

Truman Pardons 1,523 Draft-Act Violators



MOSTLY CLOUDY

Seattle and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with occasional rain today, tonight and tomorrow. High temperature both afternoons, near 50 degrees; low tonight, 42. Gentle to moderate southerly winds. (Complete weather report, Page 7.)

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Hit-Run Auto Injures Jerry, Who Learned To Walk a 2nd Time



JERRY LYSKOSKI

X-rays will show how badly his knee is hurt

Five years ago, Jerry Lyskoski, son of Sheriff's Detective Capt. Adam W. Lyskoski, fell on a parking lot while running, and severed a nerve in the back of his left knee, numbing the leg so he could not walk.

Three operations were performed to tie the nerve together and finally a bone block was set in the ankle, stiffening it, so Jerry could walk and run. He spent 13 months in the hospital.

Last night a hit-run motorist struck Jerry's motor-bike, and the troublesome leg was injured again, so seriously he was unable to walk. His parents expressed the hope that the accident may have ruined all that surgeons' efforts and time could do to restore use of the boy's injured leg.

Blind Win Test Cases In Fight on Aid Cuts

Two test cases aimed at forcing the state to restore cuts in aid to blind persons had passed their first hurdle today, and the Washington State Association of the Blind expressed hope that all blind persons will receive increased aid.

One test case, heard yesterday in Wenatchee before Superior Judge Fred Kemp, was that of Howard Stroob, a blind paralytic, whose aid was cut last May from \$155 a month to \$122. Judge Kemp sent the case back to the Department of Public Welfare with a request that it be rebudgeted.

In a similar Seattle case, Superior Judge Clay Allen ordered the department to reconsider the reduction for Miss Blanch Clifton Terry, 3403 Beacon Ave., from \$76 to \$55 a month.

"The important question is that the department, itself, cannot fix arbitrarily the grants of individuals to the exclusion of items necessary to the welfare of the individuals," Judge Allen said. He said the department was "capricious" in excluding telephone, laundry and dry-cleaning items.

George C. Kinnear, Seattle attorney and legislator, represented Miss Terry without compensation, "because of my interest in the welfare program."

Arthur B. Dunbar, of the blind association, helped in both cases, assisted by Lyle von Erickson, Spokane, and Russell Rawling, Wenatchee. All three are blind.

Large slices were cut from grants of 596 blind persons when new regulations went into effect last May. Budgets to the blind were figured on the same basis as senior-citizen grants, excluding such items as telephone, dry cleaning, laundry and medical care.

U.S. TO QUIT CANAL BASES PANAMA WILL NOT LEASE

Anderson's Speculator List Called 'Irrelevant'

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Harold E. Stassen today challenged the administration to say whether any present or former officials in the "executive department of the White House" traded in commodities prior to big government purchases early in 1947.

Stassen also asked in a statement whether White House and other past and present government officials made a "huge profit at the steep climb of prices which followed the governmental buying."

Congress Asked Names

Stassen first charged two weeks ago that "insiders" in the government had profited from commodity trading. His assertions then led to disclosure that Edwin W. Pauley, special assistant to Army Secretary Royall, had been a big market speculator.

Pauley told a Senate committee he went into the market before taking the government post. He said he began getting out after taking it and never had inside information on government commodity-purchasing plans.

Since then, Congress has voted for publication of names of all big traders in commodities and two committees are investigating speculation.

Stassen, former Minnesota governor and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, attacked the issuance yesterday by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson of the first list of commodity traders asked by Congress.

It contained 711 names. Stassen said it was for the purpose of "confusion and distraction."

People 'Won't Be Fooled'

Stassen said he did not believe the people will "be fooled by a shower of irrelevant statistics" but will want answers to the questions he has asked.

The big question that the congressional committees say they will look into is whether there have been "leaks" of inside information to people who could profit from it.

Senator Knowland, Republican, California, said appropriations committee members are already at work studying the list which Anderson made public.

Those names are the first of some 14,000, which Anderson has said he will make public as rapidly as the lists can be prepared.

Anderson declared the first list to be a "disappointing" one to a public which he said had been led to believe that "government insiders" figured prominently in speculative operations.

