

# Dr. Otto John Arrested by West German Government on Treason Charges

## Officer Plays Santa For Peddicard Children

Portland—(U.P.)—A blue-coated Santa Claus, with a badge instead of a beard, will try to brighten the Christmas of five young children whose father has been arrested for a bomb-extortion plot.

Chief of Police James Purcell Jr., organized a collection campaign among officers yesterday for gifts for the children of William Clarence Peddicard, the blind Portland man accused of bombing the Meier and Frank store last April.

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## American Political Conservatism Appears To Be Abandoned Issue

By LYLE C. WILSON  
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Washington—(U.P.)—The time has come to write the obituary of the conservative political movement in the United States.



It was represented by the Republican party of Mark Hanna, Boies Penrose and such. There isn't anymore. That party is dead although surviving millions of conservative voters may not realize it.

The rug was yanked from under American conservatives by an action of the 1936 Democratic National convention which was little noted at that time. That was the convention which nominated FDR for a second term.

But it was not that nomination which quenched the conservative party yeast. It was the convention's action in throwing out the party's 104-year-old two-thirds rule. That action deprived the Southern Democratic minority not only of control, but of almost all influence, in Democratic national conventions.

It opened the way for the Democratic party to move steadily and rapidly to the left. The Republican party has followed, carrying millions of contented voters with it, but leaving other millions of conserva-

tives in the lurch. South Had Power The abandoned rule required that a two-thirds majority was necessary to nominate. William Jennings Bryan slipped by it three times with his free silver and currency inflation heresies. But the rule served normally to give the conservative South a real voice in the nomination of Democratic presidential candidates.

FDR could and did move the Democratic Party far to the left. But his successors could not consistently keep it there if the two-thirds hurdle had to be cleared each time. As it stands now, left of center is about as conservative as a Democratic hopeful dare be if he wants serious consideration from a Democratic convention.

When Adlai E. Stevenson recently plumped for political moderation, he was rebuked instantly by such party figures as Gov. G. Mennen Williams, Michigan, and Gov. Averell Harriman, New York. Harriman said there was no place for moderation in the Democratic Party.

FDR and former President Truman found political gold in the left of center line. Mr. Truman being considerably more left than Mr. Roosevelt. Republicans saw what was going on and began in 1940 with the late Wendell L. Willkie to mine the same gold field.

Struck It Rich But it was left for General Dwight D. Eisenhower, finally, to strike it rich by becoming the first Republican president elected in 24 years. Mr. Eisenhower was not exactly left of center, but he was a long way from the Republican Party principles of

1918 or, even, 1928 when Herbert Hoover won. Mr. Eisenhower broke with the New Deal-Fair Deal traditions in several ways, including the type of men who should sit in a cabinet. But old line Republicans in Congress often complained that Mr. Eisenhower was demanding that they support policies which they consistently had opposed through the Roosevelt and Truman regimes.

Most of the congressional Republican conservatives have folded by now to chant: We Want Ike. There remains a hard core of storm troopers, little else. But, dead as it seems to be, American conservatism might revive if the right leader came along and the conservatives of the South were released from one-party captivity.

Manslaughter Charge Brings 10-Year Term Portland—(U.P.)—Quinton R. Gault, 53, was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary yesterday after pleading guilty to a manslaughter charge.

Gault, a former Vancouver Wash., chef, appeared before Circuit Judge James R. Bain. Judge Bain reduced the charge from first degree murder on a motion by Deputy District Attorney Robert Christ, who said there was insufficient evidence to support such a charge.

Gault was accused of the fatal stabbing of Mary Mark, 49, in her apartment last October. Argentina, Australia and New Zealand people eat more meat than Americans, according to commodity tables.

## Warrant Issued At Request of Attorney General

Bonn, Germany—(U.P.)—Dr. Otto John, the double turncoat security chief who fled to Communist East Germany and back again, was arrested today on a charge of treason, government sources said.

John's position in the West German government was roughly equivalent to that of J. Edgar Hoover in Washington when he sought political asylum in Communist Germany. He was informed of his arrest 12 days after his return to the West.

Held Incommunicado The arrest warrant was issued at the request of Dr. Curt Wiechmann, the West German government's attorney general, by an examining magistrate in Wiesbaden. John had been held incommunicado through the long days of questioning, but until today he was not technically under arrest.

Officials did not know whether John would be transferred at once to Karlsruhe, seat of the federal Supreme Court, but Wiechmann indicated he would make an official announcement about the man who told the world he went to East Germany July 20, 1954, to seek political asylum.

He returned to West Germany Dec. 12 after 17 months among the Communists and several trips to Moscow. He has been held in Wiesbaden since then at the headquarters of the federal criminal police.

Supplementary Charge Authoritative official sources said John also would face a supplementary charge of covering up his illegal activities. There was no immediate explanation of what the "illegal activities" were though they presumably would be covered by a big treason charge.

John's round-trip defection was one of the major sensations of the cold war. His flight to East Berlin caused consternation at Bonn and a government crisis. His return evoked smiles from Chancellor Konrad Adenauer who did not seem the least, bit surprised.

