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A Dog's Life



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Dec. 21 Darkest Day of Year; Stalin's Birthday

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

At last... we've discovered why December 21 is the darkest day of the year... it's the birthday of Joe Stalin... JS is 71 years old today... and he had better do some fast celebrating... in the first place, it's the shortest day of the year... in the second place, there are a lot of people who would like to make certain that he won't have any more birthdays.

Five thousand people trekked through Manbrin Gardens mud Sunday to view the new homes open for inspection... now, don't leap for your typewriters, Manbrin Gardens residents... I don't mean that your district is a mudhole... but, in the vicinity of the new homes, where landscaping is not yet complete, there is plenty of the goosy stuff... Sunday one woman became lodged in the middle of a huge gob of mud... hubby dashed to rescue... picked wife up and carried her to dry land... wife's shoes remained behind in mud... all ended well, though... shoes were retrieved... and the couple brought a home.

Glory be... I've finally found a use for a parking ticket... yesterday I left the newspaper office minus any writing paper... I received a parking ticket

That morning, and used the face and back of it for note-scribbling purposes all day... it was a blessing in disguise... parking tag was pretty well cluttered up by the time I got around to paying it.

They had geese for dinner at the Clarence S. Crawley farm at Unionvale a few days ago... geese were the guests... a formation of wild geese flying over the farm accepted the invitation of a pair of Toulouse domestic geese calling to them, and dropped in to share a feeding in the Crawley berry patch.

The honor involved is dubious... but it's certainly a distinction... I've been barred from talking before the Salem high school student body... at yesterday's homecoming assembly, it was announced from the stage, in no uncertain terms, that I was not to speak this year... they weren't kidding, either... seems that certain faculty members didn't appreciate the humor in a certain remark I made from the stage during the homecoming assembly last year.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Refugees Drained of All But Urge to Keep Plodding

By WILLIAM BARNARD

Seoul (AP)—How many can finish the journey? That's the question an American asks as he watches the thousands of refugees streaming southward from the apprehensive Korean capital.

The question does not apply to the lucky ones, those who cling in swarms to railroad flatcars or huddle in silent mounds of humanity on the backs of jolting trucks.

But what of the great majority—pitiful families on foot, pulling their little cars or toting their belongings on their backs over icy mountain roads in zero weather?

In their faces you find nothing... nothing... neither hope nor despair. In their eyes there is no pain. There are no complaints.

In flight from the forces of communism, these people trudge steadily across frozen snowy fields avoiding the heavily traveled roads whenever possible.

You never see a child cry or smile or laugh. You never hear any chatter or conversation among families. You wonder if perhaps things were different far back up the road.

You wonder if this bitter trek has finally squeezed from these stricken people every last bit of feeling except a blind determination to keep going.

There is no rest by day, not even for food. Never do you see a family taking time out for a breather.

Weary children are allowed occasional rides on the cartloads already piled high with bundles. Babies are strapped to the backs of their mothers. But for the adults, from dawn to dusk there is no rest at all.

By night the refugees vanish. The frozen fields and snow-capped peaks are vague in moonlight, but of these people there is no sign. Most, you are told, sleep in deserted huts in the rapidly emptying villages of this area.

But by night the roads pound with the marching feet of thousands of South Korean "volunteers," mostly boys in their teens. In the stretch of a single mile of road south of Seoul, a newspaperman passed an estimated 10,000 such recruits.

The refugees are ill-clothed

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

U. S. Will Not Organize Anti-Red Chinese Guerrillas

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—White House policy can change overnight, but for the present we have no intention of mobilizing the vast but disorganized army of anti-communist guerrillas in China. President Truman so advised a group of congressmen at an off-the-record and very candid meeting last week.

Truman also is holding firm to his resolve not to drop the atomic bomb in China or Korea.

"That doesn't mean that we are appeasing the Chinese communists," far from it, Truman told his callers. "They are aggressors and we will continue to treat them as such."

Truman added that if British Prime Minister Clement Attlee came with any appeasement notions, he left without them. He agreed with Attlee, however, that if we used the A-bomb, Russia would seize the opportunity to retaliate against London, Berlin and Paris.

But the argument that carried the most weight with him, Truman explained, was that we should not atom-bomb Russian satellites in reprisal against the Kremlin.

Regarding the question of arming Chinese guerrillas against the communists, the President pointed out that it might lead to a retaliatory communist move against the Philippines; also that the guerrillas are too "inaccessible" and scattered to be supplied from the air or welded together into an effective fighting force.

