

# GREEK FORCES NEARING KONITSA

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If we can believe censored news (which often we can't), the Greek army is moving decisively to lift the siege of Konitsa. Adequate Greek military forces are said this morning to be within sight of the beleaguered city, and the besieging "guerrillas" are reported to be retreating BACK INTO ALBANIA.

(ALBANIA is a Balkan communist satellite state. It, as indicated by the dispatches, these "guerrillas" came from Albania into Greece in the first place and are retreating to Albania now that their effort to seize Greek territory is failing. It gives us a pretty fair idea of what was in the wind.)

**WATCH IT**  
If the effort to seize a chunk of Greek territory and set up therein a "rump" communist state fails, it will be another Azerbaijan, and the excitement will die down for a while—until ANOTHER effort is made somewhere else.  
But let's not fool ourselves. There will be other efforts.

**THERE** is ominous news from Palestine.

In Jerusalem, a Jewish "spokesman" says this morning that he expects 800 to 1,000 armed men to be sent available for security duties. Abdul Ader Hussein Bey, organizer of Arab armed forces in Palestine, claims to have 100,000 men under arms in the Holy Land and is reported to be recruiting more at the rate of 300 per day.

Watch Palestine, along with Greece.

As long as the fighting there is merely unorganized sniping, it won't amount to much internationally. When men begin to move in military formations, the situation will change.

**YOU'LL** be inclined to ask petulant-ly: "Why do we have to worry every time there is a ruckus anywhere in the world?"

Well, for a century and a half, the British worried every time there was a ruckus anywhere in the world. For better or worse, we have stepped into the position of world leadership that was held so long by Britain.

**DON'T** ignore this historic fact:

Those years when Britain was the world policeman, when the British fleet kept the peace even if heads had to be knocked together at times in widely scattered corners of the world, were Britain's GOLDEN AGE. British people were generally better off then than at any time before.

If, in our new role of world policeman we run the world even as well as Britain did, we too can reach our golden age.

**WE** don't want the job of world policeman. But we have been pushed into it by events over which we have no control. When you're pushed into a hard job, about the only thing left for you is to go through with it and make it work out.

**WHEN** were we pushed into this job?

The pushing started a long time ago. We set our feet on the road when we entered the first World War. We took a long step DOWN THE ROAD when we entered the second World War.

All that is water over the dam. Trying to make water run BACK OVER THE DAM is wasted effort.

## GE To Slash 1948 Prices

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—The General Electric company, expressing the belief that business must show the sign of reversing the inflationary spiral, will cut prices from three to 10 per cent on many home appliances beginning tomorrow.

The move—first break in the upward price march by a major manufacturer—was hailed immediately by government spokesmen as an important anti-inflationary step. They urged other industries to follow suit.

The price cuts, announced yesterday by GE President Charles E. Wilson, will affect about 40 per cent of the firm's total business, including its output of refrigerators, ranges and home radio and television receivers. Wilson said the reductions represent a saving of some \$50,000,000 annually at the consumers' level.

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| WEATHER                         |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Max. (Dec. 30)                  | 51 Min. 19                     |
| Precipitation last 24 hours     | .00                            |
| Air from year to date           | 3.34                           |
| Last year 3.14                  | Normal 3.32                    |
| Forecast: Cloudy, snow tonight. |                                |
| Shooting Hours, January 1       |                                |
| Klamath-Folslake                | Open 7:09 a.m. Close 3:34 p.m. |

PRICE FIVE CENTS

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## School Census Indicates County Population 50,000

| School Census                    |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| City                             | 4744   |
| Outside                          | 7798   |
| Total                            | 12542  |
| Population on Basis of 4:1 Ratio |        |
| City                             | 18,500 |
| City zone                        | 22,685 |
| Entire county                    | 51,381 |

Klamath county will go into the new year with a population of something over 50,000—a 20 per cent increase over the official 1940 census of 40,497—if figures arrived at by a devious school population-ratio process are anywhere near accurate.

