

## ALCOA PROTESTS U. S. CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Aluminum Company of America today called "unfounded and unwarranted" a Justice Department statement that "the war emergency is operating to entrench Alcoa more deeply than ever in its monopolistic position."

In a required brief filed with the Supreme Court, the company urged the tribunal to dismiss litigation involving Justice Department charges that Alcoa possessed a monopoly in the production and sale of aluminum.

A motion to dismiss the case previously had been filed by the company because of the fact that the court lacks the legal quorum of six justices to pass on the controversy.

The motion was opposed by the Justice Department, which said there was "a prospect" that legislation would be enacted to reduce the number of justices required for a quorum.

Alcoa Helps U. S. "When the government has sought the aid of Alcoa in constructing and operating aluminum-producing plants owned by the government," the brief filed today said "it is hard to tolerate an assertion by the Department of Justice that thereby Alcoa is entrenching its alleged monopolistic position."

The statement in the (Justice Department's) memorandum that Alcoa will supply over 90 per cent of the contemplated aluminum production and that after the war Alcoa will control over 90 per cent of a capacity nearly seven times as large as it was in 1939 is likewise unfounded and will not bear a moment's explanation."

U. S. in Control of Plants The company added that the statistics presented by the Justice Department showed "that of the estimated aluminum production for 1943, the production of the capacity owned by Alcoa will be about 40 per cent of the total and the production of the capacity owned by Defense Plant Corporation will be considerably in excess of Alcoa's production."

"It is the government and not Alcoa," the brief added, "that will determine the character of the post-war aluminum world, for the government plants are new and exceed Alcoa's plants in capacity. They may be leased to whomever the government sees fit or operated by the government itself."

## STATE LIQUOR STORE LOOTED

Thieves last night or this morning looted the White Center liquor agency store at 9416 Delridge Way, taking \$600 in silver and stocks of liquor, police reported today.

Harold Dundas, manager of the store, discovered the store had been entered when he went to work this morning. The thieves had entered through a transom and left by the back door, which they left open. They did not attempt to loot the store safe, which Dundas said contained heavy liquor-sale receipts. Dundas was counting his bottles today to determine how much stock was taken.

## Suspect Held In Slaying Of Sakamoto Kin

ONEIDA, N. Y., Dec. 24.—(UP)—Joseph O'Toole, 65 years old, a part-time bartender, was held by police today on first-degree murder charges in connection with the fatal shooting of Kenneth Iyenaga, a Japanese.

Iyenaga was slain and his wife, Kei, and his mother, Mrs. Yuo Iyenaga, 78, were wounded yesterday at their home at Sylvan Beach. The two women were reported in critical condition.

Iyenaga, 42, had two children, and was the son of the late Tora-Kichi Iyenaga, former commissioner of the Persia, Turkey and China. The elder Iyenaga, who also lectured on political science at Chicago and Columbia Universities, was drowned six years ago in Oneida Lake. Mrs. Iyenaga, a Barnard College graduate, is the sister of James Y. Sakamoto, former publisher of The Seattle Japanese Courier.

## Millionaire Club Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served by the Millionaire Club tomorrow, and gifts will be given each guest at the first Christmas celebration to be held by the club in its quarters at 2515 Western Ave. The menu includes roast chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing and gravy, jelly, pickles, peas, squash, bread and butter, fruit, nuts and candy, and coffee, tea or milk.

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## L. H. Walton, 93 Tomorrow, Finds Plenty of Fun in Life



LEWIS H. WALTON, 93, and GRANDDAUGHTER DELCINE  
Grandpa hates to miss a thing

Lewis H. Walton will celebrate his 93rd birthday Christmas day, but there is plenty of celebrating he still has to do before he "calls it quits," he said today, after having enjoyed a family reunion last Sunday and two parties last night.

Walton also is being honored on his birthday anniversary by an open house at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Walton, 503 31st Ave. "I don't know anyone who has had more fun out of life than I have," Walton said. "Of course, I keep active—used to walk five or six miles every day, now spend a couple of hours on a cross-cut saw out at my daughter's place in Alkottown."

