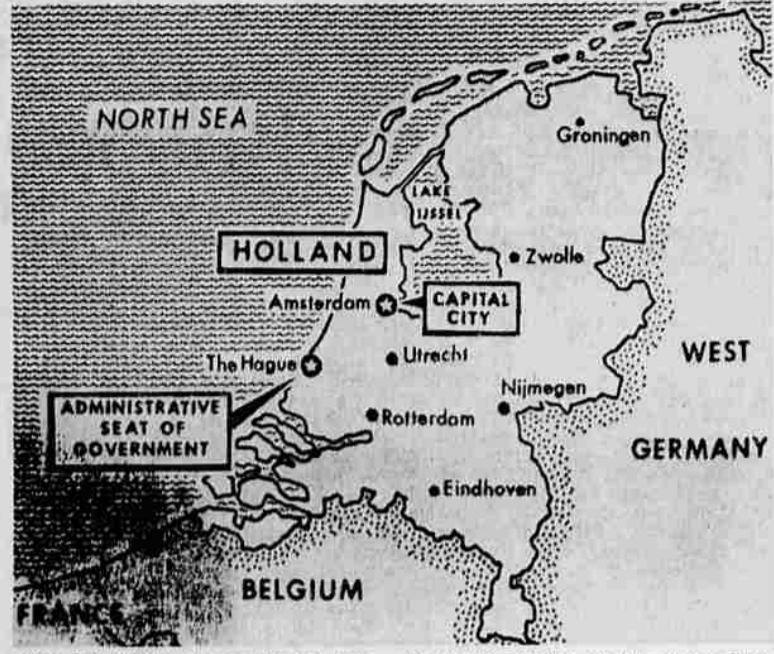


# Holland Is Nation of Cities With Few Gardens



HOLLAND SHOWN—Stars on this UPI news-map spot Amsterdam and The Hague, capital city and administrative seat of the nation's government, respectively. Holland is one of the world's smallest (15,800 square miles) countries and except for Japan, is the most densely populated (11,417,254 citizens). (UPI)

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THE HAGUE (UPI) — Visitors to Holland are apt to be told by a smiling native that "we are a nation of cities with a few gardens in between."

It is an appropriate description. Holland is one of the world's smallest countries, with a territory of only 15,800 square miles, but more densely populated with its 11,417,254 people than any nation except Japan. With a size slightly more than one-fourth that of Illinois but a population roughly 1,000,000 greater, Holland — pressed between Germany to the east and Belgium to the south and fronting on the North Sea — is in constant need of space. The nation now is engaged in a project to wrest some 500,000 acres from the former Zuiderzee, now renamed Lake IJssel. The country's official name is the Netherlands, but Holland is more popular. "The Netherlands" is a strict translation of "De Nederlanden" meaning the low lands. The name "Holland" is a leftover from the time when North and South Holland were the nation's two largest provinces.

Dislike "Dutch" Tag  
"Dutch" a term used to describe the country's people and its language, comes from "Deutsch" or "Duits," the German and Dutch words, respectively, for German. Hollanders do not like to be called "Dutchmen." They say it started many years ago with the British, who lumped Hollanders and Germans together and on British tongues "Deutsch" (pronounced Doytsch) became "Dutch."

"Low land" is the right name for the country, whose average height above sea level is only 37 feet. Parts of Holland lie so low that it is ribboned by some 1,500 miles of dikes to hold back the sea. And the dikes are not always enough. In one of the worst floods, in 1953, 1,800 people were drowned in southern Holland.

The little boy who saved his town from flood by sticking his finger in a hole in the dike is a famed fictional symbol, just as Hans Brinker of the silver skates has immortalized the canals that help bring down the sea level.

Pleasant Land  
Holland is a pleasant country to live in and visit. It is noted for its good food as well as its windmills (now more scenic than useful) and the wooden shoes of its countryfolk. Young American men who visit Holland, including GI's, have discovered too that the country has some of the prettiest young girls of Europe, rosy-cheeked and full of fun.