The estimated population of Klamath county now is 51,381, and here is the process by which the total was reached:

School censuses give a fairly accurate count of persons in the four-

## Merrill Road Wreck Claims Life

Klamath county's 18th traffic fatality of the year 1947 was chalked up shortly before noon today, as death rode the highway between Klamath Falls and Merrill.

Killed instantly when he was thrown from a southbound sedan five miles north of Merrill, was Virgil Winegar, about 30, a potato sorter.

In Klamath Valley hospital are the other two occupants of the sedan, Mrs. Ladena Winegar, wife of the dead man, and Walter Taft "Red" Moore, 36, said to be the driver of the sedan.

The accident occurred on a straightaway near Merrill and state police started an immediate investigation. To all appearances the sedan went out of control, careened into the right hand borrow pit, started rolling and overturned several times as it twisted across the highway to the left hand side when it landed, partially upright, in the pit.

**Thrown Out**  
Winegar, his wife and Moore were thrown out of the machine as it rolled.

Winegar was killed instantly. His death was attributed to head injuries.

Mrs. Winegar has cuts, bruises and contusions and her condition late this afternoon was not thought critical. Least seriously injured was Moore who has a gash on the back of the head and back hurts.

Metal, glass, pieces of the car and wheels were strewn for 50 feet along the highway where the accident occurred. The location was just south of the Hugh O'Connor place and the highway at that point is straight. No other car was involved, officers said.

The sedan was a total wreck. Winegar's death took to No. 18, the toll in traffic fatalities for the year 1947, in Klamath county alone. The body is at Ward's.

## Eleven Die In Smash-Up

OXFORD, Pa., Dec. 31 (AP)—A young sailor was killed and 11 other persons injured early today in a truck-bus crash on the ice-covered Baltimore pike near this South-eastern Pennsylvania community, state police reported.

William Slack, about 20, of Hordsham, Pa., was killed and the 11 others, including his wife, Mary, were hurt. State police said, as a Greyhound bus, bound from Baltimore to Philadelphia, skidded in attempting to avoid a large truck trailer that had jackknifed across the road.

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This is the day when old calendars go into the wastebasket, and new ones go on the wall. The Herald and News thinks its high school correspondent, Mary Lou Case, is pretty enough for any calendar—and here she is, with half a dozen of the new ones that have arrived around here the past few days. On this New Year's Eve, Mary Lou, speaking for the staff of The Herald and News, says: "A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!"

## Hope Fades For Flyers

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 31 (AP)—With hopes dimmed almost to the vanishing point, search parties continued today to scan the bleak icy wastes of the Seward peninsula for a B-29 pilot, his navigator and three army paratroopers who vanished after jumping to the aid of the airman's six fellow crew members.

The two airmen, Lt. Vern H. Amett, Santa Ana, Calif., pilot, and Lt. Frederick I. Sheetz, Keyser, W. Va., disappeared Christmas Day, two days after the crash of their plane 95 miles north of Nome when they set out together to seek aid at the Eskimo village of Shishmaref, 50 miles from the stricken plane.

Six other members of the crew were rescued Monday by Alaska coast guards. William Munz and Frank Whaley, both of the crew, were returned to the crash scene yesterday with his ski-equipped plane, said he saw "what I think was one dead paratrooper and possibly two" lying in the snow about 1500 feet from the burned plane.

"There was also another 'chute' lying nearby, which might have covered the third missing man in the snow," he added.

## Math Vs. Police In Court Battle

HYATTVILLE, Md., Dec. 31 (AP)—A former Princeton mathematics professor planned today to solicit the aid of his colleagues as well as the law of physics in appealing a \$100 fine for speeding.

Haig Galajalik, 60, of Aberdeen, Md., was assessed the amount after State Trooper Early Griffin testified the driver was traveling "80 to 85 miles an hour when caught."

"The professor said it was 'a simple law of physics' that Griffin, who was proceeding in the opposite direction, couldn't have stopped, turned around and overhauled him within two and a half miles.

