

WHITE HOUSE ASKS PRICE TRIM

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Pacific Northwest is gathering up voluntary donations of food to be sent to Europe for the relief of needy people. CARLOAD gifts have been pouring in from firms and organizations. Today, the chairman (there are two of them) of the relief ship drive report that they have received many letters from people who are anxious to contribute but hesitate because their gifts must necessarily be small.

They hasten to explain that ALL gifts will be welcome, regardless of size. "Money from small donations," they say, "will be used to purchase milk, flour and other vital foods in wholesale quantities."

REMEMBER the widow's mite. It wasn't the SIZE of it that so touched Jesus. It was the SPIRIT THAT PROMPTED IT.

YOU must have been impressed repeatedly by the difference between tax-supported giving and giving that is done because people want to give. This writer has been.

Tax-supported giving is in a way FORCED giving. Your share is put on your tax bill, and you come through—or else. You get little personal pleasure out of it.

There must be a difference to the recipient. We are all impressed by gifts that represent personal sacrifice. We can't help it. Human nature is just that way.

There are things in this life that are more than skin-deep.

BACK of the Marshall plan, of course, lies fear of Moscow. We know instinctively that we must protect ourselves against possible dangers—and history teaches us that strange and weird things have always come out of this land that now is Russia.

But basically the Marshall plan, which proposes help for people who are now too weak to help themselves, must rest upon the generous nature of the American people.

It's all right to consider the economics of the situation in Western Europe, but after all the success or failure of the Marshall plan will rest upon the generosity of the American people as individuals rather than upon the willingness of our government to appropriate money for pressing reasons of state. Let's not forget that.

THE little town of Richland, Washington, has adopted a little town in Holland—the Dutch village of Tiel. The people of Richland have accumulated more than five tons of food and clothing which they are preparing to ship to the people of Tiel.

The people of Tiel want it understood that they are not CHARITY cases. So they are collecting a shipment of articles that have been made with their own hands. This shipment will come in due time to Richland, where the articles will be sold or distributed in kind to those who gave food and clothing.

Thus the fundamental principle of PAYMENT BY EXCHANGE will be maintained. The people of the Dutch village of Tiel will be paid by the work of their hands for the food and clothing given them by the people of Richland.

THE principle that is involved is an INTANGIBLE. It can't be measured with a yardstick. It can't be weighed on the scales. It can't be ladled out in a pint cup.

But it is of vast importance in human relations.

HERE is a bit of advice at the Christmas season: Don't let yourself become so involved in the diplomacy and the finance and the security and the world trade and the politics of this thing that for want of a better name we call the Marshall plan that you will become blinded to the HUMAN RELATIONS angle of it.

The world is rapidly reaching a point where sound human relationships are more important than everything else put together.

Hope Held For Solution To Panama Canal Deadlock

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, ambassador to Panama, said after a conference with President Truman today that he believes an agreement will be reached with Panama for the United States to have military bases there.

The Panama assembly rejected last night an agreement for the United States to lease 14 military bases on Panamanian soil.

Its action brought sharp comment from some congressmen. Rep. Engel (R-Mich.) suggested that the United States construct a new Atlantic-Pacific canal outside Panama if that country persists in its present attitude.

Hines told reporters he is returning to his post immediately. He has been in the United States on a vacation.

Even before the Panama assembly's action, he said, he had planned to leave tomorrow.

Hines first said he preferred not to comment on the assembly's action, but then said he imagines new plans will be made "at the proper time" looking to a new agreement.

He added that he feels certain that eventually "we will get together."

Hines said he had discussed the situation with Mr. Truman but declined to give details of their talk. He recalled that the United States has turned back 120 bases which it

Companions



Cecil Carlisle, operator of the Klamath Falls post office newsstand, has returned from Pasadena with his new seeing eye dog, Domino.

Peasants Form "Land Front"

ROME, Dec. 23 (AP)—The leftist press announced today formation of a "land front" of agricultural workers throughout Italy to lead the peasants in demands upon the government.

A high command already has been established on the communist-dominated industrial labor front, with a parallel purpose.