Walton was born on Christmas day, 1849, in Savanna, Ill. He is a retired horse trader, and still can remember well the circumstances of his first horse sale, when he was 13, and winning his first race, just 80 years ago.

"My brothers and a sister all went to school," he recalled. "But I had more fun horse-trading. I can still get a kick out of seeing a fine animal."

Hearing the Freeport debate between Abraham Lincoln and Douglas in 1858 is one of Walton's prized memories.

"I've seen every President since Lincoln except Harding and Hoover," he said. "But I haven't ever met a President's wife. I would certainly like to meet Mrs. Roosevelt—I think she is a fine woman."

"I don't get around as much as I did before the shortage of transportation," he said, adding that he used to like to go dancing with his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Neighbor, with whom he lives at 4623 124th Ave. S. Last night Walton participated in the Christmas celebration of the Gilbert Walton family, and then attended a Moose Christmas party. "I don't want to miss anything," he said.

## Seattle Looks Beyond War's End in Yule Celebrations

Seattle and the rest of the Christmas world will look beyond the end of the war tonight, and celebrate Christmas Eve, with confidence in ultimate victory for the United Nations.

Christmas Day tomorrow will have a new meaning for the civilians who will join with service men and women either stationed in this area or home on furloughs from far-flung battlefronts and distant stations.

Soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and affiliated services will exchange with civilians the old greetings, "Merry Christmas" and listen to the peaceful Christmas carols; "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," "Silent Night" and all the rest.

Three-Day Rest for Clerks Salesmen and saleswomen in all Seattle stores will have great sighs of relief when they have made good their final sales slips and bade good night to the final tardy shopper, and then begin a three-day rest.

Representatives of the retail trade bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce said all retail clothing and department stores in the central business district will be closed Christmas Day, Saturday, and of course, Sunday, giving a long respite to the workers who labored in what probably was the busiest Christmas season Seattle ever saw. Meat, produce and grocery sections of all Tradedwell, Safeway and Atlantic & Pacific stores will be open Saturday. Members of the Seattle Retail Meat Dealers' Association will close their markets Saturday.

Seattle schools—both public and parochial—closed their doors yesterday for the Christmas vacation, and those doors will not reopen until Monday, January 4.

Carolers to Sing Tonight Christmas carolers will sing the traditional old songs in homes, at entertainments and perhaps even outdoors.

But the heartening sight of lighted Christmas trees in Seattle's yards and gardens will be missing

from the Christmas scene this year owing to dim-out regulations.

Entertainment of service men will be the highlight in most parts of the city, either at public programs or in private homes. The Victory Canteen sponsored by the Travelers' Aid will be open in the Union Station to serve refreshments all day to men in uniform who will be in Seattle only a few hours.

Service Men's Parties Service men are the pivot for all kinds of entertainment tonight and tomorrow, Christmas Day. Parties have been held for them all this week.

A Christmas party will be held tonight at the Service Men's Club, 1322 Second Ave., with gifts for everyone and dancing with junior hostesses. Three hundred junior hostesses also will go to Fort Lewis tomorrow to help entertain the soldiers there. Carolers will sing at the hospital in Fort Lewis.

Beginning at 11 o'clock tomorrow, a free turkey dinner will be served in the Service Men's Club and at 8 o'clock tomorrow night there will be a dance program and vaudeville show.

Service clubs in the Magnolia area will sponsor a party tonight at the Naval Supply Depot at Pier 41. The Navy Mothers' Club will sponsor their annual open house all day tomorrow at the Army-Navy Y. M. C. A., Fourth Avenue and Marion Street.

Christmas Baskets Members of the Seattle auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society yesterday distributed Christmas baskets to needy families of Seattle Navy and Marine Corps men who have been killed in action.

Negro service men will be entertained tomorrow at the Colman Service Men's Club, with a matinee dance beginning at 1:30 o'clock.

Boys and girls of the Seattle Children's Home were treated to a turkey dinner last night, together with a Christmas tree and presents for all—dolls and sewing kits for the girls; guns and airplanes for the boys.

