

Boyle's Column

Christmas Softens Up The Big City Once A Year

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—This is the season when the "Howdy, neighbor" spirit comes to Manhattan, and there is no black market in holly.

It is one time in the year when a sucker has a chance for an even break, and every bum gets a hand-out.

The big grim city throttles down in its strident hurry and becomes the biggest small town in the world, wearing its heart on its sleeve like a friendly badge. The coldest Broadway chiseler remembers his mother with a telegram of greeting—even if it is sent collect.

Christmas begins here long before the sound of Santa's reindeer rings across Park avenue on the way to the Bowery. It comes in little ways and small surprising courtesies.

Good Will Grows

One day somebody in the subway bumps into you with a gaudy bundle and halts to say "Excuse me," and nobody falls dead of surprise but everybody in hearing just gives a startled grin—and good will grows from face to face. Then you know it: Christmas is coming.

The same thing, of course, is happening everywhere in the Christian world. But somehow it has a

special meaning when the slow relaxing of tension and tempo begins here, where high blood pressure is as normal as a sunburn is in Florida.

Nowhere else does the change come so dramatically.

In recent years the biggest signal of the advent of Santa Claus is the erection of a gigantic Christmas tree by neighbor John D. Rockefeller Jr. at the edge of his ice pond in the heart of Radio City.

It glows with a thousand electric tapers and kindles the season for the entire city. All Manhattan becomes a gigantic multi-colored torch. The skyscraper towers are spires of diamond splendor. Color softens the harsh stone with luminous grandeur.

Store windows are bright wonderlands of visible plenty lacking in other lands. There are no windows in the world to equal them, and people come hundreds of miles each year just to stare at them—these mirrors of how we'd like the American way of life to be all year round, instead of just one brief season.

Kind Of Heaven

A European farmchild set down before a blazing Fifth avenue storefront would think he had suddenly arrived in heaven. It is a kind of heaven while it lasts.

The starch goes out of the boss and the inner rage dies down in the breast of his frustrated stenographer. The boy from the stockroom comes in with a bit of mischief and brazenly kisses the old maid file clerk, and everybody in the office laughs. In the newspapers the elderly reporter comes in with liquor on his breath and the hard hearted assistant city editor gently forbears to sniff. Press agents send along a bottle of liquor and hope nobody will print.

Yes, gladness is emperor and the city takes its feet off the necks of people who live in it and love it.

Down in Greenwich Village folks who don't know each other from Molotov gather in Washington square and sing carols. Even the communists join in, and if their fingers are crossed it's too dark to see.

Ride across the bay by ferry at dusk and you'd swear the whole island is on fire. And it is—with every window holding a star for all who have eyes to see it.

Rent Board Hears Cases

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 (AP)—Arguments for and against rental control were heard last night by the Portland area rent board during a public hearing requested by the national housing expediter on the issue of decontrol.

The board's recommendations are due tomorrow. An estimated 400 persons crowded the city council chamber where spokesmen for the Oregon Apartment House association asked rent increases of 53.6 per cent. The Portland Realty board also urged decontrol.

Spokesmen for CIO unions, the Portland Planning and Housing association, the American Veterans committee, Portland League of Women Voters and old age beneficiaries opposed decontrol.

Klamath Man Joins Air Forces

Philip C. Beeson, 2236 Dixon, has re-enlisted in the U. S. air force for three years and has been assigned to duty at Fairfield-Suisun air base field, California, according to Klamath Falls army and air force recruiting station.

Beeson served with the 8th air force in Europe as a staff sergeant, and wears the Air medal with five Oak Leaf clusters. He attended the Wenatchee, Wash., high school prior to his war service.

During the past two years, Sgt. Beeson had been employed by the Safeway Stores, Incorporated. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Fryhauer of this city.

Stratojet Bomber On Test Flight



The Boeing XB47 Stratojet, new jet bomber capable of carrying a 10-ton load at 500 or more miles an hour, comes in for a landing at an army air field at Moses Lake, Wash., after its first test flight which lasted 50 minutes.

Car Derails Freight Cars

ROSEBURG, Dec. 19 (AP)—Seventeen Southern Pacific freight cars were derailed north of here early today when an automobile struck the 35th car in the 92-car train.

Robert A. Crandall, 26, Glendale, driver of the automobile was the only person injured, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported. Crandall was taken to a Eugene hospital with undetermined injuries.

The accident occurred in a heavy fog at 2:05 a. m. at the crossing of the Pacific highway and the Southern Pacific's Siskiyou route tracks seven miles north of here at Wilbur. The car struck by Crandall's automobile was derailed and dragged along and following cars then left the rails which were torn up.

The Portland-to-Ashland passenger train was delayed and at Portland the Southern Pacific dispatcher said the wreckage probably would be cleared and traffic resumed at about 1 p. m.

The Roman empire, at its greatest strength, embraced 1,500,000 square miles.

