

NATION ALL SET FOR GAYEST NEW YEAR IN DECADE

Three Days Celebration for Last of '30's — Sunday Laws Boom 'Parties'.

By the Associated Press
Bidding farewell to the '30's, convivial Americans began a three-day celebration of the new year last (Saturday) night. It promised to be one of the gayest festivals of the decade. The national round of receptions, parties and dances started 24 hours earlier than usual because of New Year's eve falling on a Sunday night. In many communities, where laws restrict undue merriment on the sabbath, the principal celebration was held last night.

This was true in Kansas City, where, like other Missouri cities, liquor sales are prohibited from midnight Saturday until midnight Sunday. Many clubs in Indianapolis moved their celebrations up one day. Indiana has banned the sale of liquor on Sundays.

The great metropolitan centers, however, were planning to celebrate on the traditional night. New Yorkers may quench their thirst at 2,200 bars, and in the cabarets they will be permitted to drink until 5 a. m. Prices were generally down, and reservations up.

In Chicago police informed merrymakers their consciences would be their guides on the big night.

Some of the nation's most famous streets will be the scenes of mass celebrations—Randolph street in Chicago, Times Square in New York, around which all traffic will be rerouted; broad Canal street in New Orleans, and San Francisco's Market street.

Los Angeles authorities have arranged to rope off six blocks of Hill street and Broadway for the celebrators and have assigned 250 extra policemen to keep their antics under control. A 2 a. m. liquor curfew will be enforced strictly.

Reports from throughout the country showed that Sunday laws had resulted in a greatly increased number of home parties being planned this year.

Iowa folks rushed to liquor stores last night for supplies to last them from 9 p. m. Saturday until 9 a. m. Tuesday. Only private clubs are permitted to sell beer and liquor on Sunday.

Liquor sales in Michigan tonight will be restricted to the period from midnight until 2 a. m. Governor Dickinson said if that wasn't long enough for some "they'll just have to drink faster."

FIGHTING FINNS FORCE RUSSIANS ACROSS FRONTIER

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the eastern Karelian isthmus, at Kitalae, on the northern shore of Lake Ladoga, and on a front between Lake Ruoko and Lake Sysky. A several days battle around Lake Kianta continued.

A military communique said two enemy tanks were destroyed between Summa and Lake Muola, and that Finnish planes shot down two Soviet raiders.

Finns on this last Saturday of the year realized with proud satisfaction that Russia's armies seemed much further away than they did on the terrible opening day of the conflict—November 30.

They were puzzled, however, by numerous foreign reports that foreign volunteers were arriving in Finland.

So far, the Swedes have been the only ones to come in noticeable numbers, although the first Norwegians are expected next week.

Today was the first time the Finns have officially admitted the presence of Swedish volunteers under General Ernst Linder. In a statement, Foreign Minister Vaino Tanner expressed Finland's thanks and "great encouragement."

"The Finns got much pleasure out of knowing that the world now was asking: 'What's wrong with the Russian army?'" Realistically, however, many feared a great battle was imminent, with experienced Soviet troops reported moving up front to replace callow conscripts under cover of continual artillery bombardment of the isthmus.

Russian strategists also were using captive balloons for the first time to spy out Finnish positions, hidden in the thick woods of the isthmus.

HITLER PROMISES GERMAN VICTORY AND NEW EUROPE

Berlin, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler today expressed his conviction that 1940 would bring victory to Germany and declared the reich was fighting "for the construction of a new Europe."

In a year-end message to the Nazi party the Fuehrer stated Germany's "clear, precise war aim."

"Germany and beyond that Europe, must be liberated from the oppression and constant threats which today as in the past originate in England."

The "new Europe," Hitler declared, "cannot be shaped by the outmoded forces of a decaying world"—the western powers—but "only those peoples and forces are called upon which in their conduct and their achievements can be spoken of as young and productive."

Hitler cancelled his traditional New Year's receptions at the chancellery for the diplomatic corps, German cabinet, defense forces, the Nazi party and other officials because of the war.

