

GRAIN GROWERS EYE MEADOWS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE special session of congress, before adjourning, provides \$22 million dollars for "quickie" aid for France, Austria and Italy, which are the FIRST TARGETS of communism in Western Europe.

"Feed 'em and keep 'em warm this winter" are the primary purposes of this temporary aid.

Will it work?

Watch France. If an encouraged France turns back the red tide, we will have good horse sense reason to believe that the Marshall plan may work in its entirety.

(Keep an eye on Italy, Italy is the No. 2 target of communism.)

WHAT has been done is only the first step. When the national legislature reassembles in January, this is the big question that will face it.

Shall we commit future congresses to a definite, four-year project, or shall we review the program annually and decide as we go along whether it shall be continued?

Senator Hatch (Democrat, New Mexico) says in Washington this morning: "Once embarked upon the program, no congress will be willing to turn back from it."

That is probably true.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S speech (definitely outlining the Marshall plan) gets a mixed reception overseas. Western European countries except for their communist "cells" generally approve it.

The Moscow radio ignores the President's talk, but unleashes another bitter broadside against "American imperialism."

Imperialism, indeed? If the Marshall plan, proposed by America, is imperialism, BRING ON MORE OF IT! "Imperialism" of the kind that feeds the hungry as a temporary "stop-gap" and as a long-range ideal contemplates getting people back to working and producing and trading with each other is a kind of medicine the world needs more of.

SECRETARY MARSHALL takes down his hair with us a little further this morning. He says in Washington:

"A very strong reason, in my opinion, for what happened at London (at the recent session of the foreign ministers conference that failed to agree) was the Soviet determination NOT TO RELAX IN ANY WAY ITS HOLD ON EASTERN GERMANY."

That is to say, the western boundary of Russia is now at the Elbe, and Moscow intends to keep it there.

SHIVERY note in the news:

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Scientists See "Death Ray" In Action At Atomic Conference

AUBURN, Ala., Dec. 20 (AP)—A midge "death ray," shooting an invisible cone-shaped beam 10 feet into space, has been put on display for scientists attending a conference here on the use of radioactive atoms in agricultural research.

The ray, capable of dealing quick death to some small insects and germs, was demonstrated yesterday by Dr. Ralph T. Overman of the Oak Ridge atomic energy commission.

Carried in a tiny glass bottle, the ray, made of the smallest known particles of matter, electrons, was beamed out of the bottle when the stopper was removed. Each electron packs nearly two million electron volts of energy.

The ray emanated from about two teaspoonfuls of watery liquid which contained radioactive phosphorus from Oak Ridge's atomic oven.

The baby-sized ray would not kill a man but scientists theorized that if it were focused at the same spot on a person's body over a period of several days it might cause a cancer.

The ray was part of a demonstration showing the potency of radioactive isotopes which are being made for agricultural research in a project to solve more of the puzzles of how plants grow and use fertilizer.

It apparently also demonstrated that these radioactive materials cannot be used for making large death rays since greater amounts of phosphorus would not send their beam any farther than that shot out by the small bottle. The rays, however, would contain many more electrons.

Loading Up The Outgoing Packages

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WEATHER
Max. (Dec. 19) 45 Min. 25
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream flow to date 3.96
Last year 3.48 Normal 3.81
Forecast: Partly cloudy.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Republicans, Democrats Launch Sharp Attacks On Proposed European Relief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Sharp attacks from both republican and democratic ranks today forecast rough going for the four-year \$17,000,000,000 Marshall plan when congress comes back to work January 6.

Republican leaders—excluding Senator Vandenberg of Michigan—apparently were lining up behind a proposal by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) that any formal pledge of European aid be limited to one year.

Taft wants congress to review the program annually and decide whether it should be continued. This found favor with at least one democrat, Senator Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado, who told a reporter: "I am opposed to this congress committing future congresses. I doubt very much that we have enough surplus food supplies to permit us safely to export more than half of the amount the president requested during the next 15 months."

President Truman asked for a \$6,800,000,000 outlay in the 15 months beginning April 1, when stop-gap relief for France, Italy and Austria will end.

Food, Fuel Okayed
Congress provided \$522,000,000 to send food, fuel and fertilizer to those nations in legislation approved just before the end of the special session last night.

Approval of this measure, generally accepted as the forerunner of the Marshall plan, indicated that even ally the lawmakers will agree to furnish some form of economic aid to the 16 non-communist nations of Western Europe.

But the amount and the methods remain in doubt.

There was some indication, for instance, that the administration might be willing to retreat from the president's request for approval of a plan covering the full four years.

Senator Hatch (D-N.M.), a close personal friend of Mr. Truman and a strong supporter of the program, told a reporter that if a one-year commitment is the price for getting the economic aid under way, he would be willing to go along.

"Once embarked on the program," Hatch said, "no congress will be willing to turn back from it."

