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MOSTLY CLOUDY, intermittent rain, fresh to strong southerly and southwesterly winds tonight; partly cloudy and blustery Wednesday. Lowest temperature tonight, 42; highest Wednesday, 46.

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Mayor Opposes State Capitol Board's Plans

Against Closing Chemeketa, Union Streets And Zone Extension

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom was on record today in opposition to much of the recommendations of the state capitol planning commission which would extend the capitol zone north to D street.

The mayor's stand is set out in a letter to Robert W. Sawyer of Bend, chairman of the state commission.

Mayor Elfstrom opposes the closing of Chemeketa street and the ultimate closing of Union street as proposed by the state commission. He doubts the feasibility of extending the capitol zone north to D street. In his letter to Sawyer he divides the problem into three parts—the traffic question, the northerly extension, and the fringe area.

Offers 8 Recommendations

The mayor summarizes his views by making eight recommendations of his own. They are, he says, not necessarily the views of the Salem planning and zoning commission or of the city council. The mayor's recommendations are:

- (1) That neither Chemeketa street nor Union street be closed. (2) That plans be made for facilitating the flow of traffic on these and other streets in the capitol area. (3) That attention be given by the interested state authorities to off-street parking serving the capitol group. (4) That responsible agencies of the state immediately declare an intention or policy for the buying of such property that bounds the present capitol area as will be necessary for state uses and that this be coupled with a declaration of intention to purchase within a comparatively short time, such as two, three or five years.

Rain and Cold For Northwest

Wind, rain and colder weather were forecast for the Pacific northwest today, as slides closed one Washington state Cascade mountain pass. Stevens Pass was closed by slides on both sides of the summit late Monday, and remained closed today.

The weather bureau's five-day forecast said below normal temperatures could be expected in Washington state after Wednesday.

Storm warnings replaced small-craft warnings on Washington's inland waters, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Washington coast, and storm warnings were hoisted on the Oregon coast.

The weather bureau forecast winds of 40 to 50 miles an hour on the coast, and 25 to 35 miles inland. It was snowing on Vancouver island in lower British Columbia, but the weather bureau said a cold-air mass above that area had halted its southward movement, at least temporarily. It said heavy precipitation was expected in the northwest in the next few days, and that the rain could change to snow with a slight shift in conditions.

Snoqualmie pass in Washington was open today, but it was raining at the summit. Small slush slides caused a few brief closures over the week-end, and traffic jams occurred.

Twenty-four mile an hour winds raked Portland this morning, with occasional gusts up to 31. They were expected to increase to 35.

BPA Lists Cost Of Bonneville Power to State

\$2000 a Year Saved On Investment of \$200,000 for Plant

By JAMES D. OLSON The state of Oregon could save only \$2,000 annually on an investment of approximately \$200,000 by entering into a contract with the Bonneville administration for furnishing power to state buildings.

Bonneville representatives estimated that the state could save \$6,289 on an investment of \$130,000 by the state a year if federal power was furnished to the state capitol group of buildings and the state hospital penitentiary, forestry building and highway shops.

However, if Bonneville power was required at Hillcrest and Fairview homes this annual savings would be reduced to \$2,000 a year, due to the heavy cost of extending lines to the two outlying institutions and the small amount of power required by Hillcrest and Fairview homes.

No such contract could be entered into, however, until an appropriation for the necessary Bonneville power lines was made by congress.

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Holiday Death Toll Over 611

Chicago, Dec. 27 (AP)—Christmas week-end accidents killed 611 persons in a carnage which the National Safety Council said today should horrify the nation as much as the Texas City disaster two years ago.

The council warned that the toll would be repeated during the New Year's week-end unless "the people have sickened of making horror days out of their holidays."

Traffic accidents killed 420 persons, 63 died in fires, four were killed in plane crashes and 124 died in miscellaneous accidents, a United Press survey showed.

The highway toll fell short of the safety council's prediction, the highest for Christmas in council history, that 435 persons would be killed on the highways. However, deaths from injuries suffered in highway accidents were expected to boost the actual toll above 435.

From 6 p.m. Friday until midnight last night, eight persons died every hour or better than one person every seven minutes. The dead included 78 children.

