

Best, Biggest New Year Night Since War Seen

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Best and biggest New Year celebrations since the war II were in prospect today in the great cities of the nation—sparked by the belief that peace will have been achieved in 1954.

Now, the sales of champagne in comparison to last holiday period. And from New York to San Francisco, the night clubs expected the crowds of the postwar era.

with the hoop-la, many are gathered in churches for religious services bidding farewell to the old year and praying for the peace, health and prosperity that 1953 did not assure.

And as America planned to go forth for its usual jolliment, the National Safety Council broadcast its usual grim reminder. It predicted a possible 360 highway fatalities for the nation's three-day holiday weekend.

President Eisenhower will attend a small celebration at the clubhouse of the Augusta, Ga., National Golf Club, adjacent to the holiday White House. But he'll go to work early on New Year's Day on his State of the Union message to Congress.

Only 900 miles from the North Pole—at Thule, Greenland—the men at Uncle Sam's most isolated base will be entertained by Arthur Godfrey and 11 of his entourage.

Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbot, Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, commander of the Strategic Air Command, and their wives flew there last night with the Godfrey group.

Despite estimates that it would cost most of a \$100 bill at New York's swankier night spots to see the old year out, most managers expected to hang out the standing-room-only sign early. The biggest city's night clubs, taverns and hotels took out 3,402 special "all night" permits to let guests tipple past the regulation 4 a.m. deadline. It was the greatest number ever issued.

Police assigned 850 cops to the traditional midnight turnout in Times Square. Last year the crowd was estimated at 200,000—one of the smallest in years. It may be larger tonight.

The nation's capital—and federal offices everywhere—close down at noon today in accord with a presidential order.

Elsewhere in the United States traditional parades were in the offing. Miami, Fla., prepared for one tonight—the 20th annual Orange Jamboree.

Philadelphia Mummers also were getting ready for their annual march in comic dress tomorrow down historic Broad street. Across the continent, finishing touches were put on 59 flower-decked floats for the annual New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Review. The theme this year—Famous Books in Flowers.

San Francisco expected the usual mob scene on Market street. From 6 o'clock on tonight, only pedestrians will be allowed on the key three miles of the main thoroughfare.

Tolling up the slopes of Pikes Peak, near Colorado Springs, Colo., today were three members of the AdAmAn and eight guests. They will welcome the New Year with fireworks visible below—provided clouds do not obscure the 14,110-foot summit. It's an annual AdAmAn stunt.

Some 412,000 American sports fans already had paid an estimated \$1,728,000 to watch nine football "bowl" games on New Year's Day. The daddy of them all—Pasadena's Rose Bowl—was due to draw the biggest crowd—just over 100,000—to see Michigan State meet UCLA.

Beyond the Iron Curtain, in Moscow, there will be countless parties in hotels, "palaces of culture" and workers' clubs. Big restaurants, like Moscow's Hotel Metropol, have been sold out for months at 140 rubles (\$35) per person. That includes dinner and champagne.



A HORRIFYING STORY of how Harold Greenwood, Klamath Falls contractor, forced his 4-year-old stepson to put his hand three times on a hot stove was told in District Court. The victim, Barney Allen Best, is pictured demonstrating to officers how he was burned. The child was treated by a physician for first and second degree burns.

—Photo Courtesy of Sheriff Murray Britton

Jail Sentence Meted Man For Burning Boy's Hands

A 28-year-old Klamath Falls stonemason who admitted forcing his 4-year-old stepson to put his hands three times on a hot stove was sentenced to one year in jail Wednesday afternoon.

The child torturer, Harold Greenwood, 2505 Hope St., said he was trying to teach the boy not to play with fire. He pleaded guilty to a cruelty charge filed by County Juvenile Officer Francis Mathews.

The victim is Barney Allen Best who suffered first and second degree burns on both hands.

Before passing sentence on Greenwood, District Judge D. E. Van Vactor called him a "mean, sadistic person." He also told the defendant he was "lower than a snake."

Juvenile Officer Mathews testified that the burned child told him that Greenwood placed his hands on the burning stove.

"This is the worst case of its kind of which I have any knowledge," Judge Van Vactor declared. "You say you were trying to teach the child not to play with fire. How could you expect a little boy like him to understand what you were doing. Why didn't you set his clothing on fire—that might have taught him not to play with fire."

