

Thanksgiving Sees Refugee Throng in U.S.

First Planeload of Hungarians Welcomed to Free American Soil

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By ANDREW MEISELS

CAMP KILMER, N.J., Nov. 21 (AP)—Laughing children and their grateful parents—the vanguard of a Hungarian migration wave set off by Iron Curtain tyranny—moved into this Army base today and thanked God for their new home on the eve of America's day of Thanksgiving.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

Like so many other holidays, Thanksgiving Day seems to be losing significance. It becomes just another day for surcease from one's regular occupation. Even its familiar crowning feature, the dinner, becomes rather incidental.

Our very prosperity is killing Thanksgiving. Turkey is served all through the year; and bounteous meals are common. There is no longer just one day of feasting in a year. The regular diet of most Americans is abundant and varied. So the Thanksgiving dinner whose preparation was something of a rite and whose consumption a ceremonial is just another big dinner.

Americans appear to be more boastful than thankful. They rate their abundance as chiefly the work of their own hands; and their superabundance, as compared with many peoples, part of their good fortune.

Even so, they are not satisfied. Plenty does not sate—they still want more. A high standard of living must be notched a bit higher (though the standard consists chiefly in more electrical appliances). And the eye is full of envy as some note others are blessed with a greater abundance of material goods. So the politician is put on the rack to provide evenness in the name of equity.

At the first Thanksgiving, gratitude to God was voiced chiefly for survival under the hardships of Plymouth colony. But they were a pious folk, those Pilgrims, for whom freedom of worship was meat and drink. Our generation eschews sacrifice, though it is generous from the top of the basket. It employs the tools of knowledge primarily to unlock doors to greater ease and comfort.

So instead of a conventional, stereotyped prayer of thanksgiving for today, let me suggest another:

"We come before Thee this day with humble hearts. O Lord, Purge us of greed and selfishness. Banish boasting from our lips and self-pride from our hearts. Help us to forsake extravagance and waste. May we use wisely the resources of this earth now entrusted to our stewardship, and our talents of heart and mind to worthy ends. Grant that we may find satisfaction in sharing. Strengthen us for the trials to which we may fall heir. Now contrite of spirit, we offer our prayer of Thanksgiving for sustenance, for friendships, for the day's work and the morrow's beckoning, Amen."

Keizer Tested For Oil Content

Statesman News Service

KEIZER, Nov. 21—Oil exploration was reported underway today in Keizer area and surrounding districts.

But a Standard Oil Company spokesman declared it was "nothing to get excited about."

Standard Oil's Portland office said a crew reported in this area was making a routine survey of a large portion of Oregon.

Family Car

By Wally Falk



"Well, they had more to be thankful for in these days — more parking space for one thing!"

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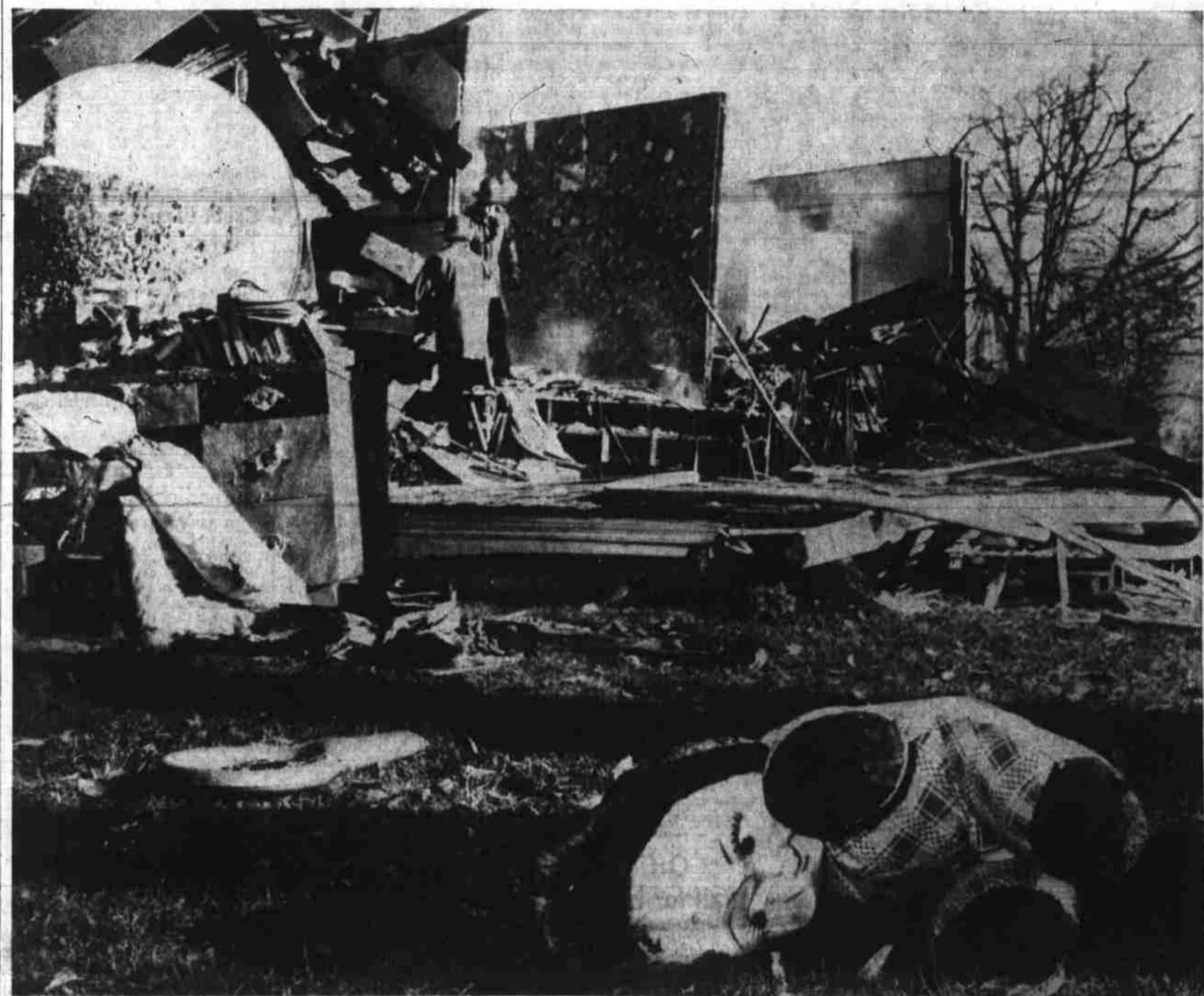
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The Weather

