

Housing For 'Forgotten Man' High on Truman's Congress Action List

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—A broad program to step up construction of homes costing \$8600 to \$10,900 was reported today to have clinched a high place on President Truman's legislative list for congress next session.

An official of the federal housing administration said the nation's middle-income families are now among those most in need of housing.

"We'd like to see more rental units for this same 'forgotten man' group," he told a reporter.

Bulgaria Has Red 'Election'

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 19 (AP)—Official election returns today showed that almost 99 per cent of the voters in Bulgaria's capital here cast ballots yesterday for the parliamentary candidates on the only ticket offered them — that of the government's communist-dominated fatherland front.

Over the country scattered returns from yesterday's parliamentary election indicated a vote of 97 to 100 per cent for the Red-sponsored slate.

Thousands of voters trudged through melting snow to polling booths decorated with pictures of Russia's Prime Minister Joseph Stalin, Bulgarian flags and the dove-of-peace emblem of the communist's peace propaganda campaign.

At one polling place near Sofia people stomped to the national dance while a Gypsy band played wild music.

The voters included pink cheeked girls, grizzled miners and feeble old women.

As each voter entered the polling station a registration list. He was handed an unsealed envelope which he carried into the secret voting booth. There he picked up his ballot, which carried only the fatherland front candidates, sealed it in the envelope, and dropped it in a closed ballot box.

Opposition could be registered only by handing in an empty envelope or enclosing an odd scrap of paper. The ballot was not to be marked.

Returns
In Sofia the central election commission published these complete returns for the city:
Eligible to vote — 373,319.
Number voting — 371,002.
Vote for fatherland front — 367,460.

Tooze, Supreme Court Candidate

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 (AP)—Multnomah County Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooze has confirmed a report that he will be a candidate for the Oregon supreme court next May.

A native of Marion county, he has been a member of the Multnomah court since 1942. His present term runs until 1955. He practices law in Polk and Yamhill counties before moving here in 1929.

Judge Tooze will seek the vacancy caused by the retirement of Justice J. O. Bailey, whose term expires January 1, 1951.



SANTA CLAUS GETS AROUND—An Eskimo should be no novelty to Santa, but the one above—8-year-old Luther Neagoruk—Santa met in a Chicago department store. The Eskimo lad is a patient in a Chicago hospital. Hopping over to Los Angeles, right, above, Santa Claus met the Three Kings of the Orient, Latin version of St. Nicholas, who flew up from Mexico. The Wise Men, dressed in colorful robes, will give their gifts to Mexican children on Jan. 6.

3 Airmen's Bodies Found In Wreckage

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif., Dec. 19 (AP)—Bodies of three airmen killed in the crash of an air force training plane were to be brought out of the rugged Sierra Nevada today.

The AT-11, missing since Saturday afternoon on a training flight from Hamilton field, apparently got lost in the heavily-forested mountains 130 miles northeast of San Francisco. It crashed on a ridge. Residents said visibility was "zero."

One of the fliers appeared to have tried to use his parachute, but it failed because of low altitude. The plane did not catch fire. Aboard were the pilot, Lt. John F. Raab, 27, El Cerrito, Calif., the co-pilot, Lt. Richard W. Armstrong, 27, Berkeley, Calif., and Lt. Thomas Valentino, San Jose, Calif.

SANTA'S PHONE
Children will have a chance to talk to Santa Claus by telephone three nights this week — Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — by direct line to Santa's workshop.

The phone number is 8117 and calling hours are from 7 until 9 o'clock.

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Negro Killed In Portland Tavern Brawl

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 (AP)—A shooting at a tavern operated for Negroes left a Salem railroad track worker dead on the barroom floor Saturday night.

Detective Tom Tennant said William Jackson, 34, of Salem, was shot by Wilbert Williams, the tavern owner, four times. The detective said witnesses reported Jackson swung toward the tavern owner with a broken wine bottle in his hand.

Earlier, Jackson had been thrown out of the tavern, the detective said.

Haver, Douglas Get 'Golden Apples'

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Golden Apples fall this year to June Haver and Kirk Douglas.

The Hollywood Women's Press

club, which goes in for this sort of thing annually, yesterday tabbed Miss Haver and Douglas as "most cooperative actress and actor in Hollywood." They will receive the Golden Apple awards tomorrow night at a dinner.

Hedy Lamarr and Humphrey Bogart were named most uncooperative. They get nothing — not even Golden Worms.

Neither was available for comment.

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