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WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING FOR TODAY:

Revelation 21:1-7. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.

WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING TEXT FOR SUNDAY: II Timothy 2. The path of a "good soldier" in the time of apostasy.

World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE THE failure of the communist instigated general strike in Italy is another forceful indication that the Western democracies have contained the Red offensive and are gaining in Europe's Cold War. This was the second serious defeat of its kind the bolsheviks had suffered in a week, the other being the flop of a communist-supported general strike in

Boyle's Column

Youth Is the Time to Be Homely, Says Rugged Scribe

By HAL BOYLE NEW YORK (AP)—The first day I went to junior high school—just 25 years ago—there was a pretty girl sitting in front of me in English class. She was blonde, in a shaggy way, and had cupid bow lips and a little brown freckle here and there. I thought to myself, "boy, if junior high's like this I certainly wasted a lot of time getting through grammar school." About halfway through the lesson, my new dream girl returned around, grinned at me and whispered: "I wonder what you looked like before the mule kicked you." I waited until the teacher looked the other way, and then whispered into the fair ear before me: "I never was kicked by a mule." She turned around and gave me that heartbreak smile again, and whispered: "Oh, was it a horse then?" Dawning For a moment I didn't understand what she meant. And then I blushed clear down to my new \$2.95 tennis shoes. What this darling doll was trying to tell me was that my face LOOKED like it had taken a hoof massage. This wasn't the first time I had been disappointed in love. Only three months before the girl I had wanted to take to our graduating exercises at the Linwood grammar school had turned me down with, "I'd love to, Harold, but really you are too small for me." But no one before had ever told me I was homely. I went right home from junior high and spent a half hour gazing at the bathroom mirror. That blonde was right! No doubt of it. No nose needed to spread that wide just to fill one pair of lungs with air. Were those really ears or coat hangers? That hair—or was it moss? Why did anyone need a mouth that big unless he wanted to swallow crackerjack boxes? Desperate I came out of that bathroom a desperate man. Women were out of my life forever. I was going to stay a bachelor and win all the merit badges in the Boy Scout book. What else could a love-frustrated fellow do at 18? For the next ten years I hated that face that looked out at me from the mirror. The fact that Abraham Lincoln and Socrates must have had the same trouble was no consolation at all. But at 23 I made an astonishing discovery—I was still pretty ugly, but I wasn't getting any worse. My ears hadn't grown an inch. In the years since then I have learned the fine consolation that time brings to the homely. There is only one way for them to grow—and that is better. On the other hand, those who are beautiful or handsome when young can only fade with age. And it frets them into melancholy. Why? Often I used to wonder whatever induced my lovely wife to marry such a plain thing as her husband. One day I found out. We were looking through her family album, and there was a picture of her as a child with her pet, Major, a fine old bulldog. "Do you ever get lonesome for Major?" I asked. "Not any more," Frances said, looking at me fondly.

Dr. Fishbein Ends Stormy AMA Career

CHICAGO, Dec. 3 (AP)—Dr. Morris Fishbein, stormy petrel of American medicine, stepped down yesterday from his job with the American Medical Association. "It was impossible for me to continue under the circumstances," he said. His retirement as editor of The AMA Journal and the AMA health magazine, Hygeia, had been expected since the AMA trustees drastically clipped his powers last June. They limited his writing and speaking activities strictly to scientific subjects. They also announced Dr. Austin Smith was being groomed to succeed Dr. Fishbein when he retired as Journal editor. Dr. W. W. Bower, associate editor of Hygeia, will become editor of that magazine. Dr. Fishbein said: "I could not produce the type of medical journal I was accustomed to. I could not speak freely and vigorously on issues which I felt were important." He was with the AMA Journal for 37 years, 25 of them as editor.

Former Merrill Resident Dies

MERRILL — Word was received here Friday that a former Merrill resident, Mrs. John Taylor, passed away at her home in San Francisco late Thursday following a lingering illness. Mrs. Taylor was formerly Ruth Hill, a graduate of Merrill high school. She leaves her husband, two brothers, Louis and Will Hill of Merrill, five sisters and her mother, Mrs. Laura A. Hill of Longview, Wash.

