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F. S. A. ASKS SPECIAL VICE PROSECUTOR

Assignment of a special city prosecutor to prepare and prosecute vice cases was urged today by two Federal Security Agency representatives, who declared they are in Seattle to "assist" the city in reducing its mounting venereal disease rate rather than to "threaten" it with dire penalties.

Meanwhile, Police Chief Herbert D. Kimsey stated bluntly that the rise in the venereal rate had been foreseen and was a direct result of the reorganization period necessary for installation of the Kremen plan.

The sharp increase in venereal cases during October was disclosed Sunday by Dr. Ragnar T. Westman, acting city health commissioner.

"What the Federal Security Agency doesn't seem to realize," said Kimsey, "is that this department is going through the biggest shake-up ever to hit it. We are reorganizing practically the whole department to install the Kremen plan, and we certainly think this is a progressive step in advanced police technique and is worth it."

The "vice prosecutor" suggestion was part of a broad enforcement program presented to Chief Kimsey on a "must be done" basis by the two officials, Stuart Stimmel and George Ormsby.

"Seattle is at a cross-roads," said Stimmel. "The disease rate has begun again to mount alarmingly. This situation can be stopped now or it can be allowed to run wild once more. We have every confidence in the city administration's ability to cope with and control it."

Constant Drive Needed

Ormsby said unremitting pressure must be maintained against prostitution at all times instead of "spasmodically." He deplored what he described as "peaks and valleys" in the number of venereal-disease cases, clearly reflecting police activity or the lack of it.

Other measures suggested to the chief include instructions to all police officers to make vice reports on a 24-hour-a-day job; increasing the number of women on the vice squad; return of policemen to beats in "hot" areas; spending additional money to wreck the call-girl racket; revising existing vice ordinances to meet conditions.

No May Act Call Now

Ormsby said that his and Stimmel's recommendations would determine invocation of the May Act, but added they have no intention of making such a recommendation at this time.

"It would be incredible," said Ormsby, "if the city officials of a city such as Seattle were unable to deal effectively with the situation of this kind."

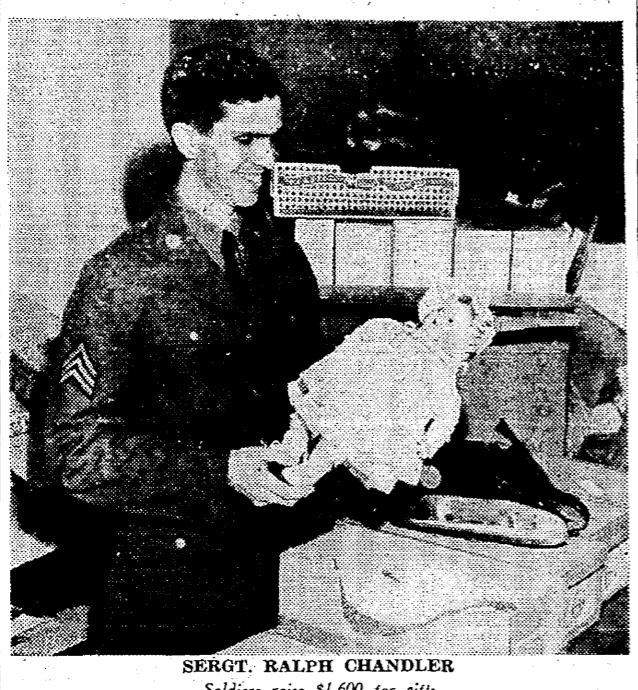
The two men said Chief Kimsey had acknowledged a slowdown in enforcement of vice laws.

Reasons for the slowdown, Kimsey said, were the opposition by some police officers to installation of the Kremen plan; the "antiquated" 1907 vice ordinances under which cases must be prosecuted; withdrawal of officers from beats to assignment in police school; and the officers' fear of lawsuits.

