

\$17 BILLION AID FUND PROPOSED

WEATHER
Max. (Dec. 19) 44 Min. 31
Precipitation last 24 hours .09
Stream year to date 7.96
Last year 3.48 Normal 3.81
Forecast: Cloudy, some rain.

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In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PRESIDENT TRUMAN today gives to congress a more fully detailed account of the Marshall plan than we have yet had. He tells what he HOPE to accomplish by it—which is restoration of a world in which people can work and produce and trade. He estimates its probable cost in dollars. He explains how he thinks it ought to be managed.

He gives this blue print to congress on the eve of adjournment of the special session. Our legislators will have it to STUDY between now and the beginning of the regular session in January.

That seems like good timing.

HIS speech is so long to be accurately summarized here. You'd better read all of it that this newspaper is able to print today. Study it. Form your own opinion about it. Nothing that EVER came before the American congress was more important.

THIS much of it can be summarized:

President Truman says this morning that, big as the Marshall plan is, its cost will be only about five per cent of the cost of World War II and only about three per cent of our estimated national income during the period to be covered by it. So, you see, assuming that the President's estimates are somewhere near accurate, it ISN'T beyond our capacity.

BUT don't forget this:

If we make the Marshall plan work, we'll have to EXTEND OURSELVES. While we're getting the rest of the world back onto its feet, so that the people we're trying to help can again be self-supporting, self-respecting human beings, we'll have to work harder and produce more. While we're working harder and producing more, we'll have to DO WITH LESS ourselves.

If we approach this big job from any other angle, if we rely upon hand-waving and magic words, to do what has to be done, we'll simply be kidding ourselves and the end result will be disillusionment.

IT is unfortunate that we must approach this biggest task of our national career just as a Presidential campaign is opening. In big election years, our leaders don't think straight. They put politics first and patriotism somewhere afterward.

FOR example:

You must have been reading these hints in the past few days of commodity market speculation in high places. Here is what it is all about:

The Republicans hope to prove that Democratic officials have used their inside knowledge of what will happen to prices because of what the government is GOING TO DO in such a way as to feather their personal nests.

That would be hot stuff at the beginning of a Presidential campaign.

ALSO, all this business about "economic controls" is just political shadow-boxing. The Republicans have no real faith in their program of voluntary co-operation to hold prices down. The Democrats would be TERRIFIED if they got dumped into their laps the rationing and (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Students Start Vacation Today

The kids were too excited today to knock down to studying, and this afternoon classes in city schools were folded up and the last couple of hours of the day turned over to Christmas gift exchanges and treats.

This is the last day of school until Monday morning, January 5.

There wasn't a room in the city schools, or a hall in the buildings, but what had a really decorated tree, piled high with gifts which were exchanged today. Teachers walked home loaded with gifts from their admiring pupils and were facing a well earned vacation along with the youngsters.

Post Office Force Faces Busy Time Next Few Days

Package sorting bins or baskets for packages in the Klamath post office were strangely empty this morning. These are the containers for incoming Christmas packages, labeled with the sections of city or rural route.

The bins were all cleared out this morning because only letters and papers are coming in on the regular mail trains now and the first Christmas special won't arrive until 4 p. m. today from the north. The Santa Claus train from the south will get in at midnight tonight. Due to the huge influx of packages expected on these special trains, the post office force will work all Saturday and Sunday sorting the mail and there may even be deliveries on Sunday. Wallace Scheck, superintendent of mails said today.

Parcel post windows for sending and receiving, and stamp windows will be open Saturday afternoon but

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Children Die In Holy War

House OK's Voluntary Price Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The house sent to President Truman today a bill for voluntary pricing agreements to hold down living costs.

Democrats made a futile attempt to alter the measure and give the president authority to order allocation of scarce commodities if necessary, but they were overwhelmed by an almost solid republican front.

Long Debate

The bill was passed after only two hours of debate under procedure that prevented free offering of amendments and curtailed debate. Democrats condemned the procedure as "super gag," but republicans replied that with congress adjourning tonight it was the senate bill or nothing at all.

