

US Has Come A Long Way Since Wartime Holidays

By ARTHUR EVERETT

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a Thanksgiving Day, with many an empty chair at the dinner table. Some such empty chairs never again were to be filled.

In Italy, the British 8th Army threw a beachhead across the River Sangro. "Lighting in extremely bad conditions of mud and rain." Then the dead were counted.

British and American bombers were over France. Five failed to return. On Formosa, an Allied air raid wiped out 31 Japanese aircraft.

At home, a boys' parade in New York featured the hangings in effigy of Germany's Hitler, Japan's Tojo. And at the base of the Statue of Liberty, a religious group prayed for an end to the war.

That was Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1943, at the height of World War II—just 10 years ago today.

Americans have come a long way together through the past decade, and today is another Thanksgiving Day.

Beats there a heart anywhere in this great nation so forlorn that it can bespeak no thanks this holiday? If so, perhaps it can be softened by the moving finger of history, and the poet's pure, sweet song. Many years ago, before the first Thanksgiving, William Shakespeare played:

"O Lord! that lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness."

For what? Well, let's look back on the Thanksgivings of the last decade.

1944

The fortunes of war were improving for America but, nevertheless, in the words of a current historian, Thanksgiving was "the bleakest we have known in years."

Allied forces were fighting in the streets of Strasbourg. Allied bombs rained down on Tokyo in full daylight. American combat troops on Leyte were soaked with rain. But there were thanks in fighting men's hearts.

"For life is sweet, and after life is death"—A. C. Swinburne (1837-1909).

At home, turkey sold at 49 cents a pound—but there were few to be had. Civilians were urged to substitute unrationed roast veal.

Many a turkey dinner was served on a tray to a blind or maimed or mentally unbalanced veteran, hopelessly imprisoned in a service hospital.

"Words are but empty thanks"—Colley Cibber (1671-1757).

The weather was fair and only 36 persons died in highway traffic—compared to 115 in peacetime Thanksgivings before gas shortages.

Seven states still adhered to the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving, although President Roosevelt had moved the holiday ahead a week in 1939.

"Thanksgiving, like ambassador Cabinet officers and others smeared with political ointment, depends for its existence on presidential appointment"—Ogden Nash (1901-).

Roosevelt, incidentally, ate his last Thanksgiving dinner.

1945

Peace made this a day of profound Thanksgiving for the first time in four years—at least in America. But Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was in Washington to plead for congressional aid for war-ravaged Europe.

American religious talks were broadcast over Radio Tokyo. Stilled at last were the dulcet enticements of Tokyo Rose, the nasal hysteria of Japan's war lords.

Many fighting men ate their last

holiday meal abroad, while awaiting a transport home.

"Dear the people coming home, dear glad faces long away . . . Dear the thanks, too, that we give for all of this Thanksgiving Day"—H. P. Spofford (1835-1921).

Travel was heavy, almost at a prewar level. It rained in New York.

General Motors Corp. was on strike and 150,000 employees were in the midst of their longest, costliest walkout. In Washington, transit workers were out and the government was ordered to operate the lines.

A former senator from Missouri, Harry S. Truman, ate his first Thanksgiving dinner in the White House.

1946

Great was America's bounty this Thanksgiving and deep its thanks. But hunger crouched astride Europe like a culture.

"Many have been our blessings in contrast to other people," remarked an American general,

Anthony Quinn has Strange Career in Movie Industry

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Anthony Quinn might not have won last year's supporting actor Oscar if he hadn't lost a lot of money a few years ago.

Sound strange? To understand the story you have to know something about Tony's career.

He started out in the movies with contracts to Paramount and then Warners. But neither studio could quite figure out what to do with him. The guy was too versatile; he didn't fit the leading-man pattern. He continued making a good living by playing character parts, but he wasn't satisfied.

"I knew I could continue with what I was doing," he remarked, "but I wasn't getting ahead in the business. I decided to learn all I could about acting."

And so he moved East with his family—he's married to Cecil B. de Mille's daughter Katherine. His first try at the legit was "Gentleman From Athens," a flop. But that didn't discourage him. Producer Irene Selznick liked him in it and offered him the Marlon Brando role in the road company of "A Streetcar Named Desire."

"I toured in that play for two years," he recalled. "After that I did two more plays, both flops. I took a real financial beating. For two years afterward, I was paying off \$500 a week to make up for what I lost."

But the investment paid off in gold, both the cashable kind and the gold-plated Academy Award (for "Viva Zapata!"). He has already made five pictures this year and is still going strong. At present he is playing a Mickey Spillane hero in "The Long Walk," his first modern dress picture in some time.

"I've had to learn the English language all over again," said Tony, who has lived here most of his life. "I've played a Mexican in the last few pictures in Hollywood. I just came back from making three in Italy. In one, I spoke English with a Sicilian accent. In another, I talked Italian. The other was 'Ulysses,' in which I had to talk with a Greek accent."