The court ordered Greenwood to serve one year, which is the maximum sentence prescribed by law, at Rocky Butte Jail in Multnomah County.

KF Marine In Picture

The John C. Cox portrayed in an Associated Press photo printed in a Portland paper Wednesday morning is one of the Marines who was stationed here during the war years.

A call from Bill Mills this morning identified Cox as a resident of the barracks on the hill during 1944-45 where he was noted as a basketball star.

The picture described the events that occurred when the Cox's three-year-old son fell through a hole in the ice. He was rescued by his father who managed to revive the lad.

Insane Killer In State Hospital
DETROIT (AP)—The man who shot a nationally known heart specialist to death on a Detroit street because he didn't like doctors has been committed to the care of doctors.

Recorder Judge W. McKay Skillman yesterday ordered the commitment of John Sherback, 51-year-old slayer of Dr. Edward Spalding Nov. 30, to the Ionia State Hospital for the Criminally Insane.

Indian Troops Make Count Of Chinese War Prisoners

PANMUNJOM (AP)—Indian troops made a year-end head count of Chinese war prisoners in their custody today and 135 of the 4,385 checked asked to return to Communist China.

An Indian spokesman emphasized that the count was not a screening and did not substitute for interviews, which ended Dec. 23. However, Indian guards gave prisoners wishing to return home every chance to ask for repatriation.

There was no indication whether the count would be extended to the pro-Communist North Camp, which holds 22 Americans who refused to return home.

Nor was there any indication whether the count would be extended to North and South Koreans or the one Englishman in custody. The 135 of 4,385 tally was about 3.1 per cent, approximately the same as for the 10 days when prisoners attended explanations.

Officially, the count is being made to give the Indian command an opportunity to check its prisoner rosters and to find out exactly how many captives it holds.

An Indian spokesman emphasized that "any requests for repatriation must be regarded as entirely incidental to the head count." But observers pointed out that the method used approached a de facto screening.

Prisoners walked one at a time into the wire-enclosed corridor around the compound and were handed a piece of paper on which each wrote his name and serial number.

The prisoners were kept several feet apart as they moved along the so-called chicken run to a gate where they handed the slip of paper to an Indian officer for checking against a master roster.

Each captive was alone with the officer for several seconds—long enough to ask to go back to Red China if he wished.

The count began in enclosure B, which has 10 compounds holding Chinese prisoners listed as refusing to go back to Communist rule. Prisoners from a few compounds were interviewed by Red explainers prior to Dec. 23. Many of the captives, however, have not been asked whether they want to return home.

Approximately 20,000 anti-Communist prisoners and 100 pro-Communist—including 22 Americans—were not interviewed during the 90-day period provided by the Korean armistice.

Two months ago Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, Indian chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission, said he could easily screen all prisoners who were not interviewed to give each man a final chance to go home.

Later the Indians all but discarded any plans for a formal screening after learning that the Communists opposed such a procedure.

However, Indian officers indicated they felt a strong moral responsibility to give each prisoner an opportunity to request repatriation.

One source pointed out that the main requirement for a screening is merely to separate the men who want to go home from anti-Communist leaders who bring pressure against them.

The technique used by the Indians in making their head count fulfilled this requirement. The only thing lacking was the deliberate offering of a choice.

Shoulders Will Fight Jury Charge
ST. LOUIS (AP)—Former Police Lt. Louis Shoulders, a veteran officer who has survived investigations in the past, now is prepared to fight a federal perjury indictment in an aftermath of the Greenlease kidnapping.

Shoulders, patient and smiling for photographers, posted \$10,000 bond here yesterday to remain free while awaiting a call to Kansas City by federal authorities. The bond was posted for Shoulders by a professional bondsman.

The date of Shoulders' arraignment has not yet been announced, but his attorney, Henry G. Morris, told newsmen: "It becomes necessary to enter a plea, it certainly will be one of not guilty."

It was Morris, too, who said Shoulders would fight the perjury charge "all the way" and will "meet the issues as they come."

A Kansas City grand jury Tuesday charged in its indictment that the 55-year-old former St. Louis police officer gave false testimony in describing his handling of suitcases containing a portion of the record \$600,000 Greenlease ransom money.

A little more than half of the ransom still is missing.

Shoulders has stated the suitcases were brought to a district police station along with Carl Austin Hall—since executed with his accomplice, Bonnie Brown Heady, for the kidnap-slaying of 6-year-old Bobby Greenlease—shortly after his arrest on the night of Oct. 6.

