

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The Christmas seal sale conducted to support the battle against tuberculosis has just been concluded. Now being organized is the March of Dimes campaign to raise funds to combat infantile paralysis. After that will come solicitation in behalf of the American Cancer society. These are all worthy causes. However, their multiplicity is annoying. Worse than that, the programs of the numerous organizations in the health field are uncoordinated and the budgets of each bear little relation to the incidence of the particular diseases which are being fought. The time has come when some overall public body should review the program and appeals of these separate agencies or some day the public may get tired of the continuous solicitation and withhold contributions.

Fortunately such an effort is being initiated now by the National Health Council, which has created a citizens' committee of 25 with a duty to develop a plan for coordination among the 20,000 voluntary health agencies of the country. The temporary chairman is Dr. Louis I. Dublin, vice president and statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company and recognized leader in the field of health education. The committee will find an excellent foundation for starting its work in the study made by Selskar M. Gunn and Philip S. Platt and published under the title "Voluntary Health Agencies." This reveals clearly the unbalanced condition prevailing in the field.

For example, due to the peculiar emotional appeal in the case of infantile paralysis the collection for this cause

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Russians Ask Time to Study Bretton Woods

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—(AP)—Russia wants more time to study the Bretton Woods monetary agreements before signing them. A state department official said today the Soviets had so informed Averell Harriman, American ambassador in Moscow.

Russia made several reservations when 44 nations decided at a conference at Bretton Woods, N. H., in 1944 to set up an international bank for reconstruction and development and a fund to stabilize world currencies. They agreed to subscribe a total of roughly \$9,000,000,000 for each fund.

Russia and eight smaller nations passed up their chance to become charter members when they failed to sign up before January 1, this year. But the bank and the fund will be created anyway because the 35 nations that did sign in time have pledged enough of the cash—about 83 per cent of the total.

If and when she does sign, Russia will contribute \$2,400,000,000. Russia now must get the approval of the boards of directors, not yet appointed, to join the international financial agencies.

Filipino Enters Innocent Plea

Bernardo Jucutan, Filipino, charged with first-degree murder in connection with the slaying of two of his countrymen in the Lake Labish district here last Tuesday, appeared in the Salem justice court Saturday, pleaded innocent and asked for a preliminary hearing to be held January 12.

Jucutan, in a signed confession, said he killed the two men with knife and gun as the result of an altercation during a New Year's eve drinking and card party.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"If you don't stop eating those Christmas neckties they're going to start coming out your—oops!"

AIRPORT HOUSING FOR VETS ASSURED

Federal Permission Granted to Convert Ex-Army Barracks

29 Buildings Go to State Hospital; 217 Available for Veterans and Families, Council to Consider Plan Tomorrow

A new and temporary suburb with 300 to 500 residents at the southeastern edge of Salem was virtually an assured fact today. Promise that the city would receive use of Salem army airbase properties and could acquire all but 29 of the 246 barracks and other buildings there for veterans' housing and airport operation came Saturday to George Aiken, state budget director, from federal surplus property administration officials.

Twenty-nine buildings will be turned over to the state for use by Oregon state hospital during construction operation there. Cost of moving those buildings to state hospital property will be borne by the state. Officials said the structures would be used to house hospital attendants and other employees of the institution.

Applications of the state and city were filed at the same time through the Seattle surplus property division, under an act adopted by congress approximately two weeks ago.

Already plans for the use of 50 to 75 of the barracks buildings as emergency housing for veterans and their families have been outlined by a special city-wide housing committee. These will be presented to tomorrow night's council meeting or to the city housing authority the council is expected to establish.

Briefly, those plans are: Installation of partitions, plumbing, etc., to make each building into two or three apartments, probably three rooms each. The quarters would be sanitary, comfortable, liveable, but not aesthetically desirable. They would rent for approximately \$25 a month.