More Names to Come

Anderson asserted that if there were any government officials trading in a big enough volume to influence prices, their names could have been expected to be on the list he made public yesterday. He added that the only public official on the list was Pauley.

Anderson agreed with questioners, however, that the first list did not necessarily include all the big traders who might have been in the markets during the past two years.

12 Are Injured In 2 Trieste Bombings

TRIESTE, Free Territory, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Twelve persons were injured in this city in two separate bombing incidents in the past 24 hours.

MACHINISTS WISH THEIR EMPLOYERS HAPPY NEW YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(UP)—Signs of the season: The International Association of Machinists today wished "the 1948 employers who are operating under signed contracts" with the independent union "a prosperous New Year."

"The Machinists send greetings to every employer," the union's weekly newspaper said. "We wish him a prosperous New Year and plenty of overtime work for every employee."

The Communications Workers of America, independent union of telephone workers, wished "even our organizing rivals, the C. I. O., peace and good will."

"After New Year's we will pick up where we left off and start stinging each other again," the union's weekly bulletin said.

CONSHIES ON LIST GETTING CIVIL RIGHTS

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Christmas pardons by President Truman today restored citizenship rights to 1,523 persons convicted of violating the wartime Draft Act. They included conscientious objectors and others.

Most, if not all, of those affected already have served their sentences. The effect of the President's proclamation is a blanket restoration of "political, civil and other rights."

The President acted on the recommendation of an Amnesty Board, which he set up a year ago and which reviewed 15,505 cases.

The board was headed by Owen J. Roberts, former associate justice of the Supreme Court. He was assisted by Willis Smith, Raleigh, N. C., attorney, and James F. O'Neill, former police chief of Manchester, N. H.

Northwest Pardons

Those pardoned included these men sentenced in Washington and Alaska Federal Courts, and the dates of sentencing:

Western Washington District Court—Walter Anderson, December 11, 1944; Clifford Martin Johnson, October 9, 1944; Thorger Johnson, October 9, 1943; Ralph Benjamin Lee, July, 1942, and February, 1944; Ted Perez D. Nieto, September 10, 1943; Charles A. Whitson, March 2, 1943; Warren Johnson, July 31, 1943; Edgar Ellis Kestner, April 10, 1945; James Robinson, September 26, 1942.

Alaska: Edward Nulorok, April 23, 1943.

15,505 Cases Considered

The board's report said that the 15,505 selective service violation cases considered included "approximately 10,000 willful violators, 4,300 Jehovah's Witnesses, 1,000 religious conscientious objectors and 500 other types."

The list of those pardoned did not indicate in which class the board placed each individual.

"Of this total," the report continued, "18 were granted presidential pardons of a year or more service with honorable discharges from the armed forces. An additional approximate 900 entered the armed forces and may be considered."

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13 Convicted For Breaking Up Meeting

GLENDALE, Calif., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Twelve American Legionnaires and one newspaper man were convicted today on two counts each of disturbing a political meeting.

Three newspaper men, similarly charged, were acquitted by Justice of the Peace Kenneth A. White.

Nine Legionnaires were sentenced to \$25 or five days in jail. The sentences were suspended.

H. C. Burkheimer, former Glendale publisher, and Stanley Lord, a Legionnaire, were fined \$250 or 125 days in jail. Orville Collins, commander of the Glendale Legion Post, was fined \$25 or five days on each of two counts, but the justice suspended one sentence.

Ralph Baker, a Legionnaire who read a statement at the home of Hugh Hardyman, where the meeting was held, was fined \$25 or five days on each count, with one sentence suspended.

The newspaper men acquitted were Salvador Felix, Herbert Brin and B. C. Burkheimer, the latter the son of the former publisher. A charge of battery against the elder Burkheimer was dismissed on motion of the district attorney.

Originally 20 men were charged with disrupting a Democratic meeting in November at the home of Hardyman.

Hardyman asserted the group burst into his home, called the gathering a meeting of the Progressive Citizens of America and demanded that it break up. The meeting, however, went on.

Col. William T. Perkins dies. Page 20.