The jury, after studying testimony of other witnesses, alleged Shoulders' statement to be untrue.

No Lynchings During 1953

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (AP)—For the second year in a row, there were no lynchings in the United States in 1953, Tuskegee Institute announced yesterday.

But the famed Negro college said it is dropping its annual lynching report for a more realistic index of race relations.

Hereafter racial progress will be measured with a new formula—social, economic, political, educational and similar factors, said Dr. L. H. Foster, Tuskegee's president.

Dr. Foster said mob violence is no longer a valid index of race relations and that lynchings have lost their significance as a yardstick of race relations because of "changes in the status of the Negro and the development of other extra-legal means of control, such as bombings, incendiarism, threats and intimidation, etc."

The Tuskegee president said the study will make comparisons in four categories—economic relationship, voter participation, education, and employment.

Although the death rate from mob action has steadily gone down through the years, the nation escaped only once before without lynch slaying. That was in 1952.

COSTLY
BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—Oranges, making their annual appearance for the holidays, are 10 per cent cheaper this year. The imported fruit costs the equivalent of \$1.25 a pound.

PLAY
BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—A three-act play about Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, called "Loyalty," has opened in a Budapest theater.

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CIO Brass Flouts Ike

WASHINGTON (AP)—The CIO's research and education director, Stanley H. Rutenburg, has refused appointment by President Eisenhower to an advisory board for the Point Four overseas technical aid program.

In a letter he made public last night, Rutenburg told the President it was "inconceivable" that he should first hear of his appointment through the newspapers, and he added:

"It is also inconceivable to me that any labor person . . . could accept an appointment to any board under the supervision of Mr. (Harold E.) Stassen's Foreign Operations Administration in view of Mr. Stassen's denunciation of the labor operation and functions in that agency."

Unemployment Figures Told

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Recent and planned layoffs of employees in industry and railroads which employ nearly 20 million workers, total 53,000 a survey has disclosed.

The nation's total unemployed, as of November, was 1,428,000, an increase of only 10,000 from November 1952. Of the 61,925,000 workers in all gainful occupations in November, 15,711,000 were in manufacturing industries and 2,950,000 in railroads.

The Associated Press survey showed that most of the 53,000 workers were laid off in the last few weeks or face unemployment by the middle of January. Although most of the layoffs appeared to be of the long-term type, there appeared openings in other fields.

Railroads and related industries appeared hardest hit by the recent layoffs, the Associated Press survey disclosed. At least 18,880 rail workers have lost their jobs or face unemployment in the near future.

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Pacific reached a new operating efficiency in its vast postwar improvement program, President D. J. Russell said today in a year-end review of the railroad's operations.

Time high in operating was set in rolling up a \$3,040 gross ton-miles per train hour, 53 per cent more than in 1952.

Pacific's gross operations in 1953 will be about 10 per cent less than the all-time high in 1952, the rail president said.

Improvements made in the company's freight hauling services helped make possible the fastest freight haulage in the history of the railroad.

Through the utilization of the railroad's trucking subsidiaries, the time for less than carload shipments has been shortened in a number of instances.

Further improvements are contemplated. Highlights of Russell's review:

More than three-quarters of Pacific's freight hauling being done by diesel locomotives.

Pacific's postwar purchases of locomotives have averaged one diesel unit every two months.

Pacific took delivery of 6,700 new freight cars in 1953. More than half of freight cars now in use are postwar equipment.

SP acquired 38,500 freight cars in 1953. They were placed for 25 more passenger cars in delivery in 1954.

The major improvements in 1953 and scheduled for 1954 is a 99-mile line of remote control train, tying into a 98-mile line completed this year in the Mountains of Southern California.

Non-lateral service for road's trucking subsidiaries augmented during several months of the year.

Philadelphia (AP)—Authorities probed the scorched hull of a ship yesterday in the early fog on the Delaware River. Bodies have been recovered from the river. Four other bodies are missing and presumed dead.

A craft, meanwhile, conducted patrol of the crash south of Wilmington, Del., but 25 miles below Philadelphia.

The 19,000-ton Atlantic liner and the 10,600-ton Albatross, both owned by the American Lines Co., arrived at the ship's docks here last night. U.S. Coast Guard and customs officials were permitted

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