Before final passage, the house defeated on a 156 to 73 standing vote a motion to send the measure back to the banking committee for inclusion of authority for the president to divide up scarce commodities when voluntary agreements fail.

The house then headed for a final vote which would send the bill, passed yesterday by the senate, to President Truman.

The measure was brought up in the house under procedure restricting amendments and limiting debate.

Christmas Ship Drive Slow

The Klamath Ministerial association has pledged support to the Christmas Ship, and although donations were coming in slowly, Klamath Falls is expected to do its part, according to Fred E. Fleet, local chairman, and Earl Kent, representative of Junior chamber of commerce, the sponsoring group.

Gifts of money, clothing, or single items of food in case lots, are acceptable for the Christmas Ship, and already \$133 has been turned in to the mayor's office where money is being accepted, no matter how small the amount. Clothing and case foods may be left at the Salvation Army.

Mr. Kent said today, is not a concentrated effort to contact the people of the Klamath basin, but donations are eagerly accepted in order that this section be well represented when the ship for Europe is loaded.

Because of the shortage of time, cash donations are especially welcome, Kent said today.

"From your heart—do your part" is the slogan of the Christmas Ship, which sails from Seattle, takes on Oregon's donations at Portland, and sails for the relief of thousands in Europe.

Number Only For Elevator Pilots

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19 (AP)—Elevator operators in the city hall have been ordered to adhere strictly to a policy of calling floors by their numbers only.

Building Superintendent Ralph Hoffman said the instructions were issued after he received reports that some operators were, with some pessimism, calling out "war department" for the floor where divorce courts are located, "flatfoot alley" for the police headquarters floor, "morgue" for the probate courts floor and "ball and chain" for the city attorney's criminal division.

There will be no service at the money order, COD or registry windows. The force will be working in the post office, however, taking care of incoming and outgoing mail.

Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins requests that the public refrain from calling at the post office over the weekend and until the rush is over except for vital matters. Every minute counts, he said, and a clerk taking time out to answer the phone may delay someone's Christmas mail just long enough to miss a delivery.

Gifts and greetings being sent now should go by air mail, Hawkins suggested, if they are to get very short. Flights are scheduled daily to South America and Europe and there is air service to every country in the world, the postmaster stated. Packages weighing up to four pounds may be sent by air, as well as letters, papers and cards.

Decoration Time At Courthouse



Courthouse workers were decorating their trees today in preparation for the annual office party and exchange of gifts coming the afternoon of Christmas Eve. The tree is located in the main lobby of the county building.

Couple Held On Charge Of Looting Ranch Residence

companion, were held here today following their arrest last night in a stalled jeep near Oleno. The two face burglary charges and have admitted rifling the Jerry Short residence at Wocus and selling a part of the loot.

In the Klamath county jail is Robert Leroy Fenning, 324 Plum, an employee of the Short ranch. His 16-year-old companion, a resident of Prineville, is in juvenile custody. State police said today that the two

were picked up near Oleno where their stolen jeep had run out of gas. The officers were looking for the suits and then took down the jeep near Oleno. They attempted to sell a part of their take. Officers said the pair had two suits of clothing and a Winchester Model 12-gauge shotgun which they offered to Walter Bray.

Bray gave them one case of beer for the suits and then took down the jeep license number and advised state police. The gun, Bray said, had Jerry Short's name on it.

When Fenning and his companion were returned to the state police patrol office, they admitted entering the Short residence as Fenning said he knew the Shorts were vacationing in California. He is employed by Short. Fenning admitted taking the shotgun, one Remington-Union camera, the clothing, four United States Savings bonds, a pair of gloves, two bracelets, one silver ring and other articles. The two met at 8:30 last night in a Klamath Falls cafe, went to Fenning's home on Plum street where Fenning's father, foreman at the Short ranch, had parked the jeep which is also Short's property.

