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## STALIN'S ANNIVERSARY

Monday, December 21 was the birthday of the late Joseph Stalin, born Josef Vissarionovich Djugashvili, in Tiflis, Georgia, in 1879, who died March 5, 1953, ruthless dictator of the far-flung Soviet Russian empire and his European and Asiatic satellite states.

Though Stalin was, next to Hitler, the greatest and most fanatical assassin and gangster in modern history, who consolidated his regime of terrorism by countless purges, numerous starvation slave camps, persistent campaigns of propaganda exalted and deified him.

A serious effort was made to have the Russian people replace Christ with Stalin at Christmas time all over the vast Soviet domain. Great portraits of him hung in churches and radios and loud speakers everywhere bellowed his praises while Red sycophants brayed forth sickening laudations.

Since his mystery death, this year Stalin seems all but forgotten, even as a member of the communist trinity of Marx, Lenin and Stalin, for no mention has been made even on the birthday of the departed Red savior.

One of the birthday events recorded, not in Russia, but in Mexico, was the refusal of Jacques Monard, the mystery assassin who killed the bolshevik leader Leon Trotsky 13 years ago by cleaving in his head with an axe, who refused a parole from his 19-year sentence to remain in prison. He evidently feared he would be killed himself, either by the Trotskyites or by Soviet agents to insure that he will not tell who ordered the assassination.

Stalin's anniversary was featured in Moscow however, by the Kremlin's acceptance of the Eisenhower proposal to confer on a world pool of atomic energy materials for peace provided the Soviet demand for a ban on atomic and hydrogen bombs is taken up simultaneously. This may be in a way, a repudiation of the Stalin policy.

Another feature of the anniversary is the campaign waged by the Kremlin propaganda machine to whip up in the Russian people hate against Lavrenty P. Beria as the probable prelude to the official announcement that he has been shot as a traitor.

Beria was head of Stalin's secret police and did the dirty purge work and one of his most ardent supporters. Probably both he and his six alleged accomplices are already dead.

Dispatches reveal an intense nationwide campaign of denunciation and vilification of Beria has been going all over the USSR at all these meetings, organized and directed, of course, from Moscow, speakers demanding the death sentence for the "criminal."

All of which shows that the Malenkov regime, for some reason or other, may eventually reveal as well as modify Uncle Joe's foreign policies—perhaps from fear of the Russian people as well as those of the Satellites. But it should not be assumed for it is probably illusory.—G. P.

## NEW LOW FOR JOHN L.

John L. Lewis has more or less dropped out of the public eye of late, mainly because there have been no suggestions this winter of freezing the public with a coal strike. This, it is said, is because there is a large stockpile of coal due to overproduction and an increased number of nonunion mines. The situation does not favor a Lewis type squeeze play.

But the old maestro is not idle. It is revealed that he has joined forces with the discredited, crime-ridden International Longshoremen's Association which was kicked out of the A.F.L. He has advanced it United Mine Workers funds, which he treats as if they were his own to do with as he pleases.

This involves Lewis in another fight with the A.F.L., which has organized a new union for longshoremen and is seeking to be designated as their bargaining agent. Lewis has now solved the financial problems of the old union, its new president says, by providing a war chest for the fight.

If Lewis succeeds in saving the power of the I.L.A. on the New York waterfront he will probably be able to join it with his U.M.W., which will give him another club to swing in the fight with the rival union leaders, Meany of A.F.L. and Reuther of C.I.O.

Lust for power has been the moral undoing of John L. Lewis, who had potentialities for greatness as did Mussolini, who rose to power in another land under other conditions in a somewhat comparable way. He is another gloomy proof of Lord Acton's classic observation that "power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

## BIG NEW BUILDING PROJECT

Many Salem residents must have blinked their eyes Monday when they read of the new \$800,000 building project planned for the south of State street area next year.

Portland capital is coming here to erect the largest building in the Salem business district, one of three to get under way next year, an unprecedented shot in the arm for the old capital city.

The other two are to house Oregon's two largest department stores outside Portland. The new project will be different from any others built in Salem heretofore, with space for ground floor stores, professional offices to two upper floors and a big parking area on the roof. It thus combines the shopping center with offices and mass parking facilities, all of which seems to fill a need here.

