

Hope Assails Agitation, Asks Prayer

Encyclical Appeals for Peace

ROME (AP) — Pope Pius XII called for prayer... in words as bitany he ever has used...

Holy Land Rife With Race Trouble

JERUSALEM (AP) — Enraged Arab fighters fought a running gun battle with a Jewish convoy Saturday night.

The Trans-Jordan frontier force, an Arab military organization...

Two Jewish settlement police were wounded and one Jew was reported missing in the fighting...

Message Asks Help... Jerusalem from a Jewish community surrounded by Arabs in the British colony of Aden...

Scattered fighting throughout Palestine brought death to seven Arabs, two Jews and one British soldier.

One Arab Killed... An Arab was killed and at least two others were wounded when an Arab rifle attack on the Arab village of Qazaza...

Elsewhere in the Middle East Arab leaders continued to call for resistance to the plan to divide Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states.

Princess' Cash Gifts Given to Charity... LONDON (AP) — Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip have given to charity all the cash that was sent them as wedding presents...

BOMBER FLIES AGAIN... SEATTLE (AP) — The new Boeing jet bomber, XB-147, tried its swept-back wings a second time Saturday on a successful 62-minute flight from Moses Lake Air Force Base.

How Orphans of Gosselies Tie in With Northwest's Friendship Train... In Which We Recall A Santa Claus Story... By J. CURREY... Santa had a Brooklyn accent. His speech was strange, but the spirit he personified was itself nearly as strange to the little Belgium war orphans to whom he spoke...

Over Wages... Workers, said by the union averaging 96 cents an hour are demanding a 15 cent increase.

Level This Christmas Most Like Pre-War... PORTLAND (AP) — Christmas promises to be heavy again this year, but for the first time in seven years here there are no signs of a no-prospect of standard-only signs.

Too Much... Joseph L. Egan, president of the union, contends that meeting union demands would cost \$200,000 a year, adding that the average hourly earnings are \$1.234.

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'More Action Due', Martin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaker Joseph W. Martin said Saturday the anti-inflation program whisked through the special congressional session is just the start of a determined Republican drive to bring down the cost of living.

But the House Democratic leader, Rep. Rayburn (D-Tex.) said, "I think they're about through," when asked what he thought the GOP would do now about high prices.

Martin, told reporters: "There are other steps to be taken." He did not list them, but one possibility is in the field of rent controls.

Whatever happens to prices from now on, the hot arguments of Congress over living costs have made one thing certain—both the Republicans and Democrats are going to blame the other party if prices fail to slide downward.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) reflected GOP thinking along those lines in a statement saying that by signing the GOP anti-inflation bill President Truman will get power "to check nearly all the principal causes of inflation, if he really wishes to do so."

Taft, a GOP presidential aspirant, left the way open for more controls later on if voluntary efforts to curb inflation are unsuccessful.

Exams, Weather Delay Ducks; Buffalo Doubleheader Missed... BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The University of Oregon basketball team failed Saturday to make Buffalo in time for their scheduled meeting with Niagara University in a Memorial Auditorium doubleheader.

The Ducks left Oregon by air only Friday night. They were detained by university examinations.

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Administration Prepares To Keep Relief Rolling

Charges Made Of Inefficiency At Fairgrounds

Frank Gibbs Asks That Two Quit Board

Controversy over the management of the Lane County Fairgrounds flared again last week as Frank Gibbs, Eugene, who boards horses at the fairgrounds made public nine open charges against the fair board.

Simon and McCulloch said Saturday that they had conferred regarding Gibbs' and McInnis' charges, and had no statement to make.

"We do not feel that we can fairly speak for the entire board," Simon said. "Undoubtedly this matter will be brought to the attention of the board at our next meeting. Any action taken should be the action of the entire board, and any explanations that need to be made must also come from the board as a whole."

Appointed by County Court... Board members in addition to Simon are Claude Arne, Cottage Grove, and Gary Strome, Junction City. McCulloch is chosen by the board as secretary manager.

Gibbs emphasized that he was not representing any group in making the following nine charges, but was acting as a result of an investigation carried out by himself.

"ATTENTION—LANE COUNTY FAIR BOARD!" "I. You have been in office for the past several years; the grounds and buildings of the Lane County Fairgrounds have deteriorated steadily until at the present time it is one of the outstanding eyesores in the city."

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THESE FIRST AND SECOND GRADERS at Bailey Hill School are enjoying a library session. Although \$18,000 has been spent recently to enlarge and improve their school, they are using tiny seats made from painted orange crates. Until some new seats were installed in their classroom, it was necessary to use the converted boxes regularly. Now they are in the library corner, but may be again put in full-time use if population increases continue to outrange efforts to expand the school. Left to right, the children are: Ralph Norman, Ellen Jeffries, Darline Weatherly, Mary Brown and Wayne Robertson. (Staff photo, Willshire engraving.)

Taxi Stops! Cop Comes! Taxi Goes!