Rental money would be applied to repay first the investment which would be made there in the name of the city for extension of city water and sewer service (already a part of the barracks set-up but not quite suitable for the three family units). Since there apparently is no city fund which could be drawn upon for this work, it is considered probable that it will be financed in much the same way as was the initial Camp Adair bus service, through business contributions. Once the debt of the housing project to the city fund has been paid, the federal government would be repaid for its investment in partitions, etc.

Roadways in the area are good, and probably will meet federal specifications so that sidewalks need not be installed, members of the citywide committee said last week.

Many of the barracks stand on land which the government purchased or leased from owners other than the city, although some are on McNary field, proper. It was understood here yesterday that the city would not be required to move the barracks onto the property it owned before the war.

No attempt will be made to develop the project into anything very attractive, although health and comfort of the occupants will be of major importance, committee members declare. The purpose of the development is to provide shelter for veterans, their wives and one or two children, so that larger families and non-veterans may secure housing inside Salem. It would also be designed to encourage veterans to remain here to establish homes when building increases or to occupy houses and apartments as these are constructed by other persons.

Numerous veterans have left employment here to go elsewhere and others threaten to follow suit because of lack of housing, it is pointed out. Rental will be high enough at the project, it is anticipated, so that it will not provide unfair competition for private housing, but low enough that families living there will not be paying a profit to the city or to the federal government.

When the council considers the matter of a city housing authority, for which the recent congressional act provides, it will also consider asking for return of its McNary field property, city officials said here Saturday following a conference with Charles S. Cohn, chief of the management and disposal branch of the Portland office of army engineers. It will make a check of the airport properties at once to determine what damage may have been done during army occupation so that the required information may be filed before termination of the government lease.

'SLIM' SUMMERVILLE DIES
LAGUNA BEACH, Calif., Jan. 5—(AP)—George J. "Slim" Summerville, 54, motion picture actor and director, died at his home here tonight.

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New Counsel



WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—Seth Richardson, Washington attorney, leans his head on his hand as he sits in on the Pearl Harbor inquiry in Washington, listening to testimony of Adm. Harold R. Stark.

Richardson was named as successor to William D. Mitchell as chief committee counsel. (AP Wirephoto.)

Probers Finish Examination of Admiral Stark

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—(AP) Admiral Harold R. Stark said today that he left all responsibility for movements of the Pacific fleet up to Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, its commander, after ordering a "defensive deployment" Nov. 27, 1941.

As chief of naval operations, Stark said, he made no check on how Kimmel was carrying out that order because that was not the navy way of doing things.

"In the navy," he explained to a senate-house investigating committee, "an officer gives an order and expects a subordinate to carry it out."

With this testimony, the white-thatched naval officer left the witness chair after a week of questioning. He maintained throughout that:

1. Kimmel had received "adequate information" so that he should have been on guard when the Japanese struck Dec. 7, 1941.

2. No top official in Washington sought war with Japan, but on the contrary all endeavored to maintain peace because the country was unprepared for a "two ocean" war and Hitler was regarded as the major threat.

When Stark's examination was completed the committee recessed until Jan. 15. At that time Kimmel will be the witness.

Religious Persecution Reported Continuing

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 5—(AP) A press bulletin from Mgr. Enrico Pucelli's unofficial news service today quoted an unnamed Croation, who recently fled from Yugoslavia, as saying that 615 priests had been killed in Yugoslavia.

The bulletin added that "religious persecution continues as strongly as before."

Spruille Braden Sees Fascist Danger Lurking in Argentina

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—(AP) Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden said tonight that axis forces which used Argentina as a base for wartime operations "still constitute a danger to the Americas."

Participating in an NBC broadcast discussion of inter-American policy, the former ambassador to Buenos Aires was asked: "You mean that axis business firms in Argentina are still untouched, despite all the promises that were made?"

"No, I wouldn't say that," replied Braden.

"I would say that nothing has been done against the most powerful and therefore most dangerous axis elements."

