

Housewife Speaks Golden Rule to Russ

By FRANCES LEWINE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—A Virginia housewife has been talking "the Golden Rule" and peaceful cooperation to Russian officials at the embassy here.

Although she's kept it a secret for quite a while, Mrs. Howard J. Thomas revealed today she has made three separate trips to the Russian Embassy since 1954 to talk about peace.

Each time, she said, the Russians were "very friendly."

As to whether she succeeded in her mission—a personal campaign to foster peace—Mrs. Thomas admitted, "I can't say I was exactly successful." But, she said she believes firmly that the only way to bring peace to the world is "to have a better understanding" with people.

Wrote to FBI

Mrs. Thomas, 52, wife of a hardware store owner in Hamilton, Va., sounded out her congressman and wrote to the FBI before she started her one-woman project. She then wrote embassy officials for an interview and they said come ahead.

The first time, Mrs. Thomas recalled, she was interviewed first by three embassy officials and "I could see that they were very suspicious of me."

By the third visit, last September, which Mrs. Thomas said was "the most interesting," the Russians got around to asking Mrs. Thomas about herself as well as her ideas.

"I quoted the Golden Rule," Mrs. Thomas said, but the Russian to whom she talked didn't seem to understand. "I said it very slowly" and then explained, "I am kind to you because I want you to be kind to me."

He seemed to understand that, she said, because he smiled. "He was very courteous."

During her last visit, the Little Rock integration crisis was at its peak and she said the first secretary of the embassy asked for her opinion.

Have No Problem

Mrs. Thomas said she told the Russian "we had no problems" in Loudoun County, Va., where she lives. Little Rock, she added, "was not at all typical of America."

When she asked the Russians why the United States and Russia couldn't disarm and live in peace, Mrs. Thomas said she was told the United States didn't want to disarm because it would cause unemployment.

"I had never thought of that," said Mrs. Thomas, adding that she knew it was not true. "Why, everyone wants peace."

The Russians, Mrs. Thomas recalled, told her they thought the U.N. was a fine organization. They discussed education and they mentioned "how Russia is training scientists."

The Russians showed Mrs. Thomas around the embassy and asked her about herself and her family. She told them about her husband's store and about her children, Thomas, 20, a junior at the University of Florida, and

Navy Ships Battle Huge Atlantic Sea

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Navy said today seven of its ships are "battling mountainous seas" in the eastern Atlantic, with one destroyer badly damaged, a man dead and three critically injured.

Some of the destroyers in the force are low on fuel. The Navy said they may have to be towed by larger ships until the seas subside enough to permit refueling.

The ships include four destroyers, a tanker, a transport and a light aircraft carrier.

The ships are the destroyers Gearing, Manley, Vogelgesang and McCord, the tanker Salamone, the transport Gen. Hodges and the carrier Tripoli.

Ship Heads for Lisbon

The Manley, badly damaged, is headed for Lisbon, where she is due tomorrow morning. U.S. naval headquarters at London received a message saying her superstructure was caved in.

Three other destroyers, low on fuel, are lying near the tanker. The Navy said it might be necessary for them to be taken in tow by the tanker, carrier and transport "if the high seas balk at attempts to refuel them before they run dangerously low" in fuel.

The destroyers, comprising Destroyer Division 41, were en route to the Mediterranean to join the 6th Fleet under the ship rotation program. The tanker was bound home from the Mediterranean.

The Navy said that when the tanker met the destroyers to refuel them, high seas prevented the destroyers from coming alongside.

Storm Intensifies

"In the ensuing hours, the storm intensifies and the Manley suffered extensive damage to her superstructure," the Navy announced. "One crew member was killed and three critically injured."

The transport, Hodges and the carrier Tripoli were sailing independently in the eastern Atlantic when ordered to the scene to help the three remaining destroyers, located about 400 miles northeast of the Azores.

The Navy said one crew member of the Gearing narrowly escaped death when he was swept overboard, but "heroic efforts by the crew of the Salamone snatched him from the sea."

The Navy identified the dead sailor as Commissaryman 1C, Thomas R. Mann, whose widow lives at 7483 Wellington Rd., Norfolk, Va.

Names Withheld

Names of the injured will be released after the next of kin have been notified.

