

# Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

New York—Mrs. Sibyl Schneller, of Mill Valley, Calif., a Pillsbury Flour Mills Co. "Cook of the Year" contestant, on her reason for learning to cook:

"My mother-in-law was a celebrated cook and I had to be as good as she was."

Las Vegas, Nev.—Crooner Dick Haymes when told he was divorced by actress Rita Hayworth in Reno:

"What can I say? All I wish for her is happiness."

Birmingham, Ala.—Twin brothers Ronald and Donald Scott on being lost for five hours in a freezing woods on a Christmas tree hunt:

"We prayed a little and cried a lot."

Boston—President Luis Balle Berres of Uruguay on his meeting with President Eisenhower:

"In his home he did not appear to be a president, but gave the impression of a good head of family. Nevertheless, when he discussed ideas he certainly took the proportions of a great president."

Buenos Aires—Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, editor and publisher of La Prensa, on plans for the newspaper freed from the Juan C. Peron dictatorship:

"The doors are open to all the former staff who were thrown out when the Peron dictatorship seized the paper. Any vacant places will be filled only on the basis of the professional capacity and moral character of the candidates."

London—British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan in a statement charging Russia has shifted its struggle for power against the West to the tense Middle East:

"The incursion of Russia by the deliberate opening of this new front, by the offer of weapons, by the offer of economic assistance, by the support of subversive organizations, has made a new and menacing situation."

United Nations, N.Y.—U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge on main political committee passage by a vote of 53 to 5 of a resolution for U.N. priority on President Eisenhower's "open sky" disarmament plan:

"It was a very great day in history . . . when we pass a resolution like this by a vote of 53 to 5."

Bhujon, India—Soviet Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev extolling the Russian political system while at an Indian village being improved with \$12,000,000 in U.S. aid funds:

"In the Soviet Union we have demonstrated that peasants who have political power in their own hands can have the opportunity to develop themselves mentally, physically and spiritually."



**SNAPPY MAILMAN**—This is the revised styling for uniforms for the nation's 100,000 letter carriers. New color scheme includes blue instead of gray shirts and maroon ties and trim instead of black. Change was announced by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield in Washington.

# Retail Sales in Western States Running Higher Than Last Year

San Francisco (U.P.)—Santa Claus may have to make a special trip from the North Pole just to deliver the record number of presents he'll have for westerners.

At least that's the way the Christmas season looks up to the Federal Reserve Bank 12 days before the holiday. The FRB says retail sales in the seven western states are running 3 to 4 per cent higher than last year's record yuletide season.

Salt Lake City stores led the pack with a whopping 15 per cent increase. San Jose, Calif., was up 10 per cent and San Diego 8 per cent.

Other cities reported these increases: Oakland, Calif., 5 to 6 per cent; San Francisco, 3 to 4 per cent; Seattle and Portland, 4 per cent; Los Angeles County and Spokane, 3 per cent; Tacoma, 1 per cent.

Merchants say there's more money around, greater employment and just better times. They also say an extra shopping Saturday will help things along this year.

Weather Possible Hitch

There is only one possible hitch—the weather. Shoppers might be hesitant about venturing out in a rainstorm. Even so, two Fresno department stores reported sales 6 per cent higher than last year despite rainy, foggy weather.

Another note of caution was sounded by Harry S. Schwartz, Federal Reserve Bank economist, who said the buying habits of Christmas shoppers "can fool you."

"Sometimes the season starts out like a choo-choo train, then tapers out at the end," he said. "Or it can be the other way around."

Michael Weill, president of the White House department store in San Francisco, reported sales up about 1 per cent with customers buying better quality goods than in the past.

An executive of another large store here said sales were up about 5 per cent, with only heavy home furnishings lagging.

# Astoria's Coxcomb Hill Again on Move

Astoria (U.P.)—Creeping Coxcomb hill forced the eviction of 40 Astoria families by early today and scores of others were alerted as a slide began wrecking homes here for the third time in five years.

City Manager Brewer Billy said "there's nothing we can do to stop it. We just have to let nature take its course."

The hillside residential district overlooking the Columbia river was softened by four inches of rain and started to slide over an underground strata of shale and soapstone.

Volunteers Aid Evacuations

High school students, civil air patrol and volunteers helped evacuate homes cracked and set askew by the slow slippage of the hill and city officials said today they would dump rock on Irving avenue so evacuation vehicles could get through. The street yesterday developed crevices three feet deep and the pavement was pushed into standing waves three feet high.

Authorities hoped clearing skies and cold weather would slow the march of Coxcomb hill. But they observed that in the past the slide condition had lasted for several months when it started in December.

One of the first homes stricken was the George Olson house after a large crack appeared in the backyard. Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson left the home they had occupied for 28 years.

Disaster Aid Promised

The Red Cross promised disaster aid as it has three times in the past five years. Coxcomb hill has cost the Red Cross \$160,000 in that period.

Still unaffected by the 1955 slide was the Astoria Plywood Corporation which lies at the foot of the slide area and a major industry in the city. It is near the terminus of Highway 30, the transcontinental highway between New York and Astoria.

There were no attempts so far this year to move homes off Coxcomb hill on rollers and skids as was tried in 1953. At that time 21 buildings were vacated.

TV MERGER PLANNED

Portland (U.P.)—A proposed merger between North Pacific Television, Inc., and Pioneer Broadcasters, Inc., both of Portland, was announced here today.

PAST PYTHIAN CHIEF DIES

Corvallis (U.P.)—Jennie M. Hughson, 81, a past grand chief of the Oregon Pythian sisterhood, died here yesterday after a brief illness.

# Army 'Brainwashing' Courses Suspended

Washington (U.P.)—The Air Force disclosed today that it has suspended the controversial "brainwashing" interrogation of students at its prisoner of war survival school in the Nevada desert.

The Air Force now wants to determine whether it can give the same indoctrination to its airmen by demonstration techniques rather than by personally subjecting them to the intensive interrogation.

The survival school at Stead Air Force base in Nevada operated in relative secrecy until early this fall when hair-raising accounts were published about the training techniques employed at the school. Some of the airmen and officers were reported put through "brainwashing" procedures which would rival those used by the Communists in Korean prison camps.

Honduras Delegate To UN Found Dead of Shot

Tegucigalpa, Honduras (U.P.)—Dr. Romeo Aguero, Honduras delegate to the UN General Assembly currently meeting in New York, was found dead Monday with a bullet in his heart.

Authorities said it was an apparent suicide. Aguero had arrived from New York on leave only Monday morning. No reasons were given for his apparent suicide.

# North Bend Bank Bid Unaffected by Merger

Portland (U.P.)—The proposed merger of the Coos Bay National Bank and the U.S. National Bank of Portland will have no effect on the Portland bank's application for a branch at North Bend as far as the bank is concerned, a bank spokesman said today.

The bank official said decision on U.S. National's proposal for a branch at North Bend is up to the comptroller of currency in Washington, D.C., but the bank "is not withdrawing its application."

Merger papers for the Coos Bay and Portland banks now are in the hands of the comptroller of currency. If the merger is approved, stockholders of the two banks have to be given 30 days notice before a vote is taken on the proposal.

Boards of directors of the two banks approved the merger during the week end.

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