

### Bloodbath Confirmed

HONG KONG (AP) — U.S. estimates that the Chinese Communist bloodbath has claimed 15 million victims since the Red triumph in 1949 tallies closely with figures gathered here.

The 15 million estimate was reported to Congress Tuesday by Asst. Secretary of State Walter Robertson. Observers in this British colony at China's doorstep said it was only slightly higher than their own reckonings.

Red China's first big slaughter was the "purge of counter-revolutionaries," starting late in 1950. It bloodied the land for 18 months. Often up to 1,000 dead in a single day's announced executions, to say nothing of killings not announced. In one day in the spring of 1951, 300 were killed in Nanking, 200 in Shanghai and 180 in Hangchow.

Nanking had many "200" days, so did Swatow, Tientsin and Chungking, but the real mass killings were in the countryside.

Missionaries and Chinese refugees have said as high as three per cent of whole villages died in the slaughter.

The American Heart Association estimates that the United States has about 750,000 deaths annually from heart trouble.

### East Salem

EAST SALEM—The 34th birthday of Charles Mattson was observed Saturday night with a no-host dinner for members of his family at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fromm, on Silverton Rd. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mattson, Mrs. Margaret Rehfuess, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mattson, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mattson, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Mattson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rehfeld, Cheryl and Judy; Miss Sylvia Mattson, Miss Frances Mattson, Mr. and Mrs. Fromm and Gordon Fromm, all of Salem; from Monmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Mat C. Mattson and Mr. Melvin Elkins and sons, Jimmie and Calvin; from Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Judson and sons, Lee and Cary, and the Judsons' house guests, Mrs. Earl Waters and Joanne from Myrtle Creek, and the honored guest.

Mrs. William Mootry observed the 10th birthday of her daughter, Margaret, Saturday with a special party for school friends. Her guests were Linda Hagan, Barbara Carter, Sandra Alt, Mary Lou Surgeon, Marie Scott, Sandra Everhart, Cynthia Kaufman, Michael Thompson and Sharon Miller.

Mrs. Harold Holler was hostess for last week's meeting of the Merry-Go-Round club at her Sunview Ave. home. Attending were Mrs. Keith La Due, Mrs. J. F. Robinette, Mrs. Edward Curtis, Miss Beverly Rankin, Mrs. Melvin La Due, Mrs. Clayton Gibb, Mrs. Paul Barham, a guest Mrs. Wilbur Friesen and son Gregory, and the hostess. A short business meeting was held with a social evening of games following. The prize was given to Mrs. Curtis. Mrs. Keith La Due was co-hostess for the refreshments.

Member of the Garden Road Neighborhood club were entertained with a luncheon and social afternoon Friday in the new home of Mrs. Earl Wood on N. 25th St. Attending were Mrs. A. R. Tartar, Mrs. Ralph Werner, Mrs. Jess Hatch, Mrs. A. C. Schaffer, Mrs. Richard T. Wicklander, Mrs. Harry Jennings, Mrs. Mary Swingle, Mrs. Paul Lynch, Mrs. William Hartley and the hostess. Mrs. Swingle was given the prize. Mrs. Wicklander was co-hostess. The May birthday party was planned.

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### ENTER TALENT CONTEST



Joan Wickstrom, Salem (left) and Mary Jane Wait, Rickreall, two of the young people entered in the Talent Contest being sponsored here by the Marine Corps League the night of March 5. Miss Wickstrom, a soprano, has been studying voice for about five years. Miss Wait, now 15 years of age, has been twirling a baton since eight years of age and studied twirling in Long Beach, Calif., under Ted Otis. To date the League has accepted about 12 young people for entry in the contest after first auditioning them. Applications to enter the contest may be made through March 1.

### Freak Weather In Europe

LONDON (AP) — Europe's freakish winter brought new extremes Wednesday. While England basked in sunshine, a blizzard hit Turkey and great ice floes clogged northern European harbors.

Temperatures in southern England rose to the mid-50s.

Compact ice masses isolated Oslo, Norway's busiest harbor. The ice layer in the Oslo fjord was almost seven feet thick. About 20 ships lay icebound between Oslo and Faerder lighthouse in the mouth of the fjord.

From Istanbul, Turkey, came reports of the heaviest snowstorms of the winter. All incoming and outgoing planes were grounded.

### Poling Seeks Job as Linn Commissioner

ALBANY—Harold Poling, former Albany city engineer, announced Monday that he would file on Tuesday his candidacy for nomination to the office of Linn county commissioner, thus assuring that that office will be contested in the general election.

Poling thus becomes the first Linn county Democrat to announce publicly his aspiration to a county office.

Wayne Downing, Lebanon, incumbent commissioner, had previously filed his candidacy in the May primary for commissioner.

Poling is an Albany native, a veteran of World War I and was graduated from Oregon State college in the school of engineering.

### Pope Has Fairly Restful Night

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Pius XII spent "a fairly restful night," Vatican sources said Wednesday. Rounding out a month of illness, he remained under constant care.

The 77-year-old spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic church has been confined to his Vatican apartment since Jan. 25, when he was stricken by severe gastritis that steadily weakened him. A round-the-clock watch established when he fell ill has never been lifted.

### Britain Buys 32,000 Cases Red Salmon

SEATTLE (AP) — The British government is buying some 32,000 cans of Alaska red salmon from six Pacific Northwest canneries.

A Seattle broker's firm, reporting the purchase Tuesday, said the Ministry of Foods will pay \$800,000 for the top grade salmon.

