

SOME CLEARING with showers tonight, Friday, mostly cloudy, intermittent rain in afternoon. Continued mild temperatures. Lowest tonight, 39; highest Friday, 46.

Maximum yesterday, 47; minimum today, 42. Total 24-hour precipitation: .03; for month: 3.03; normal, 4.49. Season precipitation: 12.57; normal, 13.25. River height, 2 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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## Russians Said Fortifying on Baltic Coast

### Evacuating Germans And Building U-Boats And Warships

Hamburg, Germany, Dec. 22 (AP)—The independent weekly Der Spiegel reported today the Russians are evacuating thousands of Germans from the Baltic coast and fortifying it the same way the Nazis fortified the Atlantic coast in the last war.

People who refuse either to go or work for the Russians are sent into the uranium mines, Der Spiegel said.

The Soviet navy is building U-boats, destroyers and mine sweepers and repairing Soviet and former German cruisers and battleships, a two-page report said. It added:

#### Top Rearmament Base

"The Soviet admiralty directed that the Baltic become Russia's top rearmament base. The harbors of Wismar, Warnemunde, Rostock and Stralsund are being rebuilt near the Poel peninsula."

The paper said almost all air bases in the region are being rebuilt, some of them by Germans now in Russian concentration camps.

Der Spiegel said rockets are being shot from Kibbero on the Russian island of Oesel as target. It pointed out that the distance from Kibbero Vessel is exactly the same as from Kolberg to the Ruhr.

#### GI's Trained in Berlin

All American troops in Berlin have been ordered to conduct maneuvers in street fighting methods, it was learned today.

The first unit, 400 military police, engaged in a brisk maneuver this afternoon in a problem based on the theory that about 2,000 communists had seized the U. S. army food commissary.

Fully armed and in battle dress, the military police rushed the commissary buildings in little knots under "protective fire" and the umpires decided that the street rioters had been successfully ejected.

#### Riot Control Experience

Experience in riot control has been ordered by Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, U. S. commander, as the primary tactical mission any troops in Berlin could be expected to encounter.

The constabulary and the infantry have similar exercises planned. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1)

## Stalin Shows-up At Celebration

London, Dec. 22 (AP)—Joseph Stalin wound up communism's gigantic celebration of his 70th birthday with one of his rare public appearances in Moscow last night.

The Moscow radio said Soviet Russia's prime minister appeared to tremendous applause on the platform at the Bolshoi theater where the day's birthday events concluded with a cheering demonstration.

Stalin's appearance highlighted the celebration, which opened with leaders of world communism voicing a flood of oratorical tributes to their generalissimo.

China's Mao Tze-Tung, making his first known trip from his homeland, was the first speaker. He described Stalin as the "teacher and friend of the people of the entire world." The Soviet union, he said, is the "bulwark of democracy and peace."

After Mao similar tributes voiced by communist leaders from eastern Europe and from Italy, Spain and Austria.

Huge spotlights played on the theater building during the celebration. Around it all Moscow was illuminated by thousands of brilliant lights and slogans congratulating Stalin.

Thousands of Russians in Manezh square near the Kremlin heard songs of praise for Stalin, shouted through batteries of loudspeakers. Artists performed on a huge platform. In Red square searchlights played over a huge portrait of Stalin suspended from a balloon overhead.

In the other communist countries of the world similar birthday celebrations were held.

#### PGE Declares Dividend

Portland, Dec. 22 (AP)—Portland General Electric company declared a dividend of 45 cents a common stock share for the year's fourth quarter today.

## Navy Plans to Strengthen Pacific Fleet

### Carrier and Subs to Be Ordered Along With Cruisers

Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—The navy disclosed today that it is considering a further strengthening of the Pacific fleet.

This would be in addition to the recently ordered shift of two cruisers, the Juneau and the Rochester, from the Atlantic to the west coast. It follows published reports that another carrier and number of submarines are due to make similar shifts.

Replying to a reporter's question as to whether the navy plans any further strengthening of its Pacific forces in addition to the announced cruiser transfers, a spokesman said:

"This problem is under consideration—subject, of course, to internal and external conditions."

#### Depends on Money Available

The spokesman did not specify the conditions that will affect the navy's decision.

Obviously, one important internal factor will be the amount of money the service has for ship operations.

And externally, an important element is bound to be the conflict that thus far has put communists in command of virtually all of China's ports, except British-controlled Hong Kong, and driven the Chinese nationalists to the island of Formosa.

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## MacArthur Flays 'Red Hypocrisy'

By RUSSELL BRINES

Toyko, Dec. 22 (AP)—General MacArthur today denounced "callous" Soviet "hypocrisy" and started a move for independent investigation of the fate of 378,000 missing Japanese war prisoners captured by the Russians.

