said the chief of a mission. "If he makes no effort at least to have his representatives examine the question of a Stalin-Eisenhower talk, he is going to put himself in the position with a large part of the world of not wanting to ease world tension."

(This dispatch cleared Soviet censorship shortly before Eisenhower batted the ball back to Stalin. In a statement issued in Washington by John Foster Dulles, who becomes secretary of state next month, Eisenhower's statement was regarded as a challenge to Stalin to put up concrete proposals for promoting peace and promised they would be received seriously and sympathetically.)

(The Russians have rarely risen to such challenges in the past. Those dispatches familiar with Stalin's foot-dragging, the Dulles statement may score for the West.) Stalin's statement was made in reply to questions by a New York Times correspondent. His declaration that he favor diplomatic conversations on Korea was regarded by some observers here as possibly a preliminary offer to use his good offices in settling the Korean War.

Ambulance Hit In Collision; Patient Moved

Salem Memorial Hospital's ambulance was damaged Friday morning en route to the hospital in a collision at Summer and Marion Streets.

Thomas J. Harwood of Valier, Mont., a patient in the ambulance, had to be transferred to a vehicle of the City Ambulance Service for transportation the rest of the way. Harwood, suffering from a heart ailment, was considered in serious condition by hospital authorities Friday night.

Driver of the hospital ambulance was William Westover, 2050 Myrtle Ave. Also riding in the vehicle were Dr. Merle Brown, Salem; Syrus Cottrell, 665 S. Winter St.; and Jay Harwood, Chemawa. The other car was driven by Thomas D. Garren, 1125 Dietz Ave., and had as passengers, Dr. W. Fleming, Pistol River, Ore. and William Selberg, 4920 Wolfe St., Salem.

No citations were issued by city police.

Clearing Sky Set for Today

Partial clearing today, then cloudy and cooler tonight was the weather forecast for Salem and vicinity by the U. S. Weather Bureau at McNary Field.

Lowest temperature Friday hit 30 degrees and was accompanied through the day by .12 of an inch of rain.

The bureau has forecast rain and snow for higher elevations of Western Oregon today and the State Highway Department has urged drivers in these areas to use chains.

Salem Has Older Residents, More Educated, Says Census

NEW YORK—More Salem residents are in the 65 or over age bracket and Salem folk get more schooling than the average U. S. or Oregon citizen, according to the U. S. Census Bureau.

In Salem 11.9 per cent of the population is in the 65 or over age bracket. The national percentage is 8.2 and Oregon's 8.7, reported the Census Bureau.

Residents of this city get more schooling than people generally throughout the nation. Among the local population, counting only those who have completed their formal education, the average person has a background of 11.8 years of school.

This compares favorably with the national figure of 9.3 years of schooling. The state average is 10.9 years.

The Census Bureau report also shows an unprecedented proportion of married couples, a record number of young children and a large increase in the working force. The latter is attributed to more and more women holding down jobs outside their homes.

3 Cars Damaged In Salem Crash

A two-car accident Friday afternoon at Chemeketa and Cottage Streets resulted in damage to both vehicles and to a parked car, but no one was seriously injured.

Driver of one car, Edward Pleasant Mires, 446 Union St., complained to investigating first aidmen of an injured neck. He was checked and advised to visit a doctor. Driver of the second car was William L. Hampshire, Seattle. Owner of the parked car is Addie, 2236 Shelton Dr.

All vehicles incurred some damage, city police records stated. No citations were issued.

Grocer Routs Holdup Try

PORTLAND (AP)—Grocery store proprietor Harry A. Harris, 71, Friday chased off a would-be hold-up man with a length of pipe.

Harris told police a young man with his face covered with a handkerchief showed up at the store. The grocer took a look at the gun the man was holding and decided it was a toy. So he reached under the counter for the pipe and came up swinging.

"Missed him about six inches," Harris said, "but man, how he ran."

Cardinal Summons Crusade in Spain

SEVILLA, Spain (AP)—Pedro Cardinal Segura called Friday for a "grand crusade" against Protestants whom he accused of waging a major propaganda campaign throughout Spain.

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