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HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Today no man in a nation of 157,000,000 people need go hungry. Somewhere there is a table at which he is welcome.

That may not be the most significant fact about this Thanksgiving Day.

But it is doubtful if in the history of the world a country so vast could name one single day during which its entire population could be certain of escape from mankind's oldest foe — hunger.

Thanksgiving is the 24 - hour period in the year when all Americans try to harvest man's greatest dream — peace amid plenty.

No American really wants to start a quarrel on this day, and the American soldier in lands beyond the sea hates to fight on it.

The idea of Thanksgiving is no American invention, and even Pravda could hardly claim the Russians found it first. It is as old as the Bible. The first thing Noah did after the flood abated was to give burnt offerings of clean beasts and clean fowl unto the Lord.

Practically every ancient people had similar sacrificial customs.

The British, beginning with the sinking of the Spanish Armada in 1588, have had special days of Thanksgiving after weathering an Empire crisis or to celebrate such joyous events as the 60th year of Queen Victoria's reign in 1897.

But over a period of three centuries the practice of an annual day of Thanksgiving — formally heralded since Abraham Lincoln's proclamation of 1864 — has become peculiarly an American institution.

Now it is perhaps the most American of holidays, because it wraps all the other holidays in one.

On Thanksgiving Day the average man thinks of his heritage of freedom, just as he does on Independence Day.

His mind turns to his loved ones who have passed on, as it does on Memorial Day.

He ordinarily gets time off from his job, as he does on Labor Day.

He has a feeling of spiritual gratitude, just as he does at Christmas, but it is a feeling limited to no one sect or religious creed.

On Thanksgiving Day even an atheist can feel humbly grateful that whatever power that created him has also left him free to criticize the idea of there being any God at all.

But ever since Governor Bradford proclaimed the first Pilgrim Thanksgiving in 1621, the day has had a peculiar quality of its own — a quiet joy in being able to celebrate and share the bounty of the good earth under the benison of a supreme being.

It is unlike the pagan harvest festivals because it isn't time of riotous revelry. It is simply a time for us all to quit complaining and be grateful for what we have.

Most of all it is a family holiday, the day when the clan gathers its members and lonesome friends together and all know a mutual gladness because they are together, there is plenty to eat on the table, and all the dark fears that separate us on other days are out of sight and out of mind.

THE DOCTOR SAYS

By DR. E. P. JORDAN

A correspondent writes that she is 39 years old and is now in her fifth pregnancy and is terribly troubled with varicose veins which she has never had before. Elastic stockings, she says, help only a little.

It is certainly possible that the enlarged veins in such a case are not true varicose veins, but are the result of the pregnancy. At any rate, most doctors would probably advise her not to do anything about it until after the pregnancy is over since they might get much better.

But varicose veins and varicose ulcers do cause an enormous amount of distress both physically and because of their appearance to many people as they grow older.

Varicose veins do not produce pain or discomfort unless they are inflamed, but such veins are more likely to be inflamed than normal ones.

Those who have varicose veins are more likely to have swollen feet or ankles than those with normal veins. Also, the poor circulation can produce ulcers. These ulcers sometimes become enormous, causing destruction of the skin and large open sores.

Everyone is born with folds or valves in their veins which carry the flow of blood upward. These valves prevent the blood from falling back and help to hold up the column of blood. They are especially important in the legs, where the pressure of the blood in the veins is heavy because human beings stand upright.

If people stood on their hands instead of their feet, the valves in the veins of the arms would be just as important.

Over the years the pressure on the valves in the leg's veins is great and they are often broken down. When this happens the necessary support is lessened and the veins become swollen. Most of them are near the surface because the internal veins get more support from the muscles and other tissues around them and this helps to prevent the valves from breaking.

The use of elastic bandages which support the widened and enlarged varicose veins is, of course, an old remedy and helpful in many cases. Varicose veins are sometimes removed by surgery. The use of injections for varicose veins also has been popular, but now surgery is again being used more and more.