Real estate folk will be interested in this challenge to a trend northward and westward in the business district, which must have given concern to owners of property south of State. This area cannot now be discounted. It will make a strong bid to keep what it has and gain more.

Meanwhile 1954 looks like one of the best construction years in the history of Salem.

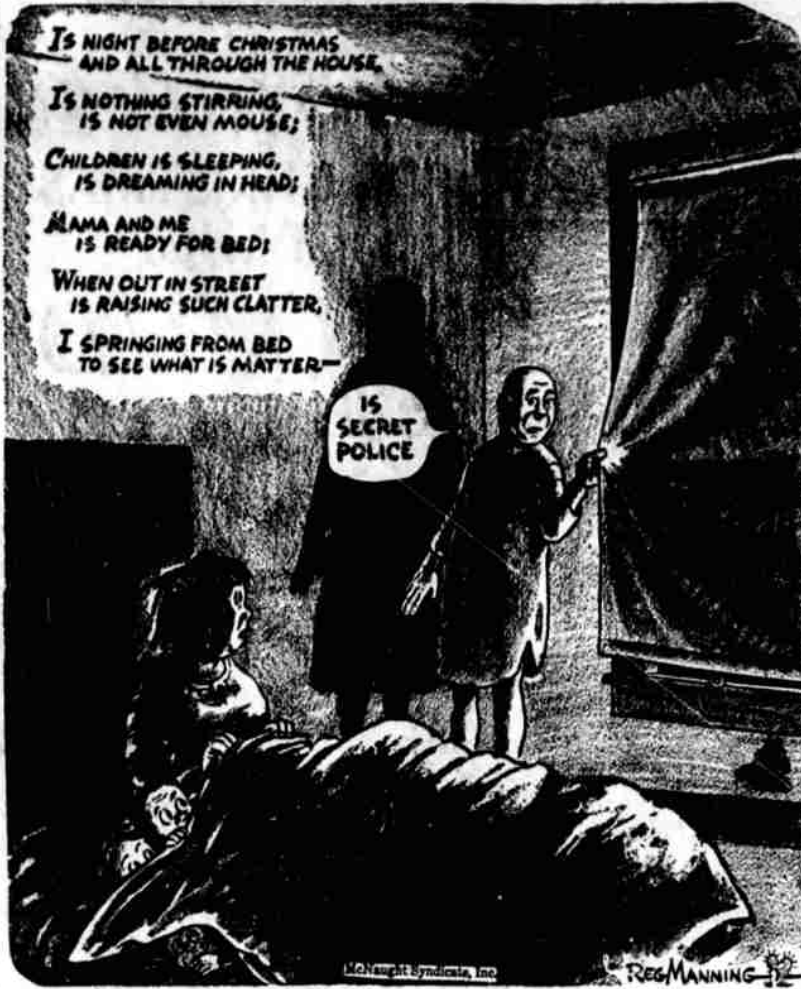
## THE FANS WILL RESPOND

Decline in attendance at sports events was a general complaint among colleges and sponsors of other athletic entertainment this past year, but they set an all time attendance record Monday night at Gill Coliseum when 10,424 persons clicked the turnstiles.

Occasion was a basketball double header par excellence, Oregon and Nebraska and Oregon State bracketed with Indiana, top rated team of the nation in the finale. Fans thronged into Corvallis from all over the Willamette valley. Cars were pouring out of the college town bumper to bumper on all the main highways for nearly an hour afterward.

Here is visible proof that come high water and all that is sometimes associated with it, the fans will support sports events when the attraction is there. And proof that such games need not be played in the state's chief city to "pack 'em in."

## RUSSIAN TRANSLATION



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Hoover Says No Reds Left In Policy Making Positions

Washington—J. Edgar Hoover told a super-secret meeting of the house appropriations committee (judiciary subcommittee) recently that to the best of his knowledge no communist agents hold any policy-making jobs in the government.

A few suspected Reds in minor government jobs are still under FBI surveillance, Hoover told the committee, but that is all.

Hoover also admitted under questioning that he did not favor making public the hitherto secret FBI reports on Harry Dexter White. He said he agreed to make the files public when ordered to do so by his boss, Attorney General Herbert Brownell.