NOTE—The congressmen who conferred with the President included Francis Walter of Pennsylvania, Brooks Hays of Arkansas, House whip Percy Priest of Tennessee, all democrats; with Kenneth Keating of New York and Walter Judd of Minnesota, republicans.

Another Music Critic
President Truman has a different opinion of at least one music critic—Mrs. Helen Knox Spain of the Atlanta Journal, who wrote such a favorable review of Margaret's concert in Atlanta last season that the President bubbled over with joy and telegraphed the Atlanta Journal for extra copies of Margaret's picture. (Contrary to rumor, the President did not use profane language in his note to critic Paul Hume of the Washington Post).

Senator From Tennessee
Senator McKellar of Tennessee, grandpa of the senate, is planning to run again in '52. He told Boss Crump of Memphis about his plans but Crump warned that McKellar was too old. This made the senator so sore that he stomped out of Crump's office and caught the first plane back to Washington.

U. S. Trained Germans
Without waiting for European diplomats to come to terms, the U. S. army has quietly trained 10,000 west Germans right under the noses of the Russians to serve as the nucleus for a future west German army. Two thousand have been armed and equipped into battalions in west Berlin, with the rest stationed in four training centers in the western zone under the label of "labor battalions." Actually, they are carefully selected anti-nazis who will be the officers of the new German army.

Chinese Doctrine
Most significant news to come out of Asia recently resulted from a talk between Prime Minister Nehru of India and U. S. Ambassador Loy Henderson, at which Nehru broke the news of the new Chinese Monroe Doctrine for Asia.

Nehru reported that the Indian ambassador in Peiping had cabled that the Chinese communists were planning to pop a big surprise on the western world in the form of a Monroe Doctrine.

This would mean that all white and non-Asiatic nations were to keep out. Any interference, according to the proposed Chinese Monroe Doctrine, would be justification for war. The doctrine would also apply to Japan, Prime Minister Nehru informed Ambassador Henderson.

NOTE—Nehru is not in sympathy with the Chinese policy, believes Europeans and Asiatics can cooperate together.

Legal Wire-Tapping
Congressmen will give special attention in January to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision overruling the Judy Coplan conviction. In this decision, the three judges took the unusual course of recommending legislation to congress—something that judges, in our system of checks and balances, seldom do.

Pointing out that the FBI had less power to arrest than the ordinary Sheriff, the court recommended that FBI powers to arrest be enlarged; also that certain phases of wire-tapping be declared legal when it involved "espionage, sabotage, kidnapping, extortion and national security."

J. Edgar Hoover has leaned over backward against any illegal use of wire-tapping—unlike many other government agencies the Washington police and even some senators. In fact, the protection of civil liberties would be much safer if Hoover's bureau alone were allowed to handle wire-tapping.

Congress will consider all this in January.

Defense Notes
When President Truman first wrote last week's national emergency speech he called for a 4,000,000-man army and navy. At the last minute, however, he scaled it down to three and a half million men—a victory for the air force. The air force wants priority given to airplanes and weapons instead of manpower.

Alcide de Gasperi of Italy is the latest European premier to propose a visit to Washington.

Chester Bowles, retiring governor of Connecticut, has been offered the very important job of directing the multibillion-dollar arms aid program to Europe. (Bowles has declined the offer of ambassador to the Philippines.)

U. S. intelligence expects hordes of Chinese so-called "volunteers" to pour into Indo-China any day.

Mayor Martin Kennelly of Chicago has staged a farsighted campaign to alert the public against enemy sabotage. Kennelly put on a real-life show, illustrating how enemy agents could poison Chicago's drinking water.

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Gal Balks at Gunman's Order

Los Angeles, Dec. 21 (AP)—Betty Jean Bandell, 21, was wearing a new suit when a gunman walked into the drugstore where she was shopping.

Ordered to lie on the floor, she snapped: "I won't. I just paid \$75 for this suit and I don't want to get it dirty."

She got away with it—and the gunman got away with \$500. His soft-heartedness, however, put the holdup man in jail. Miss Bandell got a good look at him and was able to identify a suspect arrested later by sheriff's deputies.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Germany's Bid for Defense Rests on Knowledge of Russ

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The West German government at Bonn is expected to demand a stiff price for participation in the new international military organization under General Eisenhower for defense of the western world.