Bend Youth Slays Father
BEND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—A slight, 11-year-old boy was held in the Deschutes county jail here today, accused of deliberately poisoning his father. The charge was first-degree murder.

The boy, Cecil Snyder, told police he had been driven to desperation by cruel treatment, and spread the poison in his father's cheese sandwiches last week.

The father, Joseph V. Snyder, 59, died within a few hours after eating them. Police laboratory tests indicated the presence of poison and led to the boy's arrest and confession, said Lowell L. Hirtzel of the state police said.

He told police the father long had abused him and recently he had dug up a money cache of his father's and was beaten severely.

Hirtzel said the father made the sandwiches for his lunch, but the boy admitted slipping the poison into the cheese while his father was out of the room.

Police records show that the elder Snyder pleaded guilty last year to a charge of depriving animals of necessary food and was fined.

Food Strike Grips Italy
ROME, Dec. 20 (AP)—A nationwide strike began in Italy's food industries and violence broke out over a Christmas dole among Naples' jobless today, even as Pope Pius XII warned in a holy week message that class hatred threatened the very foundations of nations.

Indications were that the food strike, latest leftist-led labor crisis to harass the newly reshuffled Christian government of Premier Alcide De Gasperi, might be settled by nightfall.

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Costumed Kids Jam Tulelake Holiday Parade



Exactly 180 youngsters, garbed in costumes which ranged from "the new look" to Christmas packages, took part in the first Christmas costume parade at Tulelake this morning. Gathered around the big decorated tree placed in the middle of the business section, a crowd watched the awarding of prizes which were handed out by a red-and-white clad Santa Claus.

Yule Ship Gifts Double

Contributions to the Christmas ship, which sails out of Portland for European relief shortly after January 1, were more than doubled this morning. This was the satisfactory report of Fred E. Fleet, ship chairman, and Earl Kent, representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce, local sponsoring group.

The city of Clatsop presented the Christmas ship committee with a "handsome" gift of money, Fleet said this morning, the presentation made late yesterday by Mayor William Lorenz. Better than \$250 is now on hand in cash, and due to the lateness of the season, those wishing to contribute are asked to give money rather than case lots of food or clothing. Money may be left in the mayor's office of the city hall.

"From Your Heart — Do Your Part" is the slogan of the Christmas ship which will be loaded through the generosity of Northwest residents. Ministers will remind their congregations of the Christmas ship tomorrow morning at the usual Sunday services, and boxes for contributions will be placed so that those wishing to give may do so.

Today Joe Lopprini, head of the club's weight lifting department, said the challenge had not been received, but that if it were, Ed Samuels would carry the Flying-M colors into the arena.

Lopprini said, however, that rules would have to permit Samuels to wear a hip harness. In wearing a chest harness, "if you wear a hip harness you can use your legs and back, the most powerful parts of your body," the club's body-building expert said.

Members of the Suburban league, meeting last night at Shasta school, did not take any formal action on the proposed county zoning plan, although the consensus of the league is almost unanimously against any zoning.

Harry L. Ward, who is a member of the zoning commission set up by the county court was the only speaker at last night's meeting in favor of the plan.

Most league members advanced opinions that the present "nuisance" laws were adequate for an extent where the building needs to be regulated.

Voluntary segregation is being practiced by various enterprises which a zoning law would naturally regulate, members believe.

The Suburban league postponed until January 2 its election of officers.

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Christmas Costume Parade In Tule Is Huge Success

TULELAKE, Dec. 20 — One hundred eighty youngsters with 180 novel ideas marched in the Christmas costume parade on Tulelake's main street this morning in what turned out to be a colorful extravaganza far beyond the hopes of Tulelake business men who sponsored the juvenile Yuletide project.

Grand prize for girls went to Jodine Adams of Tulelake, who appeared as a jack-in-a-box in a float drawn by Elva Jean and Ernest Lorenz. The boys' grand prize went to Lee Stephenson Jr., a Santa Claus in a sleigh drawn by three reindeer (Bobby Boyd, Mary Lou Boyd and Mavis Stephenson).

Prizes were given to every child entered in the colorful parade, which boasted representation from the schools at Tulelake, Winema, Carr, Merrill, Malin, Klamath Falls, Bend and Clatsop. In addition, every grade school youngster among the spectators, numbering hundreds, received candy and nuts presented by the merchants of Tulelake.

The parade was led by Santa Claus, and moved from the north end of Main street to the community Christmas tree in the middle of the business district. The judges were Alonzo Hodges, Merrill postmaster; Mrs. M. Maxwell, principal of Carr school, and Rev. Hugh Brown of the Tulelake Presbyterian church.

Scores of original ideas were represented by the entries. Nativity scenes, Santa Clauses, children encased in Christmas packages, covered wagons, pets in Yuletide costumes, a snow queen, an organ grinder, a youngster dressed as Sparkle Plenty of the comics, a hunter with birds, a Santa Claus on a tractor—these were just a few of the entries.

