

Reds Prepare Holiday Fete

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW —(AP)—Millions of people throughout the Soviet Union celebrate their combination Christmas - New Year Monday night.

Children will receive presents around gaily decorated trees already adorned with most homes.

Grown-ups will give one another gifts. Thousands of gallons of vodka and champagne will be consumed and gaiety will be unrestrained.

It is unquestionably the biggest night in the year for the Russians.

Moscow's hotels are planning all-night parties, to feature dancing and general merriment.

The Russians have a lot to wish for in 1947.

They want peace above all else and guarantees of peace which can be made at such meetings as the coming conference of the foreign ministers here.

They want a better way of living—plenty of food, good housing accommodations, lots of recreation, plenty of clothes and a family life.

They want to be able to devote all their time and energy to this state of life and do not want to have to continue with large armies and big air forces.

They want a sure, definite control of atomic energy for useful purposes.

NOTED PLAYWRIGHT DIES

GAINESVILLE, Tex. —(AP)—John Colton, the playwright who wrote the play version of "Rain" and "Shanghai Gesture," died Saturday in a Gainesville hospital. He had come to Texas to recuperate after a lengthy illness.

It is estimated that there are more than 200,000 Kashgai tribesmen roaming the mountains of Iran.

War Shipping Agencies Hit

WASHINGTON —(AP)—A report that the wartime accounting of the Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration was "unsound" and "chaotic" was made public Saturday by a member of the House Merchant Marine Committee.

The report, sharply criticizing the handling of the billion-dollar shipping program, was prepared by Marvin Coles, committee counsel, following extensive committee hearings. It will be submitted for the committee's formal consideration at a meeting Thursday.

It contains this summary: ACCOUNTING—The practices were "unsound" and the accounts "did not actually reflect actual fact," the result being "to jeopardize the financial interest of the government."

While no fraud was found, the records were in "such a chaotic state as to have made possible serious monetary loss to the government." Many accounting records which reflected monies owed by private companies to the government had not been processed and "no effort had been made to collect these monies."

TAXES—Negotiations between the Internal Revenue Bureau and subsidized ship operators have resulted in an agreement by which the 13 operators will pay an estimated \$38,000,000 in taxes. The report criticized the Treasury for "failure to have acted more promptly," censured the Maritime Commission for its policies on wartime deposits in reserve funds, and said the operators themselves "should have pressed for quicker action" on their tax status. Without committee action, it added, the taxes, on which no action had been taken by the government since 1942, "would probably never have been recovered."

About one-eighth of the entire U. S. meat production is in sausage.

Recall Petitions Out in Douglas

ROSEBURG, Ore. —(AP)—Petitions demanding the recall of County Judge D. N. Busenbark and County Commissioner H. B. Roadman for alleged mishandling of certain county business are being circulated in Douglas County. Initiators of the move are four residents of Elkton: Norris Westberry, Charles Hedden, Lester Riley and Lawrence Smith. To obtain a recall election, the petitions must bear a total of 1200 signatures, County Clerk Roy Agee states.

The petitions declare that the two officials (1) have neglected to build "sorely needed" roads and bridges or repair existing ones, despite "ample funds on hand," and (2) to have discriminated against smaller lumber operators in the sale of county owned timber land by bids.

Commenting on the recall move, Judge Busenbark said Saturday that while he did not blame farmers for dissatisfaction with the condition of some county roads and bridges, the court was powerless to fully remedy the situation at present because of inability to obtain the necessary machinery, vehicles and labor.

County timber sales, he said, were in conformity with the sustained yield plan, to which the court was irrevocably committed.

The petitions omit any reference to County Commissioner Ross Hutchinson, who retired from office in January.

Reds Ask Speedup In Armaments Curb

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ing, remained silent on both the Baruch recommendation and the Canadian plan. The Soviet attitude, as a result, was left in doubt on the whole question.

One source said Gromyko received final instructions from Moscow during the day and would be ready to state Russia's position definitely when the commission meets at 11 a.m. (EST) Monday to take final action on its preliminary report to the Security Council.

The commission already has approved the entire report, with the exception of the veto question.

The Canadian proposal provides that the treaty setting up atomic controls contain a clause binding all signatories to consider any major violation sufficient cause for invoking Article 51 of the U.N. Charter.

This article guarantees the right "of individual or collective self-defense if an armed attack occurs against a member of the United Nations." The Canadian plan would in effect define any major violation of atomic control regulations as "an armed attack."

Secrecy Prevails At Treason Trial

BOSTON —(AP)—A federal grand jury investigating charges of treason against two former American newspapermen adjourned for the weekend after hearing 11 witnesses—one of them a German woman.

