

# HEAVY YULE BUSINESS APPARENT

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THERE is more of this "significant" news today.

**MARSHAL TITO IS TO PAY BONUSES FOR YUGOSLAV BABIES.**

HEREAFTER the Yugoslav state (the Yugoslav state is TITO) will pay 2,000 dinars (144 in bird of freedom money) to clothe each newborn child.

Yugoslav women workers, as well as unemployed workers' wives, will get a special bonus of 600 dinars (\$12) per month during the three months preceding and the three months following childbirth. The money must be used for food.

In addition, there will be a special child allowance for workers according to the number of children. On this point, the dispatch telling of the baby bonus is a little fuzzy. The amount per child is not specified. It would be a fair guess, everything considered, that the more children the bigger the bonus per child. Anyway, if the child continues in school the bonus will be paid up to age 23.

**WHAT'S cooking?**

Well, when things like that happen in an area that for centuries has had MORE PEOPLE THAN FOOD you can paste it in your hat that somebody is looking for cannon fodder.

HERE'S something else you could call something:

A Young Republican—John Toppe, chairman of the Young Republican National Federation—says in an address to the Indiana Young Republican convention.

"Young people are becoming increasingly dissatisfied over the position our party is taking in combating this Democratic drive toward socialism. It is too much to expect that the MOST CONSERVATIVE OF US should sit idly by and see elections lost by default as the result of party machinery being controlled by individuals who are interested solely in PERSONAL BENEFITS or by individuals incapable of effective leadership."

YOUNG Toppe's words are carefully chosen, but I presume he means to say that the Republican party is now (and has been for some time in the past) controlled by a clique of old fuddyduddies who are more interested in GETTING BACK INTO POWER than in saving the country from a threatened danger.

I may, of course, be putting words into his mouth that are rougher than he means to utter. I have expressed often enough the personal opinion that that is what is wrong with the Republican party nationally. So I'd better add that I HOPE that is what he means.

Anyway, he goes on to say: "Our only hope for success lies in a revitalized Republican party. It is up to us (he was talking to a convention of YOUNG Republicans) to furnish this revitalization through the introduction of new methods, new leadership, and new spirit."

I wish he had added this one more thing:

"It is up to us to provide a revival of FLAMING, FIGHTING FAITH IN THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AN ENVISIONED AND OUTLINED BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS."

That would be a cause worth fighting for.

I'd like to add, purely on my own, that it will take flaming, fighting faith in the vision of the founding fathers to combat the cynical modern political doctrine that ANYTHING IS ALL RIGHT WITH US IF IT KEEPS US IN POWER.

## Record Crowd Jams Main for Big Yule Parade, Celebration

Not all the stars were in the sky last night! Thousands had dropped into the eyes of the kids and grown-ups who jammed Santa Claus' Christmas land last night the length of Main street.

And when we say thousands, it is conservative. City police opined they'd never seen such a crowd.

They estimated the turn-out, man and boy, to 18,000. Mayor Robert A. Thompson went right along with them. Some were a little more generous in their estimate. They said it was the whole countryside.

Regardless, it was the biggest gathering of Klamath basin folks, from Tulelake and Morris, to Fort Klamath and points north, that has ever been chanced.

Everywhere this fellow Santa Claus can do anything he can bring out the parents, and he even brought out the babies, snugly wrapped. Where were the baby strollers? All right, of course.

Just to give you an idea of the kids, alone, there were more than six thousand. They were available. They didn't have to be called.

Folks jammed sidewalks, porches and office windows. One young son on his shoulder quite a feat. But Junior's parade.

A quick recap of the fair, as sponsored by the Klamath Merchants Association for the basin public, showed that everyone had a whale of a lot of fun despite the coldest night of the season.

Plans went slightly awry, as big plans sometimes will, and the National Guard at Salem substituted an aerial flare for the Very pistol which was to have been used to herald Santa's arrival.

Late in the afternoon, following a mad scramble it was finally decided to go modern and get a plane to drop the flare. Phil Hitchcock volunteered, and right on the dot dropped the flare on the signal north of town. That was the signal and the KUHS band stepped out.

A few minutes before, Mayor Robert A. Thompson had turned on the new mercury vapor city lights. Of the 86 units, 33 were in operation last night. Transformers for the remainder are here and work will start again on the lighting system Monday. It was something the public apparently did not know, that all of the 88-unit project could not go on at once.

How to describe the excited elves and fairy landers that rode the floats from the various schools in the city. Suffice it to say that they were beaming ambassadors of good will, Christmas cheer in every wave of the hand, and an anxious eye out for their parents, lost in the thousands who saw the well executed parade wind its way down Main to the big tree on the courthouse lawn.

There were marching groups, musical groups, Santa helpers galore. The 20-30 club was unrecognizable behind whiskers and peaked hats. The members are to be given a big hand for the purchase of the candy canes which came out of the club treasury.