The German attitude is based on the admitted fact that not only is the western reich vital to the Allies strategically, but German manpower also is needed. The allied plan has contemplated the incorporation of about 150,000 German troops in the defense army, but they would be divided into small groups of perhaps 6,000.

The allies have aimed at maintaining safeguards against a revival of German military power capable of aggression. There has been some talk of allowing German representation on Eisenhower's staff, but they wouldn't have a general staff of their own or ministers of defense or foreign affairs.

However, the Bonn government, under Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, has been demanding full equality with other nations in the defense plans. Naturally the Allies couldn't use compulsion, and they wouldn't wish to do so if they could. The Germans must act of their own free will.

Chancellor Adenauer has some strong arguments at his command if he chooses to use them. Not the least of these is that the Germans are among the world's finest soldiers. Their staff work is of very high order.

To my mind, however, the supreme argument lies in the fact that untold thousands of Germans, who would be available for military service, fought in the late war against the Russians.

These German officers and men know the Russian military methods and fighting ability as no other people do. That is an invaluable asset in view of the fact that this new army is being created to guard against possible

attack from the east.

Appropos of this German knowledge of Russian military ways, interesting comment is made by Captain B. H. Liddell Hart, the internationally known British military expert, in his latest book, "Defense of the West" (William Morrow and company, New York). He says: "The Red army is an embodiment of contrasts. Its strange mingling of new and old, of scientific method and primitive habit, of rigidity and flexibility, is even more marked on the tactical than on the material side.

"German soldiers are the only ones in the west who have had experience, or even close observation, of the Red army in action—and they have seen it during successive stages of development under the hardest test.

"Two essential points emerge from their accounts. The Red army is two in one—there is an 'army of quality' within the 'army of quantity' and although even the former is of curiously mixed quality it has been developed much faster than the mass which encloses it.

"The other point is that any judgment on the Red army should be accompanied by the date of its vintage, just as we know a wine by its year... While the difference of vintage is likely to be less marked since the war ended, it is not safe to assume that the present quality is that of 1945."

This gives us a picture of a Russian fighting machine which would present something of a quandary to most western military experts if it should be thrown into action. The German veterans of the last war—both officers and men—are best equipped by experience to cope with such a problem.

This would seem to be one of Chancellor Adenauer's most powerful arguments for concessions.

Goliath Gets Tired Himself

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 21 (AP)—Henry Brennan's dog has found out that what goes up—may need help getting down.

Goliath was found stranded on a tree limb 35 feet above the ground. It took firemen 40 minutes to get him down.

Brennan said Goliath has been pretty good at treeing squirrels. This one apparently got away.

Advertisement for First National Bank of Portland. Features: "Another YOUR NAME & ADDRESS IMPRINTED free ON YOUR FIRST NATIONAL PERSONAL CHECKS". Includes contact information for Harold S. Johns at 4001 Main Street and the slogan "LET'S BUILD OREGON TOGETHER".

HOOVER CHAMPIONS ISOLATIONISM

Former President Herbert Hoover in his nation-wide radio-television broadcast Wednesday night called for a new United States foreign policy, concentrating on defense of the western hemisphere. Stating that the United States has lost the war in Korea, and will also lose it in Europe, he declared our duty now is to build a gigantic navy and airforce, keep ground armies to a minimum to keep this nation "the Gibraltar of Western Civilization."

Mr. Hoover said it would be "sheer folly" to engage in land war with communist hordes in Asia or on the continent of Europe, but we should "arm to the teeth" to hold the Atlantic and Pacific oceans with island outposts of Britain, Japan, Formosa and the Philippines.

The communists, Mr. Hoover said, could never break through American air and sea power to invade the western hemisphere and "can no more reach Washington in force than we can reach Moscow." He declared the atomic bomb is "a far less dominant weapon than we thought it to be."

Mr. Hoover reminded the nation that it was "already economically strained" by its financial burdens from previous wars and that in fiscal 1952 federal and local expenditures are expected to exceed \$90,000,000,000—or "more than our total savings."

"Inflation is already moving but we might with stern measures avoid the economic disintegration of such a load for a very few years," he said. "If we continued long on this road the one center of resistance in the world will collapse in economic disaster."

