

HOLIDAY'S VIOLENT DEATHS, 161

By FRANK JENKINS

As these words are written, I've responded at least 11 times to this casual greeting: "Good morning. How are you on the day after Thanksgiving?"

Having had the good sense to eat no more yesterday than I wanted and needed, I'm all right, thank you.

At this moment, an odd thought occurs: THE UNITED STATES IS ALMOST THE ONLY COUNTRY ON EARTH WHERE EATING TOO MUCH IS A MATTER OF CHOICE ON THE PART OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

Elsewhere, average people eat what they can get and are thankful if they can get enough to keep them going.

Russia is a communist country. Communism is widely advertised as something everybody ought to have for the good of the common people.

From all I can hear, the big shots at the top of the Russian communist system don't have to worry about getting enough to eat. One of the minor worries of those who attend big official banquets in Moscow seems to be how to keep from eating too much and being all out of sorts the next day.

The common plug Russians down at the bottom of the heap aren't bothered that way. If they get ENOUGH to eat, they think they've done pretty well.

As long as things stay that way, our ultra-"liberals" (including our parlor pinks) can talk themselves hoarse without nicking my bread-and-butter conviction that I'd rather live under our system than under communism.

WITH Thanksgiving out of the way, the census bureau announces that on October 1 the population of the United States was 149,947,000. It thinks that by now we have passed the 150 million mark.

It says we gained 344,000 during September and nearly a million during the first nine months of this year.

WHAT does it mean? Well, among other things it means that croakers who make gloomy predictions very often go wrong. For example:

The population sharps were telling us only a few years ago that we were headed for a STATIC population. In a static population (that is to say, a population that is standing still), they told us, there are more old people and fewer young people.

In such a population, the experts say, if you're making diapers, or convertible cars, or bobby sox, or jazz records, you're off on the wrong foot. You'd better do a sharp about-face and start making wheel chairs and hot water bottles.

SUPPOSE these population smarties had been generally believed. Suppose the makers of diapers and convertibles and bobby sox and jazz records had accepted their mutterings as THE WORD and had changed over to making wheel chairs and hot water bottles.

There would have been a lot of red faces by this time. And a lot of wheel-chair and hot water bottle factories going bankrupt.

IT says that as long as the people of this country go on working and producing and spending a little (Continued on Page Two)



SMART PORKER—This little pig is smart and doesn't have to go to market. He promotes what he wants for supper this way at home—in a Tulsa, Okla., feed store. Where "Ike" learned this cute trick is a mystery to Manager W. J. Cotton, shown feeding the vertical porker a tidbit. "Ike" is 12 weeks old and weighs 95 pounds. Any day now, Cotton expects him to bark. "His mother must have been scared by a hound dog," says the feed man.

Final Missing Plane Clue Being Checked

PORTLAND, Nov. 25 (AP)—Ground searchers today were investigating the last unexplored clue to the possible fate of a missing C-54 air force transport plane—but clearing weather buoyed hopes of search from the air.

The plane, with six aboard, disappeared Tuesday morning while approaching Portland on a routine instrument training flight from McChord air force base, Tacoma. It made its last radio report when over Woodland, Wash., north of here.

Capt. H. E. Lanning said a ground party today would comb the Soda peak area some 30 miles east of Woodland. An unidentified man said he heard an explosion there Tuesday some 15 minutes after seeing a large plane turn into the clouds.

That Lanning said, is the only report not yet checked. All others have been investigated without result. Four radio-equipped groups have been working out of Kelso and one out of Portland.

However, Lanning said, he expected to have some 20 planes in the air today as clouds began lifting over the rugged, timbered terrain. Heavy rain and clouds since Tuesday have prevented aerial search except for a few minutes yesterday.

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U. N. Rejects Soviets' Warmongering Charges

Reds Drive Toward Chungking

CHUNGKING, Nov. 25 (AP)—Nationalists reinforcements were rushed to the front today to try to halt a three prong drive on Chungking by an estimated 130,000 Communists.

Ninety-five thousand reds were centered at Fowling, 55 miles northeast on the Yangtze river, and Nanchuan, highway town 50 miles southeast. Thirty-five thousand were moving up from Kweichow province.

The Red troops were identified as belonging to Gen. Lin Piao, considered the Chinese Communists' best general, and Gen. Liu Po Cheng, who moved in from Kweichow.

Private reports were vanguard of the Kweichow force had taken Tunstun, a highway town 96 miles south of Chungking.

