

YULE BUSINESS NEARS RECORD

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Moscow press goes to town today on the big reception held last night as a part of the 70th birthday anniversary.

The big binge took place in the White Hall of the largest of all the Kremlin chambers.

Present were the highest Soviet ministers, members of the Supreme Soviet and those specially honored persons who hold the orders of Hero of the Soviet Union and Hero of Socialist Labor.

Present also at the glittering affair were well known figures in Soviet science, art and literature, marshals, generals, journalists, Russian journalists are the trained seal kind, who bark when the master speaks and delegations from foreign countries.

WHERE was Ivan Ivanovich, the Russian common man?

Oh, he was out in the cold and snow shivering and slaving and toiling TO PAY FOR ALL THIS POMP AND GLITTER.

That's where the common man always winds up when too much power is held in too few hands too long.

IN Washington, D. C., this morning, Representative Mack, Republican congressman from the state of Washington, ran into Charlie Watkins, who handles Pacific Northwest news for the Associated Press. (Charlie prowls the halls of the Capitol and the house and senate office buildings in search of Northwest lawmakers who are in the mood to say something that might make news. When they say it, Charlie wires it out here for consumption by the home folks.)

Mack said this morning to Charlie:

"The main effort of the coming session of congress SHOULD BE TO REDUCE THE PRESENT WASTEFUL AND EXTRAVAGANT FEDERAL SPENDING BY ABOUT TEN BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR."

That sounded OK to Charlie, and a few minutes later the stuff was coming off our teletype.

I DON'T know Representative Mack personally, but I'm in complete agreement with his statement that congress ought to nick about ten billion dollars off the federal government's spending.

Congress could DO IT, too, if it really wanted to do. The wise founding fathers made congress the KEEPER OF THE PURSE STRINGS.

Until congress appropriates the money, NOBODY CAN SPEND IT. If congress refuses to appropriate, the administration can't spend.

NOBODY knows all this better than Charlie Watkins, who is a news hound, and a good one, and so when Representative Mack got those winged words off his chest Charlie lost no time getting them onto the wire.

I'M all for Congressman Mack's proposal. But I wonder.

I wonder what he would do if somebody proposed to reduce the federal spending by some millions of dollars IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

That's where the shoe would begin to pinch.

ONE trouble with our congress is that its members are against reckless federal spending EVERYWHERE EXCEPT IN THEIR OWN DISTRICTS.

AGREEMENT

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23 (AP)—The sign in whitewash on the windshield of a used car labeled it "A Steal." Somebody agreed. The car disappeared from the lot last night.



FREEDOM THEIR XMAS PRESENT—Mrs. Elicia M. A. Kramek holds her jail-born baby daughter, Joeena, 5 months old, as she greets her husband, Joseph, after the 25-year-old mother had been freed from the women's reformatory at Framingham, Mass. Another woman had confessed in a Worcester, Mass., court to having passed the worthless checks for which Mrs. Kramek had served nine months of an indefinite sentence. The mother had cared for her boy in the reformatory.

Auto Union Warfare Investigation Pushed Under Secrecy Cover

DETROIT, Dec. 23 (AP)—A secrecy lid was clamped today on the investigation of the dynamite bomb plot against the CIO's auto union.

Both the FBI and city police shielded their efforts to solve Tuesday night's mysterious plant of a powerful explosive at the international union's headquarters.

Defects in the bomb prevented its explosion. FBI agents, ordered into the case from Washington, proceeded without comment.

Tavern Case Jury Fails To Agree

A justice court jury failed to agree on a verdict yesterday afternoon and a misdemeanor charge of selling liquor to minors against operators of the Spot tavern, 2326 S. 6th, probably will be dismissed. The case has been pending since early spring. Defendants are William Lindy and Walter Gibson, tavern owners, and the accusation was that Gary Dawes, former high school athletic star, was served beer at the Spot, May 13.

After about four hours of testimony and two hours of deliberation, the six-man jury could not reach a verdict. Unofficially the vote was reported to be three to three.

A retrial is possible but is improbable since the prosecution's main witness, Dawes, is attending Oregon State college and will return to school after the Christmas holidays. The district attorney's office has not formally dismissed the case.

Wrong Man

Dawes testified yesterday he was served beer at the Spot but was unable to point out Walter Gibson as having been present at the tavern at the time. Instead he pointed to Art Gibson, brother of Walter, who was also in the courtroom. Art Gibson runs the #7 supper club.

The tavern operators denied they sold beer to Dawes or any other person under 21. Dawes was 18 at the time of the alleged sale.

Jury

Jurymen hearing the trial were Fred W. Cofer, foreman, J. R. Holzgang, Harry R. Lamphear, J. H. Martin, Howard Pennell and Gerald Baker. Attorney J. C. O'Neill defended Lindy and Gibson.

Lost Youth Search Futile

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 23 (AP)—Search parties, hunting for an 18-year-old youth who few of them even dare to hope may be found alive, were straggling back home today. Some were giving up the search; others, doggedly determined, planned to return to the rugged Blue mountain area south-east of here.