## Why Does A Porky Cross The Road?

DAYTON, Wash., Dec. 31 (AP)—Four motorists today were asking:

"Why does a porcine cross the road?"

The animal was doing just that (without giving answers) Monday night, State Patrolman Clarence Ellis reported, when it was struck by a car driven by Reade Abel of Dayton. A second car, driven by Stanley Lee, Walla Walla, hit the first machine.

A following car driven by Elmer Goldner, Walla, Walla, pulled up short to avoid the mix-up, only to be hit by a fourth motorist.

Result: \$1000 damage.

Ellis didn't say whether the porcine reached the other side of the road.

## Youth Said 'Holding Own'

Seven-year-old Jackie Lee Lowry of Pelican City, critically injured late Monday morning when he rode his wagon down a hillside and into the path of a truck, was reported as "holding his own" at Klamath Valley hospital late this afternoon.

The child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lowry of Pelican City, is suffering from critical internal hurts, multiple fracture of the pelvis and both legs are broken. He was in surgery for several hours yesterday afternoon and treated for shock prior to undergoing surgery.

State police investigated the accident and said that the driver of the lumber laden truck, David Lytle, 4775 Freida, was not blamed. Lytle, who does private trucking, told officers he had observed the children playing on the road on previous occasions but could see far enough ahead to determine their actions. He said he did not see the youngsters yesterday and was unaware of their presence until his truck hit and rode over Jackie.

## HIGH FLYER

MOSES LAKE, Wash., Dec. 31 (AP)—Out of its third test flight, Boeing Aircraft company's experimental jet bomber, the XB-47, yesterday climbed to 20,000 feet, highest altitude it has reached to date, officials said.

## Violence Continues In Holy Land; Six More Die

JERUSALEM, Dec. 31 (AP)—Six persons met violent deaths in the Holy Land today as Jews and Arabs continued a bitter war of reprisals and counter-reprisals touched off by the United Nations' month-old decision to partition Palestine.

The killings raised to 487 the toll of fatalities in Palestine since the historic decision was announced on November 29.

In Tel Aviv a young Jew was found shot to death in a park. Three Jews—one a young newsboy delivering copies of an English language Zionist paper—and an Arab were killed in isolated outbursts of violence in Jerusalem.

The death of a British constable, wounded in a bombing in Jerusalem several days ago, accounted for the day's sixth fatality.

Two Jews were wounded when a bus was sprayed with gunfire and then bombed near the Arab office in Jerusalem. An Arab bus also was the target of small arms fire, but there were no casualties.

Behind the scenes in this communal war both sides meanwhile were quietly building up their armed forces for an anticipated showdown.

Recruiting of Jewish youths between 17 and 25 was launched in Jerusalem today, and a Jewish spokesman said he expected 8000 to 10,000 armed men soon would be available for security duties.

Abdul Ader Hussein Bey, cousin of the exiled Grand Mufti and chief organizer of the Arab armed forces in Palestine, claims to have 100,000 men under arms in the Holy Land and is reported to be recruiting more at an average of 300 daily.

Popularly known as "The Bey," an honorary Arabic title roughly corresponding to count—he is well versed in military lore as a result of associations with the Iraqi and with the Germans. He says the Arab army will be organized on the German pattern with modern weapons.

Bey's first lieutenant indicated that the bey's forces were waiting to be joined in an anti-Jewish drive by a "people's army" now said to be forming in Syria. The united forces, he said, will be known as the Yarmuk army—after the little river on the banks of which Moslem forces won their greatest victory over the Byzantines.

The Yarmuk emblem, he added, will be an eagle surmounting three stars.

Heretofore Jewish immigrants trying to enter the Holy Land in defiance of British immigration restrictions have been landed at Haifa and transferred to British ships for removal to detention camps on Cyprus.

Dispatches from Istanbul last night said the two vessels—identical as the Pan York and the Pan Crescent—had moved out into the Aegean sea after taking nearly 48 hours to pass through the Dardanelles.