The long feared Red drive on Szechwan province from Shenai province had been halted by deep snows in the Chinling mountains.

Despite official denials thousands of poor people persist in the belief Chungking will be burned to cinders before the Nationalists give it up. As a result they are moving out of the city in great numbers. Some are going aloft, some by ricksha and many by truck and bus.

There is also an incoming stream of country people who think the city will be safer.

Many are cold and hungry.



SCRAMBLE FOR BALL—Eddie McBride (24), Union quarterback, right, goes in the air for a pass, but Norm Herringshaw, Malin field general, has the same idea. Result: an incomplete pass. Malin player on left is unidentified. The Bobcats routed the Mustangs, 42-7, to enter the state class B football finals. (Story of game on sports page).

U.S., Britain Cleared By Heavy Vote

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 25 (AP)—The United Nations today rejected Russia's Big Five peace pact plan that contained a clause accusing the United States and Britain of plotting for war.

The general assembly's 59-nation political committee defeated the Moscow plan by heavy votes in paragraph by paragraph balloting and then overwhelmingly approved a counter-proposal for peace sponsored jointly by the United States and Britain.

The Western plan reaffirmed faith in the UN charter and set forth 11 essential requirements for international peace and security. It was approved by a vote of 53 to 5 with one abstention.

Russia and its four satellite delegations cast the negative votes. Yugoslavia was the lone abstainer.

The so-called peace move from Moscow was the keynote of Russian policy at the current assembly. It was submitted September 23 by Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky, who remained in New York more than two months to prosecute Prime Minister Stalin's Soviet version of how peace and atomic energy control could be achieved.

The United States, Britain and other Western powers denounced the Russian resolution as a phoney peace propaganda effort. Washington and London jointly sponsored a substitute proposal, reaffirming the basic essentials for world peace in the UN charter.

The Russian proposal contained three major points: (1) Condemning what Moscow calls preparations for a new war, specially by the U. S. and Britain.

(2) Demanding immediate prohibition of the atom bomb and a convention for establishing international control of atomic energy.

(3) Urging the conclusion of a new peace pact among the U. S., Britain, Russia, France and China.

The committee then voted on the U. S.-British proposal which reaffirmed belief in the UN charter and laid down 12 essential elements for world peace.

The UN treated Moscow's major 1948 diplomatic effort here to defeat by an average vote of about 51 to 5. It added a further setback to Stalin's delegation by accepting the alternate Western proposal by an even wider margin in detailed voting.

City's Big Yuletide Decorations Scheme Gets Final Checking

Just a week from today—Klamath's big Christmas opening. Merchants and businessmen were polishing their ideas to a fine degree in order to give Main street one of its glossiest looks of the season.

Friday, December 2, is the date. Christmas music will be a feature of the opening, along with a splendid Santa Claus parade. Sound trucks will play carols throughout the residential area during the day, with carols and hymns sung in the evening, following the big parade.

Santa Claus will be in the line of march with his sleigh and the dwarfs from his North Pole workshop. Because this is cow country, deer have been replaced by horses. Under Santa's smiling personality will be Kyle Morgan of Klamath dwarfs.

Costumes Costumes for the dwarfs, 50 in all, are being made by the students of the home ec department at KUIS. Adult evening sewing class students are making the hats. Four red and green felt frock coats, to be worn by House brothers of Bonanza, are being made by Singer Sewing Machine company, with Sid Elliot of Penney's, providing the Santa costume.

Windows will be unveiled at 4 o'clock the afternoon of December 2, and one of the largest downtown crowds in history is expected to attend this event.

Tree Early next week, Copco crews will start work on the base for the big Christmas tree which will remain during the month of December on the courthouse lawn.

'Mad Dog' Jail Break Plot Fails CHICAGO, Nov. 25 (AP)—Police patrolled areas outside the Cook county jail today after thwarting an attempt by two young men to free James Morell, the "mad dog" killer, who is scheduled to die in the electric chair early Saturday.

Police said the two men seized near the jail last night admitted, in statements, they had been trying since last Monday to aid the doomed Morell in escaping from the jail.

5 Stays Morell, who is 23, already has been granted five stays since he first was sentenced to death last March 19. He was convicted of killing Emil Schmeichel on December 12, 1947, in the shooting orgy in which two other men were killed and two wounded.

Accused U.S. Spies Get Death Decrees

BUCHAREST, Romania, Nov. 25 (AP)—Four Romanians, one of them reportedly a member of the army's general staff, have been sentenced to death on charges of spying for the United States.