JEWES LEAVE ITALY FOR PALESTINE



NEAR ROME—In U.S. Army surplus rubber rafts, illegal Jewish immigrants are shoved off from a beach near Rome by Hagana youths assigned to aid in the task. This operation took place December 11. The ship carrying these Jews, who named it Unafraid (or Al Tachiduni—You Can't Frighten Us), was captured yesterday by British destroyers and the passengers were taken to Cyprus. Today, the two-masted wooden schooner arrived in Haifa under British escort. J. Walter Green, Associated Press photographer, was taken in the dark of night—part of the time blindfolded—to make pictures of the departure from Italy.—A. P. wirephoto.

AID MAY COST 8 BILLIONS IN ONE YEAR—TAFT

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—American aid to Europe may exceed \$8,000,000,000 in one year if President Truman's long-range recovery proposal is not trimmed by Congress, Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, declared today.

Taft told reporters that if the President's request for \$6,800,000,000 for the first 15 months of the so-called Marshall Plan is granted, additional outlays of American money to Europe may total \$1,200,000,000 in the year beginning July 1.

Too Much Money

Commenting that he expects little of the original recovery funds to be spent before that date, the Ohio senator said Congress must keep in mind the necessity of providing about \$850,000,000 for German food.

Taft said European countries at the same time will be able to draw roughly \$350,000,000 in American money from the International Bank.

Taft, who has said that the President's program involves too much money, noted that wholly apart from this calculation, the Western European nations could be expected to obtain about \$500,000,000 from the International Stabilization Fund.

Taft also pointed to government reports which accompanied the President's Marshall Plan message indicating that exports of goods from the country for the next year will continue to exceed imports by about \$10,000,000,000.

Morse Urges Caution

"We can't export \$10,000,000,000 more than we import without continuing to have high prices," the Ohioan declared.

Meanwhile, Senator Morse, Republican, Oregon, who doesn't always follow the voting path of his G. O. P. colleagues, cautioned his party not to try to peddle "a political bill of goods" in acting on the Marshall Plan.

Morse told reporters he is "perfectly willing to go along with the Republican Party in any modification of the Marshall Plan that can be supported by adequate evidence."

While Taft and Morse were outlining their views, Democrats completed plans to include a four-minute discussion of Western European needs on a national radio program to be devoted otherwise solely to political topics.

Jack Redding, national committee publicity director, announced that Senate Minority Leader Barkley, Kentucky, will speak briefly from Paris January 2 on a 30-minute broadcast which the Democrats hope will be heard at 4,000 local meetings of party members.

Ten-Day Traffic Toll Increased to 17 Dead

Two traffic victims died today in Harborview County Hospital, increasing King County's traffic toll to 17 for the past ten days.

They were Albert Todd Mathews, 58-year-old assistant purchasing agent for the Bethlehem Steel Company, and John K. Johnson, 56, of 916 Eighth Ave. S.

Mathews was injured last Wednesday when he was struck by an automobile in East 45th Street near Fourth Avenue Northeast. Robert Deakin, 17, of 1511 Boylston Ave., driver of the car, told police Mathews stepped out of a parked car on the street side in the middle of the block. Deakin was not held.

Johnson was injured yesterday when he was struck by an automobile at Maynard Avenue and Dearborn Street. The driver, G. R. Housen, Jr., 24, of 4602 Henderson St., was charged with negligent driving and posted \$30 bail. Police said Johnson was not in a collision with the car.

The two fatalities increased Seattle's 1947 traffic-fatality toll to 55, compared with 79 for the corresponding period last year.

There have been 121 traffic deaths in King County, including Seattle, this year, compared with 151 for the corresponding period last year.

(Woman killed in car-truck crash. Page 2.)

French Must Buy Bonds Or Be Taxed

PARIS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The French National Assembly tonight approved a bill compelling Frenchmen to purchase government bonds valued at 130,000,000,000 francs (\$1,092,000,000) or pay the same amount in taxes.

25 Pct. Boost In Mail Rates For Railroads

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today granted the railroads a 25 per cent increase in pay for carrying mail.

The increase is retroactive to February 19, 1947, when 204 mail-carrying railroads petitioned for an increase of 45 per cent. The 25 per cent increase will remain in effect until the I. C. C. has acted finally on the 45 per cent request.