Actors Find Good Hunting, And Cops

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Dec. 31 (AP)—Actors Clark Gable, Johnny Mack Brown and Frank Morgan, are under orders to appear in justice court Saturday on citations accusing them of possessing more than the legal limit of ducks at an exclusive gun club near here.

State Game Warden Les Arnold yesterday cited Gable for bagging 25 ducks, Morgan 13 and Brown 16 at the club last Sunday. State game laws limit a hunter to four ducks a day.

## Portland Fight Airing Cancelled By Station KFLW

The Jack Siapp-Bobby Volk middleweight fight in Portland tomorrow night will not be broadcast over KFLW or any other local or Portland radio station.

C. W. Hutchinson, promoter of the fight, decided against having any broadcast of the fight on the grounds that the radio airing would hurt the sale of tickets. Previously KFLW had made arrangements to carry the boxing event direct from the Portland ring.

KFLW's American Broadcasting company network will carry the Sugar Bowl football game between Alabama and Texas tomorrow starting at 11:30 a. m. from New Orleans.

Two New Year's Day games will be aired over KFLW, the Cotton Bowl encounter between Southern Methodist and Penn State starting at 11 a. m. from Dallas, and the East-West Shrine game from San Francisco at 1:45. Both are MBS features.

The Rose Bowl game will be broadcast starting at 2 p. m. over National Broadcasting company outlets.

## Grocery Clerks Get Pay Boost

The retail grocery clerks division of the AFL teamsters' union has been granted a 10-cent per hour across-the-board wage increase effective January 5. George A. Barthman, business agent, announced today.

The new contract effects most grocery workers in Klamath Falls, including the employees of chain stores and the larger retail stores.

Vacation periods and overtime pay agreements, plus a guarantee of 48 hours' work a week for men and 40 hours a week for women were also included in the new contract.

New pay scale, based on a 48-hour week, will be as follows: Clerks with one to three months experience, \$40.80; with three to nine months experience \$45.60; nine to 18 months experience \$50.40; 18 to 24 months experience \$55.20, and over 24 months \$60.

Double hourly pay is prescribed for Sunday and holiday work.

Employees who have completed one full year of continuous service will get a week's paid vacation, and those with three years or more continuous employment will receive two weeks' paid vacation annually.

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## Basin To Get Snow

The mercury continued to fall "way back freezing" as Old Man Winter kept a firm but crisp hand on the Klamath Basin. It was 19 degrees at 1:30 a. m. today as compared to yesterday's record-tieing 13.

Forecast for the New Year holiday was cloudy, cold and snow.

The state highway commission warned today that visibility will be restricted tonight and Thursday by snow and fog on Cascade mountain routes. The passes were in fair condition today, but chains still are advised.

The 9 a. m. report today said: Odell Lake, Willamette highway 25 degrees, overcast, packed snow for 20 miles east of Salt Creek Falls, being sanded, 35 inches roadside snow. Sun mountain, highway 97, 14 degrees, overcast, 17 inches snow, packed snow for four miles across the mountain, being sanded. Greensprings highway, icy.

## HST Confident Of World Peace

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—President Truman said today he is looking forward confidently to world peace upon which all nations can agree.

In a New Year's message the president said this hope includes proper development of the United Nations which he says offers hope to the world.

Mr. Truman said he has every faith in the work of the United Nations and that neither the United States nor any other nation can afford to abandon its task for a "workable world peace."

## Meteor Thought To Have Landed In Surprise Valley

A large meteor which flashed across the sky early last night and was seen by hundreds of persons in Washington, Oregon and Northern California, is believed by Altona people to have crashed to the earth somewhere in Surprise valley east of the Modoc county seat.

Searching parties were out last night and again this morning trying to locate the astral visitor.

Sources in Altona said that the people down there were so excited over the falling body that business was virtually suspended while the meteor was the topic of speculation. In 1935 a 3300-pound meteor was found near Altona and displayed at the San Francisco exposition.