He said he had requested Washington to begin negotiations for an investigation either by a neutral nation or the International Red Cross.

The American occupation commander issued one of his strongest attacks against the Soviets after a Russian walkout of the allied council for Japan yesterday. This was followed by renewed Russian charges the United States was assisting the revival of Japanese fascism.

The Soviet mission was under determined siege by 200 Japanese representatives of anxious relatives of missing war prisoners. They were told the Soviet answer to requests for information on further repatriation "appeared in this morning's papers." Presumably this referred to a letter charging "oppression" by the Japanese government which Lt. Gen. Kusma Derevyanko, head of the Soviet mission, addressed to General MacArthur.

MacArthur said the letter showed "a callousness of hypocrisy I can not fail to denounce." He termed it a smokescreen to distract attention from the repatriation issue.

## Road Up Little North Fork Said Sinking

County Commissioner Roy Rice reported to the county court Thursday that a part of the roadway up the Little North Fork of the Santiam immediately above Mehama is sinking and needs repair. The theory is that where the river has washed away under its banks about 12 feet or so from the roadway there is a hole back under the rocks which carries the water under the roadway, especially at high water periods, resulting in softening the base under the road and causing the pavement to sink.

The matter is of added importance due to the prospective routing of the north Santiam highway itself between Mehama and Mill City along the Marion county side of the river. If it develops, as feared, that the river is seeping back under the present roadway it will probably mean a routing further back from the river whenever the road is converted to the use of the North Santiam highway, in fact county court members consider this would be a logical move, anyway. To reroute the highway directly through Mehama would mean disturbance



## Gifts Received At Chemawa

More than 600 pupils of the Chemawa Indian school had a pre-Christmas visit from Santa Claus Wednesday night as the Salem Lions club assumed the role of the jolly gentleman.

The vast majority of the pupils will not be able to return to their homes scattered over the far western states and Alaska because of travel involved.

The Lions club provided individual packages of candy, nuts and fruit for all of the students as well as for children of the employees.

Carl Aschenbrenner, Parrish junior high principal, and Lions club official, presided as master of ceremonies following introductory remarks by Ed Schroeder, president.

The program included magic by Jack Spong; vocal selections by the Montgomery Ward trio—Louise McMillan, Jean Artz and Betty Boise, with Bill Day accompanist; Leslie Junior high brass ensemble of Robert Hamilton, Margaret Seeger, Delores Eggleston, John Bartlett, Quentin Nordyke and Jerry Evenden; ventriloquism by D. D. Dotson.

The role of Santa Claus was filled by Tom Pomeroy.

## First Candidate For Big Pensions

A man who's going to pay big pensions to everyone and hold prices down filed his candidacy today for congress from Multnomah county.

H. H. Stallard, Portland democrat, thus became the first candidate to file for any office in next spring's May primary election campaign.

Stallard wants wartime price control reenacted, and he would pay each dependent adult \$100 a month. Each dependent child would get \$25 a month.

Stallard, who calls his program "Stallard's community center plan," would start it off by appropriating \$100,000,000 from the federal treasury. He said his plan would "solve the question of living from the cradle to the grave."

## Tighten Ban on Exports Of Secret Data to Russia

Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—The government today tightened up its machinery for keeping scientific and technical data from going to Russia.

The commerce department announced that "in exceptional cases" it will impose an outright ban on export of technical information which is "significant to the national security."

The obvious object—though not stated in the official statement—is to keep such information from reaching the Soviets.

The main aim is to help a private firm withhold matter affecting national security when the firm has a contract that would be breached by refusing to make shipments.

This is the background:

Recently, the department set up a "voluntary control plan" over export of information. It asked Americans to get an opinion from it before exporting data which might have a security value.

Some firms requested advice and were given opinions against sending the data abroad. Later, they reported they would like to withhold it, but feared lawsuits for breach of contract.

The imposition of bans on export is intended to relieve these persons from danger of suit, since they can show the shipment was forbidden by U.S. government action.

No ban is likely to be imposed except where the prospective shipper of information takes his problem to the commerce department.

Officials pointed out no complete ban could be imposed unless there was a censorship on all mail leaving the United States. They stressed there is no intention whatsoever of setting up such a censorship.

Neither the voluntary control plan nor the prospective bans in "exception cases" will supplant current provisions against export of technical data classified by the government as security or secret matter. Other government regulations will continue to take care of those cases.

## Burk Libel Suit Out of Court

Involuntary nonsuit and dismissal of the jury was granted by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Wednesday afternoon in the \$150,000 libel suit instituted by former Sheriff A. C. Burk against George Putnam, publisher of the Capital Journal.

