

# EDITORIALS

## FAMOUS DECEMBER DATE

Though most Americans do not give it much thought, about this time in the year of 1777, General George Washington set up camp for a winter which was to be one of the hardest which American soldiers had ever endured. It was on December 19th that Washington marched his 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa.

This was after the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, after which the British had occupied Philadelphia. Therefore, the encampment at Valley Forge was not among the most optimistic prospects, nor after a session of complete success in the military field.

Washington selected Valley Forge because he thought he could protect Congress, then sitting at York, Pennsylvania, from this location and because it was a highly defensible site. One side was protected by the Schuylkill and another side by a steep precipice. While being quartered at this site amid many hardships caused by deficiencies in the commissary and quartermaster departments, the Continentals were, nevertheless, formed into a disciplined army by the rigid instruction and training methods of Baron Steuben.

Many of us give little thought to this momentous action and winter, a hundred and seventy-seven years ago. But it was to have a considerable bearing on the future history of the world and a direct bearing on every inhabitant in what was to become the United States. It is well that we remember Valley Forge and that hard winter, and those heroes of 1777. We should keep in mind that, should this generation be called upon to undergo a similar ordeal, it is the history and tradition of our people to exhibit their finest qualities in such critical tests.

## SIX MILLION CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Office of Foreign Operations has already started shipment of over six million Christmas food parcels from the United States to some forty-four countries in all parts of the world. This is part of a Christmas spirit being demonstrated by the United States to its friends and neighbors this holiday season.

The packages are made up by the Foreign Operations Administration, and utilize surplus foods obtained from the Department of Agriculture. Some 500,000 of them will be distributed to the armed forces overseas.

The packages are estimated to be worth about \$4.50 each, and contain a pound of butter, a pound of cheese, a pound of dried milk, one pound of dried beans, three pounds of rice, five pounds of flour, one pound of shortening and one pound of canned beef and gravy. All of these foods, except the beef, are surplus foods.

Variations are made in packages sent to the Near East and to the Far East, to suit the taste of peoples in those areas. It is estimated that 2,500,000 packages will be sent to Europe, 1,500,000 to the Far East, 1,000,000 to the Near East and Africa, and about 1,000,000 to Latin America.

The Government, in distributing these 6,000,000 Christmas gift packages, will certainly gain goodwill in every corner of the earth and it is only regretted that similar packages could not be distributed to the needy in this country.

Such a program would raise many questions as to favoritism, cries of politics, and much bickering. In view of these difficulties, the burden of help for the needy must fall on individuals, civic groups and local communities. There is not one com-

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*So cowards fight, when they can fly no farther; so doves do peck the falcon's piercing talons; so desperate thieves, all hopeless of their lives, breathe out invectives against the officers.*

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## Furse's Fresh Flashes

You can always tell a married man when he enters a house — he wipes his feet on the door mat.

A farmer's barn burned here recently and the insurance company declined to give him cash — they rebuilt one exactly like the one that burned down. He came into town here the other day and canceled the insurance on his wife.

One thing you can say about children: they never pull out pictures of their grandparents.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little court twister, says a wink takes but one-fourth of a second and she can't think of any quicker way to get into trouble.

The only thing wrong with that dollar that used to buy so much was most of us didn't have one.

We always put off buying our presents early because a newspaper man never knows how many friends he'll have by Christmas Eve.

We've got color TV at our house now — we painted our set pink.

Nothing will make a man put his best foot forward faster than being caught out with another man's wife.

munity in this country where there is not a real need for such Christmas charity.

We urge individuals and groups in this community to begin preparations early, and make this Christmas a day of observance and giving to an extent never before achieved. If there is one needy family in this community, no matter how insignificant, left out, Christmas in 1954 will not have been a complete success in our area.