The treatment of varicose ulcers is still difficult, although several methods are used with success. Probably the most important thing to do is to prevent serious swelling or ulcers by getting treatment before they have lasted too long.

BRUCE BIOSSAT

Educators are still debating the big question of how much "Americanism" should be taught in the country's schools in the interest of good citizenship.

A good many believe as does Dr. William F. Russell, president of Teachers College at Columbia University, who said recently:

"The best way to beat a Communist is to face him with citizens who know and love their country, who both understand and revere its ideals, and who can recognize these ideals and apply them in the ordinary situations of everyday life."

Such teachers feel it is the schools' job to create this kind of understanding, and that consequently they must develop program to promote study of U.S. ideals and principles.

Others say the function of any school system is above all to remain neutral and objective, to stay clear of political turmoil, to take no sides in any phase of life. That's the way many European countries have it.

The goal of objectivity is wholly commendable. But there seems to be good reason why it cannot be adhered to perfectly in teaching young Americans about their government.

Long ago we made a subjective decision—as a people—to have a democratic form of government. To work well, such a system presupposes a well-informed, educated populace. Education for all is thus an indispensable element in democracy. How else can you get sound popular choices?

That education ought to include a highly critical look at the very system we live by. We should be able to examine honestly all the faults of democracy in practice. And we should be able to study all other systems of government coolly, noting strong points and weaknesses.

Communism, today the most powerful rival system, unquestionably should be on every teaching agenda in America. But that does not mean that teachers should be allowed to advocate communism, to undercut our own system. There is a huge difference between explaining and promoting.

But by the same token, we should not hold our teachers to simply explaining the American approach to government. For we want our budding citizens to go forth not as scholars in comparative government but as defenders of a faith, champions of the free system we have. And most educators are to agree we cannot do that if we stay strictly neutral. In this one fundamental field, at least, we must promote.

To do so may violate the motion of pure scholastic objectivity. But we're not now and never have been living in a world where one can afford to be neutral about his own kind of government. And nobody has suggested so far that any agency of our society is better equipped than the school to do the job.

VA Calls For More Space

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Veterans Administration estimates that by 1975 it will need 365,960 hospital beds, compared with a present program for 131,000.

This was revealed today in a V. A. management survey report which said its forecasts were based on information furnished by the agency's Department of Medicine and Surgery.

The V. A. estimates that its medical program which now costs in excess of 600 million dollars a year will probably cost in excess of 1¼ billion annually in 1975.

The V. A. figures its average daily patient load in hospitals in 1975 will be 232,600, compared with an actual 96,365 in 1951.

The V. A. was said to interpret present law as clearly requiring it to furnish hospital care to all veterans with service-connected disabilities. The V. A. lists about 3,350,000 such veterans, the report said.

Other categories of veteran patients also will be handled by V. A. hospitals, it was added.

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Veterans Administration Due For Reorganization

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials of veterans organizations generally approve newly announced plans to shake up the Veterans Administration, but one today predicted further changes will be made by the Republican administration when it takes over.

Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray disclosed yesterday that the sprawling V. A. was being streamlined in hopes of increasing efficiency, saving perhaps 10 million dollars a year, and giving better service to GIs.

Commander Lewis K. Gough of the American Legion said the plan seems "basically sound and if properly carried into effect will increase the efficiency of the V. A.'s services to the nation's veterans."

Commander Marshall E. Miller of Amvets said he approved of some parts of the program.

Cicero F. Hogan, for 20 years director of claims for the Disabled American Veterans, said he believed veterans would be pleased with some of Gray's plans.

But Col. George E. Ijams, national rehabilitation service director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and himself a former assistant administrator of the V. A., said he believed the Republicans, when they take power in January, will institute further changes.

Ijams said that even under the new reorganization plan, V. A. still has "too many top-flight administrative positions."

Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R-Mass.), who will become chairman of the House Veterans Committee in January, said she felt it was "unfair and unwise" for Gray to make such sweeping changes on the eve of a change of administration.