The youth, Donald McDonald, disappeared eight days ago during an elk hunt. Rescue parties have combed the snow-swept Snake Ridge sector since Sunday without success.

On two occasions yesterday, hopes of the tiring posse soared when they came across a trail believed to be that of the boy. Each time, however, the lead petered out in a deep snow.

Heriff A. A. Shick said last night it was possible that melting snows might uncover new leads. He said he expected to send more men into the field today.

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Other instructors appointed were: Mervyn Evans of Jacksonville, Ore., refrigeration servicing.

Albert McVey, Klamath Falls, drafting and surveying.

George A. Harper Jr., Portland, gunsmithing.

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It also provides for summer school attendance during the school summer vacation which will increase by degrees within the next three years to a two-month summer vacation.

Sunday School

The board approved by consensus, not by vote, the application of the OTI inter-denominational Sunday school for use of the guest-house for services each Sunday.

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Purvine, who attended the session, reported a balance of \$36,244.50, unexpended budgeted funds for the first quarter, July 1 to September 30, 1949.

2 Youngsters Buried Alive

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Dec. 23 (AP)—Two tiny boys—both five—died yesterday under dirt and debris apparently pushed over them by a bulldozer as they played in a shallow gully.

A forlorn dog, playmate of the boys, led to the discovery of Billy Rogers and Donnie Tolten and ended a search by hundreds along the banks of the Wichita river.

Search

The two little boys had been sought five hours.

The bulldozer was owned by Billy's father. It was being used in a leveling job being performed by his construction company.

Sheriff Hammet Vance said the boys were apparently covered by the bulldozer. They were believed to have been covered about 3:30 or 4 p. m.

Billy's body was found under a foot of dirt at 9:50 a. m.

At 10:10 p. m., Donnie was found under two feet of earth.

The bodies were found about 15 feet apart, approximately a block and a half from Billy's home.

2 Railroaders Die in Wreck

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Two railroad men were killed last night in a train wreck that blocked rail service to Long Island for hours and stranded commuters in masses thousands at Pennsylvania station.

Herald and News

Price Five Cents—13 P. KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1949 Telephone 8111 No. 2163

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B-50 Crash Takes Lives Of 11 Men

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 23 (AP)—A flaming air force B-50 bomber crashed in a dreary river marsh last night, killing all 11 airmen aboard and scattering and burying bodies and wreckage in the muck.

The big bomber had just taken off from Chatham air force base here when it went down on the bank of a branch of the muddy Savannah river. The crash was only seven miles above the city, but it was so inaccessible it took rescue parties hours to reach it by boat.

The first persons to reach the scene were forced back by flaming gasoline, floating on the water. The flames were visible for miles.

Col. Frederic E. Glantsberg, commanding officer of Chatham field, identified the plane. He said it took off at 9:12 p. m. on a training flight to El Paso, Tex. It crashed about five minutes later.

The plane had been in service at Chatham for a year or a year and a half. The B-50, an improved version of the B-29 Superfortress, has a wingspread of 141 feet, is 99 feet long and weighs 125,000 pounds. The air force describes it as a more powerful version of the B-29 which bombed Japan.

Difficulty

The crash site was less than two miles from U. S. highway 17, which crosses the river just above Savannah. But it could only be reached by small boats guided by boatmen who knew the river.

The crash was only a few miles from the spot where a chartered airplane crashed January 7, 1948, killing 18 and injuring 18 Puerto Ricans on a flight from Newark, N. J., to their home.



SACRIFICE—The Duchess of Segovia (above), wife of Don Jaime De Bourbon, told newsmen at a conference in Paris that she would "renounce" her marriage if it will be an obstacle to her husband in his claims to the Spanish throne. The duchess said her husband, who does not read the newspapers, is not yet aware of her decision. She was born at Koenigsberg, Germany, and is a former opera singer known as Carlotta Tiedeman.

Yugos' Tito Reassured By Truman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—From President Truman to Marshal Tito, a major target of Soviet threats: The United States is opposed to aggression against any nation.

This is the word Truman has instructed George V. Allen, his new ambassador to Yugoslavia, to pass on to the Tito government. Allen is due to leave for Belgrade Dec. 28.

Pressure

Tito has been under heavy pressure from the Russians since his break with Moscow more than a year ago. There has been speculation that sometime the Russians might try to break his power by means of guerrilla warfare.

The United States and other Western nations have given Tito economic and political assistance since he stormed out of the Soviet camp. But there never has been any official statement of what this country's policy would be in the event of a Soviet-communist attack on Yugoslavia.

Innocent Man Gets Freedom

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23 (AP)—An absolute pardon was granted today to a 36-year-old man who has been imprisoned in Ohio penitentiary since November 26, 1948 because of a mistake.

Gov. Frank J. Lausche, issuing the pardon, ordered the immediate release of Ralph Eches of Richmond, Ohio.

