

Governors Back Europe Aid Plan

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—Support for the Marshall plan came today from western governors and other officials who attended the conference of the Pacific Coast board of intergovernmental relations here yesterday.

Francis Russell, director of the state department's office of public affairs, said there were inflationary tendencies in the Marshall plan "or any program of aid to Europe," but that the benefits to this country outweighed inflationary aspects.

The need to achieve economic and social gains in Europe in the face of Russian ideological aggression, plus the fact that Europe would take only about three per cent of the American economy make the Marshall plan worth while, he said.

Oregon Trade
Dr. Nathaniel Engle of the University of Washington said the Marshall plan's requirements for exports would be reflected in Oregon and Washington, particularly in demand for softwoods, plywood, wheat, flour, fresh fruits and canned salmon.

Paul Raver, Bonneville administrator, urged continued construction of multi-purpose dams in the Northwest to take care of increasing industry and population growth.

Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington also advocated more development of Northwest resources and said, "Politics is the greatest retarding influence in western developmental progress. Congressmen touring the nation say they favor reclamation and power development, but when the chips are down they vote, 'No,' or to cut the appropriations."

He suggested that the board invite western congressmen to sit in at their meetings and discuss the West's needs.

The March meeting was voted to Seattle.

Father Takes Own Life

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12 (AP)—A discouraged father was found in a gas-filled automobile yesterday, preceding in death his condemned son who is awaiting execution in the San Quentin gas chamber.

The body of Weston L. Walker, 56, for 20 years an engineer with the Los Angeles county flood control district, was found in his car, sheriff's officers reported. His son, Erwin, 29, occupied a cell at the state prison under death sentence for murdering California Highway Patrolman Lorca Roosevelt in June, 1946.

Last Saturday the father visited his son at San Quentin. Monday he failed to report for work, sending a telegram saying he would be late. Yesterday an employe saw the car and sheriff's detectives found the body.

Walker's employer, H. F. Sawyer, said: "He was spending every dime he had in an effort to save the boy from the gas chamber. But he was growing more discouraged every day."

Gunman Holds Up Liquor Store

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12 (AP)—"Anything else?" was apparently the wrong question to ask the well-dressed customer who purchased a fifth of rye from Samuel Orman, 41-year-old liquor dealer.

The man answered, "Yes, I want your money," produced a pistol and made off with approximately \$150.

Adele And The Tots She Saved



Adele Haven (center), 14-year-old Libertyville, Ill., high school freshman, who saved the five Kirk children when fire broke out in the residence while Adele was baby sitting, holds one of the tots on her lap. The girl covered the faces of the children to protect them from hot smoke and took them outside. Left to right: Judy, 7; Donald, 3; Adele, holding baby Kenneth; the family dog with his head on the lap of Barbara, 6; and William, 3.

Altamont Junior High Plans Christmas Program

"The Mystery of the Nativity," as told in the Scripture, with pantomime and carols of many countries, will be given by the students of Altamont junior high school in the gymnasium, Tuesday, December 16, at 8 p. m.

The program is under the general direction of Mrs. Henry W. Moore, with over 400 children participating. The band will be heard on a medley of Christmas carols, with R. C. Hannon, director.

The pantomime cast includes: Mary, Carol Steens; Joseph, Tom Murdoch; innkeepers, Donald Pinner, Bill Blackwell, Bobby Hicks; shepherds, Harold Metier, Rosalie Ward, Ray Hoeffler, Richard Dewey, John Thompson; angels, Beth Cunningham, Dorothy Clawson, Wilda Smith, Georgie Moore and Phyllis Sterling.

Townspeople, Carolyn Donahoe, Patricia Ellis, Loretta Lucas, Lauramae Witte, Mary Ellen McColeen, Dolores Davis, Bonnie Cummins, Irene Nelson, Village children, Carroll Johnson, Joy Barnes, Mary Ducat, Jean Lichenstern, George Arnold, Bobby Clanton, Marilyn Fanning, Gilbert Robles, Richard Tracy, Robert Morris, Betty James, Viola Peterson, Ralph Wryn and Jack Friberg.

Three Kings, Charles Bennett, Dean Lucht, Lehman Myers, attendants, Roy Koski, Thomas Horton, Charles Barnes, Peter Gray, Arthur Lapsley, Edward Vaughn; stage manager, Gerald Wilcher; ushers, Joan Noel, Helen Quigley.

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Cloud Chamber Aids Study

SEATTLE, Dec. 12 (AP)—Because cyclotrons and other atom-smashers have been unable to artificially produce mesotrons, science is depending upon two University of Washington-built cloud chambers to aid in its study at altitudes to 40,000 feet.

Dr. Joseph E. Henderson, director of the school's applied physics laboratory, disclosed today.

The two chambers, each but seven inches in diameter, are part of a three-ton mechanism built under a \$58,000 grant from the U. S. navy bureau of ordnance.

The apparatus consists of two identical magnets, each with a cloud chamber, and built to fit the bomb bay of a B-29 bomber.

The mesotron is one of the particles freed when primary cosmic rays bombard the upper stratosphere. Dr. Henderson explained they are reputedly the actual source of all releasable energy.

The cloud chamber, filled with a vapor, will permit cameras automatically operated by Geiger counters to take pictures of the "vapor trail" as the mesotrons speed through.

"This makes it possible more accurately to determine its mass—an important step toward advancement of nuclear research," he said.

Young Man Wins Lovely Legs Show

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 12 (AP)—Frederick Newing, a motion picture theatre employee, qualified last night to enter the grand final of a "lovely legs" contest in the country town of Goulburn, N. S. W.

He beat 11 girls in an elimination round last night. The judging was based on applause by an audience which saw only the legs of the contestants.

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PTA Notes

Altamont

A large group of parents were present to enjoy the Christmas meeting of Altamont PTA on December 9, in the music room of the junior high.

Mrs. Violette Moore led the group in singing of Christmas carols. This was followed by a Christmas story, "Where God Lives, There Is Love Also" told by Mrs. Nixon, city librarian.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute and presided over by the president, Mrs. W. M. Gibson.

There was a discussion of a patrol of some kind at the school crossings on S. 6th and also Summers lane. A committee will be appointed to investigate the possibility of furthering safety at these crossings.

It was also decided to go back to the old way of exhibiting membership points for each room as it seems more fair where there is more than one child representing a family.

A. C. Olson announced the coming Christmas program the evening of December 16 at the junior high. This will be presided by the music department, Mrs. Violette Moore, director.

President Gibson introduced Mrs. Hans Frei, new program chairman succeeding Mrs. Jack Elliott who has moved. Also Mrs. F. W. Eber-

lein as the new first vice president succeeding Mrs. Gertrude Pruitt who has resigned.

Room count was won by Mrs. Josephine Peurou's third grade room for the third time in succession, and Vivian McNabb's fourth grade room. This is the second time Miss McNabb's room, has won the traveling plant. The next meeting is January 13.

Tea was served by the executive board in the home economics room. The table was covered with a lace cloth and decorated with an attractive Christmas arrangement. Posturing were Mrs. Lucile Davison and Mrs. Violette Moore.

Riverside

The regular meeting of Riverside PTA was held November 18, at 2:30 p. m. The program included two violin selections by Miss Conny Reed who attends the first grade at Riverside. Ella Redkey, Girl Scout executive, spoke on scouting and youth organizations. The program was followed by a short business meeting and tea was served with second grade room mothers, Mrs. Dick Reeder and Mrs. Max Menil were hostesses.

Next meeting of Riverside PTA will be held February 17, 1948.

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Marine Corps Ace Gets Promotion

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