The government sources said court action against John would not begin until early in the new year but that he would face Christmas in jail. His wife, in Cologne, was informed Thursday that "certain steps" were about to be taken against him.

Political Unstable Mrs. John, six years his senior, whom he married in Britain during the war when he worked for British intelligence, hoped to meet her husband either in Karlsruhe, seat of the Supreme Court, or in Wiesbaden.

John, 53, was regarded as extremely political unstable when he served in his high post and there were reports the government was preparing to replace him at the time of his flight. He told a Communist-sponsored press conference he had gone there because of the rise of former Nazis in the Bonn government.

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## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
Interesting news — in these days when the politicians are going all out to make farmers feel sorry for themselves:

In the first ten months of 1955, Oregon's over-all agricultural revenue was \$309,956,000. This compares with over-all agricultural revenue of \$305,381,000 for the corresponding period of 1954. That is a gain of \$4,575,000.

THE figures were announced this morning by the U. S. department of agriculture. The announcement adds that 17 other states showed a gain in over-all agricultural revenue.

IT IS true that in 1955 farm prices have slipped off — in Oregon and elsewhere. But in Oregon and 17 other states gross total yield has been increased enough to bring in more gross total income.

How come? There are many reasons. Machinery is one of them. Modern machinery enables the farmer to increase his total production. Fertilizer is another reason. Intelligent use of fertilizer enables the farmer to increase his total production.

So do better farming methods, better crop varieties, etc. THERE is another reason for the situation in this particular year.

It appears from the department of agriculture's report that 1955 has been what we call a GOOD crop year. Total crop production over the country as a whole has almost equalled the all-time record made in 1948. It is considerably above the yields of any of the last six years.

That is to say, growing conditions have been generally favorable. IN TOTAL agricultural production, that is highly important. Let's cite an example:

In the 20 years of the Klamath county 4-H potato growing contest over across the mountain, AVERAGE gross production by the winners has been 439.8 sacks per acre. But in 1940 Paul Fairclo of Henley soared up to a fabulous gross total yield of 625 SACKS PER ACRE — nearly 200 sacks above the 20-year average.

He employed skill and good methods in growing his crop, of course. But he must have been aided by good growing conditions. My memory of that year fails me, but it MUST have been a good growing year to produce a crop that far above the average.

TO JUSTIFY the use of the word "fabulous" in describing Paul's 1940 crop, I'd like to cite a comparison. I don't remember the year, but it is well ahead of 1940. As I recall it, Zuckerman Bros. conducted an experiment down in the San Joaquin delta whose purpose was to find out how large a tonnage of potatoes could be grown on an acre of rich ground.

They narrowed the interval between rows, in order to get more rows in an acre. They poured on the fertilizer without regard to dollar economics. They used all the water justified by experience, again without regard to dollar returns. As I remember it (the written record

isn't available at the moment) their gross total yield was around 1140 bushels from an acre of ground. It was a world record.

REDUCING sacks to bushels, Paul Fairclo's 1940 yield was about 1040 bushels—or just under the world record established in a non-commercial experiment designed to achieve maximum production at any cost. Paul used strictly commercial methods, with standard width of rows, standard use of fertilizer, water, etc.

Among other things, his record is a tribute to the richness of southern Oregon soil. But he must have been considerably helped by a good growing year.

AT ANY rate, Oregon and 17 other states have apparently had a good growing season this year and with the help of a good growing year they have been able to increase their gross agricultural income over last year.

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By UNITED PRESS

Paris—Pierre Mendes-France in a challenge to three of his political opponents—Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay, former Premier Georges Bidault and Communist boss Jacques Duclos—to appear at a Radical Socialist party rally and debate with him: "It seemed useful to me to ask you to be there and, if you wish, to contradict the speech I shall make."

Hollywood—Actress Mamie Van Doren, who is expecting a child, on turning down a one-day Chicago appearance for \$10,000: "Ray Anthony and I decided we would rather spend Christmas Eve together making plans about the baby than making money."

United Nations, N.Y.—Security Council President Sir Leslie Knox Munro of New Zealand after a bitter, diplomatic exchange between Israel and Syria: "This council is entitled to expect, and does expect, that peace will be preserved in the whole area with which we are concerned. We are particularly justified in expecting a state of peace with the advent of Christmas and the New Year."

Washington—Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower on whether David, the presidential grandson, believes in Santa Claus: "If he doesn't he certainly puts on a good show."

Hollywood—Otto Preminger in defense of his banned picture, "The Man With the Golden Arm," which deals with the problem of narcotics addiction: "A veil of secrecy makes anything more attractive to young people. The exposure of something in the movies, on the stage and over the air can only help the problem."

Atlanta—Nap Rucker, old-time spitball pitcher for the Dodgers asking for new baseball rules to give the pitcher a break: "They've taken everything away from the pitcher. They made the ball livelier and they mashed down the seams until there's no friction left. These modern day hitters are all right, but if you give them the stuff we were allowed to use, they would have to turn loose the end of that bat."

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