Employment Shows Drop

A job might be the best Christmas present for some as it is this time of year that employment is the scarcest in the Klamath basin.

The slight uplift in employment due to stores putting on extra help for the holidays, does not balance the downward slump which occurs yearly with the finishing up of harvest work and the closing down of logging operations and mills, said Jack Almetzer, manager of the state employment office.

Although many firms take their yearly inventories at this season, usually the regular staff attends to it and there is no extra employment here.

The present situation with minor construction work continuing, some road maintenance work and a little in-door mill work, is expected to remain steady until spring brings back the need for farm work.

Bristow Heads Fisherman's Union

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—R. G. Bristow, Wauna fisherman, is the new president of the Columbia River Fisherman's Protective Union.

He was elected over Hugh Reynolds, Astoria cannery plant manager, and the first non-fisherman ever to seek the office.

Other officers, announced here after balloting early in the month: Anton Stanich, Astoria, fisherman chairman; Sophia Urell, cannery workers' chairman; Henry Niemela, Astoria, secretary; Niles Christensen, Astoria, treasurer.

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Court Okays Tax Rulings

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—Oregon residents will pay approximately \$4,000,000 additional in state taxes on 1947 incomes.

This became certain late yesterday as the state supreme court upheld legislative acts lowering tax exemptions and providing for a 1 per cent withholding tax.

The exemptions are lowered from \$750 for a single person to \$500 and from \$1500 for the head of family to \$1000.

The withholding tax, in effect, January 1, will be a credit against regular income tax. It will not be an additional tax.

The acts, written to go into effect if Oregon voters turned down a sales tax measure—as they did in a special election October 7—were challenged by the State Federation of Labor.

It was upheld in the Marion county circuit court by Judge George R. Duncan. There was no dissent to the supreme court decision, written by Justice Harry Belt.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF GUARDIAN SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KLAMATH.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS MCGUIRE, An Incompetent Person.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to an Order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Klamath County, in probate made and entered on the 15th day of September 1947, in the matter of the guardianship of the estate of Thomas McGuire, an incompetent person, the undersigned guardian of the said estate will sell on or after the 20th day of December, 1947, at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, subject to confirmation by the Court, all right, title, and interest of the said estate of Thomas McGuire, incompetent, to the following described real property situated in the City of Klamath Falls, County of Klamath, State of Oregon, to-wit:

East forty (40) feet of Lots five (5) and six (6) of Block fifty-six (56) of Lakeview Addition to the City of Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon, and according to the official plat thereof on record in the County Clerk's office in said county.

Bids shall be in writing and delivered to the undersigned guardian at his office at 412 Main Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Dated November 28, 1947.
M. L. JOHNSON,
Guardian of the Estate of Thomas McGuire, Incompetent.

N. 28; D. 5-12-19-26—No. 911.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
The undersigned Police Judge will receive sealed bids up to 7:30 P. M. January 5, 1948 for one new dump truck which will be opened in the council room at the City Hall at 7:30 P. M.

Specifications may be obtained from the city engineer.
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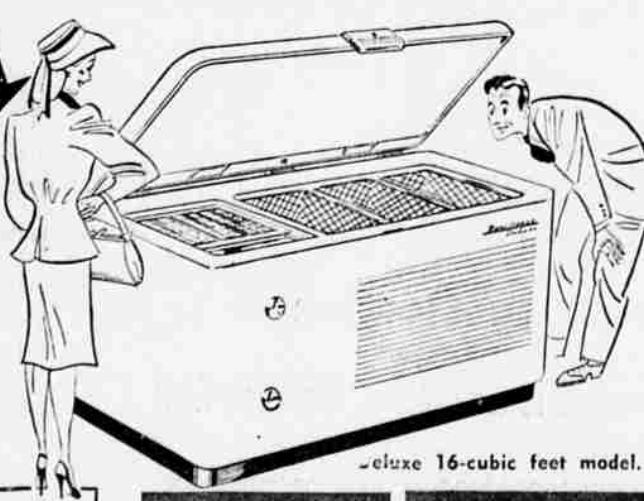
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Aussie Asks New Treaty Conference

SYDNEY, Dec. 19 (AP)—Herbert V. Evatt, Australian minister of foreign affairs, proposed today that a meeting of all the allied nations be called to write a peace for Germany.

Declaring that "power politics" had blocked agreement on the German problem at the recent Big Four parley in London, Evatt said he would like to see the treaty-making turned over to a conference of "all the countries that participated in the victory at such great sacrifices."

No Veto

He urged that such a meeting should be held "without voting restrictions"—obviously a reference to the Big Four veto power in the United Nations security council, which he has frequently criticized.

Evatt, Australian delegate to the United Nations and currently acting prime minister, said he believed there was safety in a "multitude of assemblies" at international conferences because "the fewer people there are at a conference the more emphasis there is on power politics."

"I feel that the way toward peace will not be through the continuance

of the present methods of meetings of the council of foreign ministers," he added emphatically.

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