Tony has been working at a furious pace, but he seems to thrive on it.

"I wouldn't know what to do if I weren't busy," he explained. "Why, in Italy I was doing three

pictures at the same time. And when I came home at night I went to work on a novel! But I never felt better. I lost my excess weight and I felt strong as an ox. My wife understands. She knows that I'd go nuts if I didn't keep busy with a lot of things."

Spanking Charge Filed

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP)—A high school principal was charged with assault and battery after he spanked one of his students.

M. G. Anderson, head of North Side High School, was accused in a warrant obtained yesterday by A. G. Neely, father of the 14-year-old pupil, Randolph Neely.

Neely said his son yelled while seated in a school bus Nov. 13 and Anderson took him out of the bus and whipped him with a tennis racket.

The boy's finger was so badly cut it required a stitch, the warrant stated.

Anderson said young Neely "let out a war-whoop" while he was talking to the students.

"I asked him to come to my office. There I used a table-tennis paddle and do not deny that I whipped him, for he needed it."

A hearing will be held Dec. 5.

Meanest Man Robs Blind Man

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Leroy Herman Ashley, 32-year-old Indian, was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing a 25-cent sandwich from a blind man.

Roy Manley, deputy U. S. marshal who made the arrest, said he saw Ashley give the blind operator of a news stand a nickel for a paper, then take the sandwich.

The Indian was held under \$1,000 bond.

Be Prepared is Really His Motto

TISHOMINGO, Okla. (AP)—Douglas Brasher, 84, felled a big walnut tree on his land. He hauled the logs to a mill, and then took the lumber to a friend in Denison, Tex., who fashioned a casket.

"They think I'm pretty silly to want a casket," he smiled, "but I just tell them the time to prepare for war is during peace."

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to their temples, Christians to their churches.

"Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think"—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882).

In Tokyo, Gen. Douglas MacArthur interrupted a heavy work schedule to eat turkey with his family.

At home, 107 Americans died in traffic. There was mixed weather, snow in the North, sun in the South, rain in the West.

1948

It was, perhaps, the finest Thanksgiving to the decade. The Marshall Plan was funneling American aid overseas.

Displaced persons arrived in America in a steady stream, lasting for the first time the delights of a Thanksgiving holiday.

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free"—Emma Lazarus (1849-1897).

Turkey prices hit new highs, from 79 to 85 cents a pound.

A long, costly East Coast dock strike was settled.

An airliner caught fire in Los Angeles, but passengers and crew escaped unharm.

On New York's Bowery, a lady bum got a free meal and a chance at rehabilitation, moving her to tears as she exclaimed:

"It's the best Thanksgiving Day I ever had."

1949

A quiet, peaceful Thanksgiving, the last America was to know in four years.

"Rest and be thankful"—anon.

The traffic toll hit Thanksgiving high of 123.

The West German government pledged itself to an antiwar policy. Britain's House of Lords voted that nation a step nearer steel nationalization.

The President of Turkey received an American turkey from Western breeders.

Turkey prices were down a bit, but still high. Dinner at home for four averaged \$3.07—in a restaurant \$6 a head.

The weather was mostly fair. Japanese students dined as guests in American homes in several states.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the President's widow, entertained the Shah of Iran at Hyde Park, N.Y.

Milton Berle, the hottest thing on television, tumbled from a lead float in Macy's parade, landed smiling and unhurt.

1950

War, again, and a Thanksgiving clouded by suffering, the taste gone from the turkey, the sparkle from the air.

"Once to every man and nation, comes the moment to decide, in the strife of truth and falsehood, for the good or evil side"—James

R. Lowell (1819-1891).

America and the United Nations had made their choice in Korea. There a final, home-by-Christmas drive was poised against Red Korea. It was to end three days later with China's entry into the war.

Long Island's Thanksgiving was shrouded in gloom after death claimed 79 persons in a railroad wreck at Richmond Hill, Queens.

"I knock unbidden once at every gate"—J. J. Ingalls (1833-1900).

The weather was bracing, but a big storm was building up and 22 states lay in its path.

President Truman spent a third Thanksgiving in Blair House, awaiting the rehabilitation of the White House.

1951

Korean truce talks were under way. A hope for an armistice by Christmas buoyed America this Thanksgiving. American casualties neared the 100,000 mark.

"In the midst of battle, in the roar of conflict, they found the serenity of death"—R. G. Ingersoll (1833-1899).

Vice President Alben Barkley spent the day before his 74th birthday dining with American jet pilots at a rain-swept Korean base. President Truman ate turkey at Key West, Fla.

A record crop of 52 million turkeys had cackled their last cackle. Many of them ended up in front-line Korean bunkers or were dropped by helicopter to troops isolated on Heartbreak Ridge.

In Lansing, Mich., a mother marked the homecoming of her three sons from Korea—one dead, one crippled, one wounded. She sobbed:

"I'm so happy my boys are home."

1952

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