



**Bus Burns on Bay Bridge**—Fourteen persons were injured and 20 others escaped unhurt when this Key System bus, en route from San Francisco to Oakland, struck a light standard as it approached the toll plaza and burst into flames. The near-catastrophe stalled eastbound traffic until fire could be extinguished and charred wreckage towed to a siding. (AP Wirephoto)

### Woman Fights Bob-cat With Flashlight Weapon

Lebanon, Jan. 13—Report of a plucky mountain woman who arose in the night, armed only with a flashlight, to fight off an attacking bob-cat, was revealed here this week.

In their Upper Soda home near the Santiam Pass, Mr. and Mrs. George Long were snowbound, when late Tuesday night a fierce caterwauling was heard on their back porch.

Viewing a prowling tomcat intent on the destruction of their two small kittens, Mrs. Long arose from bed, seized a flashlight and went to their rescue.

The torch beam revealed a pair of glaring feline eyes, and Mrs. Long swung the torch in a swift blow, which landed on "Tom's" head and felled him on the porch floor. Assuring herself that the kittens were still snug in their box, she retreated from the blizzard-swept porch.

Shortly after the wailing was resumed, and George Long got up, took his .22 rifle and decided to end the uproar. Taking sight from the door, a single shot

### Dallas Postal Rate Advanced

Dallas, Jan. 13—The Dallas post office demonstrated during 1949 that its new rating as a first class office, beginning in July, was justified.

The post office showed a gain in stamp sales and similar revenue of 3.2 per cent, according to Carl Black, postmaster. Receipts in stamps, box rents, newspaper postage, metered and non-metered mailings totaled \$42,192.92 during 1949, a gain of \$1468.74 over 1948.

Gross receipts for the December quarter alone were \$13,617.43 of which \$12,298.61 were stamp sales.

Terrific volume of holiday mail is shown by the 178,014 cancellations during the month. On December 21, 19,004 pieces were handled as compared with the average day of 3650 pieces.

A decrease in money orders was noted. They totaled \$280,099.52, a drop of \$44,301.58 from 1948.

On the other hand, the use of Postal notes increased, being up almost 50 per cent over 1948 at \$89,626.58. The increase was \$29,208.

Revenue stamps sold reflected approximately \$2,264,000 in property transactions during the year, a decrease of one-third below 1948.

Sales of savings stamps dwindled to a mere \$135, but bird stamps showed a gain of 38 sales despite the fact that the cost to hunters was doubled.

Other notable developments during the year at the postoffice saw the establishment of the mounted route to relieve rural carriers around the fringes of town, and the re-arrangement of city routes. There full-time city carriers are employed.

### Morse Asks Investigation Of 'Inadequate' West Defenses

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., today asked the senate armed services committee to investigate "rumors" that west coast defenses are inadequate to withstand "any sudden attack by Russia."

Morse said Committee Chairman Millard E. Tydings, D., Md., told him the committee would ask the defense department to explain the reports.

The Oregonian said that northwest citizens have been alarmed "over a rumored report" that an air force officer has suggested curtailing orders to Pacific Northwest firms for military equipment because of "inadequate defenses."

"If such a rumor is being spread by anyone in the military establishment," Morse said, "it is a shocking thing and constitutes a great disservice to the nation."

Morse said Tydings agreed the committee should see to it that adequate defenses exist in all parts of the country. Morse included the West Coast, the Northwest and Alaska.

Earlier, Rep. Thor Tollefson, (D., Wash.) told the house that northwest citizens are aroused over reports of inadequate local defenses.

"They don't intend to be relegated to the position of dependents," Tollefson said.

### U.S. Faces Big Loss on Butter

San Francisco, Jan. 13 (AP)—The government has 2,500,000 pounds of butter stored in far west warehouses and is trying to unload it on the trade but, so far, there have been no takers.

The office of production and marketing administration (PMA), department of agriculture, said the butter was part of more than 100,000,000 pounds bought in the midwest under the price support program.

It was shipped to the Pacific coast last fall because the far west was considered a deficit area, meaning that it consumed more butter than it produces. The anticipated shortage never developed. So, having guessed wrong, PMA would like to write off its liability.

The consignments included 1,000,000 pounds each to the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas and 500,000 pounds to the Pacific northwest, the PMA office said.

The butter was bought under congressional authority to support farm prices, a PMA spokesman said, and must be disposed of at a price that includes the transportation differential.

Right now in the far west buyers can purchase butter on the open market cheaper than they can obtain the government butter. The wholesale free market price is around 64 cents a pound for Grade A and 63 for Grade B.

"The butter is in storage for use in the future, depending on the marketing and supply situation," the PMA spokesman said. "It is not going to be dumped."



"Cheesecake Clause" Cutie—Peggy Castle, the Mills college graduate who was signed by Universal-International Studio with a "must" clause in her contract requiring "cheesecake" publicity photos for the first five years of her career, will make her first appearance on the screen in "Woman in Hiding."