Booby-Trap Mine Kills 3 Mourners

Singapore, Dec. 27 (AP)—A booby-trap mine exploded today in the midst of mourners gathered about a grave at Ipoh, capital of Perak state, and killed three of them. Twenty others were wounded.

Police said communist terrorists had planted the booby trap, only two feet away from the grave. It apparently was an anti-tank mine. The mine exploded just as the coffin was being lowered into the grave of Mrs. Au See, mother of Cheong Chee.

Robert Burr Caught, Will Go Back to Prison

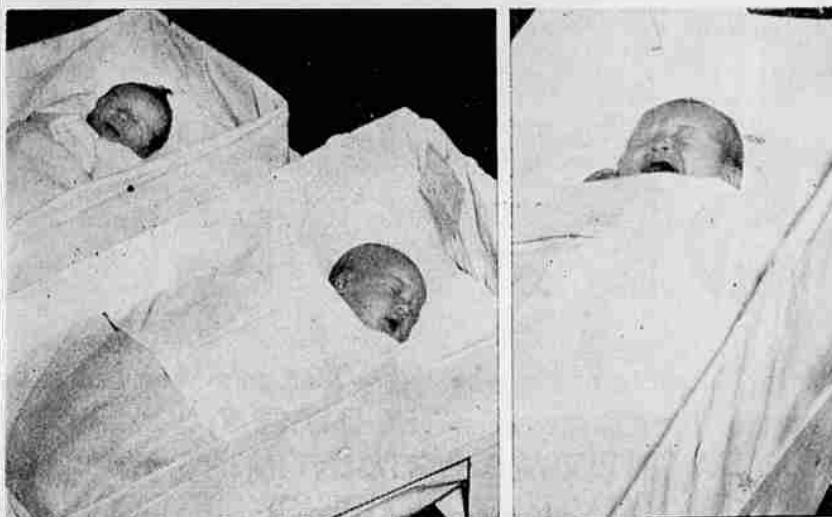
Robert Burr, 23, one of four inmates who escaped from the criminally insane ward at Oregon State hospital here December 2, was captured in San Diego, Calif., Sunday night, Oregon state police here reported.

Marion Watson, 21, who escaped with Burr, has not yet been apprehended.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation reported Burr was seized without a struggle at an armed services YMCA after they received a tip from Portland relatives on Burr's whereabouts. He had sent word to Portland for the relatives to forward him some money.

The FBI said Burr has given them no clue to the whereabouts of Watson. Burr was placed in a psychopathic ward at the San Diego county hospital, held on a federal charge of unlawful flight.

The two made their way to freedom in a bizarre break at the hospital. Watson feigned appendicitis and called for the attendant. The attendant entered Watson's cell to examine him and Watson knocked him unconscious, took his keys, locked him



Six Babies Born On Christmas

Six Christmas babies were the gift of Santa Claus in the Salem district with four of them born in Salem, three girls and a boy.

Most unusual of the babies was the boy born to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Workman of Woodburn, at the Silverton hospital. He has been named David Paul and has a three-year-old sister, Kathleen Marie, also born on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Anderson, 2590 Simpson, are the parents of a girl, born at the Salem General hospital. Born at the Salem Memorial hospital were a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harmon, 2165 Church; girl to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Merrill, 1915 Saginaw, and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Vern Shaw, Mill City.

Glenda Joy is the name of the girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Friesen of Dallas, at the Dallas hospital. Just missing Christmas were twins, a boy and girl, born December 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klassen of Dallas, who are in an incubator at the Dallas hospital. Also missing Christmas was the boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Minor Oziah of Dallas, December 26.

AFL to Seek 4th Round Of Wage Hikes in 1950

Washington, Dec. 27 (AP)—The AFL served notice today that its unions will seek "substantial" wage boosts in 1950.

The big labor organization mentioned increases of 7 to 15 cents an hour as a goal. The wage drive was outlined in the AFL Publication, labor's monthly survey.

Increased wages are possible, the publication said, "without causing a general increase in living costs" if management and labor work together to improve production efficiency.

The article went on: "Some amazing results could be accomplished if workers were given week by week cost records, so they could see the results of their efforts, and management agreed to share the savings with them, determining the just wage increase by collective bargaining negotiation."