Kimsey explained that during September and October, and last summer when vice reached an all-time low, beat patrolmen and

Communists Infiltrate Northwest Civilian Defenses, Says Everest

G. I. SANTA SHOPPING HERE FOR CHILDREN'S YULE PARTY IN ALASKA



SERG. RALPH CHANDLER Soldiers raise \$1,600 for gifts

Christmas shoppers in a Seattle store today wondered about a young soldier carefully wrapping stack after stack of toys and clothing in individual bundles. They didn't realize it was Santa Claus in a G. I. uniform.

Slim and dark, Sergt. Ralph Chandler has no double for jolly St. Nick. But his shopping tour in Seattle "on attached duty" will provide the first Christmas party with trimmings for 130 Indian and Eskimo children, most of them orphans, at a government boarding school in Anchorage, Alaska.

Sergeant Chandler, stationed at Fort Richardson, Army Air Base near Anchorage, spends his spare time teaching music to the children, who range from 7 to 20 years of age. Other soldiers from the base drive into town to play with the children.

Soldiers Praise Fund

When Christmas season arrived, officers and enlisted men alike dug into their pockets and brought forth \$1,600 to buy the children exactly what they wanted.

Sergeant Chandler, with Corp. Tony Kolenic and Capt. John L. Anderson, captain, flew to Seattle with a list of each child's name, his age, shoe and clothes sizes, favorite color and most desired present.

Captain Anderson knew an employee at Rhodes Department Store, and the toy-hunting task force went there first. What the department store couldn't find on its own shelves it scouted around and found in wholesale shops, mail-order houses and other stores.

Most frequent request was for sleds or ice skates, although some expressed a year for "a bugle or any other noisy instrument."

After combing Seattle for scarce toys, the trio purchased 30 chenille housecoats for the girls, each of correct size and color; numerous pairs of bedroom slippers, ice skates, tea sets, marbles, jewelry, harmonicas, records, assorted toys and trinkets, jack knives and all the other articles which bring joy to children's hearts.

"Best Doll in Town"

"I personally found the best mamma doll in town for one little girl who's never had a doll before," the sergeant beamed as he inspected his purchase.

Each present is wrapped individually in cheery paper and ribbon, a card with each child's name is enclosed with the gift picked out personally for him, and the whole shipment, Army personnel and all, will be flown back to the base.

"My biggest trouble is wrapping the presents," Sergeant Chandler, who really lives in Washington, Ind., admitted. "I'm not so good at making fancy bows."

Big Party Planned

The presents will be distributed at a Christmas party to which the entire Army base is invited.

"We think our commanding officer will take off his insignia long enough to play Santa Claus," Sergeant Chandler said.

The trip to Seattle is somewhat like a Christmas present for the three men, too. None had seen the United States for more than a year.

36 WARDENS OUSTED BUT REINSTATED

Washington and Oregon are "hot spots" of communistic activities among civilian-defense workers, and 36 Seattle air-raid wardens were dismissed in recent months for Communist activities, it was revealed today by H. P. Everest, director of the Northwest Sector of the Office of Civilian Defense.

All 36 wardens were reinstated yesterday by Mayor William F. Devin.

In protest of the mayor's action, Col. Charles S. Albert resigned as director of civilian protection, and today three more officials and ranking employees of Seattle's civilian-defense organization quit their jobs.

Everest said it appeared there has been a definite, national effort to infiltrate communistic teachings throughout the O. C. D. in all parts of the nation.

"There has been a definite move nationally to infiltrate the O. C. D. with communism," said Everest. "There have been a lot of cases in Portland as well as Seattle; in fact, Oregon and Washington have been hot spots in the entire move."

Thirty-six dismissals of civilian-defense workers, principally air-



COL. CHARLES S. ALBERT ... so I have resigned

raid wardens, have been reported to Everest's office by officials of Seattle's Civilian War Commission, Everest declared.

All were for "communistic activities," Everest added.

Mayor William F. Devin's office reported reinstatement today of 36 such air-raid wardens, who had been dismissed in the past year and a half.

