

# Decorations Left Behind As Refugees Take Spirit

Colusa, Calif. — (U.P.) — The time, the candy and the ornaments were left behind in flooded Marysville and evacuated from California's worst flood brought with them plenty of the spirit of Christmas.

And as the homeless wandered about seeking shelter they were not turned away from the private home.

Typical of the attitude of the evacuees who do not know what they will find when the flood waters recede and they can return to their homes, was the story of Mrs. F. A. Tipton of Clatskanie, one of the first communities evacuated.

"We had two Christmas turkeys running around the yard," she mused. "I wonder what happened to them. I didn't bring any Christmas gifts with me as we didn't have any room. You see, we brought the woman who lives next door. She's rather old and wanted to come with us."

**Spiritual Value**

Those working with the refugees expressed surprise that they had come away from home with so little of material value—and so much of spiritual.

"It was surprising how little they took," said Mrs. William Monahan of Marysville. "There was no attempt to load trailers full. Almost all two-car families took only one car. They could have taken more with two cars but they all seemed to prefer to keep the family together."

Mrs. George Stedener of Hills, a German war bride spending her first Christmas in

the United States, said she had time only to grab two things—her bedding and her lucky rabbit's foot.

In Colusa, a town which normally has 3,500 population but tops 6,000 today, there was little or no thought of family Christmas Eve gatherings either.

The townspeople are too busy making their neighbors welcome and snug since they can't be happy and gay.

**Compassion For Homeless**

The only thoughts are of compassion for the homeless, tinged with a slight embarrassment that the Colusans have this Christmas Eve what the evacuees so miss.

But none will lack shelter and none will go hungry.

The townspeople and the pastors of the city's churches are organizing a prayer and Christmas service at the fairground for the evacuated families. And a huge party for the children is

being organized at the grammar school.

And many other families have been invited to be guests at the private celebrations in the homes of Colusa.

Charles A. Burdick and Leo Miller of Marysville told typical stories.

Burdick said, "Miller and I worked all night helping sandbag the levees. Then they brought us to Colusa. I think they took my wife to Camp Beale. I feel sure she is okay, but I know she must be worried about me and I have no way of contacting her."

"I have no wife," said Miller. "Nobody is worrying about me."

## Minor Damage From Jackson Hotel Fire

Medford fire department dispatched three fire trucks at 1:46 p.m. yesterday, to a fire in the kitchen of the Jackson hotel.

The fire originated on the grill and spread to the stove and ventilation ducts. Damage was minor.

Fire trucks stood by at Blue fires at the Kenneth G. Wonderey residence, 734 Palm st., and at the R. L. Burton residence, 1006 Sailing st. No damage was reported.

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## Army Takes Over Peruvian Town To Quell Revolution

Arequipa, Peru — (U.P.) — The Army took over this south Peruvian "cradle of revolution" on Saturday with orders to quell a four-day-old "revolt" supported by students.

Maj. Gen. Ricardo Perez Godoy, commander of the garrison here, assumed control of the city and province of Arequipa in place of Gov. Ernest Pflucker, who resigned when the police lined up with anti-government forces.

Several persons were injured Wednesday when police fired into the crowd at a pro-government mass meeting in the worst incident reported so far in the subversive upheaval.

**Commercial Activity Slowed**

No other major violence has been reported, but commercial activity in Arequipa was virtually paralyzed Friday by a general strike called to enforce rebel demands for the resignation of Interior Minister Alejandro Esparza Zanartu and the repeal of the unpopular internal security law.

A "protest committee" of students and union leaders also is demanding a blanket pardon for political offenders and reform of the electoral law before the June 3 presidential election.

The rebels apparently were not satisfied by President Manuel Ordía's promise two weeks ago that he will throw open the gates of Peru's political prisons before the voters choose his successor.

Perez relayed the committee's demands to Lima. He told a press conference here Friday he was awaiting orders from the capital.

## Reye's Attorneys File For New Trial

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Attorneys for Martin B. Reyes, convicted Dec. 13 of second degree murder, have filed a motion for a new trial in Circuit Court here.

The 23-year-old Seattle gunman is serving a life sentence in the state prison for the fatal shooting Oct. 24 of James R. Applegate, 39-year-old Benton county postman.

Reyes' court-appointed attorneys, Robert Mix and John Fenner, listed 17 alleged errors at law they claim were permitted in the trial.

The motion specified, however, that if a new trial is granted, it is to be on no charge higher than second degree murder. If it is to be on first degree murder, the attorneys ask that the motion be denied.

Among the errors at law cited by the attorneys was permission to make available to the jury a recording of Reyes' statement to police the night of his capture. There is no legal authority for the playing of recordings of this type, the attorneys claim.

## Tug Goes Aground In Coquille Valley

Coquille — (U.P.) — The tug Lumber Kid, freed from mud Friday afternoon after going aground early Thursday while attempting to aid flood-stricken residents of the Coquille valley.

The Coos Bay lumber company tug went aground at Parkersburg, between Riverton and Bandon, when it attempted to take under tow a county-owned ferry boat to aid in evacuation efforts in the Coquille area.

The tug returned here Friday.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 3:30 previous day

## Russian To Face Charges Of Fraud Of Welfare Pay

New York — (U.P.) — A 60-year-old Russian immigrant who lived for two years on tea and potato soup goes on trial for fraud next month because he didn't spend all of his modest welfare checks.