Down in Texas they say, "One riot, one ranger," but Friday evening a Eugene cop did even better. He broke up a traffic jam at Tenth and Willamette with six words in six seconds.

It happened about 9 p. m., when a taxi driver stopped his cab squarely in line of traffic, just past the Register-Guard office and going north.

Traffic backed up clear to Eleventh in a few seconds. Soon horns began to honk. The taxi sat still. A crowd began to gather.

The man behind the taxi tried to pull around. The taxi quickly wheeled to prevent it. He swerved, too. Both cars stopped. The driver went to talk to the taxi driver, who sat and said nothing.

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75 Million Cut Poses Problem; Parleys Start

Restoration Plea Likely in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$75,000,000 cut which Congress made in winter aid funds for France, Italy and Austria may force a sharp reduction in shipments of raw materials to those countries, officials said Saturday, but every effort will be made to maintain a heavy flow of food.

The administration authorities who made that prediction started a round of conferences looking to a general revision of plans. The goal is to keep the non-Communist governments of those three nations on even keels until Congress acts on the \$17,000,000, four-year Marshall Plan recovery program which President Truman submitted Friday.

In opening the special session Nov. 17 Mr. Truman had sought \$597,000,000 to meet the "irreducible minimum" needs of France, Italy and Austria until next March 31. The appropriation sent to the White House Friday carried \$540,000,000, and \$18,000,000 of that was earmarked for China.

Among other results which responsible officials say as likely to follow the revision of interim plans were:

1. A plea to Congress at the forthcoming regular session to restore the \$75,000,000, if the study of estimates indicates the continuity of shipments to the three countries may be interrupted before the end of March.

2. Difficulties from the stipulation written into the appropriation that the margin of wheat in this country must reach 180,000,000 bushels by next July 1. The working margin for the current crop year has run less than 100,000,000 bushels.

The appropriation measure went to the White House only 12 days before the end-of-the-year deadline beyond which Congress was told neither France nor Italy would have funds to finance further dollar purchases of food.

Shipments nevertheless are expected to continue without interruption. The appropriation authorizes use of funds to pay for cargoes already on the high seas but not yet delivered.

France was allotted \$328,000,000, Austria \$211,000,000 and Italy \$158,000,000 in the original stop-gap estimates submitted by Mr. Truman last month. Congress authorized the entire amount but trimmed the appropriation. With the exception of China, the lawmakers left it up to relief officials to divide the rest among the three European countries. The breakdown remains to be determined.

Tax Structure Fight Planned... PORTLAND (AP) — Labor and farm organizations Saturday announced an initiative plan to make corporate excise taxes available for general fund purposes in Oregon.

The initiative, which sponsors hope to place on the November general election ballot next year, would leave personal income taxes available for offsetting state property taxes.

Sponsors estimated the corporate excise tax provides approximately one-third of the state's total income tax revenue.

Weather... U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, scattered showers Sunday and Monday. Oregon, scattered showers north and occasional showers south portion with snow in mountains Sunday and Monday. Slightly cooler Monday. Moderate to occasional fresh southerly winds off the coast.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Saturday, 52 degrees; low Saturday, 35 degrees; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., .01 inches; total for the month, 2.77 inches; normal for month, 5.72 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., .88 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m., north 4.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Monday, 7:43 a.m. and 4:36 p.m. Tuesday, 7:44 a.m. and 4:36 p.m.

SOLAR TIDES... Sunday High 5:38 a.m. 7.8 ft. 1:00 p.m. 11 ft. Low 4:27 a.m. 1.8 ft. 1:34 p.m. 11 ft. Monday High 7:43 a.m. 8.9 ft. 2:31 p.m. 11 ft. Low 1:11 a.m. 2.1 ft. 2:52 p.m. 11 ft. Tuesday High 5:27 a.m. 11 ft. 1:52 p.m. 11 ft. Low 3:04 a.m. 1.8 ft. 2:52 p.m. 11 ft.

Solstice Time Has Come Again; And Short Days Will End Anon... Are you ready for the solstice? Ready or not, it will be here Monday, but there's really no cause for excitement. It's just the sun reaching the southernmost point in its annual course back and forth across the equator.

The solstice, as you know, occurs twice a year, once in December and once in June. Monday's solstice means that daylight is at its lowest ebb with sunrise in Eugene at 7:45 a.m. and sunset at 4:36 p.m., or 8 hours, 53 minutes of sunlight.

According to J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon astronomer, the sun's momentary breather comes at precisely 8:43 a.m. (PST) and then it starts the long trek northward toward summer (and another solstice). Monday gets close competition for the title of "shortest day". Saturday and Sunday trail by only a few seconds. The fact is, all three days (Dec. 20-21-22), are officially the same length in whole minutes.

Actually, the sun doesn't cause solstices. It's the movement of the earth's axis in relation to the sun. Right now, the sun's vertical beams are more than 23 degrees south of the equator, and that's the limit. By the way, this all says that winter is beginning.