The bubbling pot of Communist activities in Seattle's civilian-defense organization boiled over last night's resignation of Colonel Albert as director of civilian protection. Albert resigned after the mayor ordered reinstatement of three air-raid wardens who had been dismissed because of communistic activities.

Three more civilian-protection employees promptly followed Colonel Albert's example by turning in their resignations today.

They are Edward Harrah, executive officer of the civilian protection.

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Race-Betting Tax Erased By Senators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Senate finance committee knocked a proposed 5 per cent tax on race-track betting from the fast-moving revenue bill today, reducing estimated receipts under the measure to \$1,922,700,000.

The House wrote in the levy on pari-mutuel wagering on the theory it would be paid "by those who can afford to bet," but heavy pressure was applied against it by states which permit race-track operation.

The levy had been estimated good for \$27,500,000 a year.

Over the protests of amusement interests, the committee approved doubling the existing admission tax, raising the rate to 2 cents for each 10 cents of admission charge or fraction thereof, as previously voted by the House.

Also ratified was the House increase on jewelry, from 10 to 20 per cent of the retail price. The Senate committee, however, exempted from the increase watches selling for less than \$65 and alarm clocks retailing for less than \$5. Such timepieces, however, remain subject to the 10 per cent rate.

The Senate committee now has whacked more than \$200,000,000 off the tax-approved revenue bill, and is scheduled to take up later today amendments designed to ease the impact of contract renegotiations on suppliers of war material.

The committee sanctioned boosts of 50 to 100 per cent in the rates on wines.

Fifth Driving Turk - Bulgar Nazis From Border Shut; Italian Ridges

By EDWARD KENNEDY Associated Press Foreign Staff ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 9.—British troops have stormed and taken the ridge of Mount Croce, two and a half miles southwest of the summit of Mount Camino, and are pressing on toward the Garigliano River, a mile beyond Allied headquarters announced today.

Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army troops, pushing down the western slopes of Mount Magliore and Mount Camino, where they have breached the mountain walls to the valley leading to Rome, wiped out all by-passed enemy pockets except on the northwest, eastern tip of the Magliore incline and the small village of Rocca Devandro, nestled against Camino, it was stated.

Farther to the northeast, American troops attacked and captured high ground west of Venafro, despite fierce resistance supported by heavy German artillery fire. Still farther north the Americans wiped out lines of Nazi pillboxes west of Filiignano, in the westward push across the mountain backbone flanking Cassino.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army fought through downpours to improve its positions in the Orsogna area, ten miles inland from the Adriatic.

(An Algiers radio broadcast said Montgomery's men had forced a new crossing of the Moro River in this area and had advanced to within eight miles of Pescara.)

Allied air forces bombed Orta, Civitavecchia, San Stefano and Spoleto in the general area of Rome. Two airmen near Athens were bombed. Seven Allied planes were lost; they destroyed four German craft.

Turk - Bulgar Army Alert

By ROBERT DOWSON United Press Staff Correspondent LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Turkish-Bulgarian border has been closed, and Turkey has ordered a military state of alarm in the frontier zone, Swedish reports said today, as the United Nations, Turkey and Germany maneuvered for a Balkans showdown.

Stockholm dispatches indicated that the Balkans situation was coming rapidly to a head in the wake of the Cairo and Teheran conferences, but Ankara and Cairo believed the inevitable Balkans explosion was months, rather than weeks or days, away.

Only a German "preventive attack" on Turkey in an attempt to throw Allied plans off-balance could provoke an immediate crisis, most sources here believed, though all agreed that the Balkans probably would be embroiled again in a full-scale war before winter snows melt.

Rumors Proliferated

Among the flood of unconfirmed reports reaching Stockholm by diverse routes were these:

L. Marshal Erwin Rommel, German commander in Northern Italy and the Balkans, has arrived at the Fuehrer's headquarters for a conference with Adolf Hitler.