## Down Memory Lane

### 10 YEARS AGO

At a Boy Scout court of honor, Carl Ofe was advanced to second class scout and Cyril Kocian to first class. Merit badges went to Bill Edwards, Cyril Kocian, James Doody, Dick Jones, Charles Newton, Richard Wohlfarth, Jim Edwards, Star Scout awards went to James Edwards, James Doody, John Johnson and Robert Gaines. . . Charles J. Warga of near Plattsmouth was champion corn grower with a crop of 155,190 bushels per acre. . . Another high was by Charles Frohlich of Eagle, 97.71. . . Raymond C. Cook was elected to the position of King in the Royal Arch Masons grand chapter, and Rev. T. Porter Bennett re-appointed as grand chaplain. William F. Evers was named to the finance committee.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Plattsmouth H. S. was awarded a plaque by the Nebraska "N" club for scholastic standings of its athletes. . . Elected officers of the W. R. C. were Mrs. J. H. McMaken president; Mrs. Fred G. Morgan senior vice; Mrs. C. C. Cotner junior vice; Mrs. C. F. Glaze chaplain; Mrs. L. B. Egenberger secretary; Mrs. Val Burkle treasurer; Mrs. Martha Peterson conductor; Mrs. Kate Morgan assistant conductor; Mrs. Susie Bates guard; and Mrs. Mary Spenser assistant guard.

## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: IKE WILL SEIZE RED CHINA SHIPS IF UN FAILS TO OBTAIN AIRMEN'S RELEASE; CIA ASKED TO LOCATE MISSING SERVICEMEN; KNOWLAND'S RESENTMENT AGAINST NIXON CAUSED BREAK WITH ADMINISTRATION.

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower has made one important concession to military advisers who have been pushing him to take strong steps in China. These military men are chiefly Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. James Van Fleet, the Korea Commander whose letter on troop-training contributed to Ike's election.

What the President has agreed to is the use of the U. S. Navy to seize Red Chinese merchant vessels — if the United Nations fails in its attempt to free the 11 American airmen and two American civilians.

Eisenhower's concession on this point came only after a long series of debates inside the National Security Council and the White House. During most of these debates the President leaned over backward against his military advisers.

The man who chiefly backed him up was General Matt. Ridgway, Army Chief of Staff, who has so emphatically disagreed with Eisenhower on reducing the strength of the Armed Forces that he will probably be retired on his birthday in March. But, on the question of getting bogged down in a possible war in China, the two spoke the same language.

Admiral Radford, however, is one of

## Do It Yourself, Son



the most charming and persuasive military men in the Pentagon. Very much in the doghouse because of his open battle against the Air Force, Radford sweet-talked himself into Ike's good graces during one short hour when Ike's plane refueled at Iwo Jima during the December, 1952, trip to Korea.

Ike then took Radford on the rest of the trip and he's been with him ever since. Easy to seize Reds

Radford, therefore, was able to talk Eisenhower into a promise that the U. S. Navy would be used to seize Communist China shipping — if the U. N. negotiations break down. He did this in part by showing how easy it has been for Chiang Kai-Shek's navy, reinforced by U. S. observation planes and using former U. S. submarines to capture Red Chinese shipping in the Formosa Straits.

Red shipping has to pass through the relatively narrow waters between the Chinese Mainland and Chiang's Formosa where it is easy for Chiang to lay in wait and pick off ships at will.

Most, without a blockade, Red China would not be able to communicate between the vital-

ly important seaports of the South and those of the North, about the same thing as cutting New York-Philadelphia-Boston off from Baltimore-Norfolk-Miami-New Orleans.

Note — Ike was of the opinion that the U. N. mission would succeed and that a showdown with the Red China Navy would not be necessary.

The State Department has drawn up a secret list of 526 missing Americans — 472 servicemen, 54 civilians — who have disappeared behind the bamboo curtain. The State Department is morally certain many are alive in Communist prisons, has asked Central Intelligence to locate them. . . If our agents in China can find proof these men are alive, Uncle Sam will make a vigorous protest in the United Nations, then follow up with military pressure if necessary.

The French are missing 20,000 troops that the Reds were supposed to repatriate under the Armistice agreement in Indo-China. . . The recent East German elections revealed that the number of voters has dropped by 288,181 in the last four years.

Most refugees who fled to the West. . . The administration is quietly trying to arrange for

Chief Justice Earl Warren to address a joint session of Congress. The Federal courts are in such urgent need of increased appropriations that a personal appeal from the Chief Justice is considered necessary to dramatize the need. . . For example, the Chief Justice — second most important official in the land — doesn't even have a limousine. He must either rent one or hail a cab to attend formal functions. Yet minor assistant secretaries, attending the same functions, drive up in official government limousines. . . Ike and Mamie have four plush Presidential Limousines between them, and another three for hauling important visitors — A total of seven. Maybe they could loan one to the Chief Justice.

