



Chapter 1

The sun was setting over the far hills when Steve and Nancy put down the toys they were making in the dark, little workshop and started home.

No, it wasn't Santa Claus' workshop. Outside the windows there were no fields of rolling snow. Instead, the mighty Willamette River rolled along at the bottom of the slope upon which the little building sat.

It was Jake the Junk Man's workshop and Steve and Nancy called out a cheery "Goodbye, Mr. Jake" as they closed the rickety, old door.

**Candy for All**

For years now Jake had been a regular visitor to the street on which the children lived. Every Wednesday morning in the summer they would hear a shrill voice in the distance calling, "Any jo-o-onk today? Any jo-o-onk today?" and then down the street would come Jake being pulled along in his creaking, old wagon by a creaking, old horse, Crow foot. Jake would pay a few pennies for pots and pans and things that people did not want any longer. More often than not housewives spied something on Jake's wagon that they wanted and ended up by paying Jake a few pennies instead.

Oh, how the children loved Jake. They would cluster around his wagon to listen to his stories and from somewhere deep in the folds of his old coat would come a special piece of candy for each and every child.

**Christmas Toys**

When it came near Christmas time and it was too cold for old Crowfoot to be out making the rounds with the wagon, Jake would think of all his children friends and start making toys for them in his little workshop. Steve and Nancy had paid several visits to Santa Claus' workshop at the North Pole and volunteered to help Jake with his toy-making.

Poor Jake! He knew so many children that it was almost impos-

**Secessionists To Attend Water Meet in California**

DUNSMUIR, Calif., Dec. 12 (AP)—The state of Shasta secessionists will go to Redding Friday to hear Harvey O. Banks, state director of water resources for California, outline the state's water program.

Objection to the possibility that the southern part of the state would get too much of northern California's water led to talk of secession and establishment of a new state, Shasta.

Backers of statehood for Alaska and Hawaii have taken note of the local rebellion, and for that matter, so have people pretty well south into California.

Mrs. Harold Walsh, acting secretary, said requests for inclusion in the new state have come from as far south as Indio. But, she said, they'd have to be careful, "or we won't have anything to secede from."

B. F. Mason and Patrick Hanratty said they would lead a delegation to the meeting at Redding Friday. What Banks says, they report, may determine the future course of the secessionists.

**Klamath Falls Also Thanked By Traveler**

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 12 (AP)—Phil Goldfaden, who says he now is a sergeant with the Long Branch, N.J., police reserve, apparently "traveled" extensively in Oregon during the depression.

Klamath Falls police have a note of banks from Goldfaden. He said police here were "very kind" to him when he passed through the city in 1933 as a hobo.

A few days ago, police at Salem received a similar note from Goldfaden. They assumed Goldfaden was among men given lodging and a free meal during the depression.

Goldfaden wrote that he "thought it was about time I got around to thanking you."

**Flood Victim Still Missing**

COOS BAY, Dec. 12 (AP)—Search continued today for the body of Edward J. St. Dennis, 43, who drowned in the Coos River near Allegheny yesterday when a boat in which he was helping guide log rooms capsized. His companion, Fred Duffer, swam to shore.

The two men, of Coos Bay, were employed by the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. they were engaged in rafting operations at the company's tree farm about 15 miles east of here.

**Ike's Right Hand Man Greets Refugees With Handshake**

(AP Reporter Arthur Edson flew to Munich, Germany, to come back with the first Hungarian refugees to be brought into the United States by Military Air Transport Service).

By ARTHUR EDSON  
CAMP KILMER, N. J., Dec. 12 (AP)—The first Hungarians flying here on Operation Safe Haven today got a warm welcome from the President's right hand man on refugee problems.

"Acting on behalf of President Eisenhower," Tracy S. Voorhees told the 199 Hungarians as they arrived at McGuire Air Force Base 45 miles south of here, "welcome to the United States of America!"

Voorhees, who is special coordinator of the Hungarian refugee program, assured this nation's newest residents, "you have come among friends."

Then Voorhees shook hands with each refugee and patted the babies.

He was so enthusiastic about his

work that when this reporter climbed down the ramp, Voorhees grabbed him by the hand, too, and cried on behalf of the President, "Welcome to America!"

These are the first of 9,500 Hungarians who are being flown here by Military Air Transport Service. Other Hungarians, of course, have been brought in on commercial flights and still others are coming by boat.

But this is the first of a big push to move the 9,500 by air before the end of the month.

It's a long and weary trip from Munich, where these refugees took off yesterday, most of them on the first flight of their lives.

Yet the courage it took to resist the Communists and then to strike out on their own across the Austrian border was evident to anyone who rode with them.

For the Hungarians, many of whom don't know a soul in America nor one word in the English language, remained cheerful on a journey that would be tiring under the most ideal conditions.

Perhaps one incident that came up last night illustrates this as well as anything. The third of the four planes carrying the refugees had trouble with its radar set, and it was necessary to switch planes in Prestwick, Scotland.

This was a big disappointment to the crew, for the spare was an old cargo plane in which seats had been placed.

With its bare inside, it looked more like a boncar than the well-equipped plane the refugees had ridden in on the first part of their

journey.

But the Hungarians, told that it was necessary to switch equipment, barely seemed to notice that the substitute was far from luxurious.

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