Braden explained that the fundamental American policy of non-intervention in the affairs of other American nations "will continue, but added:

"We have no intention of taking that kind of unilateral action. Neither do we intend to stand idly by while the Nazi-fascist ideology against which we fought a war endeavors to entrench itself in this hemisphere."

The American policy is one of joint action, he said, with the other republics—a group action for mutual security.

One basic fact about Argentina, Braden declared, is that the majority of the Argentine people have always been pro-democratic and opposed to totalitarian dictatorship.

CHINA PEACE NEAR

Electric Walkout Date Set

By the Associated Press
The CIO Electrical Workers yesterday announced a nationwide strike of 200,000 workers in plants of the General Electric Westinghouse and General Motors companies had been called for Jan. 15.

The announcement was made at the end of a day-long conference of the union's executive officers in New York, and followed by less than an hour the announcement of a revised wage offer by General Electric.

Another strike was temporarily stayed by President Truman's appointment of an emergency board to investigate a labor dispute affecting the St. Louis and San Francisco (Frisco) railway. The walkout of 7000 employees had been set for 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time today.

In New York, a union leader said the three-day old Western Electric strike was "just about ready to explode" into a nationwide walkout of telephone workers.

Offered Raise
One of three companies threatened with a strike of electrical workers Jan. 15 announced Saturday it had offered the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America a wage increase "better than the 10 per cent" it recently proffered the union.

Charles E. Wilson, president of the General Electric company, said the company had made a 10-hour increase for all employees making less than one dollar an hour. Such an increase, he said, would grant employees in lower pay brackets more than the straight 10 per cent increase originally offered.

Educators Talk Over Teaching Qualifications

Educators from all parts of Oregon gathered here Saturday at a joint meeting of the state teachers association and state educational department involving teacher certification and teacher training.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss improvement of qualification of teachers and the existing teacher training program. Any recommendations of the joint committee will be filed with the state educational department and the legislature.

Officials said that while teacher certification in Oregon is operating satisfactorily some improvement in the qualifications may be necessary before the prewar teacher requirements are again placed into effect. It was brought out at the meeting that a shortage of teachers still exists in many sections of the state.

Lt. Hiday Killed in Car Crash

First Lt. Richard Hiday, 1210 N. 16th st., was reported killed in an automobile accident in Germany Dec. 25, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hiday, Saturday.

Hiday, a graduate of Salem high school in 1933, was an officer in the 71st division landing in Europe in January, 1945. His division was a part of Patton's Third army. He had been in the service since July, 1942, and received the bronze star last April. Before entering the service he was employed at the Oregon Pulp and Paper mill.

Survivors are his parents and his wife, the former Elizabeth Spain, Columbus, Ga.

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	48	38	26
Eugene	49	39	26
Portland	49	42	14
Seattle	50	38	26
San Francisco	54	52	Trace

Willamette river 13 ft.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fog early in morning, partly cloudy in afternoon. Minimum temperature 42 degrees.

To Warm the Heart—And Toes



DRANCY, France, Jan. 5.—These little girls ecstatically hug the new shoes that were distributed to them by American Red Cross relief workers to replace their shabby, ersatz leather shoes. The children of Drancy were chosen for the distribution because they were considered as being most in need of them. (AP Wirephoto.)

Alcoa Charged With Blocking U.S. Plant Sales

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—(AP)—The surplus property administration asserted today the Aluminum Company of America is using its patents to obstruct disposal of government aluminum plants to Alcoa competitors—a charge the company promptly denied.

In a bluntly worded letter to Chairman O'Mahoney of a senate subcommittee on surplus property, SPA Administrator W. Stuart Symington declared the responsibility for shutting down two Arkansas plants "and throwing the employees out of work... rests squarely upon... the company."