## Ickes Lauds Henderson For 'Job Well Done'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Secretary of Interior Ickes today said he regretted "very much" the resignation of Leon Henderson as price administrator and expressed belief it would be "hard to fill his place."

"I think Henderson has done a whole lot better than he gets credit for," Ickes said. "He will get the credit later, but that's like erecting a beautiful monument to a man after he dies."

Remarking that he was "in a position to realize what punishment is inflicted on a public official" at times for action that later draws praise, Ickes described the price-administration post as "a devil of a job" and added:

"I think Henderson, all things considered, has done a very good job and I never once doubted his intention to do a good job."

## 5TH TIRE SAFE, SAYS JEFFERS

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Rubber Administrator William Jeffers said in a statement today there is no likelihood in his opinion that the fifth tire of automobiles will be taken by the government.

Jeffers issued the statement to clarify remarks attributed to him yesterday that owners may have to give up their spare tires. No such plan is contemplated, he explained.

## Farmers Will Receive Necessary Tires

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—(UP)—William Jeffers, national rubber administrator, last night described a streamlined tire-rationing system tailored to farmers' needs and designed to eliminate the complications of the present rules.

Jeffers, discussing farmers' tire problems with Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, suggested the use of two simplified forms covering farm vehicles used for production and those used for hire.

The need for simplification arose because, under present rules, farm vehicles fall under the jurisdiction of the Office of Defense Transportation and are subject to Interstate Commerce Commission and State Railway Commission regulations the same as commercial vehicles.

## ICKES DEMANDS COAL SOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Fuel's Coordinator Ickes today said he had told both sides in the state-wide over extension of the five-day, 35-hour work week in bituminous-coal mining that they had "better get together again and get busy."

Ickes told a press conference that his 3-month-old request for speedy adoption of a six-day, 42-hour week to gain a production increase which he said was necessary to meet the effort, now appeared to be "getting nowhere fast."

The coordinator said he had no authority to "force" an agreement between operator and union representatives in a dispute involving hours and wages, but remarked that "there must be power somewhere in the government under the War Powers Act" to attain his object.

Ickes commented: "I want them to get the men working more hours and producing more coal. We're going to run into a very critical situation, and then the people won't like it at all."

The bituminous-coal operators and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, have split over the question of whether the six-day shift should be voluntary with the individual miners, as Lewis wants it, or whether it should be mandatory, as the operators want it; so the penalties could be invoked against absenteeism.

## Three Women Foil Robbers Using Tear Gas

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Three men wearing gas masks fled empty-handed from a currency exchange today when three women employees outwitted them by using wet towels to protect themselves from tear gas which the men pumped into the store.

When the masked men entered the T. & N. Currency Exchange, Inc., and shouted "Open up; this is poison gas!" Miss Mary Kerwin, 23 years old, pulled Miss Dorothy Alroth, 16, and Miss Lillian Polynovskas, 16, to the floor.

One of the men, carrying a 10-inch container with a short rubber tube, thrust the tube under the money slot of the window and began pumping gas into the cage. Another pumped gas under a door.

The women crept into an adjoining washroom, moistened towels and used them for improvised gas masks. After trying for five minutes to enter the cage, the men fled.

## Finns 'Have No Knowledge' Of Hailing Japs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Reports that the Finnish cabinet members congratulated Japanese diplomats on the Pearl Harbor attack during a Japanese legation party in Helsinki December 7 brought from the Finnish legation here today the statement that the Finnish government had "no knowledge" about the alleged congratulations.

The reports, disclosed by informed sources, stirred concern in official quarters in Washington, but the State Department withheld comment.

Finnish officials, the reports said, applauded motion pictures of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

## F. R. SIGNS RAISE FOR U. S. AIDES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today signed a bill providing pay raises for about 1,500,000 government employees, and said it was "a major step toward settling the government-personnel situation in order."

The measure also abolishes the Saturday half holiday in government service, which Mr. Roosevelt described as a "peacetime luxury."

He said he wanted department and agency heads to establish a general minimum work schedule of a six-day, 48-hour week.