The Department of Justice began presentation of evidence against Robert Best and Douglas Chandler amid unusual secrecy Friday with armed deputy marshals guarding corridors leading to the jury chambers.

Keeping secret the names of those summoned, the government announced that several more would be called on Monday before the 25-man jury sitting in New England's first treason case since the Revolutionary War.

The Boston-born Chandler, 54, and South Carolina-born Best, 51, are accused of selling out to the Nazis during the war by broadcasting propaganda over Berlin radio designed to undermine the American war effort.

Political Arrests Revealed in Hungary

BUDAPEST —(AP)—Josef Bogner, Hungarian minister of information, said Saturday that "many persons" had been arrested in what other unofficial sources said was a Communist-sponsored purge of politicians and Army officers favoring the western version of democracy.

Bogner promised to release complete information later but said the arrests were carried out by the War Ministry's Communist-controlled Political Department.

Other informants—members of the anti-Communist Small Landholders Party, which won a decisive majority in the November, 1945, elections—said that between 400 and 500 persons had been questioned and that at least 100 were apparently being held in the Political Department headquarters here. These sources said that the persons arrested were nearly all pro-American or pro-British politicians or Army officers, many of whom were members of the anti-German resistance movement during the war.

COLD WAVE
CHICAGO —(AP)—A cold wave moving into the U.S. from Canada sent temperatures down to freezing as far south as Oklahoma Saturday, and heavy snowfalls were reported in the North Central and New England states.

For frankfurters used in the United States 490,000 miles of casing are needed yearly.



A GI LOAN made possible this charming little house at the lucky number 711, on Kreutz Rd. for Mr. and Mrs. John Pavelich. Mrs. Pavelich is shown on the steps. (Wiltshire photo and engraving.)

John and Rosella In Their New Home

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becomes even more precious.

1947 Picture Better

The 1946 situation as far as building or buying homes which met GI loan requirements was concerned, has been "difficult," says Cashman. Materials have

been hard to secure—and expensive.

However, the 1947 picture is more optimistic, he indicated. Scarce items such as plaster and plumbing should be easier to obtain all the time.

GI loans may now be obtained in 8 to 15 days, Cashman said. With "millions of dollars on hand" for financing new homes, the housing situation for veterans should show "considerable improvement by this time next year."

RED PRODUCTION DRIVES

MOSCOW —(AP)—The Soviet Council of Ministers has ordered the Russian textile and other consumer goods industries to open a production drive that will meet the common man's demand for clothing, shoes and other everyday necessities, the government newspaper Izvestia said Saturday.

In the dry season, camels drink about five gallons of water a day, even when not working.

Accidents Kill 14, Injure 60

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fourteen persons died and 60 were injured in plane and train crashes Saturday, with two air accidents accounting for the dead.

Twelve were killed when a Transworld Airline Constellation crashed as it prepared to land at Shannon airport in Eire. Eleven others were injured.

Two crew members died and 19 passengers were injured in the crash of an American Airlines plane on a Lake Michigan beach near Michigan City, Ind.

A head-on collision of a Southern Railway passenger train and a freight train at Auburn, N.C., injured 14 persons, none seriously.

Another train accident injured 16 at Medford, N.Y., when a Long Island Railroad commuter train passed over a trestle which had been damaged by a high-loaded truck. All but four, two trainmen and two women passengers, suffered minor injuries.

The crashes brought to 19 the total dead in two days, with injuries totaling 74. Five persons were killed and 14 injured Friday when a bus burned at Worland, Wyo., after it was covered with gasoline in a collision with a truck.

Eugene Clock Near Its 100-Year Mark

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rails for a living. Later he became a prosperous and well-known farmer.

After the deaths of Sarah and Sam Meeks, the clock was passed on to the fireman's father, George Hicks, who had been a baby at the close of the war.

When George Hicks died in 1920 the clock was left to his son, Ray, who had begun his service with the Eugene Fire Department two years before. Young Hicks took the clock to the fire department where it would receive care during an unsettled period for the family. And the clock was the department's principal timepiece for the next 15 years.

It was not until 1938 that Mr. Veda Weber, widow of Fireman Henry Weber, presented the department with a new electric clock. When the old clock was replaced, it was still running after 90 or 100 years.

It hadn't received much attention until this Christmas, but Fire Chief W. E. Nussbaum has proposed that it be repaired and put back into operation. Hicks has had several chances to sell the clock as an antique, but he said he would keep it "for sentimental reasons."

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