And now to Santa Claus who was responsible for the whole thing. A sleigh on runners pulled the old bearded gentleman and a high stepping horse. A dwarf at the reins, leaving Santa free to dispense good cheer to his thousands of admirers.

Immediately after the parade's last float and marching unit had gone by, the public made a tour of the windows. Miller's department store won the sweepstakes award with its all-white bridal window. Miller's now receives a perpetual trophy on which the winner's name is engraved.

Other awards were given in the form of blue, red and white ribbons. Judges names are given elsewhere.

Mayor Robert A. Thompson expressed his deep appreciation to the public for its response to the Christmas opening.

"It's the biggest crowd I've ever seen in Klamath Falls, and I think the very best parade," the mayor said. "It was extremely gratifying to me and to other city officials to see the community turn out as it did last night. It was fine."

The spirit of the evening carried over from the parade to the big tree at the courthouse where there was an hour of Christmas singing of well loved carols, hymns and plain, good Christmas songs.

Eating houses were packed after the parade as folks sought coffee and hot chocolate to warm up.

Cold as their fingers and toes were, it was worth it. It was a wonderful parade, everything went off with a bang, and if you haven't the Christmas spirit it isn't the fault of Clay Belliss, general chairman of the Christmas opening, and his scores of helpers. (L.S.)

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## Merchants Shooting For Record

By G. A. PHILLIPS  
NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (AP)

Business and industry cleared the last major labor hurdle in good stride this week and quickly prepared for what most experts believe will be a bang-up Christmas season.

Already behind schedule because of economic upsets due to the steel and coal strikes, store managers put finishing touches on elaborate plans to lure enough dollars into cash registers to equal or exceed last year's record volume.

Their chances of topping 1948 were regarded as excellent, notwithstanding the short time left (only three weeks). Many observers believed the odds were no stiffer than even that unit volume will be higher this year if the dollar total falls a little short. This is because prices of most Christmas merchandise are lower this year than last year.

The authoritative magazine "Sales Management" forecast a December total of \$12,745,000,000 for the country as a whole, a decline of about 3 per cent in dollars from the all-time peak of \$13,166,000,000 reported by the department of commerce for December, 1948. If allowance is made for a decline of from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent in average prices this December against those prevailing a year ago, unit volume this year should be larger.

More Good News  
From other quarters came equally optimistic forecasts of Christmas business this year. The Retail News bureau, a private research outfit that serves department stores throughout the country, said a survey of 167 stores—big and little—disclosed 49 per cent are planning for an increase in sales, five per cent expect volume to match that of a year ago and 55 per cent expect it to decline.

As of now, the news bureau said, 37.2 per cent of the merchants reported unit sales are running ahead of last year, 16.3 per cent said business was seven and 46.5 per cent found transactions trailing.

Advertising budgets follow a similar pattern, the survey disclosed. About 49 per cent of the stores have budgeted for business gains, 47 per cent plan to spend less and the remainder plan to spend about the same as last year.

Weather Aid  
Aided by cold weather, this week's retail trade rose slightly over that of the previous week but was under volume of a year ago, the weekly Dun & Bradstreet review said, adding that there was a general preference for lower-priced merchandise.

A red-hot market for television sets was reported from every quarter and merchants believe this one item will be a major factor in sending business above the 1948 mark.

A bullish demonstration in the stock market was the most pronounced reaction in business circles to the final decision of John L. Lewis to let his miners work three days a week instead of going out on another long strike.

Stocks High  
Nearly \$1,000,000,000 was added to the quoted value of shares listed on the big board in New York; the market was at a 13-month high; volume pushed above the 2,000,000 share mark on Friday for the first time this year.

Wall street brokers, elated at the sustained interest in their wares, threw in their lot with the top officials in Washington who have said repeatedly that with the end of the current round of labor fights a long period of industrial peace and economic prosperity could be expected.

GOPs Renew Attack On FSI Policy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Accused by Vice President Barkley of using "ice" tactics in the congressional campaign, Republicans responded today with fresh attacks on President Truman's program.

Senator Bricker (R-Ohio) said that if he had his way the GOP would wipe out every vestige of "materialism" and "fight the Truman welfare state down the line."

"We've got to give the voters something to choose from between the republicans and the democrats," he told a reporter before leaving for Ohio.

"We've never going to win until we come out squarely against the kind of socialism the administration is trying to put over."

Barkley told a campaign-launching democratic rally in New York city last night that the republicans are trying by talking about "materialism" to "scare the people away from the continuance of a constructive program which has made them more prosperous, more content and more universally employed than at any other period in history."

Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) accused Barkley of resorting to an old political trick.



ARE YOU IN THIS PICTURE?—A thousand others are, and it is a small segment of the crowd which lined Main street last night to greet Santa Claus at his big Christmas opening. This shot was taken at 5th and Main streets just as the last unit in the parade passed by on its way to the 40-foot Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn.

