

Weather

FORECAST: Sunday, intermittent rain, colder with showers on Monday. Temp. Highest yesterday 67. Lowest this morning 45.

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LAST BIVOAC OF GEN. PATTON WILL BE IN LUXEMBOURG

Widow Selects Third Army Cemetery At Hamm — Funeral Rites Monday

Heidelberg, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Gen. George S. Patton's sorrowing old comrades in arms mustered in this holiday-decked German town today to escort him on Christmas eve to his last bivouac — Luxembourg, the great burial ground of his beloved Third Army.

Patton's body lay in state from six until 10 p. m. tonight in the picturesque Ville Reiner adjoining U. S. Army headquarters on a hilltop overlooking Heidelberg and the Neckar river. White-helmeted veterans of his old outfit, the 15th Cavalry, formed a guard of honor around his coffin, and throughout the evening a steady procession of high-ranking officers and humble doughboys filed by for a final glimpse of the fallen leader.

Military funeral services will be held in Heidelberg's Episcopal Church of Christ tomorrow at 3 p. m. (9 a. m., EST) after which two trains will carry the body and the burial party across the frontier to the tiny Luxembourg village of Hamm, five miles southwest of Luxembourg city.

Heidelberg, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Gen. George S. Patton's death has not changed the army's decision not to prosecute either of the two military chauffeurs involved in the accident. Col. C. R. Bard, judge advocate for the U. S. Seventh Army, said tonight.

The official accident reports said that both drivers were guilty of carelessness but that neither had been shown to have been negligent to a degree that would warrant prosecution.

Waiting at the border will be a picked battalion of 600 soldiers who fought under Patton in the Third Army's blazing armored sweep up from the Saar to turn the tide of battle in the Ardennes bulge almost a year ago to the day.

Mrs. Patton herself selected Hamm as his resting place, rather than the traditional cemetery of American heroes in Arlington, Va., or a nearer burial ground on enemy German soil.

Many thousands of Third Army men are buried in the U. S. military cemetery at Hamm, located on a towering bluff looking out over the beautiful hills and valleys of southern Luxembourg, and his widow felt Patton would have wanted to remain with the soldiers he led to victory.

Mrs. Patton and her brother, Frederick Ayer, who flew here from Boston to join her, will ride alone in the first funeral train with the body. The mourners and 12 honorary pallbearers will follow in a second train.

Immediately after the funeral, Mrs. Patton was scheduled to go to Paris to board a plane for the United States.

LONELY YULE FOR YANK DESERTERS

Paris, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — An estimated 1,000 American deserters and soldiers who are AWOL in Paris will spend a lonely Christmas dodging the military police.

While G. I.'s stationed here are enjoying turkey dinners, special shows and a three-day Christmas vacation, deserters living in dingy hotels and lonely suburbs have little to look forward to.

Military police promised no letup in their drive to capture deserters even on Christmas day.

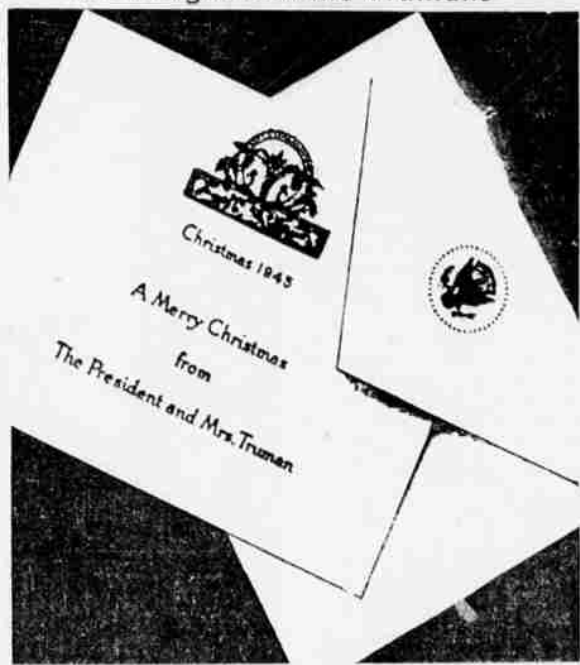
RADIO POST OPENS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — The only west coast listening post to report foreign broadcasts will be reopened Dec. 30 by the war department, the Oregon Journal said today.

R. F. C. BACKS FISHERIES

Washington, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — The Reconstruction Finance Corp. announced tonight it had agreed to continue financing an American operating fishing enterprise in the Pacific.