As to the United Nations, Mr. Hoover said it is at the crossroads. He said it could survive if it has the courage to: (1) Brand communist China an aggressor, (2) refuse it U.N. membership, (3) impose an air-tight blockade on communist China on all supplies that can be used in military operations and, (4) "for once, pass a resolution condemning the infamous lies about the United States. Any course short of this is appeasement."

Mr. Hoover declared his demand for a new foreign policy was just the opposite of isolationism. But isolationism is what it amounts to as well as admission of defeatism. But Mr. Hoover's record as a prophet is not remarkable. As president he favored a high tariff wall that killed our foreign commerce and helped bring on the great depression during which he always saw prosperity "just around the corner."

Really the Hoover proposal of abandoning Europe would be an invitation to Russia to seize it, just as the Truman announcement that we would not defend Korea was. And with Russia in control of Asia, Europe and then Africa, what could become of our surplus production? Just a permanent depression that may end in communism. And the power to send U.S. troops to Europe is provided in the Atlantic pact which was ratified by the senate.

The net results of the Hoover address in the present world crisis, will increase disunion and confusion in the U. S. as well as the world and so aid the communist conquests. Our policy is not as Mr. Hoover intimates an offensive policy, but a defensive one.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION'S INTEREST

Salem and the surrounding section have reason to be pleased with the attitude and interest the state highway commission showed at its monthly meeting yesterday toward highway projects vitally affecting this city.

The question whether Winter or Summer street should carry the southbound traffic of the main Pacific highway was settled when the Capitol planning commission decided not to press its plan to keep Summer street free of main traffic. So the original Baldock plan remains untouched as to its alternate street routing for one-way traffic. In that section of the city, North Capitol would carry the northbound traffic and North Summer would carry the southbound traffic.

The commission members agreed at the meeting that one of the major highway projects that must be developed as soon as possible is the widening of 99E north of Salem. This reiterating of a position taken after the 99E delegations asked widening at a fall meeting is encouraging to those in the area who have fought to make the road to Portland wide enough to handle the load it is forced to carry now.

Tied to the Pacific highway problem north of town also is the call for faster planning by Commissioner Reynolds for the by-pass section of 99E to be constructed east of Salem.

This attention by the highway commission to the key traffic problems of the city is gratifying to the people of the community who in years gone by—before the Baldock plan—used to feel their highway problems were neglected.

AN IMPRESSIVE CLAIM

Up Albany way, the Democrat-Herald last week defied the extra rush of Christmas business that a newspaper usually gets this time of year and put out a whopping 142-page progress edition. The occasion was the 91st anniversary of journalism in Linn county.

This ambitious undertaking, which used 16 tons of precious newsprint, consists of 10 vari-colored sections describing the aspects of Albany, Linn county and the state itself. The composite is designed to give the reader a complete picture of the characteristics of the area and its growth.

The paper dates back to 1859 when Dalazon Smith, one of Oregon's first two United States senators, and his brother-in-law, Jesse M. Shepard, established the Oregon Democrat in Albany.

When the Democrat-Herald claims that its special edition is "one of the largest... ever published by a newspaper in Oregon," its claim becomes more impressive in view of the shortage of newsprint that faces all papers.

Difficult to Follow Even in Type

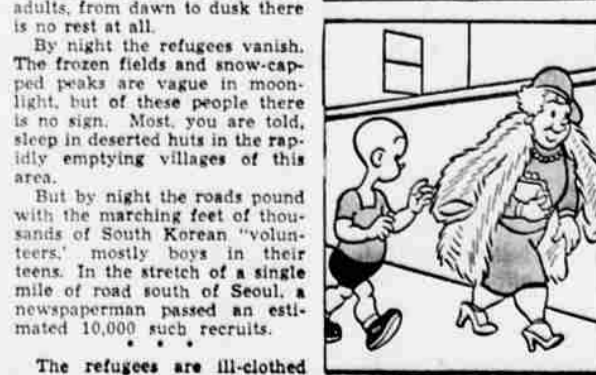
Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—A well-dressed woman has an extra \$50 for her Christmas shopping today, but police don't know whether it was a mistake or the work of a professional short-change artist.

The woman walked into the Pasadena First Trust and Savings bank yesterday, laid four \$10 bills in front of a cashier and asked for a \$50 bill.

The cashier pushed out the fifty, but asked for another \$10. The woman produced it, then said she might as well get a \$100 bill while she was there. The cashier raked in the woman's five \$10 bills and his own fifty, counted it—and handed over the \$100 bill.

BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



The refugees are ill-clothed