

# Package Delivery To POWs Asked By UN Officials

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Nov. 21 (AP)—The United Nations asked the Communists Thursday to undertake the deliveries of Christmas packages for Allied prisoners held by the Reds.

It was the third time the U.N. has asked the Reds to accept parcels for Allied prisoners. So far, the Reds have agreed only to exchange mail.

Thursday's request was made in a letter from Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U.N. truce delegate to North Korean Gen. Nam Il. The letter was given to the Communists at a brief liaison officers' meeting.

"The approach of winter and the hardships imposed by cold weather make it particularly desirable to take all possible steps at this time to enable the captured personnel of both sides to receive relief parcels," Harrison said.

"Further, the nearness of the holiday and New Year season, which many of the captured personnel of both sides customarily observe as a period of special spiritual and familiar significance, makes it especially appropriate that these deliveries should be undertaken with minimum delay."

**Parcel Exchange**  
Harrison first proposed a parcel exchange plan on Aug. 5. Shortly after that time, the Reds said they had taken the project "under study."

When nothing happened, Harrison proposed it again Oct. 6. The Reds never answered the second letter.

At a short meeting Wednesday, the U.N. apologized to the Reds for the inadvertent flight of an airplane over the neutral Panmunjom zone while identifying barrage balloons were hauled down because of high winds.

The Reds protested the death of a prisoner on Nov. 16 in a U.N. camp on Koje Island, claiming he was "persecuted to death."

**WON'T MISS GAME**  
PRINEVILLE, Nov. 21 (AP)—Norman McLean, affectionately known to his hometown community as Scotty, will not be denied the thrill of watching the semi-final play-off game in the district A-2 high school series for the state football championship here tomorrow night although he is recovering from a serious abdominal operation at Pioneer Memorial hospital Monday. Scotty will view the game, when the Crooked River high school's Cowboys play Ashland's Grizzlies here Saturday night from an ambulance of the Prineville Volunteer Fire department, parked beside the playing field.

**LOOTING CHARGED**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—Five salesgirls at a large department store here, ranging in age from 25 to 45, have been arrested for looting \$16,000 in merchandise. Among the many items the women slipped past a watchman at the employees' entrance was a complete home gymnasium.

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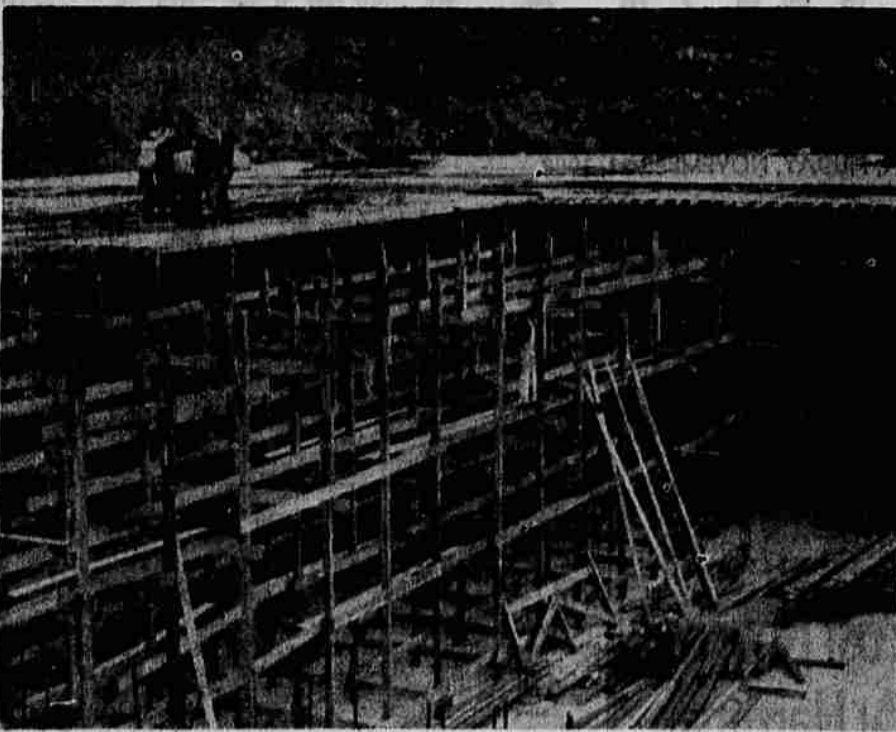
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# Steel Placed for Reservoir Pillars



Crews constructing Bend's 6,000,000-gallon auxiliary reservoir on Aubrey butte are racing against time these days, in an attempt to get the concrete-lined basin "under cover" before heavy snows come. Shown here is a crew arranging steel for one of the reinforced concrete pillars that will support the concrete slab that will cover the big reservoir.

# Benedetto Croce Dies at Age 86

NAPLES, Italy, Nov. 21 (AP)—Benedetto Croce, world-famed philosopher and statesman, died at his home here Thursday after a brief illness. He was 86.

Croce's death came from a kidney infection which followed an attack of influenza. His wife, Donna Adele, and their four daughters were at his bedside.