Hoover also admitted that in a parallel case in 1951, both he and former attorney general Howard McGrath had refused to give any of the FBI secret files on communism to a democratic Red-hunting committee, headed by ex-Sen. Millard Tydings of Maryland.

The FBI chief also testified that less than 10 per cent of employees discharged from the justice department under the loyalty program were proven Communist or fellow travelers. The rest of those discharged were so-called security risks, including alcoholics, incompetents and employees who for one reason or another might be blackmailed.

Mr. Cohn and Mr. Schine Gerard David Schine, the handsome, dreamy-eyed young man who gravitated around Europe at the taxpayers' expense on behalf of Joe McCarthy and who belatedly was drafted into the army after various maneuvers and medical examinations, is now at Fort Dix, N. J.

There, he has been the object of several phone conversations between his pal, Roy Cohn, McCarthy's counsel, and the commanding officers.

Roy, who also gallivanted around Europe and was publicized in the German press for engaging in a private scuffle with David in a German hotel, has been very solicitous about his friend's welfare in the army. Two or three times a week for awhile, Roy called the commanding officer to ask now Gerard David was getting along.

"The senator," said Cohn ominously, "wants to know."

This had the desired effect among lower echelons at Fort Dix. Gerard David was kept off kitchen police, guard duty and other disagreeable chores.

Finally, however, Gen. Cornelius Ryan, commander of the 10th Infantry division, could take it no longer. He got in touch with the secretary of the army, Robert Stevens, explained the constant interference of Joe McCarthy's counsel in affairs at Fort Dix, asked him what he should do about it.

"General," replied the secretary of the army, already harassed over McCarthy's various probes, "this is one you've got to handle yourself."

**LONELY TOM DEWEY**

Probably the bitterest political feud ever experienced inside the Republican party is now taking place in New York. It has direct bearing on the Republican presidential nomination for 1956, and means that Gov. Tom Dewey, even if he wants it, will be out of the running.

Dewey is now engaged in probing the taxes of some of the most important Republican political figures in New York state—some of them once quite close to him.

Certain Republicans, in turn, are busy checking on the complete circumstances under which Dewey released Lucky Luciano from Sing Sing during the war. At that time, Luciano, considered the No. 1 criminal of New York and head of Murder, Incorporated, still had about 90 years to serve.

Behind this GOP civil war is first the fact that Dewey, with a good record as governor, suddenly woke up to find various political allies involved in the "race-track take" and other shades of dubious political operations.

Also behind it is the fact that Dewey figures that, unless he proceeds with a vigorous cleanup, not only his political goose, but his political reputation, is cooked. He has pretty much decided not to run for governor again. But even if he were inclined otherwise, the atmosphere is such that young Franklin D. Roosevelt would win in a walk.

Furthermore, Dewey, the man who nominated Ike, has found his position sagging in Washington. Despite the fact that he appointed two cabinet members—Dulles and Brownell—plus the White House Press Secretary, Jim Hagerty, he's had a hard time putting across his Niagara Falls power project.

When Dewey went to the White House last week to discuss the Niagara Power project, he had to go hat in hand, and he didn't come away with a definite promise. Ike indicated that he was for letting Dewey have his way at Niagara, but he didn't button it up definitely.

Weakness in Washington, say his friends, is the chief reason why Dewey reversed himself on "Brownellism" and came out with a rousing speech in Hartford, Conn., backing up the spy expose. Previously he had been emphatic in saying privately that his old friend, the attorney general, made a mistake in digging up skeletons of the past. But at the \$100-plate GOP dinner in Hartford, he sounded the battle cry for more skeletons.

Anyway, the governor of New York today presents a picture of a lone warrior, fighting a lone battle, with most of the New York political leaders who once rallied round him now sore at him and in some cases being investigated by him. It is not the picture of a man who can ever be nominated again for president.

The Russian embassy still hasn't replaced its huge painting of Stalin with a portrait of the new Soviet dictator, Georgi Malenkov. . . . New Jersey's republican bosses are backing Congressman Robert Kean, chairman of the house tax fraud committee, to take the GOP senatorial nomination away from Sen Robert Hendrickson. Both are good men.