## Boeing Crews Plan 1 A. M. Yule Service

Organized and conducted by Boeing workers, a swing shifters' Christmas church service will be held at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning in the Music Hall Theatre for war workers, service men and their families.

"Shipyard workers and everyone else are invited to join us," said Paul Jensen, a union committeeman and tool engineer at Boeing, who heads the employe committee organizing the nonsectarian service.

The service was planned particularly for the thousands of war workers who are new to the city and who have not made any religious affiliation since coming here.

The Boeing choir will lead Christmas-carol singing. There will be responsive readings of the Christmas story by the congregation, and a five-minute, sermonette on Bethlehem by Jensen, a doctor of philosophy who has visited Bethlehem. Another tool engineer, Fletcher Tweed, who sang in motion pictures before the war, leads the choir. The organist is Philip Odle, a plant secretary.

## O. P. A. Raps Kent Milk - Strike Plan

Dairy, distributing milk in Kent and Auburn, to call a milk strike," said the O. P. A. statement.

"This action appears to be not only a strike against the government, but against the children and war workers living in the Kent-Auburn area who need milk as a necessity of their daily diet. This act of coercion is a repudiation of the orderly processes of law which afford Mr. Smith the right of appeal from the recent order of the regional office of the O. P. A. in San Francisco, granting him and other milk distributors in the Kent-Auburn area a 1-cent increase a quart in the price of milk."

"This threat of a milk strike is particularly disturbing in time of war."

No Appeal Filed Yet A spokesman for the state O. P. A. today said that Kent and Auburn dairies had not filed any appeal with the state office, which is the ordinary procedure provided for such appeal, since the 1-cent grant was authorized last Tuesday.

The state O. P. A. emphasized that not only were the Kent and Auburn dairies permitted this week to increase their milk prices from 12 to 13 cents a quart, but that recent increases in the prices of commercial cream also have been authorized.

The normal difference in milk prices between the Seattle and Tacoma markets, where milk now sells at 14 cents a quart, and the Kent-Auburn area is 1 cent, with which the 1-cent grant already made to the Kent dairies is in accord, the O. P. A. spokesman said.

Spread Dates Back Years "There was a 1-cent difference for years—the peacetime years," said the O. P. A. spokesman. "That is what they have now."

The O. P. A. spokesman, referring to dairymen's statements that they lost heavily in September, said operation losses by dairies are normal in September, and are covered by profits in the milk production season.

To a statement made by Smith that Seattle dairymen are planning to ask for an increase of 1 cent in their milk price, the O. P. A. said that "no Seattle dairy has yet filed an application for an increased price."

Distributors here would not comment.

C. of C. Wants Action The Seattle Chamber of Commerce entered the dairy picture yesterday appealing by letter to the O. P. A. for the appointment of a dairy expert in the Northwest to handle dairy problems more expeditiously than now is done.

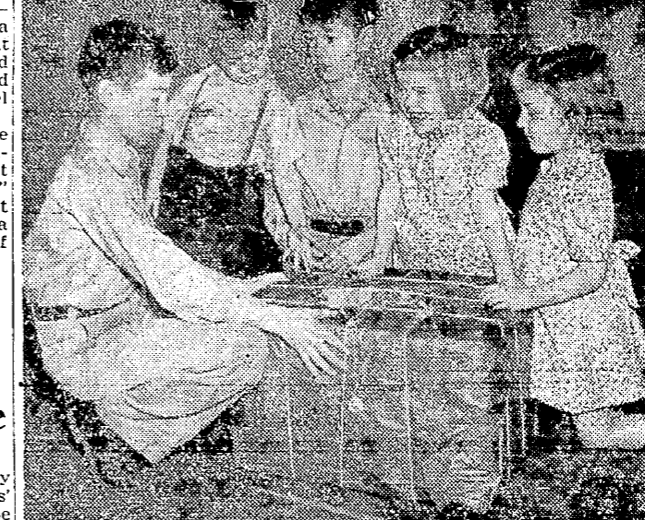
The Chamber said its request implied no criticism of the state O. P. A. office or its personnel, but rather sought a speedier method of handling problems than now is permitted by the O. P. A. structure.