An authorized source said that well-wishers would enter their names in a special visitors' book. Newspapers were reminded that receptions were cancelled also during the world war.

In messages to the army and the Nazi party, however, Hitler invoked God's blessing on the reich and declared that ahead of the Germans lay "the most serious struggle for existence or non-existence."

He gave a long summary of Nazidom's achievements and observed that "eighty million people cannot in the long run be kept from participating in the world's wealth."

NOT A COMMUNIST, ONLY ENERGETIC AS RADICAL, VIEW

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constitutional government permits."

Wants to Be Citizen.
San Francisco, Dec. 30.—(AP) Harry Bridges, California C.I.O. leader, said today "now that obstacles have been cleared away" by Dean James M. Landis' report on deportation charges against him, "I shall seek naturalization at the earliest possible moment."

"I have long desired to become an American citizen," said the labor leader in a written statement. "It should now be obvious through the disclosures of the proceedings, why I have been unable to fulfill that desire."

(Bridges has filed notice of his intention to become naturalized three times since he came to this country from Australia in 1920. The first two he allowed to lapse and the third was filed in recent months.)

He declared there was "nothing personal" in the proceedings which the Harvard law school dean conducted during 11 weeks here this summer as special examiner into labor department charges that Bridges belonged to the Communist party.

Labor on Trial.
"I was on trial but labor was the defendant," Bridges said.

MONTANA SLAYER PAYS ON GALLOWS: HAD DEATH LIST

Ryegate, Mont., Dec. 30.—(AP) Sheriff E. L. Dolve, whose name headed the list of 16 persons marked for death by Lee Simpson, 51, rancher, sprang the trap that sent Simpson to his death on the gallows today.

Simpson was convicted of slaying Deputy Sheriff Arthur Burford on his Golden Valley county ranch, April 14, 1938.

Burford and Sheriff Dolve had gone to the ranch to investigate the disappearance of two ranch hands whom Simpson subsequently admitted slaying.

The ranch hands—but not Burford—were on the list of those Simpson said were "trying to steal my land." Mrs. Simpson also was listed.

Simpson stepped directly from a courthouse window to the steps of the gallows, in a stockade 60 feet square.

The Rev. E. L. Mills offered a brief prayer "by special request of Mr. Simpson."

Sheriff Dolve then warned the 250 witnesses, who had been searched for guns and cameras, not to speak if Simpson made a last statement.

Simpson surrendered at Livingston to Sheriff Guy Tullock of Fergus county the day after the slaying. He gave Tullock the "death list" and told where the ranch hands, Robert McDonald, 21, and his brother Gerald, 19, were buried.

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"Labor fought the case, and won. To the thousands of union men and women who gave their aid in time and money, I can best express appreciation by saying 'It is your victory.'"

Bridges said he hoped it would be possible now for employers "to sit down with unions and work out their problems in sensible fashion."

"In regard to our local waterfront situation, it would seem that the time is ripe for the employers to forget their slogan that their boycott of the port of San Francisco was necessary to save ships and management from seizure by 'Bridges and Communists.'"

(Waterfront employers have said that the 50-day Ship Clerks' association strike now on at San Francisco was inspired by action of Bridges — which Bridges and the union denied — and other employer organizations charged that Communists dominated longshore unions.)

The labor leader said he hoped that "now employers will put all disproved slanders behind them. If they do this the unions' earnest desire for industrial peace can be speedily realized."

Bridges declared that Landis in his report "made clear the character and motives of red-baiters." He said that John L. Leech, one of the witnesses at the deportation hearing, "is the principal Dies committee witness on asserted radical activities in Hollywood."

He said it "is well known" that Stanley M. Doyle, Captain John J. Keegan of the Portland, Ore., police department, and Harper Knowles, former head of the California American Legion radical research committee, all witnesses at the deportation proceedings, "have already performed similar services for the Dies committee in the face of the truth and against the interests of the workers and the general public."

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