The affair was so successful it will probably become an annual event here.

Klamath merchants reported "slow buying" with cautious shoppers roaming the aisles today, the last Saturday before Christmas.

Although most merchants contacted by telephone at 1 o'clock this afternoon reported a day not "up to last Saturday," biggest day of the season thus far, they said the week's business was more than satisfactory and three big days are ahead—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Buyers were looking the stocks over before they reached into their pockets and paid out their hard-earned cash. They were by-passing the frills, one merchant reported, and were investing in staple items. Clothing seemed to lead in the gift parade for everyone from the baby up to grandpa.

Saturday's buying started at least one hour later than last Saturday, and it was termed "slow" by most of the town's storekeepers. One said that he noticed an increase in customers at noon and that the peak hours, 2 to 5 o'clock, were expected to be highly satisfactory.

The Klamath Ministerial association announced that there will be no union service this year. Generally, only two city-wide church services are held annually, at Easter and Thanksgiving, and that policy will be continued.

Candlelight caroling services also fill the church calendar for the coming two weeks, and pageants and children's programs round out the events.

The death toll of communal rioting in Palestine since the November 29 decision to partition the Holy Land reached 285 with the Middle East toll standing at 406.

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Two Big Tracts Of Fort Klamath Grasslands Sold

Further acquisition of huge tracts of Wood River valley land by major agricultural operators from the south end of the Klamath basin was disclosed today with the completion of two sales involving 4700 acres of the old Fort Klamath Meadows company area adjacent to Agency lake.

The new sales: Clifford Shuck, Claude Shuck and Dan Geaney, all of Merrill, obtained 2700 acres from Seth Dixon and A. F. McQuiston of Fort Klamath.

Winema Farms, major grain operators on Tule lake, purchased 2000 acres from the same owners and in the same general area.

Total consideration in the two deals is believed to exceed \$300,000, making it one of the biggest land transactions reported here in years. Previous purchases by other operators would probably bring the total to something around half a million dollars.

Extensive development is planned by the new operators on land that has been traditionally beef cattle pasture, with grain growing projected on large areas.

Changes In Valley
These operations, together with others projected by Tulana Farms, owner of 6000 acres in the Wood River valley, and Bill Hooper of Tulelake, owner of 3300 acres, are expected to bring notable changes in the agricultural character of the valley, long one of the West's outstanding summer range areas.

All of these operators have engaged successfully in extensive crop farming in the lower part of the Klamath basin. Their purchases, together with additional leases, include something over 18,000 acres of the rich Wood River valley land.

Cliff Shuck said today that in addition to the 2700 acres acquired this week from Dixon and McQuiston, his group has 2000 acres under lease, and grew grain on a part of that area last year. The group also has a 300-acre homestead against the mountains to the west, and the holdings extend across the valley from Agency lake to the Cascade foothills on the west.

Oats And Potatoes
Steve Takacs, a partner with Lee Dixon and Lewis Kandra in the Winema farms lay at Tulelake, said today that the papers were being gotten into shape to complete the purchase of some 2000 acres of the grassland by Winema farms, and that plowing and ditching had already begun.

Takacs said that the plan was to raise oats and potatoes next growing season. A headquarters building and other farm buildings will be erected, he said, but not on the scale of the home colony near Tulelake.

This transaction was handled by Al Schmeck, real estate salesman of the Elmer Hosking agency in Klamath Falls. In addition to the purchase, Winema is leasing another 2000 acres with option to buy.

Hooper Owns 3300
Bill Hooper of Tulelake has owned 3300 acres in the same Wood River valley area for three years, his holdings adjoining the Shucks' on the east. Hooper has been engaged in draining the land, diking off Wood river, Seven Mile creek and Agency lake.

His land, he said, has been subject to flooding at certain times of the year. He plans grain growing there, and has been doing plowing in the area this fall.

Tulana farms, owned by Dan and Dave Liskey and Dick and Ben Hensel, acquired 6000 acres of swamp (Continued on Page 7, Column 2)

Italian Girl Stranded
NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Twenty-one-year-old Maria Formicola can take her pick of a number of homes in America—if she wins her appeal of an immigration board's ruling barring her from this country.

The diminutive Italian miss arrived Thursday on the liner Vulcania only to learn that the ex-GI had come to America to wed James McIntosh, 19, of Guerrant, Ky., had been killed in an auto accident a few hours before she sailed from Italy.

Yesterday, a special immigration board ordered the heartbroken Maria excluded from the U. S. because of the death of her fiancé and because "she has no present plans for marriage to any other such ex-member of the armed forces."

Quick offers of aid poured in on the bewildered girl.

In Fulton, N. Y., a wealthy contractor and liquor store owner and his wife offered to make a home for her "if that's what she wants."

Two Clevelanders who read of Maria's plight also offered her help. An immigration official said Miss Formicola had appealed the exclusion ruling and declared the record of the case would be sent to the immigration commissioner at Philadelphia for review.

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