All, however, expressed satisfaction with one decision Gray announced: There would be no elimination of regional offices.

Most of the changes are based on recommendations made in a long-secret $605,000 private survey made by the Chicago management consultant firm of Booz, Allen, and Hamilton. Gray made the survey public simultaneously with his announcement of reorganization plans.

He said he was setting up three major departments—instead of the former 12—as recommended. One will handle medical and surgical care for veterans, one will be in charge of insurance and the third will manage such benefits as claims, loan guarantees and vocational training. Each will be headed by a deputy administrator.

But Gray turned down the suggestion to streamline the regional office setup. The survey said a shakeup of these offices would bring an additional savings of 15 million dollars.

Gray said changes being made might result in a savings of 10 million dollars a year, but would not likely result in any appreciable cut in personnel.

Rep. Rogers attended yesterday's news conference and said later she felt that in general it was "unfair and unwise" to put the new plan into effect before the Republican-controlled Congress meets.

She said her committee will go into the matter thoroughly. She expressed the opinion that while many things Gray suggested will be helpful "many others will not be."

She asked Gray if the changes were being made in the interest of efficiency or economy. Gray replied they were aimed at "giving service to veterans at a reasonable cost."

Legion Commander Gough said his organization's official attitude will be revealed in about 45 days, but that a preliminary observation leads the Legion to believe the plan is "basically sound."

Gough said the announced program includes four major provisions the Legion has championed: (1) reaffirmation of the decentralized regional office procedure; (2) autonomy for the chief medical director in directing functions of the Department of Medicine and Surgery; (3) inclusion of special services under the authority of the chief medical director, as announced by Gray; and (4), the trend toward decentralization of death claims.

Ijams said he was advising VFW field officers that he felt the $605,000 spent on the Booz, Allen and Hamilton report "was wasted" and that the whole job of reorganizing the V. A. will be done all over again in the next few months.

Sister Kenny Near Death

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Sister Elizabeth Kenny's doctor says he expects the famed poliomyelitis specialist, suffering from a blood clot on the brain, to reach a crisis in four or five days but he said her chances of recovery were "very slender."

He gave this information in a medical bulletin from her home at Toowoomba, 60 miles west of here.

The physician, Dr. John Ogden, made an urgent appeal for a supply of eight vials of a new drug, trypsin, which he believes is in Australia. A shipment of the drug is expected to arrive from New York on Saturday but Ogden said it might come too late.

The doctor added that he feared his patient's clot was too far advanced for the drug to have any success at dissolving it.

He reported also that Sister Kenny's condition is complicated by a respiratory infection which is affecting her heart.

The 66-year-old nurse suffered the attack of cerebral thrombosis last Friday.

Foresters To Discuss Deer

Deer herds of Southern Oregon and Northern California are to be the topic of discussion Dec. 5 when the Shasta Cascade chapter of the Society of American Foresters meets in the Lakeview Hotel, Lakeview.

Bill Lightfoot, regional representative of the Oregon State Game Commission and active in interstate deer herd surveys, is the guest speaker, according to program Chairman Jack Groom.

The affair is to begin at 6:30 p.m.

OIL TUNNEL PLAN SHELVED

SINGAPORE (AP)—Singapore's vulnerability to atom bomb attacks has caused the abandonment of an admiralty plan to build 14 underground tunnels designed to carry oil from storage tanks in the center of the island to the naval base or harbor area. The project, started in 1938 and abandoned at the fall of Singapore to the Japanese, in World War II has now been transferred to Ceylon.

RKO Wins Court Fight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — RKO Studio has won its court battle with writer Paul Jarrico over screen credit it denied him for the film "The Las Vegas Story."

The studio withheld credit because Jarrico refused to tell a congressional committee whether he ever was a Communist. RKO contended Jarrico violated the morals clause of his contract, that there was a hostile public reaction and that his name on the movie would have rendered it valueless.