They drove to the ranch, tried the front door and then entered through the rear. Fenning and his companion then said they drove to Bonanza. They attempted to sell the camera to Charles Lindsey for \$5, but Lindsey refused. They went to Bray's place, got the beer, then went to another roadblock and sold the shotgun for \$10 to Don Nye, officers said. They then started (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Food Prices Soar Upward

Your Christmas dinner is going to be just about the most expensive meal you ever ate unless you settle for hamhock and cabbage, and ham—she's high!

Turkeys upped five cents was just the forerunner of a few other little increases which faced the already struggling housewife. Today butter went up another cent, inching slowly but surely to the all-time high of \$1 per pound which greeted shoppers after OPA's demise. Today's butter quotation was 87 cents wholesale. Add five to six cents to this price and that's what you pay.

Eggs jumped Wednesday, all grades going up one cent. Large AA's were wholesaling at 81 cents, medium AA's, 76 cents. Retail price was also five to six cents higher on the dozen.

Bright Blue Flare In Sky Seen By People From Klamath To Tacoma

The southern sky was lit up about 5 o'clock this morning by a spectacularly bright blue light, according to reports which ranged from Tacoma, Wash., to Klamath Falls.

A large number of persons reported the incident at various points along the coast, and agreed that it began as a bright blue brilliance, gradually growing darker until it faded from the sky. It traveled a course from "very high" in the sky almost straight to earth. Up in Tacoma, residents of that city said the spectacle lasted for approximately three minutes, but meteorologists, who had no explanation for the flash, doubted it lasted three minutes.

It only seems that long," they said.

Assault On Town Brings Ten Killings

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19 (AP)—Jews killed five Arab children and five adults today in an attack on the border village of Khisias, which the underground defense force, Hagana, said was being used as a hideout for infiltrating volunteers of Fawzi Kawkaji's "save Palestine" army.

Five others were wounded in the village, which lies two miles inside Palestine in Upper Galilee from Syria and Lebanon. Hagana said also that Khisias was "known to be headquarters" of an Arab band which attacked a Jewish food cart near Kfar Giladi and killed a settlement policeman.

Death Toll 279

These and three other deaths ran the toll to 279 in communal disorders since the United Nations voted November 29 to partition Palestine.

Prime ministers of the seven nearby Arab states turned homeward from the Arab league meeting in Cairo where they "determined to include in the battle imposed upon them" by partition.

Arab informants have indicated Fawzi Kawkaji's army would be a volunteer force, in the manner of the Italian assistance to Franco in Spain, until regular armies are thrown against the Jews in Palestine when the British troops leave in August.

Premier Saleh Jabr of Iraq reached Baghdad, and reports from that capital said he had started a "campaign to implement the battle against the proposed Jewish state."

An official report said two cars of Jews drove into the village in darkness, threw a number of bombs and opened fire. Two houses were destroyed.

A police patrol found seven bodies in the ruins of one of the houses and three in the other.

Two Syrians and two Lebanese Arabs were listed among the casualties.

False Arrest Suits Filed

Three coinciding damage suits for a total of \$30,000 and alleging false arrest and damage of reputations are on file with the circuit clerk against Louis Soukup and M. D. Soukup, operators of the Klamath Bus company, and Frank Powers, a bus company driver.

The suits were brought by the mothers of three 16-year-old boys who asserted were arrested August 13 on an allegation of larceny from a bus. The suits were brought by Mrs. Nina Johnson, Mrs. Velina Giffin and Mrs. Wilma J. Rutledge, mothers of Gerald Johnson, Jack Giffin and James Rutledge.

All three separate complaints state that the boys were arrested without warrant and were confined at the city jail for a period of two hours in connection with the alleged theft, and that the arrest was false and without cause.

U. S. Balentine is the attorney in all three cases.

55 Killed In Indian Riots

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (AP)—Home Minister Sardar V. Patel said today that 55 persons had been killed in ten days of Hindu-Muslim rioting in the holy city of Ajmer where a major Moslem shrine is located. Three were police.

Patel said there had been "severe losses of property" in the disorders, which began December 5 and were brought under control December 15. Moslems burned 16 shops and looted 41. Ajmer is about 100 miles south of New Delhi.