The sky spectacle was witnessed in and around Klamath Falls by many persons who described it as a green or bluish-green light which moved from north to south across the sky about 7:30 p. m. CAA communications workers here said that flares out at the time confirmed reports of the flash, and Chuck

## Garrison Holding Out Against Odds

ATHENS, Dec. 31 (AP)—Hard-driving Greek army relief forces pressed within sight today of embattled Konitsa, where a weary thousand-man garrison has been holding out since Christmas Day against furious attacks by an estimated 5000 guerrillas.

Military authorities in Ioannina said the juncture of the relieving forces with the garrison could be expected about noon. The battered Konitsa garrison signalled to the relief column: "We're glad to see your movements and know you'll be coming soon."

Athens press reports said the rebels encircling the city had launched a last desperate assault on Konitsa and were being pounded by artillery fire.

**Near Bridge**  
The bulk of the Greek reinforcement units were reported to be within a mile of strategic Bourazani bridge, 11 miles west of Konitsa. It was predicted the rebels would blow up the bridge in their retreat, but army engineers already were said to be bringing up fording boats and bridge parts.

Lt. Gen. Kalogeropoulos, commander of the second army corps, sent a message to the Konitsa garrison:

"Be brave. Make a final valiant effort. Strong units are moving toward Konitsa. We shall meet and shake hands today."

Authoritative military sources repeated their belief that the danger to Konitsa was past and disclosed that Greek forces in Phipos numbered 12 battalions of slightly more than 5000 men. The war ministry said earlier that rebel resistance at Konitsa was "petering out" and military observers said the city was virtually out of danger.

Rebel losses in the immediate Konitsa area were estimated at 300 dead, 600 wounded and about 100 captured. The wounded were being taken to Albanian hospitals, military sources said, and one official report said several sections of the attacking rebel force were retreating toward Albania, five miles north of Konitsa.

Other reports said a column of trucks had been sighted bringing reinforcements south from Leskovice, Albania, toward the frontier near the Bourazani bridge, one of the key military points to the defense of Konitsa.

## Petrillo Boast Told

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Three newspaper men testified today that James C. Petrillo told a convention of the AFL American Federation of Musicians in 1946 that "I have intentionally violated the U. S. marshal and I am waiting for a U. S. marshal to come and get me."

The newsmen appeared at Petrillo's trial on a charge of violating the act, which prohibits a union from coercing an employer into hiring more workers than are necessary for a job.

Petrillo is accused specifically of attempting to coerce station WAAF, Chicago, into hiring three additional librarians whom the station contended are not needed. Petrillo called a strike of the three studio librarians in May, 1946. The studio has not rehired any employees to fill their places.

The newsmen testifying today were George Bartlett of the St. Petersburg Times; Frank T. White, St. Petersburg Independent; and John L. Gould, Stamford, Conn., radio editor of the New York Times.

## New York Faces Beerless Cheer

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—The cheerless prospect of a beerless New Year's Eve celebration burdened New Yorkers today.

Mayor William O'Dwyer has ordered all non-essential traffic banned from the city's snow-clogged streets—and beer trucks were placed in the non-essential bracket.

At least 90 per cent of the city's taverns were reported out of beer last night.

## Meteor Thought To Have Landed In Surprise Valley

Cecil and Gordon Lee, two KFLW staff members, said they saw flash across the sky in a great arc.

Lee described the meteor as greenish in color and large, almost the size of the moon. Other reports of the spectacle came from Medford, Boise, Seattle, Canby, Calif., and Cedarville, Calif. A witness here said it was emerald green, turning red and flashing out of sight.

A Cedarville man driving across the mountains to Altona said he saw the object come down to tree-top level from his car window and apparently explode. He thought it was a burning plane and spread the alarm at Fort Bidwell and Altona to start the search.

Canby residents thought it landed somewhere east of that town.

J. Hugh Pruitt, University of Oregon astronomer, said in Eugene the spectacle was reported to him as emerald green, half the size of a full moon before bursting twice in a shower of sparks as it apparently hit the outer atmosphere.