## 3 Students Die In Dorm Fire

NORMAN, Okla., Dec. 3 (AP)—Fire whipped through a wooden dormitory on the University of Oklahoma campus today, burning to death at least three students.

More than three hundred escaped the burning former navy barracks but 19 were injured, two critically. The three bodies were removed from the ruins but were unidentified.

An official in the office of Dr. George Cross, university president, estimated the damage from the loss of the building and equipment at approximately \$200,000.

## Shriners Here For Ceremonial

Today is "red feet" day in Klamath Falls as hundreds of Shriners arrived to attend and take part in the fall ceremonial of Hillah temple which will be held in the armory tonight.

Registration was started at headquarters in the Willard hotel this morning and the expectation was that from 800 to 1200 Shriners would be checked in. Cold weather may reduce attendance slightly.

A parade was to be held on Main street starting at 3:45 this afternoon, traversing from 2nd street to Esplanade.

Tonight a class of 100 novices will be inducted into the Shrine in the armory ceremonial.

Hillah temple includes the Southern Oregon area below Eugene, with some members in Northern California, but visitors to the ceremonial have come from Nile temple in Seattle, Al Kader temple in Portland, Kenik temple in Reno, Ben All temple in Sacramento and Shmes temple in Oakland.

The Hiram patrol of some 60 Shriners is here as guests of Hillah temple.

Dignitaries  
Visiting Shrine dignitaries include Noble Earl Newby, secretary of state and past potentate of Hillah temple; Noble Earl Riley, potentate of Al Kader temple; Noble Kit Conyers, Al Kader orator; Potentate Wallace Shepard, Chief Rabbi; Martin Belote and Director E. L. Roberts from Ben All temple; Noble Lawrence Layman, chief rabban of Herak temple; Potentate Lester Kirk from Shmes temple and the Oakland Shrine band.

Oscar Kitzridge of Klamath Falls is potentate of Hillah temple.

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Finney, he has been checking their large shipments of rope-bound suitcases, he said.

In them he found "a tremendous quantity of state department documents—carbon or photostatic copies of them—and on each of them a piece had been cut out of the top and the bottom of the page, where the stamp secret or confidential was always placed."

Jordan said he also found a letter on White House stationery "which impressed me because it had the name Harry Hopkins printed

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## Former Officer Says Hopkins Helped Russ In Atomic Info Leak

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—A former army officer said last night that wholesale lots of secret documents and material that Soviet officers called "bomb powder" were flown to Russia under wartime pressure by the late Harry Hopkins for secrecy and speed.

The one-time officer, G. Rocco Jordan, said Hopkins, who was confidential assistant to the late President Roosevelt, was "the button the Russians touched every time they wanted our help."

Jordan said he himself as a wartime captain in command of a lend-lease air base in the country to Russia, told the story to Commentator Frank Wisner, in a broadcast.

"Unbelievable," said Stephen Early, deputy secretary of defense, who said the Roosevelt press secretary said like Hopkins a confidential source was a chief executive, called the story "utterly unbelievable to me."

Given a copy of the Jordan account, Wisner said a reporter said "I've never heard of it."

It all happened, Jordan said, while he was stationed at Great Falls, Mont., where lend-lease planes took off for Fairbanks, Alaska, for delivery to Russian pilots.

Suspicious  
Jordan said he became suspicious of the Russians because of the "increasing amounts of baggage" carried.

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## HST Pushes Toward Civil Rights Goal

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3 (AP)—President Truman urged today a strong civil rights program which he said would be the cornerstone of his new anti-discrimination policies.

The White House gave full endorsement to a statement by Solicitor General Tom C. Clark in New York last night in which he said the government would fight against the forces of prejudice.

The full content of this ruling awaited further clarification.

"State of Union"  
Meanwhile, the president resumed work on the "State of the Union" message he will deliver to congress in January in which he will renew his demands for:

- 1. A federal anti-lynching law.
- 2. Repeal of the poll tax as a requirement for voting for federal officers.
- 3. A whole series of other laws designed to ban discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups.

## Volcano Menaces Sicilian Town

CATANIA, Sicily, Dec. 3 (AP)—Fierce lava from erupting Mt. Etna today threatened the little Sicilian town of Maletto but an official source at noon said the burning flow had "slowed down" considerably several kilometers from the town of 3600 inhabitants.

The police chief at Catania, who reported on this most advanced of several flows from Mt. Etna, said the pressure of the eruption appeared to have decreased because new craters were acting as "safety valves."

## Meet the People



SANTA CLAUS meets several of his most ardent admirers. It was well worth all the eyes and effort of the Christmas opening to look into the eyes of children who got close to the patron saint of the holiday season. Any similarity to Santa Claus and Kyle Morgan is purely coincidental, or is it?

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BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!