Today's forecast: Sunny today and Friday. Fog patches tonight. High both days near 50. Low tonight 30. (Complete report page 7)

3 Hurt as Gas Blast Explodes House

Salem Residence Reduced to Shambles by Terrific Force



A battered doll added tragic emphasis Wednesday to this scene of wreckage left by a violent gas explosion at the Dennis Howarth home, 785 N. 20th St. The blast, occurring at 9:40 a.m., left the home in ruins and scattered clothing, glass, toys, books and boards over a wide area of the east neighborhood. Howarth, his wife, Hazel, and their 5-year-old daughter suffered serious burns. (Picture also on page 14.) (Statesman Photo by John Erickson.)

Match to Light Cigarette Sets Off Explosion

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT, JR., Staff Writer, The Statesman

At exactly 9:40 Wednesday morning Dennis (Red) Howarth struck a match to light his cigarette. The flame set off a gas explosion which laid open his home at 785 N. 20th St. like a doll house and dangerously burned him and his wife, Hazel, and their little daughter, DeAnn, 5.

A block-square area in the Howarth's neighborhood was rocked and shocked by the blast which apparently came from an accumulation of natural gas from their newly installed gas furnace. Neighbors said the furnace had been hooked up only Monday.

All three members of the family at home suffered second and third-degree burns in the blast and were reported in "fair" condition at Salem General Hospital where

Mayor Orders Probe of Blast

A special committee was appointed Wednesday evening by Mayor Robert F. White to investigate an explosion that destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Howarth, 785 N. 20th St., and seriously injured them and a daughter.

Although it is a holiday, the committee will hold its first meeting this morning and start its investigation immediately. Meanwhile the street is barricaded at the scene of the blast to prevent disturbance by sightseers.

(Add. details on page 14.)

They were taken by William's Ambulance. Worst burned was Mrs. Howarth, 40, and her 26-year-old husband. Both she and Mr. Howarth, 36, had burns over much of their bodies. The girl was burned about the face and arms.

Walls of the frame house on two sides were blown out into the yard and wreckage, including broken glass, was scattered over an area a hundred feet in every direction. Big chunks of glass, apparently from the front windows, were hurled all the way across North 20th into a vacant lot. Miraculously, not a single window in neighboring houses was broken as the Howarth home took the full force of the explosion.

Mrs. Junier Eckley said she was in her dining room across the street at 786 N. 20th St. folding laundry when the blast came. "It felt like the house was lifted up and set down again," she said.

She told of running to the front window of her home in time to watch the Howarth home "settle down again." She said only Howarth was in the front yard when she got to the window. It was she who called the operator to summon aid to the scene. Apparently Mrs. Howarth made her way out of the blazing house while Mrs. Eckley telephoned for help.

Mrs. Dorothy Baldwin of 786 N. 20th St., also across the street from the blast, said she was in the back of her house when the explosion occurred.

By the time she got outside the Howarth's still in the yard their clothing still afire. DeAnn, who was reportedly sitting on theavenport in the front room, came out after the Baldwins reached the home. Mrs. Baldwin said she was taken to the Baldwin home to await first aidmen.

Scream for Help

Noble Dependehner, three houses north at 826 N. 20th St., said he was just lighting a cigarette too, when the blast "almost knocked me out of the chair." He rushed to the front of the house to see the Howarths in the yard screaming for help. He was under the impression they may have been blown out of the house by the terrific force of blast.