"The time has come," Symington said, "to say frankly to congress that it may well be that no disposal of any of the (aluminum) plants to competitors will be possible unless Alcoa changes its attitude, or unless the courts, acting under the Sherman act, reorganize Alcoa so that its monopolistic power is broken."

Snell Flies to Speaking Date in New York

Gov. Earl Snell left Salem by airplane Saturday for New York City, where he is to be principal speaker at a banquet of the motion picture industry Monday night honoring Ted R. Gamble, who is leaving his post as federal war finance chairman to return to private business as a Portland theatre operator.

Point Scores Dropped as Basis For Returning GIs From Europe

By Wes Gallagher
FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 5—(AP)—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney disclosed today a new system of U. S. army redeployment from Europe under which the release of men to go home will depend on whether they are essential in their jobs, and whether replacements arrive.

The old redeployment program is ended, he announced.

It was good news for men with low points. Men with 10 or 15 points who had thought they might be in Germany for years under the point system could be home by July 1, if replacements arrive.

McNarney, U. S. commander in the European theater, told a news conference that high point men kept in Europe remain because of lack of ships.

He said that through the new program "we will have the requisite American forces to fulfill our nation's responsibilities in Germany. The United States forces will be employed efficiently and

Marshall To Assist In Parley

By Spencer Moosa
CHUNGKING, Jan. 5—(AP)—The government and the communists announced today an agreement on methods of ending China's civil strife and instructed their top negotiators to meet not later than Monday to work out the details.

It was learned reliably that Gen. Chang Chen, the government negotiator, and Chou En-Lai, the communist representative, would seek the help of Gen. George C. Marshall, special U. S. envoy to China.

Cease Fire
K. C. Wu, minister of information, said a cease fire order, stilling the sporadic shooting that has punctuated the civil turmoil since Japan's surrender, would be set when the negotiators meet.

It still was not known here whether the government had agreed to lift the blockade of communist areas, which the communists had demanded as one condition before going farther with peace talks.

The long-awaited agreement was widely acclaimed in Chungking as assuring at least a temporary peace, and there were expressions of relief on all sides in this long-anxious capital.

Armistice Helps
It was generally conceded that the existence of an armistice when the Chinese unity conference opens Jan. 10 would greatly enhance the prospects of its success, but that there was the danger of a resumption of hostilities should that all-party meeting fail.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, who called the session, indicated in his message to the nation New Year's eve a willingness to broaden the base of his government to achieve unity.

Whether the generalissimo would go even further and accept the demands of the communist party and China's Democratic league for a full-fledged coalition government was not known.

Morgan's Pay To Be Stopped

LONDON, Jan. 5—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, asked by the UNRRA to resign as head of the organization in Germany, presumably will be deprived of his authority and dropped from the payroll if he persists in his refusal to quit, a spokesman for the relief agency said today.

Morgan, under fire for expressing belief in a Frankfurt news conference that a secret Jewish organization was responsible for the mass exodus of Jews from Poland and Czechoslovakia, has been instructed to return to London. A UNRRA public relations officer said, however, that reports that Morgan already had been dismissed were exaggerated.

JAPS TO GET LIBERTY SHIPS

TOKYO, Sunday, Jan. 6—(AP)—Informed sources reported today that 100 United States Liberty ships would be turned over to Japan shortly for the repatriation of Japanese still in China and on various islands of the South Seas.

PORTLAND-LONDON, 40 HRS.
PORTLAND, Jan. 5—(AP)—A 17 travelers leaving Portland can reach London in 40 hours via connections with trans-Atlantic carriers at New York and other Atlantic coast points, United Air lines officials said today.

Historic Place Of Pilgrimage

For Protestant and Catholic alike is lovely St. Mary's church at Mt. Angel, where on this Epiphany Sunday the crib scene is changed as the Wise Men from the East replace the wondering shepherds and the sheep at the manger in Bethlehem. Something of the history of the building is told today on page 3 by Loretta Dehler, Statesman correspondent at Mt. Angel.