Greetings From the Trumans



Yuletide greetings from the President and Mrs. Truman will be expressed to government officials and friends of the nation's First Family by the above Christmas card.

JAP UNDERCOVER AIM THREATS AT GEN. MACARTHUR

Tokyo, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Threats against the life of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the first reported since he assumed his duties in Japan, have been made by what a Japanese source called "bitter, hot-blooded Japanese," an allied headquarters spokesman said today.

Brig. Gen. Elliott Thorpe, Western, R. I., head of the army counter-intelligence corps in Japan, said the reports were being investigated. No additional information will be issued until the authors of the threats are in custody.

First reports on the threats were given to Col. Herbert B. Wheeler, MacArthur's military secretary.

Wheeler received from Toichiro Araki, a Japanese, a petition asking mercy for Lt. Gen. Tokoyuki Yamashita, former Japanese commander in the Philippines. Yamashita was sentenced to death by a Manila military tribunal for responsibility for atrocities in the Philippines. The petition asking that his life be spared bore 86,000 signatures.

Araki said that twice while he was soliciting signatures he was approached by "bitter, hot-blooded Japanese" who urged him to break off the campaign. He quoted the men as saying that "for what MacArthur is doing in Japan they better assassinate him."

Araki said the undercover movement helps to keep the Japanese reminded that an estimated 408,000 Japanese were killed by American bombs during the war.

NIP CANAL ZONE MIDNIGHT REVOLT

Panama City, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Former President Arnulfo Arias was arrested in a nationwide round-up of political leaders believed responsible for an unsuccessful midnight revolution in which six persons were killed and seven wounded.

Arias said he had had no connection with the attempted revolt, which police said they nipped in the bud by killing four and arresting 13 members of a band that tried to seize the police station at the port city of Colon.

TITO RECOGNIZED BUT NOT OKAYED

Washington, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — The state department tonight announced U. S. recognition of the new republic of Yugoslavia. It added, however, that recognition does not imply approval of policies of the present Yugoslavian government.

Shortly before the U. S. announcement, Great Britain had extended recognition to Marshal Tito's regime. Previously, both the United States and Britain had considered Tito's administration a purely provisional one.

KIMMEL, SHORT TO GIVE TESTIMONY IN PEARL PROBE

Washington, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — The Pearl Harbor committee, hoping to speed its inquiry into the nation's greatest naval disaster, may bring to the witness stand soon after its Christmas recess the 1941 army and navy commanders at Hawaii.

Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short and Adm. Husband E. Kimmel—the men on whose commands fell the devastating blow of Dec. 7, 1941—originally were booked to testify after all other witnesses had told their stories to the committee. But in five weeks the committee has heard fewer than a dozen witnesses—and there are 60 more still unheard.

Most committee members feel that if Short and Kimmel are allowed to testify shortly after the committee resumed hearings Dec. 31, the rest of the inquiry can be speeded up.

Present deadline is Feb. 15. Chairman Alben W. Barkley, D., Ky., asked for the extension after it became apparent that the original Jan. 3 deadline could not be met.

Turner told the committee bluntly that if Kimmel had carried out the orders sent to him by Washington the Japanese attack could have been disrupted and possibly severe blows could have been inflicted on the enemy carrier striking force.

PAMELA ARRIVES, WINSTON COMING

New York, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Pamela Churchill, recently divorced wife of Randolph Churchill, son of Britain's wartime prime minister, was one of 17 passengers who arrived by Pan-American plane tonight from Hurn, England.

Mrs. Churchill, who was granted a divorce last Tuesday in London, will stay in the United States a month, visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles A. Moore of New York. She confirmed reports that Winston Churchill was coming to the United States, adding that he expects to arrive about Jan. 15.

Gale Tossed Mines Peril Troop Ships

London, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Hundreds of mines torn loose by gales bobbed in the English channel today, endangering two American troopships carrying 6,000 men.

Mines drifting ashore elsewhere along the southeast coast tore holes in sea walls as large as 100 yards wide and damaged shore property. The Kentish town of Hythe was evacuated temporarily while naval men neutralized a mine. The Kent coast echoed with explosions as warships shelled floating mines.

PHOENIX BUILDING

Phoenix, Dec. 22 — Building permits for ten houses, 11 additions to homes, five garages and nine miscellaneous structures were issued here during the past year according to a report from the recorder's office.