Don't wish for a white Christmas. There's little chance. Page 7.

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Bank Robber Slain In \$10,000 Hold-Up

BREMOND, Tex., Dec. 23.—(UP)—A bank robber was shot to death by Sheriff Bob Reeves here today, but his companion escaped with about \$10,000 from the Bremond State Bank.

Reeves surprised the robbers as they left the bank after holding up two employees and two customers and forcing them into a vault. He shot one of the robbers through the head as their getaway car pulled away from the bank. The robber slumped. The other robber drove on and a block down the street pushed the dead companion through the door.

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2 NEW CHARGES AGAINST I. T. U.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Charges of unfair labor practices have been filed against two more locals of the International Typographical Union, the regional office of the National Labor Relations Board announced yesterday.

The complaints, which N. L. R. B. said it would investigate and set a date for a hearing if warranted, were initiated by the Printing Industry of America, Inc., against I. T. U. locals 103 of Newark, N. J., and 8 of St. Louis.

The board is investigating charges filed previously against locals in New York, N. Y., Detroit, Chicago and Pittsburgh.

The newest complaints, a spokesman for the Printing Industry of America, Inc., said, are similar to those brought in the other cities. They contend that the union and the Newark and St. Louis locals declined to bargain collectively by refusing to enter into the usual form of contract.

I. T. U. HEARING—WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The International Typographical Union yesterday held off producing its policy-making documents and convention records at hearings of the Taft-Hartley Act case brought by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Government attorneys who are prosecuting the union before a National Labor Relations Board examiner announced they will ask a Federal Court to force the union to produce the records.

This means that a court proceeding, the first of its kind under the Taft-Hartley Act, and possibly going all the way to the Supreme Court, will run parallel with the N. L. R. B. hearings.

The hearings, after a two-hour session, were adjourned for the Christmas season. They will be resumed January 7 at Chicago.

PRESSMEN RENEW FACT—CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The American Newspaper Publishers' Association and the International Printing Pressmen's Union yesterday signed a five-year renewal of their 40-year-old arbitration agreement.

The parties agree to waive court suits and civil actions under the Taft-Hartley Act, in favor of arbitration.

Maj. George L. Berry, president of the union, praised voluntary arbitration agreements as "the basis upon which differences between other industries and other nations might well be composed."

George N. Dale, Chicago chairman of the A. N. P. A. special standing committee, expressed the hope that printers, stereotypers, engravers and other unions in the industry and the publishers would join in similar agreements.

C. T. U. PRESSES CHARGE—BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Regional National Labor Relations Board will investigate charges of unfair labor practices brought against Western Union by the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, American Federation of Labor.

The charges, made by Western Union supervisors threatened employees with "various reprisals" if they refused to work during the projected strike and offered workers "meals and lodging" if they will desert the union and work during the strike.

BONUS, THEN RAISE—LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Merrimack Manufacturing Company, a textile firm, announced today a flat 10 per cent increase for 2,200 employees, members of the Lowell Textile Union (independent). A Christmas bonus of \$100,000 for employees was announced by the company last week.

Storm-Cracked Ship Awaited in Honolulu

HONOLULU, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Liberty ship Simon Benson, with a hull cracked by a North Pacific storm, was due to dock here tonight in time for a Christmas shore for its 33 crew members.

The Coast Guard said, however, that the Army tanker El Caney, damaged in the same storm would not make it to Midway until December 28. The tanker, with 42 aboard, is under tow. The ship lost its rudder.

