



Faces Death—Paul Gutierrez, 25, is led from the Fresno, Calif., court of Superior Judge A. C. Shepard by Deputy Sheriffs Glen Hunt, (left) and Hubert Nevins, after he was sentenced to die in the gas chamber for the brutal murder of 17-month-old Josephine Yanez on Nov. 20. (AP Wirephoto)

### Little Betty Lou's Hand Amputated

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28 (AP)—Betty Lou Marbury's diseased right hand was amputated today within two hours after the 10-year-old Tennessee farm girl was wheeled into surgery, strong in her faith that it is "the Lord's will."  
Betty Lou, her eyes half closed from a relaxing injection dose, showed a "calm smile," as she reached the operating room. Her father, Henry Clay Marbury, his eyes red, held a handkerchief to his face as two hospital workers took his daughter into surgery shortly after 7:30 a.m. (CST).  
Once she was inside the operating room, Betty Lou's father appeared more composed, sitting in an outside waiting room while doctors removed his daughter's hand "somewhere between the wrist and the elbow."  
Betty Lou, who had asked the nation for prayers to save her hand from a bone-destroying tumor that threatens her life, was wheeled into the hospital's "recovery room" at 9:45 a.m.  
Marbury had helped give his daughter courage to face the amputation.  
"I told her just like the doctors said," Marbury said. "I explained that he wanted to save her life and that taking this hand is the only way to do it."  
Marbury explained his daughter's reactions thus:  
"She wasn't a child when she heard that. She was grown up."  
Marbury quoted his daughter as saying, "Daddy, if the Lord wants my hand, that's all right with me."



Double Trouble—Jessie Kohai of Los Angeles holds her first set of twins, Celeste (left) and Rochelle, born 10 months ago, as he gazes through a hospital window, at the second set of new arrivals, Jeffrey (left) and Michael. The mother, Mrs. Jessie Kohai is reported in good condition. The nurses (left to right) are, Ethel Burris and Marilyn Moore. (AP Wirephoto)

### Cat Travels 1000 Miles To Find Family That Moved

Chicago, Dec. 28 (AP)—Rusty, an orange and white cat, is a most remarkable animal, according to Joseph J. Toste, his wife and their three daughters.  
Toste, a grocer, moved his family to suburban Forest Park last September from Belmont, Mass., a Boston suburb, and left Rusty with his father in Belmont.  
Rusty, he said, showed up at his home last week. Toste said he was so amazed he telephoned his father, John Toste. He said his father told him Rusty left his home Sept. 28, soon after the family had moved to Forest Park.  
"He couldn't believe the cat found us," Toste said. "He thought it had just run away."

### Lothrop Talks Investments

Purchase of securities should be about 05 percent common sense, about four percent a matter of luck and the balance of one percent something along the order a soap manufacturer advertised. This was the opinion expressed by Fred A. Lothrop, manager of the research department of Conrad Bruce and Company of Portland during a discussion of investments before the Salem Rotary club Wednesday noon.  
Whether it is liked or not, the person interested in investments must recognize the trend toward inflation said Lothrop. This means that the value of the dollar has been constantly declining since 1914 until it reached a low of 43 cents last summer.  
Lothrop said that one should be more interested in what conditions actually are, rather than how one would like them to be. He saw no change in present trends.  
High corporate taxes make for corporate bigness, said the speaker, since they are about the only ones that can secure additional funds on an equity basis. Others are compelled to borrow.  
Lothrop said the course for the average investor was down the middle, straying neither to one extreme or another.  
The Salem Rotary club voted to back Billy Chapelle of Portland for the position of International governor.

### Hammond City Owns Ft. Stevens

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—The city of Hammond was the owner today of the 155-acre hub of historic Ft. Stevens, only continental U.S. army post to be fired on by a foreign foe since the war of 1812.  
Mayor Marton Olney of Hammond said that the city and school district had received formal transfer of papers from the war assets administration in Seattle.  
The contract gives the city 10 years to pay the federal government \$51,000 for its property and the school board gets its property for \$308, Olney said.  
The schools get the parade ground, where soldiers have marched since the Indian wars of the west, a ball park, barracks, nurses' quarters, old officers' club and one duplex dwelling, which will be used to house teachers.  
The town gets the rest of the buildings on the 155-acre reservation. Olney said that the town has received an offer from Jacob Bosshart, Warrenton, to take over their areas. Bosshart would not reveal publicly what he intended to do with the project.  
Olney said that the council is tentatively agreed to give Bosshart a two-year lease.  
Ft. Stevens was fired on by a Japanese submarine that surfaced off the Columbia river early in 1942 and lobbed shells that hit harmlessly on the beaches.