TIME FOR NATION TO THINK ABOUT ITS OWN FUTURE

Sen. George Says Home Problems First — Can't Finance World

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — The time has come for the government to exercise discretionary power in applying existing laws, Sen. Walter F. George, D., Ga., chairman of the senate's finance committee, said tonight in commenting on President's Truman's immigration directive. "We must keep in mind," George said, "in using the existing legal powers, that we must consider our own future."

Queried on the subject of President Truman's order to admit to this country, 3,900 refugees and displaced persons monthly, George said he assumed the president was acting under the existing immigration act and its amendments. "If he's not," the senator said, "he's making a big mistake."

However, George stressed that "it is time the administration began placing its primary emphasis on problems at home and holding its humanitarian impulses up to the light of the future of America."

"We just can't admit all the world into the United States and keep on sending all this money and supplies abroad," he said. "We must think of our future—the America of tomorrow—when we go into the subject of all these loans, gifts, and donations to foreign powers. And, it should be our primary consideration when we think of relaxing any laws that will admit refugees and more immigrants to this country."

CLUB EXECUTIVE SHOT BY POLICE

San Francisco, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — University of California hospital officials today listed the condition of Wakefield Baker, 52-year-old salesman and prominent business executive, "as still critical."

Baker, president of the exclusive Pacific Union club, was shot in the head as the result of gun fired by Police Officer William Williams. Williams fired four shots—two into the air and two into the vehicle of the injured man—when Baker attempted to "run down" the officer.

Williams was attempting to investigate a complaint that a man in an auto was whistling at two women when Baker started his car and drove directly at him.

COLUMBIA GORGE HIGHWAY CLOSED

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Both the Columbia river and Evergreen highways through the Columbia Gorge were closed by ice today, but weather predictions indicated rising temperatures would break ice-clogged highways throughout western Oregon and Washington.

Storm warnings were to be continued at 7:30 p. m. today from Cape Blanco northward to Tatoosh Island and through the Straits of Juan de Fuca and over inland waters of Washington. The warnings were for 24 hours strong to gale force southerly winds shifting to westerly.

Boston or New York Lead for UNO Site

London, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — The United Nations preparatory commission voted today to recommend that the permanent UNO home be located in the eastern United States, and many delegates agreed that the final choice probably would be in the Boston or New York areas.

The vote, made after two hours of bitter debate in which advocates of San Francisco opposed the move, was in two sections. The site committee first voted, 22 to 6, against locating in the western United States. It then voted, 25 to 5, to locate in the east.

Noted Dead

New York, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Arthur C. Train, the lawyer-author who created the fabulous fiction character of Ephraim Tutt, died here today after a long illness. He was 70 years old. Train, a writer since he served as a young man as assistant district attorney of New York county, was president of the National Institute of Arts and Letters. He wrote more than 100 short stories and several books about Tutt, most noted of which was "Yankee Lawyer, the Autobiography of Ephraim Tutt," published in 1943.

STATE VETERANS ASK PERMANENT WHITE HOSPITAL

Gov. Snell Urged to Act — Camp Adair Favored For Industry

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Gov. Earl Snell was urged today by the state veterans' advisory committee to investigate possibilities of maintaining the federal veterans' administration facilities of Camp White at Medford on a permanent basis.

The committee pointed out the hospital and other facilities at the camp would be a definite advantage to the veterans.

Camp Adair, Ore., Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Camp Adair, the 56,000-acre army post recently declared surplus, will be described to eastern industrialists as a site "natural for industry," Chester H. Spiering, industrial field representative of the Portland chamber of commerce, said today.

Spiering will point out that the camp has a water supply adequate for 50,000 persons, a 240,000 square-foot storage plant, a huge laundry capable of being reconverted into a food processing plant, and complete power and communications installations.

It is hoped that these facilities will lure industry to the gigantic army post which once housed 40,000 soldiers.

COAST STRANDED VETS NOW 150,000

San Francisco, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — An estimated 150,000 Pacific veterans faced Christmas away from home tonight as the "operation Santa Claus" fleet continued to pour men into the Pacific coast where lack of railroad equipment and bad weather has bogged down outgoing transportation.

Coast cities from the Canadian to the Mexican borders were jammed with stranded servicemen despite frantic efforts of army and navy officials to obtain rail, bus and plane space.

