

Michigan Senator Says We Must Get Formosa To Stave off Commies

HONOLULU, Dec. 7 (AP)—Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) said today the time for a showdown on Formosa is near.

He said he was going to Washington "to see Louis Johnson (defense director) and lay the cards on the table."

Ferguson and a party of senators are pausing here on a round the world trip. Ferguson visited Formosa, Chinese Nationalist stronghold athwart the American defense line in the Western Pacific.

The Michigan senator said the United States must "secure Formosa from Communist occupation — no matter what."

Every possible military commander feels that way but probably what will happen is this — the state department will have us recognize the Chinese Communists and

they will move into Formosa," Ferguson said.

"With Formosa in Communist hands, our whole scheme and system of Pacific defense will fall apart — in the middle," he said. "Our Pacific defense line should be Japan, Okinawa, Formosa, the Philippines and Indonesia. But it all will fall apart if we give away the middle — Formosa, the most strategic territory in Asia today."

Ferguson said the United States is as much justified in securing Formosa as in undertaking "operation Vittles" to maintain the American position in Berlin against the Russian blockade.

"What could happen in Asia if we surrender Formosa would be just as disastrous as what would have happened in Europe if operation Vittles had failed," he said.

"When I get back to Washington, I am going to see Louis Johnson and lay the cards on the table on this. The time for a show down on Formosa is very near."

(Editor's Note: DeWitt MacKenzie, Associated Press world affairs analyst, sizes up the Formosa situation from many angles on The Herald and News editorial page today.)

Membrane To Prevent Canal Seepage

Installation of a buried asphalt membrane in canal ditches will begin Thursday on a canal 12 miles south of Tulelake in the Panhandle area of Copcock Bay, according to bureau of reclamation officials.

"The purpose of the asphalt membrane," said R. S. Hopkins, irrigation officer, "is to give a water-proof layer between the water and the earth to prevent seepage."

"As the condition now exists, the earth is so fine that our loss from water seepage is terrific," Hopkins continued.

The asphalt membrane is manufactured by the Fry Roofing company at San Leandro, Calif. G. L. Ollens developed the asphalt compound and R. J. Benson, of the Denver reclamation office, conceived the idea of putting the membrane on a heavy wrapping-like paper base.

After considerable experimenting, they devised the present asphalt membrane which is flexible so as to fit canal curves and be water resistant.

Installation will be laid in ditches and extend above the water line on each side. Overlaps will be sealed with a compound and provide a water-tight canal.

"This will be the first installation of this material on irrigation projects," Hopkins said. "Actually this will be a test for other reclamation projects."

Lane, Low Bidder On Pump Plant

Low bidder for construction of the inlet transition to pumping plant D in part of the Tulelake irrigation project was C. W. Lane, Klamath Falls, according to R. S. Hopkins, irrigation officer of the bureau of reclamation.

Lane submitted a bid of \$7004 and the only other bid entered was by F. L. Somers of Klamath Falls for \$8430.

"Bids have been forwarded to Sacramento for the awarding of contracts and construction should begin shortly," Hopkins said.

Lane is also the successful bidder for installation of the pumping units at plant D. The award was announced some time ago and construction has begun.

Musical Bars, Jail Bars

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 7 (AP) Those bars of music waiting through the streets come from behind the bars of Fairbanks. The bars of the Fairbanks federal jail, that is.

Prisoners are disc jockeys. They operate the turntables to broadcast transcriptions of chimes and Christmas carols.



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GOP Women Ask Unopposed Primary Slate

PORTLAND, Dec. 7 (AP)—The republican women's federation urged yesterday that the party have a single, unopposed slate of candidates in next year's primaries in Oregon.

The resolution recommended that "republicans generally in the state subordinate all differences they may have . . . and, for the good of the party . . . in November 1950, work for renomination of our present republican incumbents in office, both state and national."

State Sen. Philip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls, told the delegates of the state meeting that the democratic party does something for everyone except the small businessman. He said republicans have been branded as reactionaries, but "the worst kind of reaction of which the republicans are accused would only turn the clock back 30 years, while the democrats would turn it back thousands of years to the time of the Pharos and statism."

He added, however, this is not a time for turning back but of taking those changes that are desirable and stopping before we reach the extremes that take away man's liberty and rob him of ambition.

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Grass, Holiday Hazards And Luck

By BILL JENKINS

THE cattlemen of America have just recently gotten out a little brochure with the captivating title "You Can't Eat Grass." And ain't it the truth. Besides pointing out this fundamental gustatory lack in man, the book goes on to give some other rather interesting figures. Grass is America's biggest and most dependable crop. Income from stock raising nearly equals the combined income received from all other kinds of agricultural products. Cash sales of cattle and calves in 1948 amounted to \$5,223,254,000. Americans spend an average of thirty-two and a half million dollars a day for meat. That's a lot of money—and a lot of meat.

Pasture and grazing land, excluding hay land, covers better than half the area of the continental United States. A billion, fifty-two million acres to be exact. Out of this total some 513 million acres of grazing land are in the West. If you had to ride fence around that area it would take a heck of a lot of riding.

Those figures, too, are all recent ones. It wouldn't seem that there was any immediate danger of the beef industry coming to a sudden end. And even with modern methods steadily coming in, the cowboy will be with us for a long time, complete with saddle horse, chaps and big hat.

Raising beef has all the pegs needed on which to hang the mantle of romanticism. But if you look at it another way a cattleman is nothing but a business tycoon, just like the steel men and the butter and egg men. He is taking one product, grass, and converting it into another, more usable item, beef. You probably wouldn't like the grass even in a tossed salad, but there are very few amongst our number who don't go for a thick steak in a big way. Don't leave out the romance, but also don't sell the cattlemen short as a businessman.

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publication. The general theme of theirs is, "don't let Santa be a fireman." The paper is nothing more than a warning, given every Christmas, to please, for goah sakes, play it safe with the tree and other decorations around the house. Your tree can be a lot of fun to decorate, but use some common sense in doing it and don't make it a potential flame thrower. A Christmas spent in the snow grazing ruefully at the ruins of what was, fifteen minutes ago, your home can be a very discouraging one. And not a year goes by, despite the constant warnings of this group and others, that someone doesn't put real candles on a tree, park it in front of a heater or a fireplace or pull some other cloth-headed stunt that eventually leads

to a fire. As usual, all you really have to do is think a little before you put up the tree.

THERE are probably just as many lucky people living in Klamath Falls as anywhere in the world. If you don't believe that just step outside any good icy morning and watch the traffic roll by. Driving on roads that are as slippery as a greasy platter plenty of motorists think it perfectly safe to be barging down city streets at anywhere from 25 to 40 miles per hour. They are lucky if they don't pile up.

The other lucky ones are the owners of parked cars who don't get hit when somebody going by has to use his brakes and skids into them. Or the pedestrian who survives a street

crossing without getting mowed down. Guess it's just too easy to keep on going faster, rather than trying to slow down.

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