



BARES CHARGES — President Jose Figueres (above) of Costa Rica charges that mercenary troops are poised in Nicaragua for an invasion of the Central American Republic. He says the soldiers were recruited in Mexico, Venezuela and Costa Rica itself and he adds that they are stationed along Costa Rica's borders.

Retail Purchases In 1954 Sets Record

Washington—(U.P.)—Americans bought a record \$170,806,000,000 worth of goods from retail stores last year.

The Commerce Department also reported that a preliminary sample survey showed December sales to be \$18,003,000,000, the largest of any month on record. The previous monthly record of \$16,900,000,000 was set in December, 1952.

The December buying boom was partly due to heavy Christmas sales and partly to the unusually big sales of new autos, the department said.

The new yearly record tops the old record set in 1953 by \$87,000,000.

Medford Firm Files

Incorporation Articles
Articles of incorporation were filed at Salem this week for Dunham's Inc., according to United Press.

The store previously was known as Dunham's of Medford. It is located on North Pacific highway. Signing the incorporation papers were R. C. Dunham, Jason Swaryck and Aylene Dunham Swaryck. Principals in the firm are the same as in the past. No change in personnel or policy is planned, according to Swaryck. It is anticipated that a second story will be added to the present building and the exterior and interior of the present one revamped.

Paunchy Penguin's Sickness Puzzles Vancouver Zookeeper; Many Drugs Used

Vancouver, B.C. — (U.P.) — A paunchy penguin who stands aloof from his comrades and surveys his audience with obvious distaste had his zookeeper worried today.

The bird came here with his seven friends two and one-half years ago as a gift from the governor of the Falkland Islands. All eight were taken aboard ship at South Georgia, an island off South America, and shipped north.

All that's known about the bird is that he (or she) is very sick and zookeeper Alan Best at Stanley Park said it "may be on its last wings."

The bird separates himself from the rest of the penguins in their Stanley Park cage and waddles slowly about, apparently in a world of his own.

"That's a sure sign of sickness," Best said. "We've been feeding it every kind of drug

you can think of. But it's no use. Probably he'll die soon."

Best claimed it was impossible to tell the bird's actual age, but its illness was a combination of old age "and other complications."

When asked what kind of pen-

guin it was, Best replied "We sent away for king penguins and this is what we got."

The penguin is called Number Eight. While the other penguins walk around the cage, Number Eight stands solemnly with his pink beak snuggled to his white chest. Occasionally he responds, and moves his beak slowly while staring glumly at the people around him.

Best said the bird's pink beak was not a sign of illness. "We've clipped the pink covering off the other birds but didn't want to touch Number Eight because of his illness."

Special Food

The usual penguin's diet is salmon and other types of small fish. But Number Eight, whose actions have won for him the name "The Undertaker," has his food especially prepared.

"It's funny we're paying so much for medicine for him and nobody really knows anything about him," Best said.

His sex is the biggest mystery, the zookeeper added. "It probably doesn't know what it is itself."

Another reason "The Undertaker" is expected to die within the next few weeks is his sagging posture.

"He's the only penguin in the bunch who has a paunch."

Organizations Asked To Aid MOD Campaign

New York—Presidents of the nation's 60 leading civic, farm, labor and veterans organizations have urged their more than 50,000,000 members to give all-out support in the final weeks of the 1955 March of Dimes, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis disclosed today.

The American Legion's 17,000 posts, backed by 16,000 local units of the Legion Auxiliary, responded to the call of their national leaders by offering their services to March of Dimes headquarters in their own communities.

A partial list of other organizations helping to raise \$64,000,000 to fight polio in 1955 include: Rotary, Lions, Moose, Kiwanis, Elks, United Council of Christian Churches, National Council of Catholic Women, B'nai B'rith, National Grange, CIO, AFL, Veterans of Foreign Wars and AMVETS.

Six Medford Students On OSC Honor Roll

Corvallis — Six students from Medford are listed on the fall term scholastic honor roll at Oregon State college.

Wayne Rawson earned a straight A average. Earning grade averages of 3.5 points or better on the basis of an A equaling 4 points were Gordon Ashby, Sally Harris, Jerry Peterson, Roy Rogers, and Lee Spencer.

There were 292 students named on the OSC fall term honor roll with 46 listed as earning straight As.

COAT SALE

Benton Harbor, Mich.—(U.P.)—When electrician Louis Metzger finished installing some new lights in a garage, he discovered his jacket had been sold by a group of women conducting a rummage sale.

'Plebes' Must Have Answers at Hand

Annapolis, Md. — (U.P.) — "Plebes" at the Naval Academy here must stand ready at all times to answer questions on naval or academy history posed by upper classmen.

If they can't give spot answers, they respectfully reply, "I shall find out, sir," and go look up the facts.

Typical of the historical lore a plebe has on tap is the fact that Adm. George Dewey's lowest marks as midshipman were in tactics.

Winston Churchill, he learns, brought crew racing to the academy in 1893. This particular Churchill was a cadet from Missouri who had picked up pointers on rowing during a special trip to Yale.

"Anchors Aweigh" was written in 1913 by Bandmaster Charles A. Zimmerman and Midshipman Alfred H. Miles and midshipmen marched in public for the first time at President U. S. Grant's inauguration in 1873.

SWEET KISS

Peoria, Ill. — (U.P.) — A Peoria couple came home with Candy — a Candy Kiss weighing seven pounds, six ounces. The full name of their first child is Candy Lynn Kiss.

Church Members Ask for Clothing

Members of the Valley View Seventh Day Adventist church announced today that they are in need of clean clothing and new materials for making bedding for needy families of this vicinity, in connection with their welfare work.

Those who do have articles to donate, or scraps of worn blankets in addition to apparel and quilts, are asked to call Mrs. Elsie Arnold, 2-7054 and pickup service will be arranged.

During 1954 the members of the church made or mended 4,116 garments, which they gave to needy people; 15 quilts were made and distributed to families which had lost bedding by fire or needed more to keep the members of their families warm during the winter; 139 food baskets were given to local needy families; and 13 shut-ins were given wrapped boxes for Christmas, containing fruit cakes, candies, apples and oranges.

The members also helped 344 local persons in various ways and spent 1,484 hours in mending the garments and in various activities needed to help those who are having unfortunate times, officers of the church said.

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