2. New German reinforcements have been rushed to the Bulgarian-Turkish borders; Lemnos, on the approaches to the Dardanelles, and the Bulgarian and Greek coasts of the Mediterranean, Aegean and Black Seas.

3. Premier Dobri Bozilov of Bulgaria.

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Ohio Guard Ordered Out In Gas Strike

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Lieut. Gov. Paul M. Herbert, acting at the request of Northeastern Ohio officials, today ordered State Guard officials to Painesville, where a strike has cut off gas for heating and cooking to an estimated 60,000 persons.

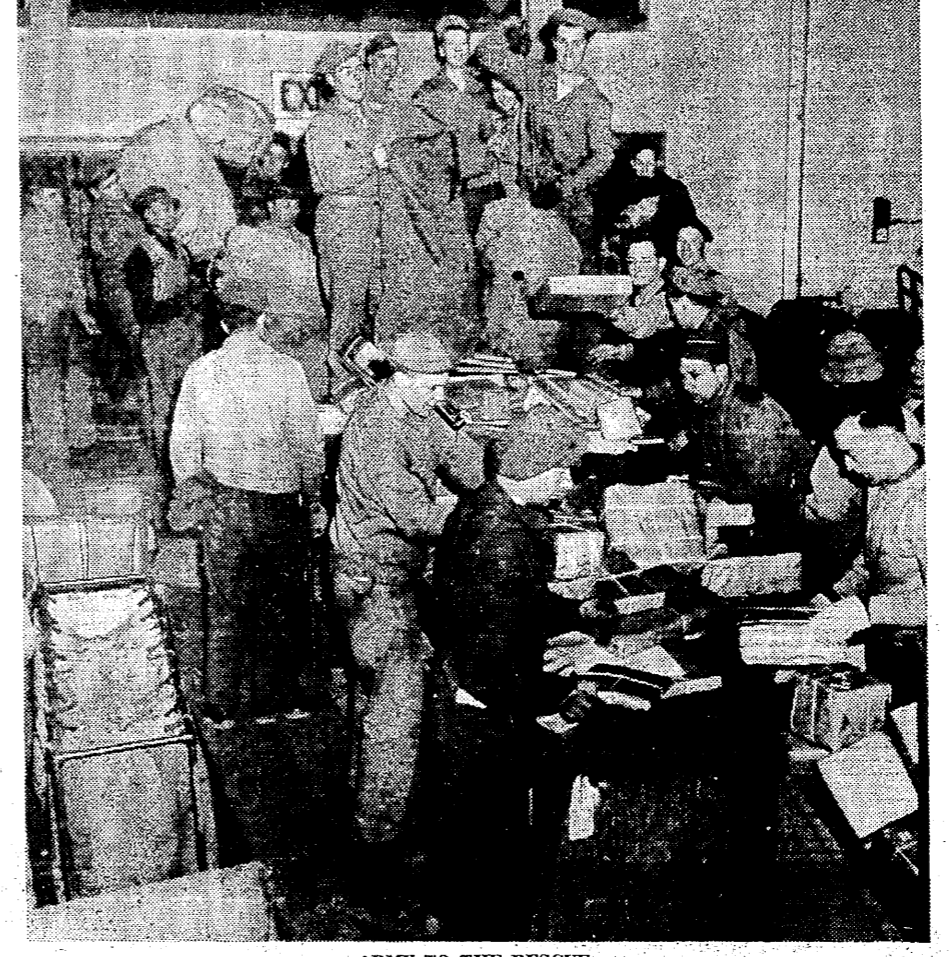
Herbert, acting in the absence of Gov. John W. Bricker, said requests came from officials of Ash-tabula and Lake Counties, both left with virtually no gas after negotiations broke down in a strike of 2,000 men which halted all operations of the Diamond Alkali Company, and its subsidiary, the Standard Chromate Company, at Fairport Harbor.

Herbert emphasized there was no trouble thus far, but he was interested only in getting operations at the plant resumed.