In the capital itself, police said one person was killed yesterday in the first flareup of Hindu-Muslim strife since the September riots. A bomb was thrown into a Moslem restaurant, injuring four others slightly. Three more persons were reported stabbed.

Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19 (AP)—USDA—Potatoes: 6 broken; 8 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, Oregon 6; market steady; Klamath Russets No. 1-A, \$4.25.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19 (AP)—USDA—Potatoes: 14 broken, 25 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, Oregon 1, California 4, Idaho 1, Utah 4, by truck 20; market firm; no sales.

Spot Shot Of Gunman



Wes Guderian, Herald and News photographer who recently was making informal "spot shots" on the street, caught this picture of bookish-looking Larry Sherman, now held in the county jail as an alleged gunman and safe prowler. The picture appeared on October 28, and was taken at night, as Larry took service his arm, strolled down the street with a stocking-footed girl. When Guderian went to the county jail today to get another picture of the affable gunman, he recognized his former spot-shot subject and dug up the old picture. It appears above, sans girl.

Chamber-Auto Group Split

Oregon State Motor association emblems came down from the chamber of commerce office windows this week, ending a relationship between the two service organizations which has existed for two decades.

Charles Stark, chamber manager, said that the chamber of commerce had been serving as a tourist information office of the motor association, which is the Oregon branch of the American Automobile association, more commonly referred to as the AAA.

The service to AAA members has coincided with the chamber's normal information service which is available to everyone.

But the association is now establishing a full-time sales representative here to sell AAA memberships and auto insurance.

In voting to break off the connection, the chamber of commerce board of directors took into consideration the possibility that the information service would be used as a selling point for AAA membership and insurance. C. E. Butler, local representative of the Oregon State Motor association, plans to open a downtown office soon.

Jury Cites Meyers Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—A federal grand jury today indicted Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers on charges of perjury and inducing others to swear to falsehoods.

The jury also indicted Blieriot H. Lamorre, 35.

The charges grew out of the senate war investigating committee's inquiry into Meyers' wartime business deals.

Lamarre was charged on three counts of perjury in connection with his testimony to the senate committee.

Lamarre had publicly admitted telling the committee a false story originally about his connections with Meyers, although he said he gave "a true story," afterward.

The "true story," as Lamarre told it, was that Meyers was the real owner of the Aviation Electric company, a Dayton, Ohio, war contracting firm of which Lamarre said he was "dummy" president.

Lamarre testified Meyers got more than \$150,000 from the firm during war years when he was an air force purchasing officer.

Odds All Against White Christmas

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 (AP)—The odds are 71 to 5 against a white Christmas in this area.

The weather bureau said today that in the 76 years on record here, only five Christmases had snow. The last one was in 1897, but neither then nor in preceding years did the snowfall "amount to enough to make a good-sized snowman," said Delbert Starnes, climatologist.

The chances are good for rain. The average on December 25 is 22 of an inch of rain with a temperature varying from 38 to 45 degrees.

Marshall Plan US Bid To Keep Peace In World

MARSHALL PLAN AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

Purpose: To help 16 Western European countries help themselves back to peace and prosperity by June 30, 1952. Estimated cost: Between \$15,100,000,000 and \$17,800,000,000, depending on what happens to prices here at home.

Who would run it: A \$20,000-a-year economic cooperation administrator, a \$17,500 deputy and a \$25,000 roving ambassador.

Congress is asked: To authorize total spending of \$17,800,000,000 and provide \$6,800,000,000 in actual money for first 15 months.

Outlook: Long hearings and hot debate over both amount of money and plans for running program.

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—President Truman asked congress today to commit America to a \$17,000,000,000 European recovery program and a "bold" defense of free men against "totalitarian pressures."

Mr. Truman proposed that this vast sum be invested over four and a quarter years in a made-in-America attempt to buy a "just and lasting peace."

As the first installment, he asked for authority to spend \$6,800,000,000 in the first 15 months.

