



Strange Events Reported On New York's Wall Street

NEW YORK (UP) — Some strange things happened in Wall Street Friday— all of them attributable to Christmas.

Trading came to a halt on the New York Stock Exchange for several minutes and a giant bank made a loan without collateral or even a signature.

Activity at the world's biggest securities exchange halted when 45 boys between the ages of seven and 13 entered the exchange's visitors gallery overlooking the trading floor.

All eyes saw them. Trading stopped immediately and about four million dollars worth of business was delayed. There was a hush, one similar to the two minutes of silence on Armistice Day.

Then a lone soprano voice began singing "Silent Night." The other members of the world-famous St. Vincent Ferrer Boys' choir joined in. Their voices drifted over the huge trading floor and filled the cavernous room.

Veteran stock traders admitted

later they were deeply moved by the appearance and singing of the boys, dressed in red cassocks, white surplices, red caps, white gloves and red ties.

A thunderous ovation followed the singing of the hymn.

Earlier, the boys sang carols outside the exchange during the lighting of a mammoth Christmas tree on Broad St.

After the ceremonies, the boys were taken to a nearby restaurant for lunch.

Their singing so impressed Keith Funston, president of the exchange, that he decided to give each one a silver dollar. This touched off some high finance not frequently seen in Wall Street.

Somewhere ran over to the Chase Manhattan Bank—the nation's second largest—and negotiated a quick short-term loan for 50 cartwheels.

Silver dollars—or cartwheels—may be old stuff to the school boys of San Francisco and other western centers, but they're rare things in these parts.

At first the boys were a little skeptical about the monetary value of the glistening silver pieces. But once convinced the cartwheels were as good as four quarters any day, the boys were willing to relieve the exchange of a few more.

New Real Estate Agent Named

Laedie Tofell of Malin, has been appointed exclusive local representative for United Farm Agency at Malin and surrounding territory.

It was announced today by C. A. Peterson from his Eugene office. Peterson is district sales manager for United for the state of Oregon. The United Farm Agency, one of the nation's largest sellers of rural real estate has its home offices in Kansas City, Missouri, with branch offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis and Springfield, Missouri.

Tofell has been engaged in farming in Klamath County for the past several years and at present still owns his own farm near Malin.

"We are very happy to bring this new farm brokerage service to this fine community," stated Peterson in announcing the appointment, "and to have secured a man with Mr. Tofell's qualifications to open our new office here. Such an association will, we feel, be a most beneficial one for himself, for the community in which he operates, and for our company."

'Prettiest Girl' Jailed In Denver

DENVER (UP) — "The prettiest girl I ever judged," was the way investigator Ray Humphreys described Maude Margaret Dobbins, 20.

Humphreys, with the district attorney's office, returned the girl here with Lee R. Thompson, 29, on charges of confidence game and conspiracy.

They are accused of giving a University of Denver student a forged check for \$225 in exchange for two diamond rings. They were arrested at Oklahoma City.

Maude told Humphreys Friday she won second place in a 4-H foods competition in Arizona seven years ago. She was married at 17, she said, but was separated from her husband last May and moved to Ontario, Ore., to Boise, where she worked as a waitress. She said she got to know "all the cops in Boise."

The short-haired brunette said she and Thompson were heading for Chicago when they were arrested.

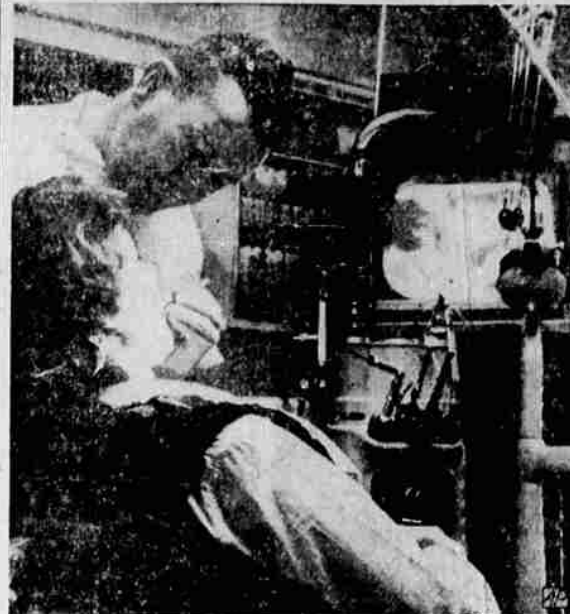
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Lattimore Blasts Dulles

HARTFORD, Conn. (UP) — Owen Lattimore, denied the use of an auditorium owned by an insurance company, made a speech Friday night before an overflow audience at the First Methodist Church.