HOLIDAY HINT from Marie Gifford



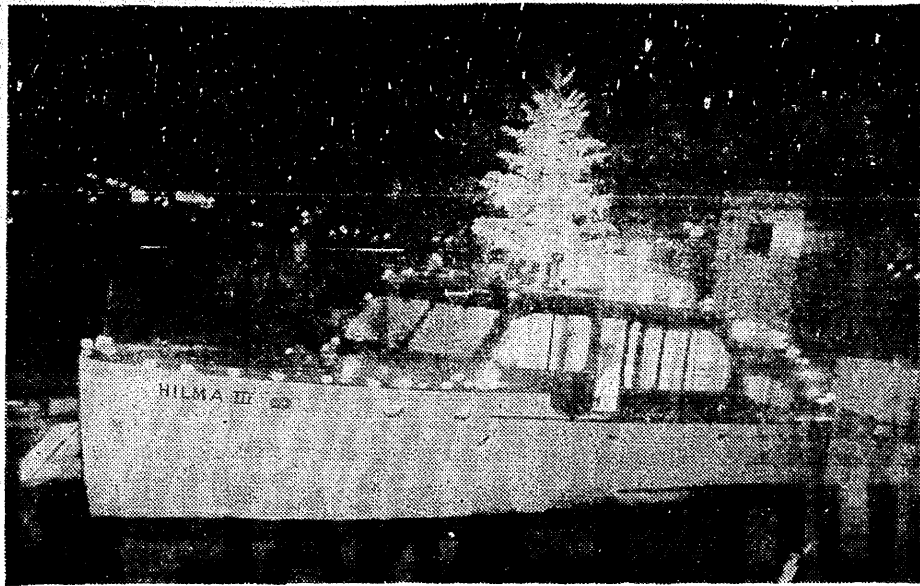
For the best-dressed bird—Sausage Dressing! To make your Table-Dressed, quick-frozen Cloverbloom turkey or chicken the best-dressed bird in town... here's a delicious, different dressing—sausage dressing.

You'll need a 1 lb. Cello roll of Armour Star Pork Sausage—the right-from-the-kitchen sausage that's made fresh every day in the Armour Sausage Kitchen right here in town! Brown small pieces 'til crisp. Pour sausage and drippings

over dry ingredients, mixed well but lightly. Add hot water. Stuff carefully, avoiding over packing to keep the dressing light. It's easy as that! For a 10-16 pound bird use:

1 lb. Cello roll Armour Star Pork Sausage
3 quarts toasted bread cubes
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 1/2 teaspoons chopped parsley
1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 1/4 cups water

TO SERENADE LAKE RESIDENTS



The Hilma III, with colored lights and illuminated Christmas tree reflecting on the water, will serenade Lake Union and Lake Washington waterfront residents with Yuletide carols tonight and tomorrow night. The cruiser will make a three-hour tour beginning about 6 o'clock at the Marina Mart, 1500 Westlake Ave. N. Flotilla 21 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is the sponsor.

Pardons

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become eligible for pardon upon completion of their service.

"When the board was created there were 1,200 offenders in custody. Since that date, an additional 550 have been institutionalized. At the present time there are 626 in confinement, only 76 of whom were in custody on January 6, 1947."

General Amnesty Rejected

The board said it rejected recommendations that it advocate a general amnesty to all violators, asserting such a blanket action would have restored full civil status to some men "who neither were nor claimed to be religious conscientious objectors."

The board said that its work was directed "chiefly to examining the propriety of recommending restoration of civil rights to those who have been returned to their homes." It did not state whether any of those for whom the pardons were recommended are still in custody.

Although two thirds or more of the cases studied concerned "willful violation," the board said it found in some instances that such violation was due to "ignorance, illiteracy, honest misunderstanding or carelessness not rising to the level of criminal negligence."

But many of the willful violators had prior criminal records and others had "ulterior motives" for draft dodging, the report said. It concluded that those who for such reasons evaded the law indicated no respect for civil rights any way and were not recommended for pardons.

The board said it also did not feel justified in recommending clemency for men who founded their objections to war service "on intellectual, political or sociological convictions resulting from the individual's reasoning and personal economic or political philosophy."

This latter group, it contended, set itself up as "a wiser and more competent than society to determine their duty to come to the defense of the nation."

In other cases, the board found that some who asserted conscientious objections actually were moved by "fear, the desire to evade military service or the wish to remain as long as possible in highly paid employment."

Nisei on List

The board recommended pardons for a number of Americans of Japanese ancestry who were convicted because of their refusal to serve without full recognition of their rights of citizenship. He said they "deeply resented" wartime classification as "undesirables."

The board considered approximately 4,300 cases of Jehovah's Witnesses, whose difficulties it said resulted from their insistence that each be accorded a "ministerial status."

