

Gifts and Jewels Pour In for Rita

Lausanne, Switzerland, Dec. 31 (AP)—Jewels, flowers and messages of congratulations from the world over are pouring in for Rita Hayworth, glamorous mother of three-day-old Princess Yasmin.

The jewels were from her husband, Prince Aly Khan, and her in-laws, the Aga Khan and his family. But Rita has asked that they not be brought to Montecarlo clinic for fear they might be stolen.

Princess Yasmin had her own celebration yesterday by getting registered on a birth certificate. She is listed as Princess Yasmin Khan, of Moslem religion.

Sources at the clinic said Rita and her baby are both making good progress although the beautiful red-haired movie star is said to be very tired after her difficult delivery.

Rita is expected to stay in the hospital another two weeks. She is still unable to take phone calls from her friends all over the world who are besieging the clinic switchboard.

It was reported a wet nurse has been employed, as Rita has decided not to nurse the baby herself.

Convicts Stage Prison Break

Tucker Prison Farm, Ark., Dec. 31 (AP)—Four young convicts, armed with five pistols and a riot gun, broke out of prison here early today. A trusty-guard was killed in the escape.

Arkansas state police headquarters at Little Rock broadcast a state-wide alarm for the fugitives. Bloodhounds were brought to the farm to aid the manhunt.

Leader of the 1:15 a. m. (EST) escape was identified as James Perry Williams, 24, Pine Bluff, Ark., a trusty.

Warren Hosmer, assistant to Prison Supt. W. V. Lewis, said Williams killed Trusty Bill Bohannon, 36, and then disarmed three other guards on duty in the stockade.

Hosmer said Williams unlocked the door to the stockade and three other prisoners followed him in the escape.

The stockade is not surrounded by a wall or fence. Hosmer reported another convict prevented what could have been a riot when he jumped from his cot and locked the stockade door.

Apparently none of the other 312 prisoners attempted to escape, he added. Bohannon, who was serving a 21-year sentence for second degree murder, burglary and grand larceny, was shot four times at close range.

Holiday Death Toll Cut in Half

(By the Associated Press) With caution warnings reminding the nation that death—instead of the New Year—may be just around the corner, the 1949-50 New Year week ended started out as a comparatively safe and sane holiday.

Nineteen hours after the Associated Press began its survey of fatal holiday accidents, the entire country had only 35 deaths, less than half the num-

ber totted up at the same point in the holiday last year. Traffic mishaps claimed 22 lives, fires two more, and miscellaneous accidents another eight.

With traffic accidents expected to be the big killer, as usual, safety groups and local officials were urging New Year's eve celebrators to leave their cars at home.

Only last week end, during the three-day Christmas holiday, there were 413 traffic fatalities. Accidents from other causes brought the total death toll to 580.

For the New Year week end, the national safety council—perhaps anticipating extra caution on the part of the citizens—estimates that 330 persons will die in traffic tragedies.

Bidault Asks 3 More Votes

Paris, Dec. 31 (AP)—Premier Georges Bidault asked parliament tonight for three more votes of confidence on his cabinet's proposals for France's 1950 budget.

The votes will be taken Monday at 5 p. m. (11 a. m. EST). Bidault already has won three votes in a week for his record-breaking budget, which calls for expenditures of 2,257,000,000,000 francs (\$6,400,000,000).

What the legislators are balky about is raising the revenue to meet it.

The premier won two votes of confidence yesterday on proposals to up taxes to bring the nation an income of 45,000,000,000 francs (\$128,000,000) from manufactured goods and 17,000,000,000 francs (\$48,000,000) from undistributed corporation profits.

He won the first vote on whether to debate his budget at all.

Today's vote fills the required gap of 35,000,000,000 francs (\$100,000,000) to balance the budget by taxing gasoline profits, business reserve capital, big farms, truck transport and purchases by public institutions.

A fourth victory for Bidault also will end the threat of special elections before they are due two years from now.

Bidault has declared he would resign if his budget wasn't put through. His followers have promised they would not support any successor. And this, according to the French constitution, could throw open the general elections, forcing the assembly's deputies to risk their seats.

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Sabine Women Win Their Strike

Monte Flavio, Italy, Dec. 31 (AP)—The 300 wives of Monte Flavio won their Lysistrata-like love strike today and agreed to resume marital relations with their husbands.

The husbands of this village high in the Sabina hills outside Rome persuaded the town council to grant the wives' demand for the return of their favorite midwife.

Like the women in Aristophanes' classic Greek play, Lysistrata, the wives had taken a vow of chastity to get their way. Unless something was done to get back Vanda Boscaelli as town midwife, a government civil service job, there would be no need for any midwife, they said.