## OPEN FORUM

### State Manufacture of Paint Draws Protest

To the Editor:

I was told today by a state official, who wishes to remain anonymous, of a proposal by a department of our state to enter into the manufacture of paint for state use. He told me this is but one example why the taxpayer does not get his money's worth.

A questionnaire is now being used in connection with the state formulated paint. I am told these questions will not be answered sincerely because, the working man in public service just don't stick his neck out. Some one's idea that the paint manufacturers do not know their business just does not hold water.

It seems to me that business men, technicians and chemists are being subjected to an amateur whose intentions may excel his knowledge on this subject. If this experiment is allowed to go through we will not only be thwarting these professional men's judgement but also penalizing the taxpayer.

Men who make a business of paints have thousands of satisfied customers in Oregon and as most people will agree that dissatisfied customers will sink a business man just as surely, quickly and devastatingly as dissatisfied voters will sink a public servant.

One of our neighboring states has a commission of eminent citizens designated by the chief executive to consider problems of ethical stan-

## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### Man and Woman of Year: Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Would your wife let you out even one night a year if you spent it climbing down and up strange chimneys?

Certainly not. But Mrs. Santa Claus does, and isn't the least bit jealous of her husband. This makes her the world's most understanding wife.

So why not give a little long overdue recognition to this good guy dame and nominate her "Woman of the Year?" And how about making old Santa himself the "Man of the Year?"

It is time we make a break in tradition and give these honors to a family team. And who has better earned the award, century after century, than Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus?

Some time they ought to share a Nobel peace prize, too. It would be hard to name a couple who have done more for international good will.

In an era of doubt they have preached and practiced the bright renewal of belief. They are old-fashioned as long underwear, but as modern as faith itself must always be. In an atom age they still go on sturdily demonstrating that no man can know happiness who tries to remain an atom unto himself.

Working as a happy team together, Mr. and Mrs. Claus must have brought delight and joy to a billion children in their time in a universal give-away program that crosses all countries and is heedless of all politics. And they show no signs of retiring on an old age pension or complaining. "Children are getting so bad the whole thing is no longer worth while."

So far as I know neither Santa nor his wife believes there is such a thing as a bad child. What other childless couples do you know who has an attitude like that?

If history records where Santa found his bride, the fact has escaped me. But if there are any more like her, I know a few bachelors who certainly would be glad to propose to one.

Mrs. Claus deserves to be named "Woman of the Year" if only because she has proved a good gal can win fame in the career of housewife, even though she does her house-keeping in a place as remote as the North Pole.

It is well known by the elves that Mrs. Claus actually supervises the North Pole toy-making operations during most of the year. But does she insist on a seat by Santa's side, when he makes his annual Christmas Eve sleigh ride around the globe? Not Mrs. Claus. She lets her old man get all the applause, because she believes a woman's place

dards in the conduct of public affairs. The commission has no authority but is used as a guide as to how public officials should act and also gives the press and public a clear basis for determining official right from wrong.

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## Salem 16 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL  
December 22, 1937

Light snowfall had brought prospects of a white Christmas for Oregon.

It had been expressed as a possibility that Eleanor Roosevelt, square dancing first lady, would try the "Big Apple" at a White House young people's dance during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Ella T. Gray, 81, for many years a resident of Salem, had died in Seattle. (Mrs. Gray was a daughter of Stephen Chadwick, governor of Oregon between 1877-78.) Her husband had built the Gray block at the northwest corner of Liberty and State street.

William E. Anderson, Salem sporting goods dealer, armed with a two by four club had escorted a garage robber to the city jail.

President Roosevelt had said that a large percentage of American newspapers were fostering a psychology of fear.

Jake Kilrain, famous boxer in the "bare knuckle" era, had died in a hospital in New York.

More than 1,000,000 laborers were reported employed in Russia to rush completion of a great military highway in Central Asia that would provide a link between Soviet Russia and China.

Works Progress Administration reported that it had spent \$10,550,799 in Oregon between January 1, 1937 and November 30, 1937.

State highway commission had considered the feasibility of illuminating the super-highway between Oregon City and Portland.

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