Burk charged that an editorial published in the paper in October, 1948, was defamatory and aided in his defeat for reelection as sheriff, particularly assertions as to his alleged failure to clean up slot machines.

The court ruled there was no doubt in his mind that slot machines were in operation in the county during Burk's tenure in office, that it was the sheriff's business to know about them and to confiscate them whether or not they were operating in the city limits. He held that the editorial in question was neither libelous nor malicious and public questions during a political campaign.

During course of the trial a big stack of indictments returned during Burk's term in office dealing with gambling based on evidence secured by the state police were placed in evidence to indicate operation of slot machines without intervention of the sheriff's office.

## Yugoslavia to Hold General Election Soon

### Tito Takes New Steps To Force Hungary to Pay War Bill

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Dec. 22 (AP)—Official sources said today Yugoslavia will hold its first general parliamentary election since 1945 in the near future.

Under the constitution, the election must be held within two or three months after the expiration of the present government Jan. 31.

In the last elections on Nov. 11, 1945, opponents of Premier Marshal Tito cast only about 10 per cent of the vote.

The present parliament convenes Dec. 26 for a brief budget session.

#### Tito after Hungary

Meanwhile, Information Minister Vladimir Dedjler disclosed that Yugoslavia has taken new steps to force Hungary to pay its war bill.

Hungary, one of Russia's satellites, stopped payments to Yugoslavia last year, after the communist countries adopted a resolution denouncing Tito and his aides.

Under the peace treaty Hungary was supposed to pay Yugoslavia \$70,000,000 as war reparations.

He said his government has given Hungary until Jan. 15 to name a representative to meet with one from Yugoslavia and attempt a settlement.

#### Army Day Celebration

Yugoslavia marked its army day celebration by accusing Russia of selling Tito second-hand arms and useless gunpowder at exorbitant prices.

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## Strikers Stall Cleveland Buses

Cleveland, Dec. 22 (AP)—Strikers stalled Cleveland's city-owned buses and streetcars today, forcing thousands of commuters and last minute Christmas shoppers to resort to hitch hiking, taxis or foot-work.

Less than one-fifth of the AFL transit union's 4,200 members in local 268 voted a strike just before last midnight. They want the Cleveland transit system to continue its policy of 96-hour-12 day—paid vacations.

The vote was 496 to 287 against deferring the walkout until Jan. 16. This meant complying with a midnight strike deadline.

In making this decision, the unionists ignored: (1) a plea by their local president, Thomas P. Meaney, to hold off until Jan. 16 date; and (2) the Ferguson act, an Ohio law that provides heavy penalties for public employees who strike.

The strike of the main means of public transportation in the nation's sixth largest city—with more than 1,000,000 residents—came as such a surprise that Mayor Thomas A. Burke had to be roused from bed.

#### Ward Sails for United States

Yokohama, Dec. 22 (AP)—Consul General Angus Ward and most of his Mukden staff, which was deported by Chinese communists, sailed for the United States tonight aboard the liner President Wilson.

## Old Collar of Os West's Dog Found in Sewer

"He was the best hunting dog that ever showed up in Marion county."

The dog mentioned was Sunday, a Gordon Setter once owned by former Gov. Oswald West; the commentator was the dog's former owner.

Sunday lived way back about the turn of this century but memories of the dog were brought back to West when Sunday's collar was found recently by a crew cleaning sewer lines in Salem.

The leather collar now in the possession of A. J. (Tony) George, who is sending it to West, shows signs of the passing of years. The tag on which is inscribed Sunday, No. 131, Oswald West, is still bright and shiny, however.

West, in Portland, could not recall when the collar was lost nor where, but had many recollections of the dog. The collar was found by the city crew in the sewer line on Hickory street near the Valley Packing company.

## Pope Presented Silver Trowel

Vatican City, Dec. 22 (AP)—Workers representing the 4,000-000 members of Italian Catholic Action presented Pope Pius XII today with a gold-gilded silver hammer and trowel with which to open and close the holy door in St. Peter's for the 1950 Holy Year.

It was the first time in the centuries-long history of Holy Years that the hammer and trowel was presented by a workers' organization.

At his Vatican apartment the pope received a delegation headed by their president, Ferdinando Storch, and including a steel worker, a farmer, a streetcar employee, a printer and a stone mason.

The first holy door ceremony will be held Saturday morning, when the pope will tap three times with the hammer on the brick wall sealing the main entrance to St. Peter's. He will intone the words "Aperite mihi portas iustitiae"—"Open unto me the gates of justice."