George Ivanow is charged with fraud because he failed to tell welfare workers that he had managed to save \$924 of the \$1997.50 in relief payments he received during the two years. Ivanow, who speaks no English, said they never asked him and he didn't know he was supposed to tell anyone.

Ivanow said he came to the United States in 1951 from Yugoslavia where he had played the piano in a dance orchestra. He worked in a New York hospital as a porter until 1953 when he broke his hip.

Ivanow applied for relief payments and said he stayed on the relief rolls after his hip mended because he couldn't get another job due to his language difficulty and his age.

**Was Looking Ahead**

The Russian-born Ivanow said he understood welfare workers to say he couldn't get relief for more than two years so he began to save his tiny relief money.

Ivanow rented a furnished room for \$8 a week and began a rigid but apparently wholesome diet. He never lost any of his 120 pounds.

He drank three cups of tea for breakfast, he said. Late in the afternoon he would have a large bowl of potato soup. Then, before retiring, he would have another cup of tea and a tiny sausage. On Sundays he would "luxuriate" with 25 cents worth of lamb.

Ivanow would buy bread and stretch the loaf out for days, he said. But he never bought any food other than these staples.

## European Death Toll Climb To Near 100

London — (U.P.) — The weather death toll in Western Europe climbed toward the 100 mark Saturday despite a thaw which eased Christmas travel in most of the southern countries of the continent.

The drowning of seven Britons in a fishing boat that sank in a blinding snowstorm off Northern Norway Friday night and two traffic deaths in snow-bound Sweden increased the toll of winter's first cold wave to 91 dead.

Temperatures across Scandinavia were still well below zero, but in most other West European countries the snow was melting. The only notable exception was "sunny Italy," which was still in the grip of freezing weather.

## Death Sentence Is Commuted By Ike

Washington — (U.P.) — The President has entered into the Christmas spirit early by granting 42 Christmas pardons and commuting one death sentence.

He exercised his executive clemency after conferring for almost one hour Friday with Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr.

The pardons, the largest number granted in recent years, all went to individuals who already had served their sentences for federal crimes. The pardons will restore their citizenship rights, including the right to vote.

Brownell said the death sentence commutation went to John Vigneault of New Hampshire who was convicted of murder while serving with the armed forces in Germany. The President changed the sentence to 55 years in prison.

## E. M. Young Released From Federal Prison

Tallahassee, Fla. — (U.P.) — E. Merle Young, convicted of perjury in the "Mink coat" investigations in Washington a few years ago, was released from federal prison Saturday after earning several weeks of "free time" for "meritorious service."

Young left the Federal Correction Institution a few minutes after midnight with another prisoner whose wife had driven up from Miami to get them. Young's wife, the recipient of the \$9450 mink coat which set off the investigation into the Reconstruction Finance Corp. when Young was an RFC examiner, was not here to greet her husband.

## Book Store Cover Up For Bookie Business

New York — (U.P.) — Uninformed persons who think a bookie is a man who runs a bookshop were right for a brief time Friday.

Police raided the Tremont Book Shop and found a thriving betting operation going on in the back room.

## Four Men Get Money After Tying Couple

New Orleans, La. — (U.P.) — Police Saturday sought four thugs who gained entrance to a home on a Christmas-gift ruse and then stole the \$16,400 life savings of an elderly man and woman.

The men ransacked the home after tying Mrs. Ernestine Bleake, 76-year-old semi-invalid, and Mrs. Harry Plique, 59, with electrical cord.

The thugs entered the home carrying Christmas packages which they said were for Leon Plique. Once inside, one of the men pulled out a gun and said: "This is a stickup."

## Newspaper To Smell Of Christmas Spirit

Marks, Miss. — (U.P.) — Readers of the Quitman County Democrat will get a whiff of holiday "spirits" in the Christmas edition of the newspaper even though the state is legally dry.

Editor Henry Burns mixed a gallon of bourbon with the printing ink when the edition was run off and had an employee squirt each copy with a bourbon filled sprigun as it rolled off the press.

## One Dead, 12 Injured In Oklahoma Blast

Oklahoma City — (U.P.) — One person was killed and at least 12 others injured Saturday when an explosion tore through a two-story produce house in downtown Oklahoma City.

The explosion, apparently caused by accumulated gas, demolished the brick structure, and all but two or three persons in it were taken to hospitals.

At least 10 persons were taken to Mercy hospital where a nurse said "one or two or more" were in critical condition.

## Jury Awards Damages To Coos Bay Man

Portland — (U.P.) — A Circuit Court jury here Friday awarded \$18,961 damages to Harvey M. Morton of Coos Bay in his personal injury suit against Ivan Kameroff, a professional wrestler.

Morton claimed he suffered serious neck and back injuries when he was struck by Kameroff, who jumped out of the ring at the Coos Bay armory April 16, 1954, and began swinging his arms in the crowd of spectators.

The jury awarded Morton \$15,000 general damages and \$3,961 special damages.

## Zoo Director Gets Snakes For Christmas

Grand Rapids, Mich. — (U.P.) — Zoo Director Fred Meyer opened his first Christmas present Friday — two diamondback rattlesnakes sent to him by a friend from Laredo, Tex.

"They're real beauties," Meyer said. "I couldn't appreciate a Christmas gift more."

## Brakeman Killed In Quebec Train Crash

Tring-Junction, Que. — (U.P.) — A brakeman on a Quebec Central Railways passenger train was killed, and five others were injured Saturday when a Quebec Central Railways train collided head-on with a freight train just north of the station here.

None of the injured was in serious condition. They included one woman on the passenger train.

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