The board said it recommended pardons for those it thought should be classified as "ministers."

VETS GET CLEMENCY—The office of Senator Jenner, Republican, Indiana, made public today a letter from President Truman stating that former service men "entitled to clemency are receiving it."

The President's letter was dated December 9 and was in reply to

A. F. L. Aides Halt Meetings Until Jan. 7

Weekly luncheons of American Federation of Labor officials, usually held Wednesdays at O'Keefe's Marine Grill, have been discontinued until January 7 because of the Christmas holidays, it was announced today.

Mrs. Carrie McDowell, business representative of Local No. 17, Garment Workers' Union, who will be chairman when the luncheons are resumed, said only A. F. of L. officials will attend January 7.

The group will not follow the usual custom of having an outside speaker and guests so that the officials may discuss business of interest only to the unions, Mrs. McDowell said.

Wife Sues Doolittle, Jr.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A suit for separate maintenance has been filed against Capt. James H. Doolittle, Jr., 26 years old, son of the Air Forces general, by Mrs. Elva S. Doolittle, 25. Her action, filed yesterday, asks custody of their 3-year-old son, James, 3rd.

one from Senator Jenner suggesting that Mr. Truman grant "general amnesty" to all former service men now in prison for "more or less minor offenses." Jenner's letter called attention to the presidential clemency recently granted Mayor Curley of Boston.

The Indiana Republican wrote: "In my opinion such general amnesty would be warranted and would soften the criticism recently heard with reference to your action in commuting the sentence of Mayor James Curley of Boston, Mass. In that case a man who was convicted twice, the latest being a charge of using the mails to defraud on the pretense of being able to influence the granting of war contracts, was given a commutation of sentence to permit him to eat Thanksgiving dinner at home."

Jenner added that "a large number of enlisted men," many of whom were inducted at an early age and suffered battle fatigue or shell shock, still are in prison. He said a presidential pardon would be a "splendid Christmas gift" for the men and their families.

The President's reply, revealed by Jenner's office, was: "I received your letter of December 4 with a great deal of interest and the matter to which you refer has been gone into by the attorney-general and those members who are entitled to clemency are receiving it. I appreciate your interest in Mayor Curley."

Jenner is in Indiana for the holidays, but instructed his staff to make the President's letter public.

TACOMA YOUTH PLEADS GUILTY

RENO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—David Blackwell, 18 years old, of Tacoma, pleaded guilty to the murder of two Reno policemen, but the hearing of his plea today was delayed when District Judge Taylor Wines intimated he may disqualify himself because of his views on capital punishment.

Judge Wines, a former member of the State Legislature from Elko County, is on record in support of proposals to abolish the death sentence.

"My views on capital punishment are well settled and widely known," the judge told prosecuting and defense attorneys at the opening of the youth's hearing this morning.

The judge then recessed court until afternoon, spending the morning in his chambers with attorneys.

Judge Wines is occupying the Reno bench during the vacation of District Judge William McKnight. Blackwell and Arnold Thomas, 22, also of Tacoma, are charged with the murder of Detective Sgt. Roy Geach and Allan Glass early last month, when the two officers entered a hotel room to question the youths about a robbery.

Although Blackwell pleaded guilty, the evidence against him still must be presented to the judge under the Nevada law. The judge then determines the degree of murder and fixes the penalty.

Thomassen pleaded innocent.

Yugoslavs Reported Seizing Italy Boats

ROME, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Italian news agency Ansa reported from Bari today that 30 Italian motor fishing boats which put to sea recently from Southern Adriatic ports had been captured by the Yugoslavs.

The dispatch quoted crew members of the one boat that returned to port. The boats had crews totaling 160 men and were carrying big catches of fish.

Truman's Gift To Writers: No Work

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—President Truman decided today to forego his usual weekly news conference Thursday.

Said Press Secretary Charles G. Ross to the White House reporters: "That is your Christmas gift."

Images are focused upside down on the retina of the human eye. The mind turns them right side up.