As he taps the third time the brickwork, previously cut, will be lowered by pulleys and rolled away, and the cathedral's golden central doorway will emerge into view.

## British Study Arms Aid Plan

London, Dec. 22 (AP)—The British foreign office has under study a revised draft of an agreement for accepting arms aid from the United States, its spokesman said today.

"The American state department made important changes in the original draft," the spokesman said. "These changes are under consideration here. They were designed to meet our objections to the wording of the original."

Britain balked at the original draft submitted by the U. S. state department to Atlantic treaty nations wishing to share in the billion dollar arms aid program.

## 20 Santas, Mrs. Santa To Roam Streets Friday

Santas, 20 or more of them, and Mrs. Santa Claus, too, will roam the Salem streets again this Friday night.

Mrs. Santa will be greatly outnumbered by the Santa Clauses, but she's more valuable, too. The first person tapping Mrs. Santa on the shoulder and saying, "Tag, you're Mrs. Santa Claus," will receive \$100 as a reward.

Presentation of the prize will be made in front of the Chamber of Commerce at 9 o'clock, with a city or county official making the presentation.

Last Friday night, the first night there was a Mrs. Santa Claus, the first person to tag Mrs. Santa (Mrs. Charles Sprague at all other times) was Mrs. Jessie L. LeBoeuf of 147 North Commercial. The \$100 was a more than welcome gift for Mrs. LeBoeuf, who is a pensioner and had been forced to stop work because of ill health.

The Santa Clauses, like Mrs. Santa, will be dressed in civilian clothes and will be just one of the crowd. The same rules apply to tagging them as to Mrs. Santa with the magic phrase being, "Tag, you're Santa Claus."

## Chinese Reds Near Chengtu Western China

### 400,000 Nationalist Troops in Mass Retreat to Sikang

Hong Kong, Dec. 22 (AP)—Heavy fighting today raged only 10 miles from Chengtu, last Nationalist mainland capital in Western China.

News of the battle was contained in a message direct to the Associated Press bureau here from the Chengtu foreign office.

The message said Nationalist troops under Gen. Hu Tsung-Nan were in mass retreat toward Sikang province which borders Tibet. Hu commands about 400,000 troops—the largest single Nationalist force on the Asian mainland.

Sikang province has been chosen as the base for Nationalist guerrilla warfare. Nationalist army headquarters are located in Sichang over a mountain trail from Chengtu.

#### 90 Foreigners in Chengtu

About 90 foreigners, 60 of them American missionaries, are in Chengtu. Their life there for the past two weeks has been one of uncertainty and suspense.

#### To Consult Stalin

The China Mail in Hong Kong today said Communist Leader Mao Tze-Tung went to Moscow to discuss with Premier Stalin three subjects.

The Mail listed them as:

1. The unification of communist China under one leadership.
2. Whether to carry the communist campaign into French Indochina and Burma.
3. Whether to demobilize the greater part of 5,000,000 Red China troops.

The Mail's unnamed sources said Mao was concerned over the control of Manchuria, which virtually is in the hands of an international clique of Chinese communists who take orders direct from Moscow.

## N Y Reservoirs Continue Drop

New York, Dec. 22 (AP)—New York's drought-ridden reservoirs continued to drop today as state and city officials prepared for a debate on who's to blame for the water shortage.

Water in the reservoirs went down 242,000,000 gallons in the last 24 hours to a level of 87-245,000,000 gallons, 34.5 per cent of capacity.

On this date last year, which itself was below normal, there were 125,201,000 gallons in the reservoirs, 49.5 per cent of capacity.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and city officials were to argue at an afternoon session about where the responsibility for the situation lies—and also what can be done about it.

Meanwhile, a conservation authority reported that New York's troubles were only a counterpart of those facing many other sections of the nation.

Leslie A. Miller, former Wyoming governor and a recent chairman of the national resources task force for the Hoover commission, wrote in the 1950 book of knowledge annual that the country should take a complete stock of its water supply.

Several areas are using more water than their natural watersheds can ever replenish, he said.

## Holiday Death Toll Estimated at 435

Chicago, Dec. 22 (AP)—The nation's death toll in traffic accidents over the three-day Christmas holiday may reach 435, the national safety council says.

The pre-holiday estimate is the largest ever made by the council. It said the estimate covers only immediate traffic deaths—persons killed between 6 p.m. Friday and midnight Monday.

Ned H. Dearborn, council president, said: "We are forced to make this estimate by mathematics. It certainly is a terrible thought for the Christmas season. But our hearts tell us the toll will be lower—that the American people will not permit such a tragedy. I hope our hearts are right."