"At least a goal could be set of 7, 10, or 15 cents (an hour) more in wages through cost reduction."

"We intend to go forward in 1950 to win further wage gains, cooperating with employers to cut costs wherever they are willing to make this possible."

"By cooperation we mean a genuine joint effort based on submission of cost records; we do not mean acquiescence in employer dominated speed-up schemes."

The publication said that a 10 cent hourly wage increase for all the nation's workers would boost consumer buying power approximately \$8,000,000,000. It said this would insure a good business year in 1950.

Rita's Daughter Sent Away; Baby Awaited

Lausanne, Switzerland, Dec. 27 (AP)—Rita Hayworth, who is awaiting the birth of a child here, sent her five-year-old daughter Rebecca Wells to Gstaad today.

Rebecca, the daughter of the movie actress and her previous husband, Orson Welles, was driven to Gstaad by Rita's present husband, Prince Aly Khan.

Details of Germ Warfare Plans Told by Japs

Invasions Planned on U. S. and Britain with Use of Bacteria

Moscow, Dec. 27 (AP)—Testimony at the trial of Japanese war prisoners as carried by the Soviet press today gave the impression that the United States and Britain were to be targets of a German war attack.

Newspaper accounts of the trial quoted Japanese prisoners as saying the scheme had progressed to the point where American prisoners were sent to special bacteria plants to be experimented upon as human guinea pigs.

The trial of 12 Japanese army officers was reported proceeding at Khabarovsk, Siberia.

By infecting their American prisoners with certain germs, the Japanese were quoted as saying they sought to determine how Anglo-Saxons would react to various diseases and plagues.

The accounts also said the Japanese experimented with their American victims to find out from what diseases they were immune.

The plan was, the newspapers said, to find out what kind of bacteria would be best to use in a bacteria invasion of the United States and Britain by the wholesale use of germs against the civilian populations.

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Heavy Rainfall Aids New York

The heaviest downpour since last spring drenched New York and their watershed today—and gave a measure of relief in the metropolis' critical water shortage.

Precipitation was .65 of an inch in the city itself during the past 24 hours, somewhat less in the upstate reservoir section, and more than 1 1/2 inches in parts of drought-stricken New Jersey.

The weather bureau said more rain was coming.

Officials said storage in New York's Catskill and Croton reservoir systems rose 611,000,000 gallons. They estimated the eventual runoff at 3,910,000,000 gallons—about four days' supply.

New Jersey's reservoir stocks rose for the first time in seven months.

Chief Engineer Edward J. Clark of the New York water department credited part of the gain to voluntary water saving methods which, he said, must be continued indefinitely.

Clark said more severe "crackdown" methods had been proposed to curb water wasting, but told reporters:

"We have secured more by the voluntary approach on the American plan, which is asking for cooperation and pointing out to the public the actual facts and conditions."

New York Heat Wave

New York, Dec. 27 (AP)—An all-time heat record for the date was set today when the thermometer registered 60 degrees at 1 p.m. the previous record was 59.1 on Dec. 27, 1936.

Postal Receipts For Christmas Up 12 Percent

While receipts of the Salem post office are up 12 percent through the Christmas rush as compared with those of a year ago, cancellations as checked by the metering machines are off slightly, reports Postmaster Albert C. Gragg.

The decrease in cancellations was 4 percent, although there was an increase of six percent in the volume of incoming letter mail. Letters apparently took the place of packages in some instances for parcel post on the incoming side declined 2.2 percent. Outgoing parcel post showed a 1.2 percent increase.

The mail situation will be back to a normal basis Wednesday, reports the postmaster. The warehouse being used for the handling of incoming parcel post will be released at the close of business Tuesday and all extra clerks and carriers will be dismissed.

To Check Status Of Accused Spy

New York, Dec. 27 (AP)—Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan told the government today to check the diplomatic status of accused spy Valentin A. Gubitchev with the state department and the United Nations.

Gubitchev, a Russian engineer now suspended from his U. N. post, is claiming that he has diplomatic immunity and thus should not be put on trial with Judith Coplan on spy conspiracy charges.

Both the state department and the U. N. have held that he is not entitled to immunity.