WOMAN KILLED IN CAR-TRUCK CRASH

Mrs. Margaret M. Rossman, 40 years old, 1603 E. 36th St., was injured fatally in a traffic accident in the Seattle-Tacoma Highway near South 108th Street at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Rossman was riding in an automobile driven by her husband, Homer, 41, when their car struck the rear of a truck, the State Patrol reported.

She didn't see the truck until it suddenly loomed in front of him. He said he was driving about 50 miles an hour.

The driver of the truck, Ernest B. Jacobson, 37, of 4624 Orcas St., estimated his speed at 15 miles an hour.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rossman were being arranged today, with the Home Undertaking Company in charge.

Besides the husband, Mrs. Rossman is survived by a daughter Barbara, 15.

A man identified as Donald Williams, 35, suffered a head injury and fractures of both legs when struck by an automobile at Second Avenue South and Washington Street at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Williams was admitted to Harborview County Hospital in critical condition. He was identified by papers in his pocket.

The driver, Donald L. Nelson, 25, of 3437 37th Ave. S. W., said the pedestrian apparently was running from the path of another car.

Two pedestrians were knocked down by an automobile at Utah Avenue and Atlantic Street at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Helen Grewell, 36, of 2010 Sixth Ave., suffered rib injuries and was transferred to a physician's care after treatment at Harborview. Her companion, Henrietta Ollens, 712 Spring St., was not injured.

The driver, Ed F. Mullen, 50, of 10445 First Ave. S. W., was cited for negligent driving.

Ore Briggs, 65, of 5213 Russell Ave., suffered fractures of his right hip and rib, an arm injury and shock when struck by an automobile at 20th Avenue Northwest and Russell Avenue at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Briggs was admitted to Harborview in critical condition. The driver, Leigh Van Winter, 60, of 1770 1/2 W. 58th St., was not held. Police said the pedestrian was not in the crosswalk.

William A. Johnson, 22, of 3815 E. 123rd St., was charged with drunken and reckless driving and driving without a driver's license after the automobile he was driving collided with another, knocking it about 100 feet, where it overturned, police reported.

The accident occurred at 20th Avenue Northwest and West 80th Street last midnight. Police said Johnson was driving in the wrong traffic lane, striking a car driven by William D. Culver, 36, of 8000 Bothell Way.

Culver's car broke into flames after the accident. The Fire Department extinguished the blaze. Fire damage was estimated at \$25. Neither driver was reported injured. Johnson posted \$200 bail.

Truman Given Radio With No Back Talk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—President Truman received a "walkie-no-back-talkie" radio transmitter today as a Christmas present from Secretary of Commerce Harriman.

With the six-ounce battery-operated set, the President can communicate with members of his staff provided that (A) they aren't over 200 or 300 feet away, and (B) they are equipped with receivers tuned in on a frequency of 6575 kilocycles.

Best thing about the President's Christmas present is that nobody can talk back to him. The gadget won't receive messages.

PHONE UNION TO ASK SPRING RISE

The Communications Workers of America (independent), representing 233,000 employees of Bell System telephone lines in the country, will seek wage increases next spring, E. J. Pollis, president of Seattle Plant Local No. 1, was informed today.

A meeting of chief negotiators from the union's 33 divisions has been called in Washington, D. C., January 19, to be followed by a meeting of the union's seven-man negotiating committee, Pollis said.

The chief negotiators will formulate wage demands and other contract changes. The seven-man committee will go over the program support bargaining arguments, and collect statistical material to make it available to the various divisions.

"There has been an accumulative lag of from 9 to 40 per cent in telephone wages since 1940," Pollis said. "The price of homes, food, clothing and the other necessities is far beyond the reach of the average telephone worker's salary."

The executive board of the C. W. A., successor union to the National Federation of Telephone Workers (independent), which called the nation-wide strike last spring, will meet in Washington February 2.

Truman Opposes Sale

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Senator Kilgore, Democrat, West Virginia, reported after a White House visit today that President Truman is firmly opposed to the sale of the government's synthetic-rubber plants to the big rubber companies.

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Traffic-Jam Study Jams Traffic More

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The traffic jam in always traffic-clogged Jersey City was even worse than usual today.

The reason: The city was making a traffic survey to determine how to cut down on traffic tie-ups.



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