The inside story hasn't been told, but Bill Knowland's break with the administration isn't a personal split with President Eisenhower. It is a result of resentment against Vice-President Nixon.

Those who know Knowland know he's so bitter against his fellow Californian that he will automatically oppose anything Nixon favors. Since the Vice-President is the "Voice of Ike" on Capitol Hill, Knowland has the psychological effect of putting Knowland at odds with the administration on almost every issue.

Also at the back of Knowland's mind, his friends say, is an ambition to succeed the late Sen. Robert Taft as spokesman for the GOP Conservative wing. If Ike declines to run again, Knowland is convinced the Republican party will give its next presidential nomination to the most promising conservative candidate. This explains why Knowland declined comment recently as to whether Ike should be drafted.

Or, if Ike does try for a second term, he may be forced to choose a conservative running mate for the sake of party harmony. In either case, Knowland would like to be the most available choice.

Vice President Nixon, as the fall to the Eisenhower kite, is obliged to go in the same direction as the President. Nixon does his best to determine the direction and guide the President. Frequently he has it. It was he who for months laid down the appease-Joe policy. But, once the policy is laid down, Nixon faithfully follows the Eisenhower line. And once the White House lined up positively against McCarthy, no one worked harder behind the scenes against McCarthy than Nixon.

Knowland's friends swear this is the main reason the big, obstinate Majority Leader voted for McCarthy. It was Nixon, for example, who appointed the Senate Committee, including its Senate chairman, Utah Sen. Arthur Watkins. Afterward, it was Nixon who persuaded Ike to cooperate Watkins.

This public endorsement of Watkins, plus Ike's press-conference remarks opposing Knowland's views on China, were interpreted by Knowland as a double-barreled public rebuke, engineered by Nixon.

Knowland has always resented the fact that Ike's chief liaison with the Senate has been through Nixon, rather than him. In the past the Chief Justice has been more of a figurehead with the Senate Majority Leader the chief contact with the White House.

The way feelings are running, it may not be long before Knowland and Nixon are openly calling each other names.

## Recommends Make Use of Various Milks

Milk can be just like a pair of shoes, have a different type for each occasion.

Kathryn Cook, extension food and nutrition specialist at the University of Nebraska, says the wise homemaker will make use of milk-fluid, evaporated, condensed or dry.

Use more skim milk in place of whole milk. It's cheaper and has all the food nutrients except the fat and fat soluble vitamins. It provides less calories so can be used for drinking purposes for the calorie conscious individual.

For cooking and baking non-fat dry milk solids can be used in place of fresh fluid milk. Evaporated milk is also cheaper than fluid milk in almost every instance and can be used effectively for cooking purposes.

In buying milk it is cheaper to get 2-quart containers. Buy milk at the store, if it is cheaper than to have it delivered to your door.

Milk is a perishable food. Keep it cool, clean and covered. If you buy milk at the grocery store, take it home immediately and put it in the refrigerator. If it is left on your door-step take it in as soon as it is delivered. Milk like other foods retains its food value better with good care.

## Keep Rubber Mat Near The Back Door

Keep an easy-to-wash rubber mat near your back door during winter weather, says Clara Leopold, extension home management specialist at the University of Nebraska. The family can stack their winter boots and rubbers in a convenient spot there without causing damage. It is easy to sponge the rubber mat with a soapy cloth, and it saves a lot of tracking.



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 — President Dwight D. Eisenhower is reported to be waiting patiently for 1957, as the first possible date when he can have a good G. O. P. majority and also majority leaders who will coordinate their activities closely with those of the White House.

There is genuine resentment in some quarters of the White House over independent actions of Majority Leader of the Senate William Knowland. Although it is conceded that Knowland has every right to be independent in this field, but that the Executive Department has no power over the Legislature, it is felt that better coordination could be exhibited by Knowland.

If the Republicans regain a majority of seats in the Senate in the presidential election year of 1956, they will have to elect a Majority Leader in the upper chamber in 1957. It is felt that it is not displayed between the White House and Capitol Hill, it is entirely possible that Knowland will have very serious opposition in that election.