The main pedestals of Holland's industrial strength today are its shipyards in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, its electronics

industry centered at Eindhoven, and its many metal-working industries. In the agricultural field, tulip bulbs have taken the place of dairy products as the country's No. 1 export although Dutch cheese is known and popular around the world. Also sent around the world are Hol-

land's pedigreed cows and bulls valued as breeding stock. Hol' d is a constitutional monarchy. The present queen is Juliana. Executive power rests with the queen and her ministers, while legislative power is in the hands of the states-general (parliament) composed of

a first chamber and a second chamber. Reaches Far For its size, little Holland reaches far. Its merchant fleet numbers more than 1,500 ships, which sail to all ports of the world. And its airline, KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines), is one

of the world's largest international air carriers touching some 120 cities in nearly 80 countries. Holland has another boast. It claims its railroad system, largely electrified, may very well be the world's most efficient.



## Influenza Tops List Of County Diseases

Influenza continued to have the most numerous cases reported last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson County Public Health Officer. Central Point reported 15 cases of flu and Ashland one. Chicken pox ranked second with 10 cases reported. Three were in Medford, three in Rogue River and four in Central Point. Other cases reported were one case of pneumonia in Ashland, one case of infectious hepatitis in Medford, one case of tuberculosis in Medford, and one case of mink eye in Ashland and Gold Hill. Rogue River reported three cases of strep throat and Talent had one. Eagle Point reported two measles cases, and Ashland five mumps cases.

## Residents of South Talent Area Discuss Getting Voters Out

TALENT — A group of South Talent residents favoring zoning met Friday night at the home of Mrs. Lois Yockel in South Talent to discuss means of getting out the vote for the South Talent zoning election Friday, Jan. 24. Voters will be contacted by telephone and rides to the polls will be provided, according to Wylder Hooke, chairman of the group. Many of the group felt the recent bond issue for the major portion of the sanitation system was defeated due to three main factors. The system would include about 40 per cent of the residents instead of the hoped for 75 per cent. Area residents did not approve of the engineering design which they felt appeared to be more of a feasibility study than a working layout. A sewer system with the possibility of no zoning would tend to draw undesirable businesses into the area, according to reports. The group favoring zoning feel a good trailer house on a good piece of land, properly landscaped, could make an attractive permanent residence. If this were permitted under the zoning ordinance much of the opposition might be eliminated, they feel. The present interim zoning ordinance expires Nov. 1, 1964, but a number of area residents have successfully petitioned for an election on zoning before it expires. The legal question remains whether the vote would be on interim or permanent zoning.

## Contract Awarded For Forest Road

KLAMATH FALLS — The award of contract for construction of 7.5 miles of road on the Winema National Forest has been announced by Forest Supervisor Alex Smith. Fitzgerald Logging Co., Roseburg, was successful bidder for construction of the Fuego Five Road at a cost of \$45,487.30.

## GI Insurance Dividend Payments Set in January

PORTLAND — In response to President Johnson's directive for the earliest possible payment of the \$234 million GI insurance dividend for 1964 of which \$2,630,300 will go to 53,238 Oregon veterans, the Veterans Administration said the first checks would reach veterans by Jan. 2. In reporting this, R. J. Novotny, manager of the Portland VA regional office, said payments would be completed by Jan. 25. The President Dec. 8 ordered the accelerated payments as a stimulant to the economy. First Speed Payment In the first speed payment of a dividend ordered by the late President Kennedy in 1961 payments were completed by March

17. The stepped up payment of the 1963 dividend was completed last Jan. 31. The VA plan to issue the 1964 dividend checks by next Jan. 25 will cut a week from the previous record processing time of 21 days in 1963. The dividend payments in 1962 and in the years prior to 1961 were made throughout the entire year on the anniversary dates of the individual insurance policies. Of the total distribution of \$234 million, \$15 million will go to about 225,000 World War I veterans holding U. S. Government Life Insurance (USGLI) policies. The remaining \$219 million will go to 4,500,000 World War II veterans who hold National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) policies.

Korean Conflict veterans hold non-participating policies that do not provide regular annual dividend payments. The regular dividends are primarily a return to the policyholders of part of their premium payments since the death rate among GI policyholders continues to be lower than the rate upon which the payments were established by law. Novotny reminded policyholders that preparing and mailing dividend payments are automatic and require no correspondence from veterans or their families. Such correspondence might delay the dividend distribution process, he said.

## Medford Sophomore In College Band

PORTLAND — Mary Milne, a sophomore from Medford, is one of 48 students comprising the Lewis and Clark College Concert Band on its second annual tour beginning Jan. 5. Miss Milne plays the oboe in the band. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Milne, 2624 Country Club Drive, and is a member of the rally squad at Lewis and Clark.



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