### New Cabinet Picked in Syria

Damascus, Syria, Dec. 28 (AP)—Premier Khaled Bey Azem today formed a new 10-man Syrian cabinet, keeping for himself the job of minister of foreign affairs.  
Khaled Bey, whose former government was overthrown in a military coup last March, was reinstated as premier as a sequel to another coup within the army Dec. 19, in which the former commander-in-chief was overthrown by Col. Adeb Sheishakli.  
He had attempted five days ago to form a cabinet but failed to obtain support of the powerful populist party which is the strongest bloc in the nation's parliament but doesn't hold an absolute majority.  
Khaled Bey's second attempt, however, appears destined to have the support of both parliament and the army. Four populist party members are included in the new cabinet. The premier himself is an independent.  
Also included in the cabinet are three independents and two republicans headed by Akram Haurani, personal friend of Col. Sheishakli's. Haurani, who holds the confidence of the army, has been given the national defense ministry.

### Grain Futures Dip Sharply

Chicago, Dec. 28 (AP)—Grain futures started firm today but then dipped rather sharply on liquidation that met little demand.  
Corn held up better than other grains and soybeans.  
There was little in the news to bolster wheat. Export business apparently was dull, and the government was showing no interest in the cash wheat market.  
Wheat closed 3/4 lower to 3/4 higher than the previous finish, March \$2.17-2.18 1/2, corn was 1/2 up to 1/2 down, March \$1.31 1/2, oats were 1/4 to 3/4 lower, March 71 1/2, rye was 1/4 to 3/4 higher, May \$1.41 1/2-1 1/4, soybeans were unchanged to 3/4 down, March \$2.28 1/2-2.29, and lard was 5 to 20 cents a hundred pounds higher, January, \$10.57.

### Owners of Autos Jam Corridors of Capitol

Waiting owners of automobiles are jamming the corridors at the State House these days as they wait in line to get their new license plates.  
Department clerks are working under pressure, but keeping the work well in order.  
This condition has prevailed also in years past, but after the current issue of plates corridor congestions at the end of the year should be eliminated, for licenses now have staggered expiration dates, ranging from next June to dates in 1951.

### Senator Cordon Off For Washington

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—Sen. Guy Cordon, Oregon's senior republican senator, today said the 81st congress will not enact Columbia valley administration laws in the second session.  
Cordon leaves for Washington tonight after a Christmas holiday in Roseburg.  
He said he does not look for any real economy in governmental operations until there is insistence upon economy from the top. Neither does he expect any increase in federal taxes. Cordon thinks there is a chance for reductions in excise taxes.

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### No Change in Cost of Living

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—There was virtually no change in living costs during November, the labor department reported today.  
The index of the department's bureau of labor statistics rose but one-tenth of one percent over October figures.  
For mid-November it was 168.6 percent of the 1935-39 average. This was two percent lower than a year ago but 71 percent higher than the August, 1939 pre-war level.  
All major retail price groups except apparel and miscellaneous goods and services rose fractionally in November.  
The largest price group increase was for fuel, electricity and refrigeration. This group rose one-half of one percent, primarily because of higher prices for coal and coke.  
Food averaged one-tenth of one percent higher in price in November, with coffee prices soaring 24 percent. Retail prices for fresh fruits and vegetables were five percent higher.  
Rents increased four-tenths of one percent.