MAYOR FLEES

BERLIN, Dec. 3 (AP)—The mayor of Aue, uranium mining center in the Soviet zone, has fled to the West after refusing to move people out of their homes to make room for newly-drafted miners, the British-license Telegraph said today.

Rotarians Salute City Merchants

The Klamath Falls Rotary club today saluted the city administration and the Merchant's association upon completion of the street lighting system and the installation of some of the most beautiful Christmas street decorations to be seen in any city on the Pacific coast, with a special program congratulating all local citizens who had a part in these developments. The program was conducted by Alred Collier, Rotary past president, who complimented Mayor Thompson and Councilman Conroy of the city administration, Art Rickbie, Rudy Jacobs, Clay Bellisle and Sid Elliot of the Merchant's association, Sam Ritchey of Copco and Garry Robertson of the city schools for their respective parts in arranging the basin-wide celebration. Ritchey related the engineering details involved in the new street lighting installation and Rickbie described the problems involved in obtaining and installing the street decorations.



"JACK" JACKSON, manager of Piggly Wiggly, samples the first slice of the huge birthday cake which was baked to celebrate Piggly Wiggly's 25th anniversary in Klamath Falls. The crowd looks on anxiously, but there's really no need for worry. The cake is big enough to give some 1200 customers a slice!

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SIDE GLANCES



"The boss certainly booted one, making that radio speech about how little a dollar will buy—three people have asked for raises today!"

Farming And You

Nervy Stock Farmers Can't Be Timid About Investments

By OVID A. MARTIN AP Farm Reporter WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Much is heard these days about investors' being fearful of taking financial risks. Economic conditions, it is said, are too uncertain. There is one place in America where there's no such timidity. That's down on the farm. The farmer is going right ahead expanding one of the most hazardous of all enterprises—the production and feeding of livestock for meat. This is a business in which a drop of three or four cents a pound in cattle prices can bring on bankruptcy. No Pause Yet, in face of a general decline in farm prices, a gradual reduction in national income, and some forecasts of recessions and depressions, the farmer is going right ahead building up beef cattle herds, producing more hogs and maintaining a high level of milk production. Regardless of whether all this results in profit or loss for the farmer, it promises larger supplies of animal products for the consumer. To get an idea of the risky character of livestock farming, let's take the case of a hypothetical cattle feeder in the Midwest corn belt. For the most part, such feeders go into the market and buy thin cattle and place them on a heavy ration of corn, other grains and forage to fatten them to slaughter weights. This fattening process takes from a few months to a

year or longer, depending on the weights and quality to which the feeder desires to bring the animals. At current prices a feeder would pay about 20 cents a pound for such animals. A herd of 100 head averaging 500 pounds would cost \$10,000. Uncertain When the feeder buys cattle he has no assurance what the price will be when he gets them ready for the slaughter market. Suppose he feeds them long enough to increase the weight to 600 pounds. The total tonnage would be 60,000 pounds or 10,000 more than when he bought them. The feeder would make a little money only if he were able to sell the cattle for more than 20 cents a pound. It would take the revenue from the increased weight to cover cost of his feed, labor and other outlays. Danger But suppose prices dropped four cents a pound. A price of 16 cents a pound would bring only \$9,600, or \$400 short of the investment. There would be nothing to cover feed, labor and other costs.