BRITISH TROOPS TO OCCUPY KURA

Hong Kong, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser announced today that 18,000 British empire troops will be landed at Kura, Japan, to participate in the occupation. He disclosed also that he is moving British Pacific fleet headquarters from Singapore to Hong Kong.

Kura has been assigned to Britain as her port in Japan, Fraser said. Fraser said he favored Hong Kong as shore headquarters because it would be closer to Japan and the American fleet and has a better climate than Singapore.

BROADCAST LATE, LADY OVERSLEPT

London, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — A national program of the British broadcasting corporation was late on the air this morning for the first time in history. When the program began seven minutes late, a woman announcer said: "Good morning. The time is 23 minutes to seven. I'm sorry, but I overslept."

LOS ANGELES HIT RECORD RAIN AND MUD SLIDES

Streets Flooded, Power Cut, Trees Uprooted — Citrus Growers Rejoice

Los Angeles, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Southern California's first big rainstorm of the season tonight left in its wake earth slides, uprooted trees, flooded streets and broken power lines.

In Los Angeles, 3.50 inches had fallen since the storm started. At 5 p. m., the total for the past 24 hours was 2.88 inches.

Total rainfall for the season was 4.51 inches, well above last year's total of 4.16 inches for the same date and a normal precipitation of 3.80 inches.

No let-up was seen for the week-end but the weather man promised a clear Christmas.

California citrus growers officials said the storm was of "inestimable value" to agriculture, particularly citrus.

"The rain is being well absorbed in the ground and there is very little run-off," they said.

The state highway department reported the Roosevelt highway was covered partially by four major slides north of Malibu Beach.

The slides, resulting from drenching rains, were between Malibu and the Ventura county line to the north. Twelve smaller slides were reported between Malibu and Santa Monica.

Several secondary highways were closed to traffic by water which was reported two feet deep in one spot south of Anaheim.

Between Lancaster and Gorman, highway 138 was reopened to traffic after floodwaters and minor slides blocked it for several hours.

Traffic over the ridge route was characterized as "extremely dangerous" due to blinding rains. Mud slides threatened houses in the mountains between exclusive Bel-Air district and the San Fernando valley. Slides already had blocked some roads in that area.

Only one death was attributed to the storm. R. M. Sullivan, 43, Huntington Beach fisherman, was drowned when a mountainous wave swept him from the deck of the fishing boat Bertha L. at the entrance to Los Angeles harbor.

Traffic officers reported accidents doubled during the storm. Hospitals handled a large number of traffic injury cases.

Telephone service interruptions were reported but in the main messages were going through. A total of 2500 telephones were rained out from Ventura to San Diego and two circuits were out to Big Bear.

ARGENTINE LABOR EMPLOYERS AGREE

Buenos Aires, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — The Argentine industrial union, and employers group, voted almost unanimously today to ignore a government decree ordering private employers to raise wages 10 to 25 per cent and to give all employees a Christmas bonus of one month's pay.

The decision not to comply with the decree was made at a meeting attended by more than 100 members. Only three dissenting votes were cast.

BILL WOULD TAX HITO 66 MILLION

Tokyo, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Emperor Hirohito, formerly exempt from all Japanese taxes except the land levy, will be forced to pay more than \$66,000,000 on imperial property and wartime profits if proposed legislation becomes law at the next diet session. Jimi news agency revealed today. Jimi said the bill would probably be introduced at the coming diet session.

SEMINARY SHELLED

Batavia, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — British warships and field artillery have shelled Semarang on the north central coast of Java in support of troops clearing the town of Indonesian revolutionaries, it was disclosed today.

BULLETIN

Grants Pass, Dec. 22 (Special) — Klamath Falls defeated Grants Pass 50 to 21 to win the "A" school championship in the Grants Pass basketball meet.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — The Santa Ana Army Air Base quintet tonight handed the University of California Trojans their first setback in seven starts to the score of 57-55.

Havana, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Phil Terranova, 124, former world featherweight champion, and Miguel Acevedo, Cuban featherweight champion, drew in a fast 10 round bout before 14,000 fans at the Sports Palace tonight.

OREGON CHAMPION BUYER OF E BONDS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Oregon, champion E-bond buyer of the nation, today went over the top in the present drive. With a state quota of \$22,500,000 in E-bonds, today's figure was \$22,858,659 or 101.6 per cent of the quota.