Superior Judge Orlando H. Rhodes upheld the studio yesterday and denied Jarrico damages, previously pared from $350,000 to $100,000 by the court. Judge Rhodes ruled that he had suffered no legal wrong.

Howard Hughes, who recently sold his controlling interest in the studio, fired Jarrico March 23, 1951, ordered him barred from the studio and directed that "all his writings be tossed in the wastebasket and burned."

Allies Repel Red Assaults

SEOUL (AP) — Allied troops slammed back three Chinese assaults in the murky, predawn cold of this Thanksgiving Day on Sniper Ridge on the Korean Central front.

The U. S. Eighth Army Communique reported the Reds suffered heavy casualties. It said at least 125 out of perhaps 175 Chinese were killed, wounded or captured.

On the Western Front, Allied raiding parties shot up two Communist positions near Panmunjom—site of the suspended truce talks—and Yonchon, some 20 miles to the northeast. The raiders returned to their lines after sharp skirmishes.

The Chinese jabs on the Central Front were preceded by a heavy artillery and mortar barrage. Then a company of Reds—more than 150 men—hit the northern slopes of Pinpoint Hill, dominant height on Sniper Ridge.

Allied infantrymen smashed the attack with grenades and rifle fire.

Two smaller attacks were broken before daybreak, with Allied artillery aiding the South Korean defenders.

Warplanes ranged deep into North Korean territory, blasting Communist troop concentrations and supply facilities.

Coeds Advance In College

WASHINOTON (AP)—The fair sex is showing a greater thirst today for advanced education, according to the U. S. commissioner of education.

Karl McGrath reported total enrollment in the nation's colleges and universities at 2,148,284 this fall, up 1.5 per cent from last year and the first increase since 1949.

The boost came in the number of coed students, up 6 per cent from last year. The male total dropped 1 per cent.

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U.N. Fighters Thankful They're Alive

SEOUL (AP) — U. N. fighting men feasted and prayed on the misty Korean battlefront this Thanksgiving Day.

The day was solemn for soldiers, sailors and airmen.

A light raid sprinkled the battleline. Men put down their weapons for a moment to pick up tender turkey and all the trimmings—from shrimp cocktail to pumpkin pie.

Chaplains knelt on wet ground, leading men in prayer. But the 20-month-old Korean War continued. Men had to go into battle—and die.

Gen. James A. Van Fleet munched turkey with the Fifth Regimental Combat Team, a unit he commanded 20 years ago.

The husky U. S. Eighth Army commander could see only a handful of the ground troops under his command. But he already had issued stirring words which reached the ears of many over Armed Forces Radio and through service publications.

"Godless communism," Van Fleet said, "Wants no peace until the free peoples of the world have all been enslaved under their world government."

"We, as Army men, can only do our best under God to fight to keep our own families and our own countries free from the Communist menace that is ready to swallow each of our countries separately unless we all stick together," he said.

Van Fleet voiced the thoughts of thousands when he said families back home at their Thanksgiving Day dinner tables are "thanking God that our lives have been spared in this terrible war."

Van Fleet told his men that on Thanksgiving last year, "we thought that peace would be here before Thanksgiving came around again."

"But it is communism we are fighting," he said, "not the innocent North Koreans or the Chinese people."

The turkey-plus-trimmings meal was laid before every American soldier who could be reached. Troops of the other 21 Allied nations in the Korean conflict also had turkey on their menus. Messmen dished out an average of 1½ pounds of turkey per man.

Ike Puts Aside Problems For Thanksgiving Holiday

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Dwight Eisenhower put aside the problems of state for today and, like any other American, sat down to a Thanksgiving turkey with his family.

He had no appointments and did not plan to visit his offices in downtown New York.

The general could look back on a week of heavy labor.

He has now named all but two of the nine members of his Cabinet. The secretaries of labor and commerce are not yet designated. Along with that, he announced his choices for a number of other top-level offices in the administration he is forming.