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American Flier Held by Reds

Hong Kong, Dec. 31 (AP)—Chinese communists are holding the American pilot of a Chinese airliner forced down in Red territory Dec. 4.

A spokesman for the Central Air Transport Corp., said today he learned the pilot, James McGovern of Asbury Park, N. J., and his two Chinese crew members were safe and well. (This dispatch did not say where McGovern was being held.)

The air line is attempting to arrange for their release.

Wreckage of McGovern's plane was spotted recently by another CATC plane. Aerial observation showed it made a belly landing on a river sandbar about 200 miles northeast of Pakhoi, on the Kwangsi coast.

McGovern's plane ran out of gas on a night flight to Kuning during the nationalist evacuation of the southwestern city.

The CATC spokesman said the airline has applied to the U. S. civil aeronautical administration for permission to fly its planes under the American flag. He said CATC proposed to operate only in non-communist areas.

The action is designed to permit continued use of Hong Kong airport facilities after the expected British recognition of Red China. Hong Kong is a British crown colony.

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Lack of Spruce Lumber Shuts Down Box Factory

Astoria, Dec. 31 (AP)—The Clatsop box factory will close tomorrow because of a lack of spruce lumber.

Manager Chris Olsen said he could not predict when, if ever, the factory would reopen.

The Clatsop sawmill, which has been the only producer of spruce lumber in this area, has been closed for several months.

3 Lynched in South in 1949

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 31 (AP)—Mob murder claimed three southern Negroes in 1949, but vigilance of the law prevented 16 other lynchings, Tuskegee Institute reported in its year-end tally of violence.

Two of the lynchings, said the institute report issued yesterday, were in Georgia. The third was in Mississippi.

New York state led the nation in attempted lynchings, the report continued, with four white men and one Negro being rescued from mobs by police on three different occasions.

Police also averted two lynching attempts in Georgia and North Carolina, and one each in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee, said the summary by the famed Negro institute.

Actually there were 17 attempted lynchings during the year, but the law was involved in the prevention of only 16. The 17th potential mob victim escaped his tormentors by jumping in a river while they argued over who would kill him.

Included in the total was Howard Unruh, who shot 13 persons to death when he went berserk in Camden, N. J., Sept. 6.

Unruh was threatened by an angry mob which rushed police lines in an effort to seize him, Tuskegee said.

Tuskegee classifies as a lynching only those murders which involve three or more persons.

Gasoline Sales in November Higher

Gasoline sales in Oregon for November were slightly higher than for November of a year ago, the fuels tax division of the secretary of state's office reported today.

Taxes of \$2,304,128.60 were paid on \$38,410,750 gallons.

Sales for the first 11 months of this year totaled 439,629,819 gallons, bringing in gross state taxes of \$24,105,174.47. The division noted that about 14 percent of taxes paid is returned in refunds to non-highway users.

Joy McLaughlin Held a Suicide

San Marino, Calif., Dec. 31 (AP)—The gunshot death of divorcee Joy McLaughlin is on sheriff's records tentatively as suicide, pending a coroner's inquest.

The attractive 39-year-old blonde was found shot in the chest in her bedroom yesterday. After six hours of questioning, investigators released Oilman John A. Smith, 55, and said they were satisfied with his story that Miss McLaughlin had taken her own life.

Dr. Frederick Newbarr, chief county autopsy surgeon, reported that gunpowder smudges had been driven into the woman's chest from a gun exploded at very close range. Sheriff's laboratory tests showed gunpowder sediment on Miss McLaughlin's left palm and right hand, Capt. Garner Brown reported.

Smith told a story of a round of partying with Miss McLaughlin which ended at her home about 3 a. m. Detective Chief Norris G. Stensland quoted Smith as saying there was a quarrel, and immediately after he left her, he heard a shot. He rushed back to find her lying on the bedroom floor, and picked up a gun which discharged into the wall, the story continued.

Smith, whose wife is known in western horse show circles, surrendered to officers later in the day.

Miss McLaughlin was divorced four years ago from Robert Stark, Pasadena business man. In 1933 she sued the late auto dealer, Don Lee, Sr. for \$500,000 in a breach of promise suit, which was settled later for a reported \$11,500.

Coroner Ben Brown will probably set an inquest date Tuesday.

Rent Control Expires June 30

Washington, Dec. 31 (AP)—Two senators who voted for the present rent control law said today they doubt that congress will extend the federal program beyond the expiration date, June 30.

Both the senators—Fulbright (D., Ark.), and Long (D., La.)—said they believe the general sentiment at the capitol is that the states and local communities ought to set up their own rent curbs for areas which want them continued.

The two lawmakers noted with approval a report that President Truman might go along with that idea in his expected request for continuation of some form of rent control. The president's

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