The communist newspaper L'Unita and its allied leftwing socialist newspaper Avanti said a "land constituent" of some 6000 representatives of agricultural workers, meeting Sunday at Bologna, had ordered committees set up in every village to spearhead a drive for "expropriation of surplus properties" and against "extension of land holdings."

Pietro Nenni, pro-communist socialist leader, announced in Avanti Sunday that the meeting in Bologna and a congress in Milan on mass action councils for factories were steps to circumvent the Christian democratic government's solid parliamentary position.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi's Christian democrats have consolidated with two small moderate leftist parties, the labor socialists and the republicans, further solidifying the premier's majority in the assembly. All three parties boycotted the "land constituent" at Bologna.

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Domino Takes Over Job As Guide For Cecil Carlisle

By RONNIE BROWN
"Hulda" has been replaced. Cecil Carlisle, blind newspaper operator in the Klamath Falls post office building, returned Saturday with a two-year-old mixed Doberman Pinscher and German shepherd female "seeing eye" dog, replacing 12-year-old Hulda, his former guide-dog, who died last July.

Carlisle was sent by the Kiwanis club to the Hazel Hurst foundation in Pasadena, Calif., an organization for the training and placing of seeing-eye dogs. He was sent through a four-week training course with his new dog, Domino, during which time the dog and master become acquainted, and the master learns the various signals with which to handle his dog.

Carlisle reports that Domino "can't be beat as a guide dog," and though smaller than his former guide, is extremely active and eager to work.

Hulda had been a member of the Carlisle household for more than 10 years, and left quite a vacancy in the family circle when she died last summer. Domino is rapidly filling that place, according to Carlisle, and is working very satisfactorily.

The big feature of the school in Pasadena, according to Carlisle, was the graduation exercises observed when the training period was completed. Wire service and other press representatives covered the event, which was conducted much as a regular school commencement ceremony.

Incidentally, both Carlisle and Domino would greatly appreciate any information as to where horse meat might be obtained at a reasonable price. The dog's diet calls for a pound of horse meat daily, and the stuff is rather difficult to obtain without considerable expense.

Today's proposal was made by James M. Campbell, representative of Hahn, Campbell and associates, Burlingame, Calif.

Campbell suggested an economic survey of the county, including business development and city and county street and road study, as a foundation for any future city and county planning.

He estimated that such a survey by his firm would take a year and cost \$8500.

The chamber of commerce has set aside, but not committed, \$4000 for use in such a study, and the city and county governments would be expected to help financially.

Campbell outlined seven specific types of studies which should be made here, mentioning the topics of economic, streets and highways, city re-zoning, parks and recreation, street lights, fire zoning and off-street parking.

State police said Harold Ritchey was driver of the truck which struck the parked trailer on Highway 97, near the junction of Highway 101, and that the truck had parked without flares.

Elmer Ritchey and his wife came to Bly in October from Iowa. They are parents of Mrs. Max (Bessie) Dillavou of Bly who left with her husband for Harper yesterday on receipt of word of the tragedy. Mrs. Ritchey, employed in a Bly restaurant, had the holiday with her daughter.

Ritchey was born in Iowa in 1880. He and Mrs. Ritchey were married in August, 1901, and are parents of eight children.

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Helicopter Crash Kills Newspapermen



Sam C. Jackson, 33, pilot, manager of the Portland radio station KALE and a director of the Oregon Journal and Amherst Cronin Jr., executive in several Oregon corporations and affiliated with the Portland Oregonian, were killed on a pleasure flight when this helicopter, owned by the Journal, crashed on a golf course near Jackson's home.

Yule Weather Still Mystery

If you're dreaming of a white Christmas, go ahead and dream and it may come true.

The weatherman was hedging on a Christmas forecast but "rain in Northern California," may possibly mean snow for this mountain country.

Good news came to holiday travelers this morning when the state highway commission said motorists will find moderate snow in the mountain passes but heavy rains west of the Cascades. It said strong southerly winds are expected today and tonight through McKenzie, Santiam and Wapinitia passes, but the winds will decrease Wednesday.

There are a few patches of ice and snow in the passes but they are mostly sanded.

At Odell lake on the Willamette highway, the temperature was 33 degrees, packed snow and ice for nine miles along the summit. This stretch is being sanded. There is 20 inches of roadside snow. In Klamath Falls the pavements were dry. Packed snow for six miles across Sun mountain pass on highway 97, was the morning report. This stretch is also sanded.