At the same time, he has been getting up-to-the-minute reports Korea, discussing future legislation, financial problems relating to taxation and the budget, talking politics, and conferring with officials of the united nations.

He apparently intends to make up for time lost on the holiday today by working overtime this week end.

His press secretary, James C. Hagerty, said visitor lists have been made up for both Saturday and Sunday, and that more announcements of designations for office will be made then.

Before he left his offices yesterday for the holiday, Eisenhower announced designations of two more men for key posts.

They were William P. Rogers of Bethesda, Md., for the office of deputy attorney-general, and Arthur Vandenberg Jr. as White House secretary.

Rogers, 39, made a reputation as special counsel for Senate committees that investigated cases involving corruption in government and disloyalty. Before that, he was a member of Thomas E. Dewey's staff when Dewey was at the peak of his crime-busting career as district attorney of New York.

Vandenberg, 45, was an assistant to his father, the late Sen. Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan. He served two years with the International Basic Economic Corporation, ct irise, 18 months of it in Brazil.

One of the most important sessions of Eisenhower's day was a conference with tiny, dynamic Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, assistant secretary of defense in charge of manpower. Mrs. Rosenberg returned from Korea last week end.

She said she came to New York to report to the President-elect on her findings in the war zone. She disclosed few details in talking with reporters later.

She indicated she is not available for a post in Eisenhower's administration.

Eisenhower's last visitor of the day was Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, of Maryland.

A few hours before he came to the general's headquarters, McKeldin made a speech in which he predicted Eisenhower's government will go for the roots in seeking out corruption and influence peddling in Washington.

"Many who think they have fixed things with the attorney general and escaped their just penalties may find their cases reopened," McKeldin told an audience in New York's Town Hall Forum.

When he reached Eisenhower's offices, McKeldin said he is neither available for a government post nor interested in one.

JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — In this fairly quiet period of waiting until the Republicans take over, most of the men in the top jobs under the Democrats aren't saying much. They may be busy packing their bags.

Certainly since election—up until yesterday—none of them attempted any shakeups or major changes in his department or agency. This might be due to the belief that the Republicans, who had promised to re-arrange the furniture anyway, might undo what they did.

So it was almost astonishing when Carl R. Gray, head of the Veterans Administration, yesterday announced that right away he was going to go ahead with some changes in V. A., just as if there had been no election.

Some veterans organizations blessed his plans, but the verdict was not unanimous, and Gray and the V. A. will probably be a lively topic of conversation between now and Jan. 20, when Gen. Eisenhower becomes president, and for some time after.

Whether or not Gray hopes to keep his job under Eisenhower was a question he wouldn't answer, even when asked. In fact, when asked about it at a news conference, he said: "I don't think that has a damned thing to do with what's going on here."

Explaining that he hoped to save the taxpayers 10 million dollars, Gray said his plan aimed at streamlining V. A. by setting up three major departments in his agency.

One will handle medical and surgical care for veterans. Another will be in charge of insurance. Another will take care of such benefits as claims, loan guarantees and vocational training.

Gray said that instead of having a dozen operating agencies directly responsible to him, there will now be three, headed by deputy administrators.

"I want to do everything that's right," Gray said, when quizzed as to why he was going through with his plan now when the Republicans, who may have other ideas, will be here so soon.

Lodge May Head U.N.

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — The Worcester Telegram said today that Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., Massachusetts Republican defeated in his bid for re-election, probably will head the U. S. delegation to the United Nations.

He would succeed 73-year-old Warren R. Austin.

The paper quoted a source close to President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, whom Lodge is now serving as liaison man, as saying that only an unforeseen emergency requiring Lodge's services elsewhere would prevent his appointment after Eisenhower is inaugurated.

Lodge could not be reached for comment.

Vet Makes First Speech

LONDON (AP) — Members of the House of Lords sat back in astonishment yesterday when Lord Chester arose to speak on a problem of parish elections.

It wasn't the subject that startled them. It was the fact that the 76-year-old peer was making his first speech after 21 years' membership in the house.

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