Twelve others were given prison terms ranging up to life by a military court. An official announcement last night said the men were tried last week. It described them as a "gang of traitors and agents of American espionage services."

Death Sentenced to death were Lt. Col. Dan Teterian, said by well informed sources to have been serving on the Romanian army general staff when arrested; Maj. Mihai D. Eliade, a reserve officer; Mariel Emilian, an actor; and Ion Vancu, a civilian sentenced in absentia.

Sentenced to life imprisonment were Capt. Leonida Surucenu and Col. Ion Slavescu, both reserve officers, and Alexandru Eliade, a civilian.

The announcement said they were convicted of supplying information on defense matters to American espionage services.

Deer Causes Car Wreck TULELAKE—A Christmas tree buyer driving through here yesterday afternoon wrecked his car when a doe jumped in front of the machine about two miles south of the quarantine station.

Mark Ross, San Francisco employee of the Northwest Christmas Tree Buyers, hit the animal about 5 p. m. The carcass of the deer was turned over to State Game Warden Bill Royston.

Rosa's car has been towed into Klamath Falls. He reported no injury.

CLOVER CHAMP PRINEVILLE, Nov. 25 (AP)—The nation's leading producer of Ladino clover seed is Jefferson county. This year's output is expected to be from 1,500,000 to 1,750,000 pounds, the department of agriculture said.

Traffic Toll 103; 14 Die In Tornadoes

By The Associated Press The nation's death toll in violent accidents over the Thanksgiving holiday was one of the highest in several years.

There were at least 161 violent deaths from 6 p. m. Wednesday to midnight Thursday. These included 103 traffic fatalities. Fifty-eight persons died in miscellaneous accidents, including fires, plane crashes, shootings, falls and hunting. Also included were 14 persons killed in Alabama tornadoes.

This year's Thanksgiving violent deaths compared to 114 over the same period last year; 128 in 1947, and 83 in 1946. The totals on Thanksgiving holidays during the war years also were below this year's mark.

This year's Thanksgiving traffic deaths far exceeded last year's toll of 86. The National Safety council's records show an average of 82 persons killed every 24 hours in traffic accidents during the first nine months of 1949. However, the figures for the nine months cover deaths occurring as long as months after the accident in which the victims were injured.

Fire Tragedy Among the violent deaths were a 19-year-old mother and her three young children who perished in a fire that destroyed their log cabin near Rockville, Ind. In Elizabeth, N. J., a father died in attempting to aid his eight children when fire broke out in their home.

California, Illinois and Ohio each reported 10 traffic deaths.

ALABAMA STORMS BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 25 (AP) Thanksgiving Day tornadoes roared down at four points in East Alabama yesterday and killed 14 persons. Forty-four persons were injured.

The vicious, out-of-season storms left several other persons missing and destroyed more than a score of buildings as they leapt-frogged in three counties about dusk.

Family Wiped Out An entire family of 10 Negroes was wiped out near Hackneyville in Tallapoosa county, 60 miles southeast of Birmingham. The mammoth wind picked up their weatherbeaten little home and hurled it 300 yards across the road into another house.

The second house was occupied by another large family of Negroes, but none was reported hurt. Both houses were demolished—witnesses said they appeared to explode after the smashing impact.

Near Oneonta, in Blount county, two members of a white family were killed at the Easley community. The same twister hopped a small mountain and struck again on the northern outskirts of Oneonta, where 34 persons were hurt. Property damage was heavy.

Fury Another person was killed and five injured by the Tornado's fury on Sand mountain, near Valley Head in DeKalb county. Valley Head is 90 miles northeast of here.

A woman telephone operator at Valley Head, Mrs. H. B. Crowe, said the tornado "sounded like a freight train roaring down off Sand mountain." Her office was in darkness when she reached it, she said.

Flying Trees W. S. Coker described the Hackneyville storm as a "dense black cloud and a lot of trees flying in the air." He said he watched the twister snuff out the lives of the 10 Negroes by smashing their house into another across the road.

Tornadoes are uncommon in Alabama at this time of year. Most of them are spawned in the spring and fall.

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NAVY PILOT RESCUED—A helicopter rescues Ensign H. N. Farnsworth, navy Corsair pilot, from the sea after a landing mishap on the carrier Midway during recent North Atlantic maneuvers. At top—Helicopter drops cable as it hovers over bobbing tail of crashed plane. Below—Ensign Farnsworth dangles below 'copter, safe in four minutes after crash.

Meet the People



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