The governor, after extensive investigation, found that Eches was convicted, by mistake, of a grocery store robbery which occurred in August, 1948, in Marion, Ohio.

Mistake

Eches, identified by witnesses as one of two men who held up the store, was sentenced to 1 to 25 years in prison.

Earl D. Bircham, now awaiting electrocution in the Kentucky state prison, said that he and Charles Hunter—but not Eches—robbed the store.

AP Editor Heppes' Wife Dies

MENLO PARK, Calif., Dec. 23 (AP)—An extended illness yesterday took the life of Mrs. Myrtis Heppes, wife of Ralph H. Heppes, business editor of the Associated Press in San Francisco.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Heppes is survived by a son, Richard, now living in Los Angeles.

Shooting Hours

December 24
Open: 7:00 Close: 3:30

Population Tops 150,000,000 Mark

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The United States population has crossed the 150,000,000 mark. The census bureau today estimated the population, growing at a 200,000-a-month clip, reached 150,187,000 on November 1.

This was a 2,122,000 increase in the first 10 months of 1949 and a gain of 18,514,000 since the last full census on April 1, 1940.

Rain Making Test Said Successful

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP)—A noted aerologist today claimed success for a new artificial rainmaking method which he says would have prevented New York City's current water shortage.

Dr. Irving Krick, official weather forecaster for the Normandy invasion, disclosed results of large-scale rainmaking tests in Arizona conducted by his American Institute of Aerological Research.

The new method works from the ground up much like smoke from a chimney. Another artificial method, developed by General Electric company, seeds dry ice into clouds from airplanes. GE also pioneered use of silver iodide seeding of clouds from planes. Krick says the ground smoking method is much cheaper.

Smoke

The Krick test utilized mobile silver iodide "smoke" dispensers located strategically as to wind direction. He estimated that the method quadrupled the Arizona test area's rainfall during a two-year period. The testing area lies southward of Flagstaff, Winslow and Holbrook and north of Prescott. He did not disclose size of the area but said that each dispenser was capable of affecting precipitation in an area of some 240 square miles.

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Another factor, they noted, was liberal credit, bolstered now by anticipation of a \$2,800,000,000 shower of government insurance refunds to veterans scheduled to begin next month.

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Yesterday's 'Quake Came From Blast

The explanation of yesterday's earth-shaking blast—which was generally interpreted as a temblor—came from Floyd Somers, contractor, today.

Two boxes of over-age dynamite were exploded at an old gravel pit on the Lee Holiday place on the Keno road.

"The explosion," Somers said, "was greater than expected," a surmise that ranks as the understatement of the year.

Forefall

The blast shook the ground and rattled windows all over the Stewart-Lemox area and was reported from as far away as California avenue, Homedale and Harlan drive. The California university seismograph registered an unidentified disturbance at 12:02 p. m. The blast here occurred at 11:55 a. m.

Somers said the only damage resulting was a broken window at the Henry Newhouse residence near the blast scene.

Outlook For Future Promising

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Christmas shopping showed signs today of taking a late spurt that might carry it to a close finish with last year's record winter.

It seemed to be in harmony with the optimism over the nation's business outlook which was expressed by President Truman at his news conference yesterday. Truman didn't elaborate.

The federal reserve board reported that a surge of buying at the mid-December point shot department store sales ahead of the same part of boomtime 1948 for the first time in months.

Extra Pay

And 1949, striving at being the 12th consecutive year to hang up a new Christmas sales high, packed an extra big advantage: It has an extra shopping day over last year, since this Christmas falls on Sunday whereas it came on Saturday in 1948.

The reserve board, compiling reports from all over the country, announced department store sales last week forged one per cent ahead of the same week of 1948.

That was a sharp improvement over the department store record of a six per cent lag behind last year for the period from January 1 to mid-December.

Retail Sales

Government figures showed, too, that over-all retail sales have bettered the department store record throughout 1949, holding to within one and one-half per cent of 1948's record for the period up to December.

Money in circulation jumped \$122,000,000 in the seven-day period ended Wednesday as consumers, gearing up for the final spurge, drew cash from their bank accounts.

Merchants were going harder after business, as advertisements blossoming in newspapers made clear. Some stores, in Washington and elsewhere, said their dollar intake already has set a new record.

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Truman Home For Yuletide

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23 (AP)—President Truman flew in today for a white Christmas at the family home in nearby Independence, Mo.

His personal plane, the Independence, arrived at 12:42 p. m., four hours and five minutes after taking off in the rain from Washington, D. C.

Kansas City wore the traditional Christmas icing—three inches of snow that sparkled in the sun.

At Fairfax airport to meet the president were Mrs. Truman, who arrived several days ago; his brother, J. Vivian Truman; and his sister, Mary Jane Truman.

1 SHOPPING DAY LEFT
CLOSED FOR THE DAY
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!

Meet the People

KFJI ANNOUNCER Alan Abner holds for a tense moment at the fights before giving out with the ring antics over the air.