His message outlining the largest spending plan in the nation's peacetime history went to congress in the closing hours of its special session. Mr. Truman urged swift action when the regular session starts in January, so the recovery program can begin April 1.

Further Chaos

He predicted that the "determined opposition" already announced by European communists will result in further incitements to strike "for the purpose of bringing chaos in the hope that it will pave the way for totalitarian control."

Even American security and the American way of life are at stake, the chief executive declared.

He asked congress to tip its "grave and significant decision" in favor of the "Marshall Plan" to finish a job on which he said \$15,000,000,000 already has been spent since the war ended. The decision, he said, will:

"Determine in large part whether the free nations of the world can look forward with hope to a peaceful and prosperous future as independent states, or whether they must live in poverty and in fear of selfish totalitarian aggression."

Along with his message, the president forwarded to congress a bill to authorize the \$17,000,000,000 expenditure and set up a machinery for carrying out the long-range recovery program. He sent along, too, a 241-page analysis prepared by experts from dozens of federal agencies.

Administrator To manage the program, Mr. Truman wants to appoint a \$20,000 a year administrator with broad powers. There would be a deputy drawing \$17,500. And to run the European end of the show, there would be a roving ambassador making \$25,000 a year.

In addition, the administrator would have as his top assistants 10 men making up to \$15,000 and 50 more making as much as \$10,000.

However, instead of one-man control of the program, a special house committee on foreign aid already has proposed an eight-man board, so the Truman proposal may be in for trouble on that score.

Congressional shuddering in prospect, too, over the size of the bill.

But the president said that big as the cost will be, it is only five per cent of the cost of the war and less than three per cent of our national income during the life of the program.

"As an investment toward the peace and security of the world and toward the realization of hope and a 21-year-old parolee from Idaho state prison, and his 16-year-old son, (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Spreckles Freed In Beating Case

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 19 (AP)—Sugar heir John D. Spreckles III, tried on charges that he hit his pretty blond wife with a poker in their home last September 22, was acquitted of the assault charge by a superior court jury last night.

The innocent verdict was returned by an 11-man jury after it had deliberated 7½ hours. Attorneys agreed that the 11 men could decide the case after the 12th man, John C. Coy, suffered a heart attack at his home.

On the assembly floor, Italian communist leader Palmiro Togliatti accused the government of "subservience and complete obedience" to the United States and then turned on the republicans, who earlier this week joined the middle-of-the-road De Gasperi cabinet, from which communists were purged last May.

"You are dragging in the mud the banners of a party which had glorious national traditions," he cried.

Northwest Chemurgy Plants May Be 'Rejuvenated' Soon

Possible "rejuvenation" of the Northwest Chemurgy cooperative and disposal of its plants in Ellensburg, Wenatchee, Lynden, Wash., and The Dalles, Ore., to other growers in their districts, was being considered this week by Van C. Griffin, federal district referee in bankruptcy.

The two-million dollar agricultural processing concern, which leased property at Hatfield in Northern California, and constructed a big plant there to manufacture starch and glucose from potatoes was adjudged bankrupt last Saturday.

Attorneys said the immediate cause for the bankruptcy petition was the cooperative's failure to obtain needed loans from the Spokane Bank of Cooperatives.

"The inability of the debtor to pay its debts as they mature is largely due to inadequate financing of construction of the Hatfield plant, Henry Carstensen, unsalaried president of the cooperative, said today. He referred to the cooperative's leasing in July of 1946, of the Hatfield station property and construction of the \$365,000 plant. Part of the cost was financed by \$200,000 borrowed from Orange Crush Ltd., Canadian corporation and a customer of the cooperative.

The cooperative's holdings were listed at more than \$2,180,000. They include a plant for potato glucose at Ellensburg; a potato starch plant at Lynden, inoperative for several months; holdings at The Dalles for a contemplated plant and three plants at Wenatchee, Wash. The latter are to process wheat into glucose and by-products to process glucose into table and canning syrup and an "apple concentrate" plant.