The Tripoli is commanded by Capt. Harold H. Larsen, Birmingham, Ala.; the Gearing by Cmdr. E. A. Lane, Norfolk, Va.; the McCord by Cmdr. J. R. Ducat, Norfolk; the Vogelgesang by Cmdr. W. J. Rogers, Norfolk; the Manley by Cmdr. W. H. Rowen, Bath, Maine; and the Salamone by Capt. E. L. Beach, Palo Alto, Calif. Skipper of the Hodges is Duncan S. Baker, Jacksonville, Fla.

Capt. Beach formerly served as naval aide to President Eisenhower.



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He was a real estate salesman and a resident of Salem for 3 1/2 years.

Rose was born at Myrtle Point on Nov. 18, 1904, and lived at Powell Butte before moving to Salem.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Margaret M. Rose; his mother, Mrs. L. E. Rose, Fayetteville, N. C.; two sisters Mrs. Faye Gorman, Fayetteville, and Mrs. Kathleen Barnes, Portland; and a brother Lt. Col. Keith L. Rose, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

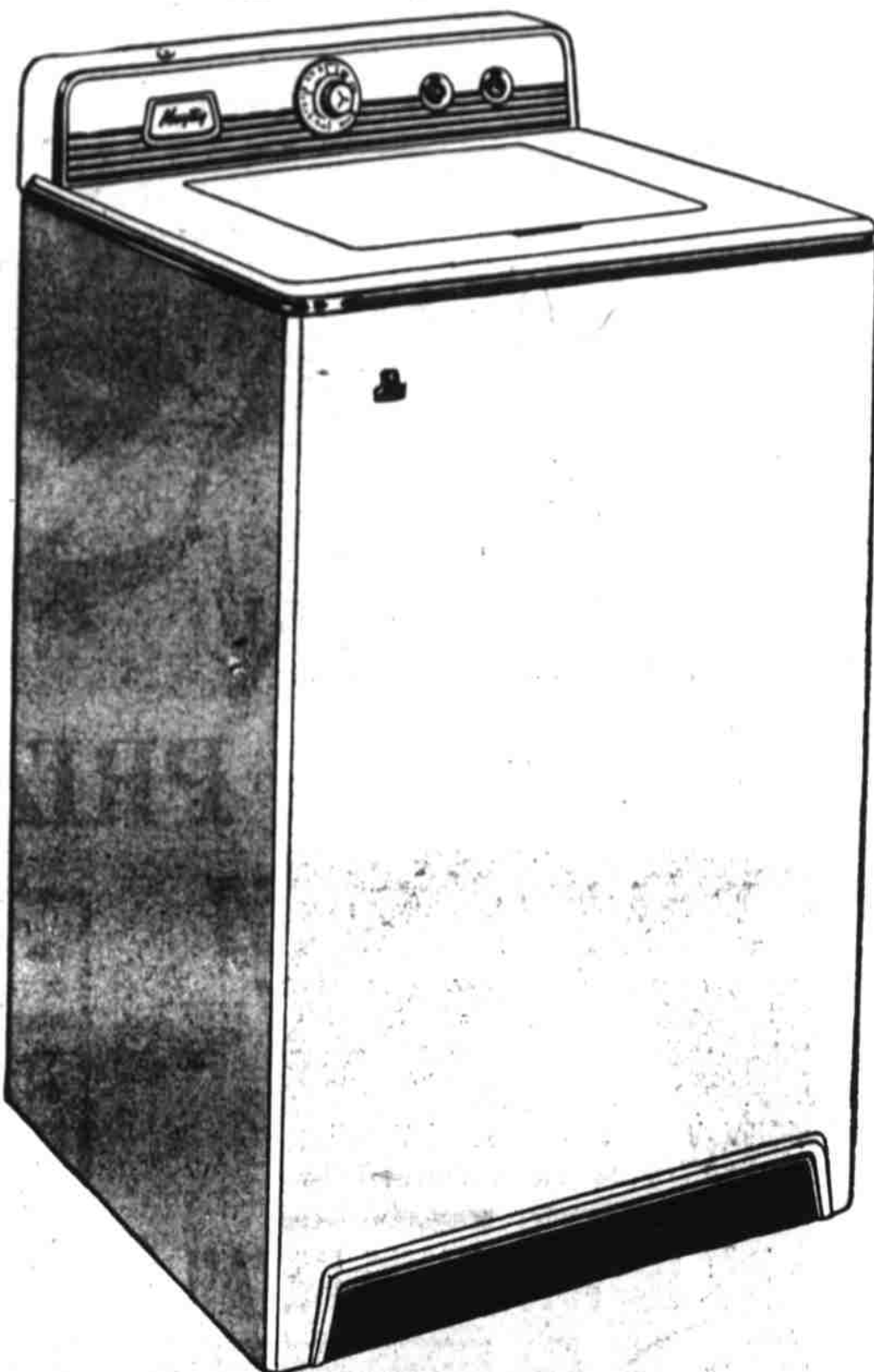
The body will be taken to Reed's where services are pending at Unger Funeral Home. Clough-Barrick is in charge of local arrangements.