Alarmed by rumors of milk-price increases, the Seattle Council of the Parent-Teacher Associations December 1 appointed a milk committee which investigated the milk situation here, and has pledged support to the state O. P. A. in its handling of the milk problem. The association is concerned on behalf of 52,436 children in Seattle public schools.

Eisenhower Lauds Negroes WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The courage of American Negro troops serving in North Africa was praised today by Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander in chief of the Allied forces there. General Eisenhower cited especially the steadfastness and bravery of a Negro ordinance company which successfully handled the delivery of high-explosive bombs at Arzew, continuing to put the bombs ashore under heavy fire at that little port near Oran.

GENERAL LUTHERAN 11th Ave. and East Olive St. Christmas Day Festive Service 10:00 A. M. Rev. H. Stanley Holman, Pastor

## Tummies, Eyes, Pockets Bulge When Club Feasts Youngsters



DESERVING YOUNGSTERS AND GIFT Business men entertain 50 children at Christmas Party

Fathers and sponsors bustling busily about the dining room at the New-Washington Hotel this morning, tapping youngsters on the shoulder and saying excitedly, "Look over there," or "See this," or "Keep working on those eggs, son."

The youngsters were operating with both hands, their heads swiveling at top speed. The strain upon a single pair of eyes and a single pair of arms was intense.

The occasion was the annual breakfast for deserving youngsters sponsored by the Young Men's Business Club, and to the 30 invited guests were added nearly a score of children who were the sons and daughters of members.

Little jaws munched determinedly at scrambled eggs and sausage, muffins and big red apples, while small hands fondled candy-filled stockings, and buiging eyes flickered from a head-high pile of gifts to the stage.

Across the stage paraded such wonders as acrobats and performing dogs.

Georgie Smith, 4 years old, was a very busy young man, but he took time out to say warmly, "More things than I can take home."

Between bites he was exploring pocket after pocket rapidly to make sure that he still had. (a) one crockery elephant, (b) one bar of peanut brittle, (c) one bar of chocolate, (d) one stocking stuffed with a jaw-breaker variety of candy.

And Santa had still to come. And the mound of important gifts was still to be distributed. Georgie didn't know how he was going to manage it all, but he was going to try.

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## CANNERY GROUP FINED \$61,500

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Federal Judge Martin I. Welsh fined 28 cannery organizations and officials a total of \$61,500 yesterday on charges of price fixing and other monopolistic practices in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

The court pronounced sentence after the defendants changed their pleas from innocent to nolo contendere (no defense).

The defendants, fined from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each, were among nearly 200 associations and persons in five food industries indicted by a special grand jury in San Francisco, June 3, 1941. The others continuing pleas of innocent will go on trial in San Francisco January 4.

Harrison S. Robinson, managing director of the Cannery's Industry Board, described by government attorneys as the central figure in the conspiracy of all the defendants, was fined \$5,000.

A like sentence was meted out to the Continental Can Company, which the government accused of participating in price-fixing activities of the C. I. E.

## Alabaman Asks Death Penalty For War Fraud

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Life imprisonment or death will be proposed in the new Congress as the maximum penalty for persons convicted of willfully manufacturing and delivering inferior or defective materials for the nation's armed forces, Representative Hobbs, Democrat, Alabama, said today.

Hobbs said he would offer the legislation, and told newspaper men he was "really shocked to find that the penalty is so low." Such a crime now is punishable only under the fraud statutes, with maximum penalties running to two years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine, or both, on conviction of conspiracy to defraud the United States, and ten years imprisonment, \$10,000 fine, or both, for consumption of such a fraud.

Tom C. Clark, chief of the Justice Department war-frauds division, said his office was investigating 900 cases of suspected wartime fraud against the government.

## Portland Housing Improves

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Plans to resume a recruiting drive for additional war workers for the Portland area were bolstered today by word that the Portland Housing Authority expects to offer more than 6,000 dwellings for occupancy in January.

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