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No Governor's Mansion in Oregon

Publication of the news item that Governor-elect Robert Holmes had rented a home in Salem for occupancy during his coming two-year term, stirred two editors to comment on the need for an executive mansion in Salem.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times was also alerted by the same news. Editor Ingalls recites the tenancies of various governors from Meier on down to Governor Smith who purchased a home which presumably he will vacate and sell after he retires from office.

With such a push, we may be sure the next Legislature will have this item for consideration. Once before when Governor Snell had to move during his term, an appropriation for an executive mansion failed by a narrow margin.

The Capitol Planning Commission, which was created by act of the 1949 legislature for the purpose of establishing and effectuating a long-range plan of development of the capitol area in the city of Salem, will pose as one of its questions whether or not space should be set aside for a Governor's Mansion within the Capitol area.

private mansions are being deserted as families take more modest quarters in apartments or the suburbs and do their entertaining in clubs or hotels.

Oregon does provide its college and university heads and superintendents of institutions with residences, so probably it will get around to providing one for its governor.

FHA Interest Rate Raised

Saturday the Federal Housing Administration announced the permissible interest rate on FHA-insured homes would be raised to five per cent.

The change was authorized in recognition of prevailing higher interest rates. Without doubt the authorities hope that it will stimulate house construction which has been decreasing in recent months partly because of the scarcity of credit at the old rate.

The government is by no means happy over increases in interest rates. After all it is a heavy borrower itself. Much of its debt is short term which means that renewals are frequent and an increase in the interest rate takes immediate effect.

It is most unfortunate that Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey wasn't able to get further in the funding of the accumulated short-term indebtedness.

Decline in residence construction has affected the lumber market. Perhaps one reason for the former is the rise in demand for mobile homes, built out of steel or aluminum.

Editorial Comment

PUT 'CHRIST' BACK IN CHRISTMAS

The Junior chamber of commerce members are to be commended for selecting a religious theme for their city-wide Christmas season display contest this year.



IT SEEMS TO ME

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against Germany and Austria, and the United States became involved in 1917.

The Treaty of Versailles left Austria impotent and Germany defeated. Turkey, which had sided with Germany and Austria, lost much of its Asian territory.

Even the Balkan states made some progress toward peace with the passing of years. In 1924 Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia and Rumania made a treaty for mutual guarantee of frontiers.

make it the pawn of power politics. One would expect history to repeat itself with a succession of border incidents and small wars which might explode into general warfare.

The government insisted it had stamped out organized resistance of rebel civilians, but sniping continued.

Sec. Wilson To Attend NATO Confab

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson will head for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization conference in Paris a week hence.

Cuba's Chief Acts to Crush Rebel Forces

(Picture on Wirephoto Page.)

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 1 (AP)—President Fulgencio Batista tonight suspended constitutional guarantees in four provinces and sped troop reinforcements to rebellious Santiago de Cuba.

The frigate Siboney was reported patrolling the southeast coast off Santiago.

Portland-Salt Lake Buses Remain Idle

By [Name]

PORTLAND, Dec. 1 (AP)—Northwest Greyhound buses on the Portland-Salt Lake City run were idle again today and company officials said they could see no hope of change before Monday at the earliest.

Many Flee Commies

By [Name]

BERLIN, Dec. 1 (AP)—West Berlin's refugee center has registered 150,000 refugees from Communist East Germany this year. This is nearly 10,000 more than were registered in the same period last year.

Slow Bidding, Satisfactory Prices Mark Milking Shorthorn Sale Here

By LILLIE L. MADSEN Farm Editor, The Statesman Slow bidding, but comparatively satisfactory prices, marked the seventh annual sale of the Oregon Milking Shorthorn Breeders Association held Saturday afternoon at the Oregon State Fairgrounds.

The sale was held in the small animal auction ring at the fairgrounds, where heat was maintained throughout the afternoon, keeping bidders warm and good natured. Wives of the cattlemen sold coffee and waffles throughout the three and a half hour event.

Police Troops Of U.N. Widen Peace Zone

By LEONARD LEDDINGTON

U.N. OCCUPIED ZONE, Egypt, Dec. 1 (AP)—Danish Infantrymen widened their peace zone on the Suez Canal today and set up housekeeping under the blue and white flag of the United Nations.

The flag was hoisted on a 15-foot strip of second-hand lumber to denote occupation by U.N. police of the battle line where a cease-fire order halted the British-French drive just north of Qantara Nov. 7.

The Egyptians kept their old front-line positions. About a mile of territory, including the U. N. buffer zone, now separates the two armies.

At noon the zone was officially closed to all but U.N. personnel. Even reporters from neutral nations were ordered out if they were unaccompanied as war correspondents accredited to the British or French armies.

A U.N. detachment of 26 Canadian engineers did some mine-sweeping for the Danes along the Egyptian front and came up with three antipersonnel mines described as of Russian manufacture.

The British had assured the Danes yesterday there were no mines in the no-man's-land adjoining the British positions. The French Legionnaires relieved today cleared their own minefields before withdrawing.

Time Flies FROM STATESMAN FILES

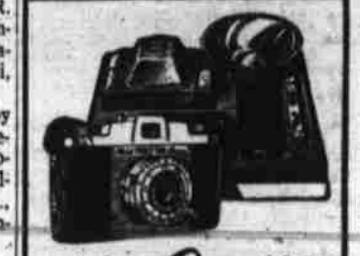
10 Years Ago Dec. 3, 1946 Lee Demery resigned Tuesday as superintendent of the state penitentiary at the state penitentiary.

25 Years Ago Dec. 3, 1931 The goal set by the Community Services Committee in the drive to aid the needy and unemployed here this winter is \$20,000.

40 Years Ago Dec. 2, 1916 An editorial in The Statesman supports the flux industry "experiment" at the state prison and concludes "Once fairly started, the industry will grow from within itself, in fact, there will be no stopping its growth."

Letter From Marilyn

CHESTER, England, Dec. 1 (AP)—Jeremy Spenser, 19, graduating from a military school here, said among his letters of congratulations was one from Marilyn Monroe.



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News from Syria, Iraq Means Nasser Erasing All British Power in Mideast

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—Even now, with British troops still in Egyptian soil, Egypt's Pres. Abdel Nasser is boldly moving toward destruction of the last vestige of British power in the Middle East.

There are several means available to Nasser to please his joint masters, and bring old Nuri back down. Iraq is totally dependent economically on its oil revenues.

Nasser and the Soviets are, moreover, in a fair way to gain this end. For if the British and French would withdraw from Egypt, under the oddly combined pressure of the United States and the Soviet Union, Nasser will of course be the cock of the walk throughout the Middle East.

Consider the meaning of the situation to the British. The oil from Iraq and from Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar on the Persian Gulf are as essential to Britain as blood is to the human body.

This obscure going-on in Syria and Iraq, which seem to distant and unreal to most Americans, amount in fact to a joint Egyptian-Soviet push to destroy Britain since not for all as a great power, and even as a viable economy.

It has been said that Nasser is an Communist, and at times he is not. But the fact that he is not does not really matter a



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