### Hospital Board Has Election

C. Ronald Hudkins and Arthur Erickson were elected members of the board of directors of Salem Memorial hospital Thursday night. Re-elected to the board were A. C. Haag and William Beaver.

Mal B. Rudd was re-elected president of the board, Loyal A. Warner vice president, and Charles Heltzel secretary-treasurer.

Ford Watkins, general chairman of the Salem Hospital Development program, presented the board with a check for \$15,900, which completed the initial \$100,000 share of the hospital in the program's drive for funds. Of money pledged above that amount Salem Memorial gets 9 per cent and Salem General hospital 91 per cent.

No action was taken Thursday night relative to improvements of the hospital. Possibility of a psychiatric ward was discussed, also installation of an elevator and some other improvements not included in the 1949 betterment program.

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### Ex-Ballet Master Lands In Omaha as Meat Hauler

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 12 (AP)—Twenty years ago the only contact Eugene Bandzevicius had with sausages and hams was at the dinner hour in some of the finest cafes in European capitals.

Bandzevicius was a Lithuanian ballet master. For two decades, he was among the leaders of the art of dancing on the continent.

Today, the former ballet expert, the dark-haired man with the slight build and the cat-like movements, loads hams and sausages on cars at a sprawling packing plant here.

The story of how 41-year-old Bandzevicius came to America from Europe is much the same as that of thousands of other displaced persons.

But the contrast of his present occupation with the glittering, classical profession he formerly enjoyed is striking.

Bandzevicius was a solo performer in Lithuania, one of the best. His reputation, plus his press notices, probably could win him a job now with a ballet company in this country.

But Bandzevicius is grateful to the sponsors who made the trip here with his wife and seven-year-old son, George, possible. He will stay on the job at the packing plant, he said, until he can repay them.

A Russian invasion of his country interrupted his glittering career and he fled to Germany. Again, his career was cut short by World War II. During the occupation period, he organized a ballet troupe which performed in Augsburg. It was a success, but a financial failure.

"I paid my dancers in potatoes," Bandzevicius recalled.

His troupe had been scattered when the opportunity came to come to America as a displaced person. Bandzevicius was assigned to Omaha, in the heart of the midwest.

He and his family live in a small flat on the Omaha south side. His neighbors and the men he works with know little of his past, because Bandzevicius can't talk English.

His long hours at the packing plant have kept him from dancing, and also from learning the new language. He speaks three foreign languages.

"I took what I could get to support my family," he said. "I have no complaints."

### March Sponsors Talent Show

The talent discovery show scheduled to be held at the Salem high school auditorium at 8 o'clock Monday and Tuesday night, promises to be an outstanding event.

The "March of Dimes" office, sponsor of the program, reports a large list of entries.

Contestants have been requested to report at the auditorium at 7 o'clock for a brief rehearsal period. They will vie for prizes of \$20 for third place, \$30 for second and \$50 for first.

Placards advertising the show, which will be free to the public, were placed on lamp standards throughout the business section Thursday by volunteer workers.

### Suitor Who Lost to King Gets Russia Post

Athens, Greece, Jan. 13 (AP)—Zaki Hachem, Egyptian economist at the United Nations who was reported to have lost his fiancée to King Farouk, disclosed last night that he will become Egypt's minister to Russia this spring.

Hachem said recent events in Cairo, which led to the breaking of his engagement to 16-year-old Narriman Sadek, had been a "nerve-shattering experience."

The young Egyptian left Cairo by plane on his way to Lake Success, where he will give up his United Nations job.

The Egyptian government and its embassies abroad have denied steadfastly the details of reports that King Farouk caused the engagement to be broken when he decided to marry Miss Sadek himself.

### Love Swindler Goes To Prison for Term

Chicago, Jan. 13 (AP)—Sigmund Engel, convicted '74-year-old love swindler, was handcuffed to another prisoner Thursday and taken to Joliet penitentiary.

"I'll be back" said Engel as he was taken from county jail for the trip to Joliet. But he wasn't smiling as he said it, and scowled at news that a federal court here had turned down his attorney's plea for his release on habeas corpus.

Engel was sentenced to two to 10 years for taking \$8,700 from a Chicago widow, Mrs. Reseda Corrigan. He has been in the county jail pending various legal maneuvers to get him out on bond, and was one of 17 prisoners sent to Joliet today.

The U.S. department of agriculture has developed a frozen orange-lemon puree useful for pies, cakes and sherbets.

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### Norblad Suggests Clatsop for Maneuvers

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—Rep. Walter Norblad, R., Ore., today had asked the defense department to use Camp Clatsop, Ore., for annual National Guard maneuvers.

He said maneuvers were held at the camp before the war "with complete success."

"I am not informed why such use has been virtually discontinued since then," he wrote secretary of Defense Louis Johnson.

He said he understood another northwest site used last year was "not satisfactory." The camp, he said, is "ideal."

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