### Tito Wants to Avoid Cold War

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Dec. 28 (AP)—Marshal Tito's government says Yugoslavia wants to stay out of the East-West cold war despite growing friendship for America, Britain and France.  
Foreign Minister Edvard Kardelj acknowledged western help last night in a speech to parliament. At the same time he denounced Russia—once communist Yugoslavia's strongest ally—as trying to "destroy our independence and to subordinate us."  
"There can be no doubt that our relations with America, Britain and France have improved," Kardelj said. "This, however, does not change the independent policy of Yugoslavia."  
Within the last few days Yugoslavia has signed an aviation agreement with the United States and concluded a half-billion dollar trade pact with Britain. Russia and her communist satellites have clamped an economic boycott on Yugoslavia since Tito split with the Kremlin in 1948.  
Kardelj said Yugoslavia did not belong to any military alliance and "has no intention of joining in any secret agreement aimed at any country."  
Other government ministers reported that Yugoslavia had achieved 96.8 per cent of her 1949 program for developing heavy industry despite the communist economic boycott. Further gains with western economic help are expected in 1950.

### Household Soap Prices Reduced

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 28 (AP)—Procter & Gamble today announced wholesale price reductions on its principal household soap products and Crisco, a household shortening.  
Soap prices were cut approximately four per cent, and Crisco five per cent. Reductions are effective immediately.

**CAPITOL**  
Howard Duff  
Shelley Winters  
Dan Duryea in  
"JOHN STOOLO PIGEON"  
—and—  
ROY ROGERS in  
"SUSANNA PASS"

### Russia Silent On Prisoners

Tokyo, Dec. 29 (AP)—For the third time in three weeks Russian embassy officials have refused to answer Japanese questions about war prisoners still missing in Soviet territory.  
A nine man delegation, representing relatives of Japanese still unaccounted for, entered the Soviet embassy today. Two hours later they emerged, saying Russian spokesmen had given them the familiar reply: "We can't answer your questions at this time. We must communicate with our home government."  
Two weeks ago a delegation was told to return to the embassy on December 22. On that date another delegation, accompanied by some 200 relatives of missing Japanese, was told to return today.  
The Russians walked out of an allied council for Japan meeting when the subject was brought up last Tuesday. General McArthur's headquarters said some 376,000 Japanese prisoners of war are still unaccounted for by the Russians.  
Early this year the Russians said they would repatriate the last 95,000 Japanese prisoners of war they held. They repatriated that many Japanese this year and said they held only 10,000 more who were charged as war criminals and would be tried.  
Shortly after U.S. demands for accounts of 376,000 missing Japanese, the Russians began the trial of 12 Japanese on charges of using germ warfare in World War II.

### Poland Refuses French Request

Warsaw, Poland, Dec. 28 (AP)—Poland has refused French demands that four French citizens convicted last week of spying be released immediately and sent back to France.  
The four French citizens were sentenced to from 11 to 14 years last Friday in Wroclaw. They were said to have admitted either total or partial guilt in plots with officials of the French embassy and consulate to spy and commit sabotage.  
In the same trial a Pole received a 22-year sentence and a

German mining engineer was jailed for six years for allegedly having helped the French intelligence service.  
France's Ambassador Jean Bellen made the demand for release of the French citizens—one of them a woman—yesterday to Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry Stefan Wierblowski.  
The Polish radio said Wierblowski replied that "these unheard of demands were an attempt to interfere with Polish affairs."

### Claim 3 Day Week Unfair

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—Southern coal operators today complained to the national labor relations board that the three-day mining week is an unfair labor practice.  
Suggesting that the board seek a court order to end the short work week, the operators said it is coercion. They also told the board that John L. Lewis, leader of the United Mine Workers, has refused to bargain in good faith under the Taft-Hartley law.  
The Southern Coal Producers association filed the charges with the office of NLRB general counsel, Robert M. Denham.  
The action came after a long strategy huddle by the organization's policy group.  
President Joseph E. Moody said that the decision on whether an injunction would be sought by the NLRB rested with the regional director in Baltimore.  
But, he said, John C. Gall, general counsel for the SCPA, urged the NLRB "to ask immediately for an injunction restraining the use of the unfair labor practices" pending the disposition of the charges.

### Prison Yields 151 Pints Blood

A total of 151 pints of blood was donated by inmates of the state penitentiary during the visitation of the bloodmobile there Wednesday morning, it is reported by Milton L. Meyers, chairman of the blood program in the local Red Cross.  
So great was the response that the Portland regional blood center is planning other visits to the prison later this year, it was said.  
During the war the bloodmobile came regularly to the penitentiary, but the Wednesday stop was the first under the peace-time blood program.

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