He was the second great philosopher of modern times to die in Italy since last summer. Spanish-born philosopher George Santayana died in Rome last Sept. 26 at the age of 88.

Croce was renowned for his tremendous capacity for work. In decades of writing, he published more than 100 books on philosophy and other subjects, wrote innumerable articles for magazines and played an active role in resisting Italian Fascism.

After gaining a reputation as a literary critic, Croce became a senator in 1910.

His philosophy made him a foe of close relations between the Catholic Church and the Italian state. In 1929 he was one of five senators who voted against the Lateran Pact between Mussolini and the Vatican.

# Recreation Hall Planned by VFW

MADRAS, Nov. 21 — Arthur Hillbrands, in charge of promotion of a recreation center which the Mt. Jefferson post Veterans of Foreign Wars here plans on opening next spring, said yesterday that the veterans expect to receive full cooperation of the student body at the Madras union high school.

He stated that the new structure to house the recreation project will rise on Eighth street just south of the Madras Christian church. It will be 40 by 100 feet with a full basement, where bowling alleys will be located. A skating rink will occupy the first floor.

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# Skilled Women Weave Purple Velvet for Elizabeth's Robe

By O. D. GALLAGHER  
BRAINTREE, Essex, England, Nov. 21 (AP)—Behind the closed doors of Warner's textile mills two women—the most skilled in all the British Commonwealth—were hard at work Thursday at the task of weaving the royal purple velvet for Queen Elizabeth II's coronation robe.

It is a tedious, painstaking task that will keep the pair, Miss Lily Lee and Mrs. Hilda Calver, busy for the next three months.

Although they are closeted alone in the room with their 100-year-old handlooms, there is no sound except the rattle of the foot treadles that part the warp and the soft hiss of the flying shuttles carrying the weft.

Visitors are barred. And for the two skilled weavers there is neither time nor chance for anything but weaving eight hours daily until the task is done.

Each must turn out 20 yards of purple velvet—as uniform in color and texture as it is possible for human skills to produce.

So fine is the weave and so exacting the requirements that each day's work produces a scant one and one-half feet of cloth.

The two women must concentrate constantly on their task, for the delicate weave is so fine that the slightest variation in the pressure of the razor-sharp cutters that snip the silk threads and turn them into velvet pile would change the shade of the royal purple.

Both women have been weavers for 30 years, or more. But never, they said, have they been assigned a task like this.

And beneath the mechanical rhythm of their work there is a fierce competition. For they know that although each is weaving 20 yards of the precious cloth, only one will be used for the coronation robe.

The queen herself will select the finest, the possibly flawless length. The other will be held as a duplicate in case anything could happen to the first piece while it is being tailored.

But the director of the mill insists that no one, including the weavers, ever will know which length of velvet is selected. "Not even the two women will be able to distinguish between them," he said.

The velvet will cost \$39.20 per yard or a total of \$1,568 for the two 20-yard lengths. Each is 21 inches wide.

At another loom in the old mill a man is weaving a fabulous cloth of gold on a loom carrying 10,000 threads.

When asked who had ordered the precious cloth, how much it will cost per inch and how permission was obtained to draw the gold from the Bank of England, mill director Doe said:

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# 'Official Writing' Course Offered U. S. Employees

By BERNARD BRENNER  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Was your in-service training in maximizing procedurally sound public obfuscation techniques phased out short of finalization?

Then take heart, brother. The Agriculture Department graduate school can give you a course in "official writing," government style.

The course, according to a catalogue description, "considers ways of making official writing clear, vigorous, and readable in spite of the necessary rules and restrictions."

Perhaps like this excerpt from an agriculture department release:

"In setting the quotas for these imports, consideration will be given to the percentage which the applicant's imports prior to July 1, 1951, constituted of total imports of the same type of cheese for the period beginning with the calendar month in which he started importing and ending June 30, 1951."

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The writing school has a course on "the logic of mechanizing information." It teaches "application of the basic logical principals of mechanically organizing and classifying information to problems of organizing information for the specific purposes of science, industry and government."

J. Kendall McClarren, one of three instructors for the "Official Writing" course, said he has about 15 students this year. They come from all branches of government and from private life. He uses the "horrible example" technique to show his students how not to write news releases.

**Example Cited**

"I don't keep any stock releases for examples," he said. "I just pick up two or three current pieces out of the flow every week."

"In determining individual cheese import authorizations for 1952-53, unused remainders from 1951-52 will not be considered, and imports during the 1951-52 control period in excess of authorized quantities will be deducted from authorizations for 1952-53 of the importers concerned."

# PORTLAND DAIRY MARKET

(By United Press)  
Prices were unchanged on the Portland wholesale dairy market Friday.

Butter: To retailers: AA grade prints 77c lb., cartons 78c; A prints 77c, cartons 78c; B prints 73c.

Eggs: To retailers: Grade AA large 65c doz.; A large, 60-62c; AA medium, 59c; A medium, 57-58c; A smalls, 43-44c. Cartons 3c additional.

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