E. C. Sammons, state chairman of the war finance committee, wired Ted R. Gamble, national director of the bond selling program, that Oregon offered as a Christmas present its over-the-top E-bond report, and would drive on to retain its national championship.

KIDDIES INVITED TO FREE MATINEE

Southern Oregon kiddies are invited to attend the annual free Christmas matinee Monday at the Holly Theater, as guests of the Leverette Interstate Theaters and the Medford Mail Tribune. A grand fun fest is promised with two of the screen's funniest men, Laurel and Hardy in "Jitterbugs," as the main feature and spiced with a generous helping of Walt Disney cartoons.

The free matinee will start at 10 a. m. and as in previous years, every child in the community has a special invitation. Those too small to come by themselves may be attended by their parents or other adults.

STORM WARNINGS ON COAST GIVEN

San Francisco, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Additional storm warnings for Washington were ordered tonight by the weather bureau, as they continued in effect warnings, previously issued, for the Washington and Oregon coasts and part of the California coast.

A southeast storm warning for Washington and Oregon coast from Cape Blanco, Ore., to Tatoosh and through the Straits of Juan de Fuca remains effective tonight.

A southeast storm warning for California from Pt. Conception, Cal., to Pt. Blanco, Ore., remains effective until 10:30 a. m. tomorrow.

JOBLESS CHECKS IN STATE MOUNT

Salem, Ore., Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — Unemployment in Oregon reached a new high this week as 24,067 payments were made to those without jobs, the state unemployment compensation commission said today.

More than \$400,000 was paid in compensation checks this week. Nearly \$80,000 of the total went to 4,077 veterans as provided under the GI bill of rights. New veterans' claims were being filed at the rate of 2,000 a week, the commission reported.

DARLAN ASSASSIN GETS ACQUITTAL

Paris, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — The high court of Algeria has cleared Fernand Bonnier de la Chapelle of guilt in the slaying of Adm. Jean Francois Darlan, Vichyite leader, almost three years to the day after de la Chapelle was executed for assassinating him.

3900 EUROPEANS TO BE ADMITTED TO U. S. MONTHLY

President Issues Order Under Immigration Laws — No Public Cost

Washington, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — President Truman tonight ordered the admission of displaced persons and refugees into this country at a maximum rate of 3,900 a month under existing immigration laws.

With specific orders to the head of each, the president directed the state, war and justice departments, the public health service, and the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration to cooperate in the program.

Explaining that he hoped the majority of those admitted would be orphaned children, President Truman said that the United States shares responsibility for relieving the suffering of displaced persons and refugees in Europe.

The president said that while he had no intention of excluding the issuance of immigration visas in other parts of the world, a decision had been made to concentrate the program in the immediate future in the American zones of occupation in Europe.

In these zones, he said, are citizens of every major European country. Visas issued to these persons, he said, will be charged to the countries of their origin. The visas, the president added, will be distributed fairly among all faiths, creeds and nationalities.

The president said he hoped the program would be under way by early spring, "so that immigration can begin immediately upon the availability of ships." However, he emphasized, "nothing in this directive will deprive a single American soldier or his wife or children of a berth on a vessel homeward bound, or delay their return."

The president specified also that transportation provisions will be made which will insure that the movement of immigrants across the Atlantic will be without cost to the American public.

FOOD DEMANDS OF EUROPE TOO MUCH

Washington, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — The United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration warned tonight that it will not be able to meet the minimum relief needs of the world's liberated peoples this winter and that millions of them face months of hunger, cold and privation.

Director General Herbert H. Lehman of UNRRA said demands now being placed on UNRRA by members of the United Nations "are far beyond the resources of the administration."

SEN. MORSE ASKS PARDON FOR BAER

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — A department of justice order to deport Walter Baer, civil engineer and father of an Oregon-born family, has been protested by Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore. Baer's attorney here disclosed today.

Meanwhile, attorneys and other Oregon citizens have urged Gov. Earl Snell to pardon Baer, so that his two terms in the Oregon state penitentiary on check charges 25 years ago can no longer be used as a basis for deportation proceedings.

QUAKE ROCKS OLHAO

Lisbon, Dec. 22 — (U.P.) — An earthquake caused heavy damage to the town of Olhao in southern Portugal on Thursday, it was revealed today when communications were restored after a storm which swept Lisbon.

NO PAPER TUESDAY In accordance with long-established custom and in order to permit employees to enjoy the day at home, The Mail Tribune will not publish Christmas day.