A company spokesman said an agreement was reached last night as a basis for further negotiations to end the stoppage, which reportedly started in a dispute over a foreman.

UNCLE SAM'S TROOPS HELP SANTA

No Civilians, So Soldiers 'Pack the Mail'



ARMY TO THE RESCUE They're helping in Seattle's holiday postoffice rush

While a lot of civilians are taking the places of men gone to war, 300 soldiers are taking the places of civilians in the postoffice clearing house in the Civic Auditorium basement.

The usual Christmas-rush helpers are on full-time jobs or in the service, so the Army has come to the rescue of Seattle's civilian holiday mail for the second year.

Gathering from units scattered throughout the city, they toss the packages on and off trucks with as much precision as they toss rifles while at their Army duties.

A hundred Army trucks have been called into delivery service also. The men deliver from post-office trucks, drive Army trucks, act as distributors and swappers.

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Progress Made But War's Test Is Yet to Come

—Says Stimson

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The progress achieved in two years of war gives the nation "every reason for encouragement and hope," Secretary of War Stimson said today, but he warned that "the great decisive tests" are yet to come.

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BAY REGION LOSS MAY BE IN MILLIONS

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—High winds and flames whipped through widely scattered parts of West Central California today and initial reports indicated the damage would be calculated in the millions of dollars.

The fires were unchecked in many areas, including the exclusive but sparsely populated sector of Northeast Oakland.

Power lines were down; street car service was hampered; store windows were blown in; trees were uprooted; small boats crashed; many homes burned, and other residences were unroofed.

No Relief Until Night

The high winds continued today under clear skies, and C. R. Elford, meteorologist—who estimated velocity up to 65 miles an hour—said little relief was in sight until tonight.

Thousands of auxiliary firemen were called out in an area extending well over 150 miles along the coast north and south of San Francisco.

At Monterey, 90 miles south, between 40 and 50 boats—including purse-seiners now badly needed at

LIGHT SNOW SEEN HERE LAST NIGHT; GONE BY MORNING

Seattle's first 1943 snowfall descended gently and unobtrusively last night, Mount Baker fire victims reported today, although no white traces remained this morning.

Scattered flakes fell about 11 o'clock, residents said, and left a thin white coating on lawns and shrubbery.

Transit System Has Million For Rebuilding

By DON CREW Creation of a \$1,000,000 cash reserve from record earnings, to renovate Seattle's war-weary transit system as soon as new equipment is available after the war, was announced today by Austin V. Eastman, chairman of the Seattle Transportation Commission.

"We have over 50 coaches right now that are fully depreciated and should be replaced," Eastman said. "We have the money to replace them now, and we won't have to worry about that."

Eastman also revealed that estimated gross operating revenues of the system would reach a new peak of \$9,750,000 this year—a 22 per cent increase over 1942.

Maintenance Costs Rise

Although gross income this year is far above that of last, the percentage of increase is lower, Eastman pointed out. Whereas the spread between this and last year was 22 per cent, income in 1942, when the system first felt the impact of its war load, was 44 per cent above 1941.

The cost of maintaining the more than 500 vehicles on their

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Biddle Suggests Revocation Of Disloyal Japs' Citizenship

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Attorney-General Francis Biddle today told a Dies subcommittee investigating War Relocation Authority activities that he had the "gravest doubt" concerning the constitutionality of action removing American citizens from their homes because of their race.

At a continuation of hearings into disturbances last month at the Tulelake (Calif.) Japanese Relocation Center, Biddle asserted "the W. R. A. has no legal technical right of interfering any American citizen."

"They (the centers) were set up to afford these people a place they could go before they found some place to live."

"I know of no authority in any executive order," the attorney-general stated, "to hold a citizen in a center."

"Biddle suggested that one way to end present difficulties with American citizens of Japanese ancestry who have declared loyalty to the United States citizenship."

On a suggestion that the Tulelake center be transferred permanently to Army supervision, Biddle warned it might bring retaliation by Japan by placement of Ameri-