The world is "moving away from war toward some kind of competitive co-existence," the Far East expert, a lecturer in history at Johns Hopkins University, told the estimated 800 in his audience. He spoke under the sponsorship of the Hartford chapter of the Civil Liberties Union.

A spokesman for the Phoenix Fire Insurance Co. said the company withdrew its previously granted permission for use of its

auditorium for Lattimore's appearance because it wanted to avoid a situation which "might lead to pickets and violence."

Declaring "we have the weakest foreign service of any great country dealing with the problem of Asia, and especially in China," Lattimore asserted it has now come to be "of secondary importance" that a foreign service officer "know anything about the Far East."

It is of "primary importance," he said that such foreign service officer be "politically acceptable."

Lattimore hit at Secretary of State Dulles and Henry Cabot Lodge, chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations. He accused them of "mumbling and bumbling" in opposing the admission of Outer Mongolia to the U.N. and also in connection with "the situation in Formosa."

Santa To Receive Students' Help

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Santa will get a big assist this year from Oregon State College students who are planning parties and gifts for needy groups before heading home for Christmas vacations.

More than 20 student living groups have scheduled special "Christmas cheer" projects this year.

Included are parties for youngsters from the Children's Farm Home near Corvallis; toys for distributions by various relief organizations; gifts for patients in state hospitals; and child-care institutions; and some relief packages to be sent abroad. Some of the groups also have adopted needy families and will provide food baskets and holiday gifts.

Lattimore, long a controversial figure, was indicted on seven counts of committing perjury before the Senate Internal Security Committee. A federal district judge dismissed two counts, including the main one that accused him of lying when he denied he had been a follower or promoter of the Communist line. The government dropped the remaining counts.

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Ike Administration Plans Huge Foreign Aid Request

WASHINGTON (UP) — The administration is preparing to ask Congress next month for a whopping \$5,140,000,000 in foreign economic and military aid, it was learned Saturday.

This would be about 2½ billion more than Congress approved last year.

Working Students Earnings Told

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Nearly 1,500 students helped "work their way through" Oregon State College last year with their combined earnings totaling a record \$117,690.

Mrs. Rose Duthie, employment-housing secretary for the college, reported her office helped 1,430 men and 345 women students and student wives find part-time work during the regular school year and summer session.

The total earnings included \$103,537 cash received and \$14,153 in work for board, room and rent.

Increasing enrollments are bringing more calls for students for jobs. Mrs. Duthie noted, but growth and business expansion in the Corvallis area have brought a corresponding increase in the number of jobs available.

The new request would be for fiscal 1957, which begins next July 1.

Well placed administration sources contended that the big request may have tough sledding in Congress, especially in an election year. But experts believe the administration may have some success with the request if it can convince the lawmakers the money is needed to counteract Communist moves.

The request breaks down this way: Military—\$3,240,000,000. This is \$2,240,000,000 more than Congress approved last year.

Economic aid—\$1,900,000,000. This is about 300 million more than Congress voted last year.

The big increase only partly reflects efforts to combat new Communist moves.

Officials said the hike in military aid was required for these two reasons:

1. Congress last year cut the administration request for military aid from about \$1,700,000,000 to about one billion. That slash

seriously depleted the military pipeline supplying American allies with weapons. The administration now needs a hike in military funds to fill the pipeline hole.

2. Some military equipment that had been supplied U. S. allies during recent years is beginning to get old and obsolete. The administration therefore needs funds to replace some of this old equipment.

Officials emphasized that the decision to seek a big increase in aid funds does not represent a sudden shift in administration thinking. They said the figures have been considered since early this summer and were not affected by the Czech arms deal with Egypt or the recent tougher Soviet diplomatic offensive.

The new requests have been approved by the Budget Bureau. But officials emphasized they are still subject to change until President Eisenhower sends his budget message to Congress about Jan. 17.

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