Adjacent yards were a scene of scattered debris. A battered tricycle was on the front walk. A radio and electric toaster lay side by side 40 feet from the shattered kitchen. An entire window frame, complete with shattered curtains but missing all of its glass, was tossed clear across a wide side lawn. Plaster, glass and insulation was everywhere.

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Lighting Cigarette
Howarth, an employe of the Oregon Pulp and Paper Co. mill on the night shift, told first aidmen he was just sitting down to read the paper in the living room and was lighting a cigarette when the house seemed to explode around him. He did not know in what part of the house Mrs. Howarth was at the time.

Force of the explosion lifted part of the room off and set it down again at one side of house. The garage on the north side of the house was crushed in by the falling wall. Part of the front wall of the house was blasted out into a porch. Fire destroyed much of the wreckage before it was controlled by city firemen.

Bridal Kisses Spread Threat Of Diphtheria

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 21 (AP)—Arizona Health Commissioner Clarence G. Salsbury is trying to round up more than 100 persons for immunization against diphtheria.

Salsbury said they all attended a Phoenix wedding Sunday. All kissed the happy bride. Shortly after the reception, the bride went home to mother. Cause: A sore throat and 104-degree temperature. Diagnosis: Diphtheria.

The health commissioner said the bride had been isolated at home. The groom has returned to bachelor's quarters, he added.

Holmes Says No 'Housecleaning' Plan Considered

PORTLAND, Nov. 21 (AP)—State employees have no reason "to fear they will be victims of a big housecleaning," Gov.-elect Robert Holmes said yesterday.

"There will be nothing of the kind. Any government owes one of its biggest obligations to dedicated public employes," Holmes said in an interview.

Holmes, who will be the first Democratic governor in many years, said that his general policy will be to await expiration of terms before replacing members of boards and commissions.

He did not commit himself on the top jobs. But he put to rest a rumor that State Sen. Monroe Sweetland would become public utilities commissioner. He said Sweetland was not interested in the job.

Holmes said he thinks revision of income tax rates will solve the state's fiscal problems. He added that in his opinion, the voters at the last election had expressed distaste for a sales tax and "we are committed to repeal of the 4 1/2 per cent surtax on the income tax."

Thanksgiving Service at 10 O'Clock

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College Entry Limits Seen By Next Fall

Young persons planning to enter an Oregon state college or university next fall may be required to take a special examination if their high school grades are not high enough, the chancellor of the state board of higher education said Wednesday.

Speaking at a meeting of state college and university and secondary school representatives and the State Board of Higher Education Chancellor John Richards said "selective admissions" to college were imminent and might be instituted next fall or the following year, depending on the Legislature's answer to educational budget requests.

Any student with an Oregon high school diploma is now eligible to enter the state's institutions of higher learning, but Richards warned previously that swelling college enrollments could make it necessary to strengthen the requirements.

A tentative plan discussed at the meeting Wednesday would require examinations for students who did not have a high school average of at least "C."

(Add. details on page 14.)

Oslo Couple Fly to Salem, Surprise Ailing Daughter

Most people think it's nice to have visitors when they are hospitalized, and for 17-year-old Ellen Hauge it was an especially delightful surprise because her parents flew 4,600 miles to see her.

Miss Hauge, an exchange student from Norway attending South Salem High School, became ill and was taken to Salem Memorial Hospital Nov. 14. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hauge, arrived from Oslo Monday.

For a happy Thanksgiving Day ending, their daughter's illness proved to be not as serious as was originally feared. Miss Hauge is to leave the hospital today. Her parents also were set to leave today but planned to break up the long flight with some sight-seeing stops in the U.S. Hauge, an attorney, had been in this country before but for his wife it is the first visit.

Their daughter, a senior at South Salem High School, is living with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schaefer at 1310 Strong Rd. Mr. and Mrs. Hauge stayed at Nob Hill Motel while in Salem.

Italy Favors Zellerbach

ROME, Nov. 21 (AP)—President Gronchi tonight announced he has approved appointment of James David Zellerbach as U.S. ambassador to Italy, succeeding Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce.

A brief statement from the Foreign Ministry said the President cabled the White House this afternoon agreeing to Zellerbach's appointment.

Zellerbach, a San Francisco industrialist, is expected to take over here early in 1957.

A Foreign Office spokesman said President Eisenhower cabled Gronchi yesterday asking for approval of Zellerbach's appointment.

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Yule Season Starts!

The 1957 Christmas season will really get underway after this day of Thanksgiving.

Helpful suggestions by the score are set forth in a special section in this issue of your Statesman, and the Classified Ad pages, too, will be replete with shopping ideas daily in the special Gift Spotter department.

Your HOME Newspaper

Merchants Launch Christmas Spirit



With the beginning of the Christmas merchandising season, downtown and shopping center merchants were getting yule decorating underway Wednesday. John Gazzell, 355 S. 14th St. is shown (left) at the shopping center, while Nicholas Error, 1830 N. 5th St., is pictured (right) with some of the downtown decorations. (Statesman Photos)

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