Business

Pepper Price Continues To Skyrocket

By RADER WINGET (For Sam Dawson) NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (AP)—The wholesale prices of most foods are more than double prewar, but black pepper has gone up 47 times. The retail price has jumped too, but less spectacularly. The housewife at her grocery now pays about 60 cents for the prewar dime can of black pepper, the common kind you use at home. Peak In 1939 the lowest price for black pepper was three cents a pound wholesale. It hit an all-time peak of \$1.42 a pound early last August, and it isn't very far from that now. The situation is potentially explosive, pepper men say. It's something like a man screwing up his face to sneeze. He wrinkles his nose, takes a deep breath—and everybody waits. Back in 1939, we imported some 30,000 tons of pepper, mostly from India and Indonesia. Pepper that year averaged four cents a pound. The war upset all that. Imports were erratic. In 1943 we imported only eight tons. The next year not even a shaker full ran the blockade to get in. Ceiling Such shortages boosted the price until OPA put a ceiling of ten cents a pound on black pepper. That lasted until early 1946 when the lid was lifted. Pepper jumped from an average of ten cents in 1945 to an annual average of 39 cents, to 43 cents, and to an average of 62 cents last year. This year it has moved steadily upward to its current high plateau. The end of the war and higher prices didn't increase the pepper supply. In prewar days Indonesia produced 90 per cent of the world's pepper. But the Japanese wrecked the pepper gardens during their occupation. After they were thrown out, the Indonesians started rebuilding their industry. That's slow work. It takes about seven years for a domestic pepper plant to mature. And the work was delayed or halted from time to time by civil strife. India, Leader As a result, India took pepper leadership and turned out 80 per cent of world production. Adding to the uncertainty was the American government's decision that pepper is a strategic war material in critical supply. It was marked for stockpiling. Such operations are top secret, but government buying always is a potential market factor to keep the price from sagging. The big uncertainty is Indonesia, once the world's biggest producer. Some of New York's most important pepper traders have their agents in Indonesian ports where they gather all the information they can on pepper for their companies. Uncertain But they don't know, they say, what the situation is in the interior.

Nation Today

Strange Chapter Ends In The 'Deadly Chess Game'

By JAMES MARLOW WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—One of the strange chapters in the history of the United Nations now has come to an end. On September 23, President Truman announced there was evidence of an atomic blast in Russia. And on that day Russia's foreign minister, Andrei Y. Vishinsky, got up and made a peace proposal in the U.N., which had been set up four years ago to keep peace. It was a two-edged proposal: 1. He suggested a peace pact among the big five nations: United States, Russia, Britain, France, China. 2. He suggested the U.N. condemn preparations for a new war which he said were being made in the United States and Britain. The U. S. ambassador to the U.N., Warren R. Austin, called the travel is difficult throughout the country and information is restricted. Some believe there may be large stocks of pepper there harvested from gardens that escaped notice. Others think there may be some stocks concentrated from harvests of wild pepper plants or from abandoned gardens. If large stocks were uncovered, or if shipments from Indonesia should start suddenly, it would have a dramatic effect on the pepper situation. All of these uncertainties have made pepper buyers here cautious. They are described as being on a hand-to-mouth basis. Windfall There is one pepper trader who made a quick windfall profit from the rise right in his own office. All traders keep samples of shipments. So he gathered up a few old samples of shipments made when pepper was around a dime, and sold the lot for \$131.25. Vishinsky proposal propaganda. Later he said: If Vishinsky wanted to cooperate with the rest of the world, the Russian peace proposal was unnecessary; but if Russia didn't intend to cooperate, such a peace pact would be a mockery. Still, the Vishinsky proposal left the U. S. in a kind of box. How could the Western Powers counter the Russian move with some move of their own? On November 14, Austin got up and proposed an American-British resolution. This resolution was hardly more than what already is contained in the UN charter or things the U. S. and Britain had said before. It called on UN members to take part in the work of the UN; to refrain the use of the veto in the securing council where Russia has vetoed majority decisions 41 times; to settle disputes by peaceful means; and so on. So now the UN was going to have to vote on the Russian proposal and on the U. S.-British proposal. This would give both sides a chance to show how many supporters they had in the UN—at least on this issue. From the start it seemed certain that the U. S. and Britain would win. Russia's proposal was swamped and the Western proposal was approved Thursday by a vote of 53 to 5. Chile said the Soviet Union was a super-capitalist, imperialist, totalitarian police state Yugoslavia accused Russia of monstrous hypocrisy in talking peace before the UN while carrying on a campaign against Marshal Tito. Small nations begged the United States and Russia to rid their cold war, rather than risk total war. And the Philippines called the UN maneuvering a "deadly game of chess."

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