Three planes sponsored by the Klamath Air Search and Rescue unit went out from here this morning to scour the area between Klamath Falls and Bend for trace of a plane missing on a flight from Ellensburg to Klamath Falls.

Chet Stinson, Jim Harper and Charles Mayes flew the search planes from here.

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WEATHER	
Max. (Dec. 23) 40	Min. 31
Precipitation last 24 hours 2.18	
Stream year to date 3.18	
Last year 2.18	Normal 4.05
Forecast: Partly cloudy.	
Shooting Stars, December 24	
Klamath-Tulelake	
Open: 7:38 a.m.	Close: 4:30 p.m.

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Business Told To Look Ahead

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—A renewed White House plea for many industries to lower prices and trim profits went out to business today together with urgings for a long-range policy of "real price competition."

President Truman's three-man council of economic advisers declared in its second annual report that today's high-level economy can be supported by "somewhat artificial props through 1948 or longer."

But businessmen should look ahead, the report cautioned, to times when abnormal export and military demands, pent-up shortages and bad crops no longer buoy up the market. Hence the council said, businessmen now should seek a pattern of prices and production that will maintain a "stable equilibrium of a high production economy"—in other words, prosperity without booms and busts.

"Real price competition," the council asserted, "means the lowest price consistent with a fair return in a stable economy, rather than the highest price that the traffic will bear in an unstable economy."

Housing Talked

The presidential advisers picked the housing industry as perhaps "the best illustration of the need for keener market analysis, and for a much more realistic pricing, so that maximum production may be sustained."

"While we are now producing housing at an extremely high rate, measured by any previous standards, this production is concentrated almost entirely on meeting the needs or desires of those in the upper income brackets," the council reported.

To the extent that homes for poorer families are being erected, it went on, the cost is so disproportionate to income that "economic problems" some day will confront the home-buyer. Thus the price pattern "does not augur well for sustained high levels of housing production when the thin luxury market is saturated."

As for a "stable equilibrium" of prices, income and values generally, the council said this cannot be attained by merely pressing for "production, more production and still more production."

"It seems clear that in reaching this equilibrium many industrial products must come down, at least in relation to other prices."

"Many rates of profit must subside while reasonable profitability is established in other areas. Gross imbalances in the wage structure must be rectified x x x."

SEATTLE, Dec. 23 (AP)—Leaders of the Pacific Northwest's Christmas ship program today paraphrased the "big oaks from little acorns" proverb in urging donation of small cash contributions.

Howard Parish and Ralph Grossman, co-chairman of the relief ship drive, said they had received numerous letters from persons anxious to contribute but hesitant after reading of carload gifts from firms and organizations.

"Money from small donations will be used to purchase milk, flour and other vital foods in wholesale quantities," Parish explained.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP)—It's like influenza, yet it's not the flu. It's the mysterious "virus X" which has stricken one of every 10 persons in Los Angeles during the last six weeks, reports City Health Officer Dr. George M. Uhl. He said more than 200,000 cases have been reported, but there have been no fatalities.

It has hit adults and children equally, with attacks lasting from three to seven days. Victims suffer from chills and fever, cramps, nausea and pains.

BRIDAL VEIL, Dec. 23 (AP)—Christmas tree hunters along Brower road from Larch mountain to Bridal Veil have worn thin the Christmas spirit of residents there.

Walter Thompson, Portland logging operator, said some farmers are carrying firearms to make sure "no trespassing" signs are heeded. He said the area was invaded by hundreds of persons last week cutting small Yule trees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen today challenged the administration to say whether any present and former officials in the "executive department of the White House" traded in commodities prior to big government purchases in early 1947.

Stassen also asked in a statement whether White House and other past and present government officials made a "huge profit at the steep climb of prices which followed the governmental buying."

Reporters who asked Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross about Stassen's statement got the reply, "no comment."

Stassen first charged two weeks ago that "insiders" in the government had profited from commodity trading. His assertions then led to disclosure that Edwin A. Pauley, special assistant to Secretary of the Army Royal, had been a big market speculator.

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