With a majority of Democrats (who will be in control of the 84th Congress) in favor of his foreign policies, Mr. Eisenhower has little to worry about in this field. But in the field of domestic legislation, the President will be able to make little progress — toward enactment of the G. O. P. program — in the next two years.

Thus it will be 1957 before Ike can gather another Republican team around him at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Because of this situation, chances are much better for an Eisenhower reelection bid than they were before the recent election. Mr. Eisenhower would have been more inclined to step down from his very demanding job had he completed most of his reorganizing program by the end of 1956. That will not be the case, however, with the Democrats in control in the next two years.

The President took his sharpest crack at the United Nations, with his recommendation concerning the imprisonment of thirteen Americans, and his sharp rebuke to the UN stung that body into action.

Put on the spot by proposals that he take the "war action" of blocking China, to force freeing of the Americans, the President has to restrain himself not to rush into an "impulsive" action which might not be in the best interests of this country. Speaking with deep feeling, and great intensity, the President explained his position to a group of newspaper men on December 22d (among them a representative of this paper).

The President told them to explain to Americans that sometimes the first flush of anger and the impulsive response to an outrage such as the Chinese announcement on the thirteen Americans was not the best response to follow. He noted that such Communist provocations were not without design to split the western allies; he also noted that an impulsive action, a war action, by the United States, might accomplish just that — something the Reds have been trying to accomplish for years.

But in rejecting a force move the President put the ball squarely in U. N. hands. His statement that the U. N. could have no self-respect if it did not react to the Chinese action was strong talk, and it won attention. Now the move is being re-

ported as a major step forward in the cold war by U. S. representatives abroad. The free world, especially England, has rallied to the U. S. protest.

The Communists, it is now believed, are being hurt considerably by their effort to stampede the U. S. into aggressive moves. The civilized courts of the world resent the imprisonment of the U. S. prisoners-of-war and are deeply sympathetic with the United States. The Reds may find themselves in the position of having nothing to gain by continued imprisonment and much to lose.

The next possible action against Senator Joe McCarthy in the Senate is generally conceded to be expulsion. But a majority of Senators think that action will never be taken, unless McCarthy flouts members and committees in shocking fashion.

There is no doubt that expulsion charges now would fail. Therefore, it seems to be up to McCarthy — whether the Senate is again stirred into action against him. McCarthy is expected to continue his proings into Communist gangers until the Democrats take over.

And even then he will attempt to continue his investigations. But he will no longer head an official investigative body, and will be acting as an individual Senator. Whether he can remain in the headlines, on his own funds and as a single Senator out to do battle with the Reds, remains to be seen. And how he conducts himself in the next few months will determine whether there is another Senate battle over the question of punishing Joe.

## New Schedule Of Drivers Exams

A new schedule of drivers license examinations has been announced by the state motor vehicle division.

The examiner will be in the Cass county courthouse twice monthly in January through May, and three times in June. All visits will be in the afternoon.

In January he will be here the 13th and 27th; Feb. 10 and 24; March 10 and 24; April 7 and 21; May 5 and 19, and June 2, 16 and 30.

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HORIZONTAL		VERTICAL	
1 Depicted swine	5 Scarce	1 Fruit	3 Small piece
9 It is found in the Indies	6 Shoshonean	2 Beast	4 In (prefix)
13 Lively	7 African town		
14 Falsifier	8 First man		
15 Insect egg	9 Hebrew deity		
16 Royal	10 Help		
18 Expire	11 Manner		
19 Part of "be"	12 Handles		
20 Starts again	13 French article		
22 Note of scale	20 Answered		
23 Nostril	21 Pullman cars		
25 Pillage	24 Being borne		
27 Landed	25 Bird		
28 Goes astray	33 It has		
29 Accomplish (ab.)	34 Interstice		
31 Not (prefix)	36 Gazes fixedly		
32 Italian river	37 Aid		
33 Tilt	42 Right (ab.)		
35 Feminine appellation	43 Goddess of discord		
38 Inland	44 Dispatched		
39 Soaks flax	45 Except (symbol)		
40 Ament	46 River in Germany		
41 Attires	49 Small mass		
47 While	51 Employ		
48 Solemn promise	52 Negative reply		
50 Walls	53 Radon		
51 Swiss canton	54 Opposites		
52 Enthusiastic ardor	56 Federal part		
54 Opposites	57 Most severe		