The purchases were made by Sir Andrew Jones of the ministry who earlier bought more than five million dollars worth of British Columbia salmon at Vancouver, Maurice Rattray of the broker's firm said.

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### Man Held for Slaying Woman

ROSBURG, Ore. (AP) — Roseburg police Wednesday were holding Artel Farley, 25, charged with the slaying in Tacoma Sunday of Flora E. McFarland.

Her nude body, which had been run over several times by a car, was found in a lonely gravel pit near Tacoma Monday.

Farley was arrested by city police here Tuesday night after the dead woman's car was sighted parked in front of a bowling alley. Police found Farley inside watching a bowling match.

He readily admitted his identity. Police Chief Stan Olson said Farley told him this story:

He had driven the 30-year-old woman to the gravel pit where he became angry with her and struck her. After that his mind went blank until he arrived home in her car. He discovered he had blood on his clothing. He said he became frightened, hid the clothing and then fled south.

Police said they found a number of blood stains in the car and a knife was found on the outside of the car, jabbed in an opening between the trunk and rear bumper. The knife also was stained with blood, Olson said.

Tacoma authorities were to arrive here Wednesday to return Farley to Tacoma.

### Coalition With Reds In Indochina Feared

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) says a coalition government—with Communists included—"seems likely" in Indochina and would "result in Communist domination" within two years.

The Republican floor leader said the coalition government "which in my judgment seems likely" will also result "in the opening of all southeast Asia" to Communist infiltration.

Knowland told the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Assn. Tuesday night "We had better make sure that none of our supplies come under the control of a coalition Viet Nam government including Ho Chin Minh."

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### Man Killed at Queen's Arrival

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A man was crushed to death when 10,000 excited Australians bust through a barrier of police and troops to see Queen Elizabeth II arrive in Melbourne Wednesday.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh had just passed the spot when the crowd surged forward.

Otherwise the Melbourne crowd gave the Queen an orderly but tumultuous reception on her arrival from Tasmania.

As she drove through the city streets a shower of confetti, streamers, and torn-up newspapers and telephone directories fell like snow from office windows.

### Pincer Attack on Red-Led Huks

MANILA (AP) — Philippines soldiers Wednesday slowly closed a pincer attack around an estimated 650 Communist-led Huk outlaws northeast of Mt. Banahaw in an all-out offensive to wipe out the rebel bands.

It was still a question whether the military would be able to keep the rebels inside the ring.

The government drive in this sector is aimed at the Huk force under Castro Alejandro, which is entrenched in rugged hills along the Laguna-Quezon provincial boundary.

The Huks failed to meet a Monday deadline set by President Ramon Magsaysay for acceptance of government surrender terms.

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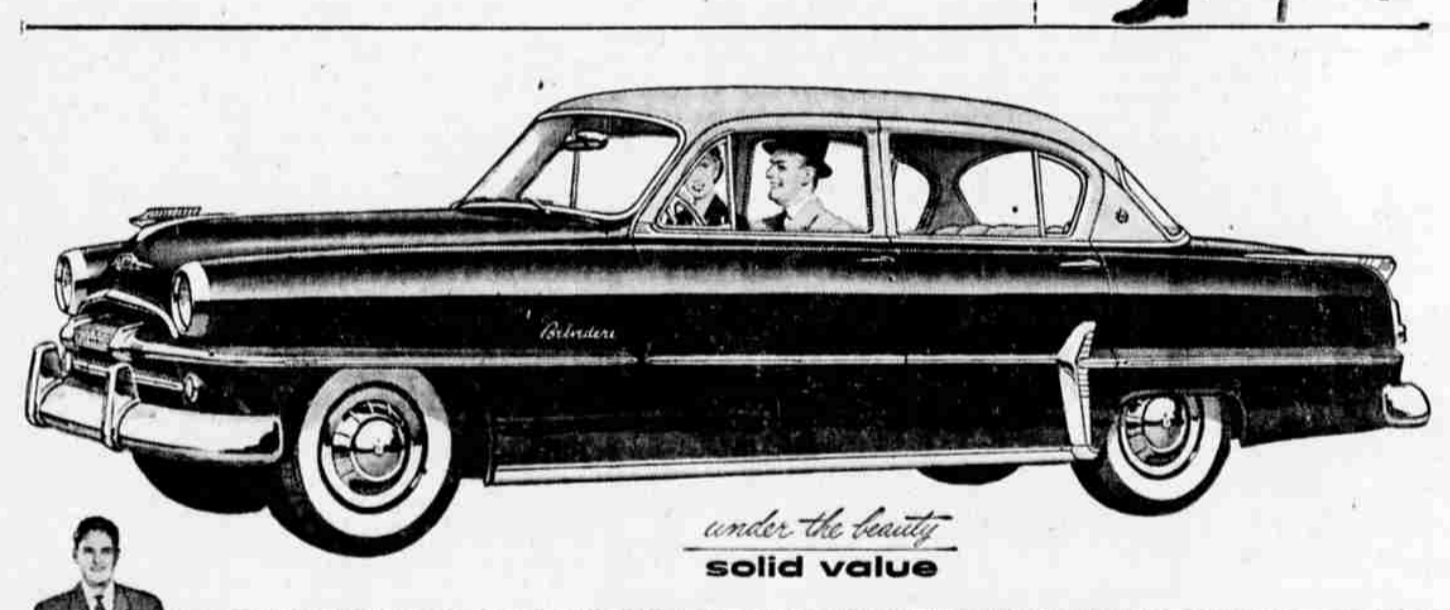
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