Colonel Says Army Reservists to Get Checks on Time

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—Col. William N. Taylor, chief of the Oregon Army Military District, said today that Army Reserve trainees here will get their pay checks on time.

He discounted earlier reports that the pay would have to be held up until after the first of the year because of a shortage of reserve funds.

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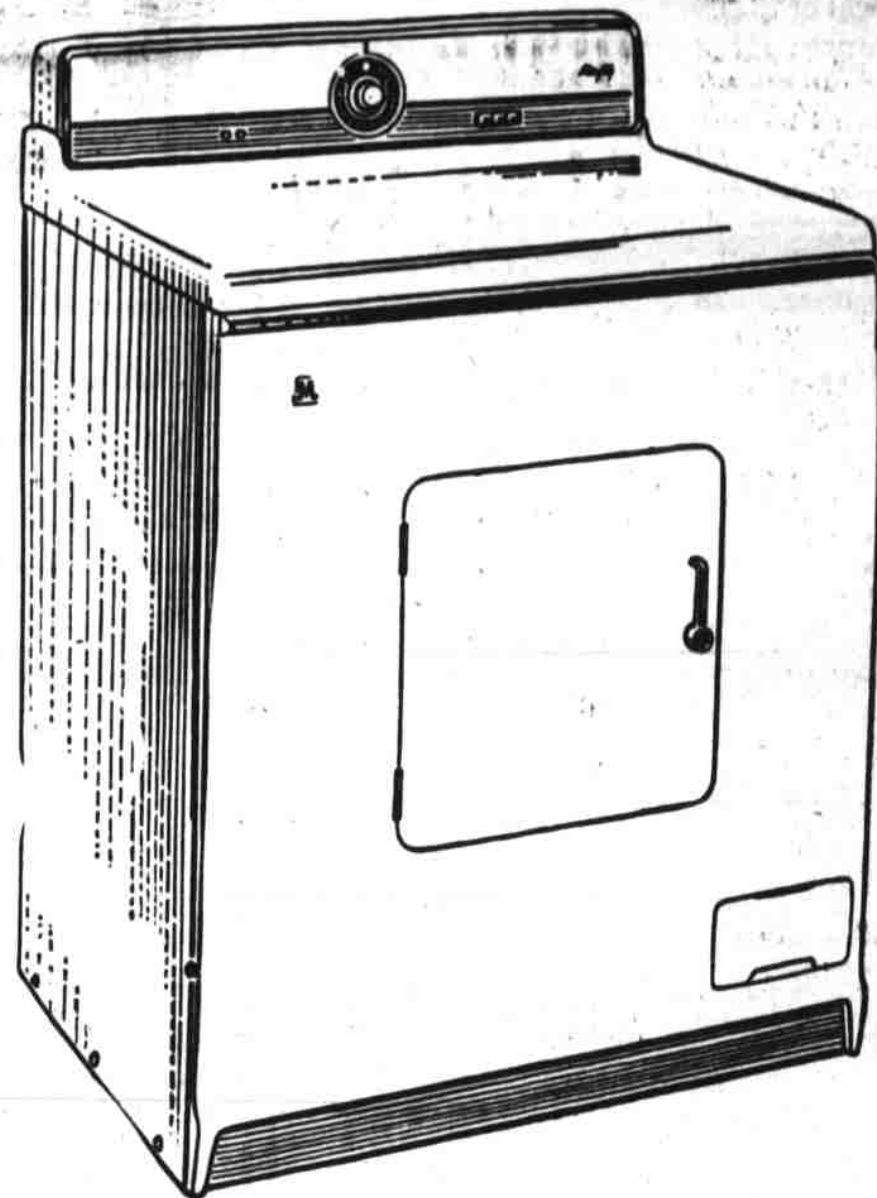
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