However the Russian contended last week that, along with his U. N. status, he holds the rank of third secretary in the Soviet ministry of foreign affairs.

Ryan directed today that official certificates as to Gubitchev's status be submitted to him.

Gubitchev and Miss Coplan are trying, by a series of motions, to escape trial. They are accused of conspiring to steal American official secrets for Russia's benefit. Their trial will start as soon as hearings on the motions end, unless they get the case thrown out of court in the meantime.

Miss Coplan, standing trial alone, has been convicted of a stealing official papers. She was sentenced in Washington, D. C., to 40 months to 10 years in prison but is free on bail.

Carcass of Skunk Left at City Hall

A fragrant aroma coming from Salem police headquarters was wafted on the breezes through the downtown section of the city Tuesday.

While the brand of scent gave rise to speculation that a bunch of stinkers was on the loose or behind bars in the city bastille, there was only one of the striped little fellows in town.

The skunk was apparently tossed on the city hall doorstep of police early Tuesday morning. An officer, armed with a shovel, was detailed to dispose of the carcass.

And while he was successful on that score, he returned the shovel to the basement quarters of the police department, permitting the odor to linger.

New Regime Takes Office In Indonesia

Republic's Army Patrols Decorated City But Quiet Prevails

Batavia, Java, Dec. 27 (AP)—The Indonesian government took over without incident today as the United States of Indonesia was created by Queen Juliana of The Netherlands in Amsterdam.

But Indonesian republic army patrols swept through the city to watch for possible signs of trouble.

H. J. Lovinck, the last representative of the Netherlands royal crown here, called for peace and strength in the newly-born republic.

"The fight for independence is now ended," he said. "May peace reign. May the rice crops prosper and may the nation gain strength."

Abnormally Peaceful

Almost all the buildings here flew the red and white republican colors alongside the Dutch tricolor. Streetcars draped with republican banners were filled with youths shouting the republican war cry "Merdeka" (freedom). But republican army authorities reported Batavia "completely peaceful—almost abnormally so."

Most of the city had the atmosphere of a quiet Sunday rather than an historic occasion.

But newspapers marked the day with special editions.

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Setback for Soviet Union

Lake Success, Dec. 27 (AP)—In the eyes of the non-communist world, the Soviet Union suffered a sharp diplomatic setback with the transformation today of the old Dutch East Indies colonies into the sovereign United States of Indonesia.

Western diplomats say Moscow's defeat is two-fold, and explain it this way:

1. The birth of the new nation in the south Pacific serves as a testimonial to the fact that the non-communist nations in general, and the Dutch in particular, can give more than lip service to the democratic principles they profess. This fact is expected to have considerable impact on world public opinion.

2. The U. S. I. comes into being after four years of guerrilla warfare and chaos. That means the removal from one part of the world of the type of environment in which communism flourishes.

The non-communist world's attitude on the second point was expressed by American delegate Warren R. Austin, during the discussion on Indonesia in the 1949 general assembly Austin said:

"The continuation of the disputes is essential for the promotion of the cominform's expansionist ambitions. By the nature of the case international communism mushrooms in dissension, strife and chaos."

Recognition Given U. S. of Indonesia

Ottawa, Dec. 27 (AP)—Canada has given full recognition to the new republic of the United States of Indonesia it was announced today.

Rangoon, Burma, Dec. 27 (AP)—Burma has recognized the United States of Indonesia, the foreign office announced today. A three-man Burmese delegation will convey messages of good will to Indonesian President Soekarno.

Canberra, Australia, Dec. 27 (AP)—External Affairs Minister Percy Spender said tonight Australia will give full recognition to the government of the United States of Indonesia, and added that Australia looks forward to close and friendly association with the new nation.

Sex Slayer to Die

Fresno, Dec. 27 (AP)—Paul Gutierrez stood unmoving and with downcast eyes today as Superior Judge Arthur C. Shepard sentenced him to die in the gas chamber for the sex-slaying of a 17-month-old baby.



Surprise—Cary Grant telephones Hollywood friends from Phoenix, Ariz., the news of his marriage to Betsy Drake. The couple was flown to the wedding by Howard Hughes and back to Hollywood for a one-day honeymoon. The bride had to return to her movie work the next day. (Acme Telephoto)

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