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brought two World Wars and a depression.

Even before the old year faded out, it was obvious more strife lay ahead in 1951, perhaps on a greater scale.

And while there appeared little immediate reason for cheer, people still said "Happy New Year" because it was the custom.

A possible keynote was sounded by Gene Leone who is closing his restaurant and bar in mid-Manhattan for tonight. He said:

"This is a time for serious resolutions, not for champagne dreams. I would rather think of my friends joining in quiet prayer for the world's future than in noisy celebrations."

Hundreds of Protestant churches under the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ have joined in making today a special day of prayer.

Catholics will go to mass today and Monday, for New Year's Day is a Catholic holy day.

Sport is on the program also, with bowl games winding up the football season.

Most nightspots where liquor laws permit have arranged gala parties for tonight.

Some proprietors have reported little demand so far for reservations. But they expressed belief there would be a large 11th-hour turnout of celebrators anxious to put aside cares for the night.

New York police expected an influx of revelers in Times Square.

The coincidence of New Year's

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Associated Press)

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"Get Away" Driver Robbery-Slaying Is Freed On Parole

MONTGOMERY, (AP)—The admitted "get away" driver in a 1944 robbery-slaying for which his 21-year-old partner was electrocuted was released on parole last week.

The man, John E. Mobley, was among 18 convicts freed by the State Pardon-Parole Board. The board said five applications were denied.

Mobley admitted taking part in the holdup of a Birmingham sandwich shop in which George N. Goatley was killed. D. S. (Steve) Pilley was convicted for killing Goatley and sent to the chair.

Deputy Solicitor Willard McCall said at Birmingham that he was amazed that Mobley was freed.

"He should have been kept in prison for the rest of his day," he said. "He's a dangerous person to loose on society."

Capt. Charlie Pierce of the Birmingham detective force likewise condemned Mobley's parole.

"We're having plenty of trouble from new parolees," he declared. "We're making cases against a lot of them. We're going to try and send them back to prison.

A Negro given 50 years for murder in Covington county in 1945, Hosea Tyson, also was paroled. Another released was Russell Cobb of Talladega county who served less than three years of a 20-year term for rape.

Others on this week's parole list included the following from Northwest Alabama:

M. C. Davis, forgery, Lauderdale, 12 to 15 years, March, 1939.

NO PAPER MONDAY

No editions of this newspaper will be published on Monday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day because of the growing shortage of newsprint.

FROM A YEAR whose ending was darkened by military defeat for Democracy and the threat of another world war, we look forward into 1951 which may hold mankind's only hope.

United States Bans Use Of Copper In Long List Items Made For Civilian Purpose

Sweeping Order Bites Deeply Into Civilian Economy

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The government, in a sweeping order biting into the civilian economy, Saturday banned or sharply restricted the use of copper in more than 300 products.

After March 1 the scarce metal cannot be used in new manufacture of items ranging from pots and pans, building hardware, furniture and electrical appliances to jewelry, toys and paper clips.

Brass, which is made in part of copper, also is restricted.

The National Production Authority, which issued the order, said however that copper or brass may be used in making items on the banned list where the materials are used for a functioning purpose, as in working parts.

This would allow continued use of small quantities of copper, or brass, as electrical conductors or in bearings, where no practical substitute is available.

The order is the first in the present mobilization spelling out essential and non-essential uses.

Previously, percentage cuts had been ordered effective Jan. 1 in the amounts of certain metals, including aluminum, zinc, tin, lead and copper, which manufacturers may use. The previous copper-brass curtailment order—cutting usage by 15 per cent in January and February, and 20 per cent in March —still stands.

But these metal curtailments do not operate as does Saturday's copper order to ban outright the use of available quantities on particular items. Such orders are reported under consideration for other metals, including aluminum and zinc.

In addition, the amount of steel available for civilian production was cut by allocations and priorities for defense and defense-supporting manufacture. Also, the government has taken over control of cadmium and cobalt supplies.

But the copper order Saturday actually lists the items from which copper is banned. The metal is prohibited for all ornamental and decorative use. This includes "bright work" and trim on automobiles, as

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Artillery Is Being Dragged Toward West

Two Red Jets Hit In War's Biggest Air Fight So Far

BY ROBERT EUNSON

TOKYO, Sunday, (AP)—Red forces deepened their dent in the Allied line in Eastern Korea Saturday and brought artillery and some armor into attack position on the Western front for an expected all-out smash at Seoul in he first days of the New Year.

Forty Russian-made jet planes of the growing Communist force clashed with 15 speedy U. S. Sabre jets over Northwest Korea in the war's biggest air battle Saturday.

Two Red jets were damaged. All U. S. planes returned safely to base.

U. S. Fifth Air Force medium bombers spotted Chinese Communist tanks, half-tracks and artillery moving across the 38th Parallel Into attack position in the Kaesong area, Northwest of Seoul.

The American airmen reported they disabled 20 large field guns, knocked out one half-track and damaged nine, and blew up one tank.

Kaesong, two miles South of Parallel 38, the old arbitrary boundary of Red North and Republican South Korea, is ten miles behind the Reds' Western front along the Imjin river. The front is only 27 miles Northeast on the South Korean Capital of Seoul.

Other Red artillery was reported sighted near Yonchon, six miles North of Parallel 38 and 36 miles due North of Seoul.

Appearance of Red armor in the areas emphasized imminence of

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Americans Are Splitting Wide Open On Policy

Letters To Editors Across The Nation Reflect It Sharply

(Editor's note: As a means of sampling public opinion, the Associated Press last week conducted a country-wide survey of "Letters To The Editor." This journalistic institution—the "Vox Pop" column—is typically American as it is typically a mirror of public sentiment on the day's burning issues. The nationwide roundup covers a cross-section of what American newspaper readers are writing to the editors, in big cities and small. It is presented, not as any conclusive barometer but as a representative sampling of what "Vox Pop" is saying in a country where no argumentative holds are barred.)

(By The Associated Press)

The voice of the people, as reflected in letters to editors of American newspapers, is sharply divided on the course the United States should take to meet Communist aggression.

From Maine to California, a growing national debate is being waged by housewives, students, factory workers and businessmen exercising the old American privilege of sounding off.

Suggestions range from dropping the atom bomb on Moscow to pulling every American soldier back to his home shores.

The Truman Administration

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Sparkman States Hunger, Squalor Aiding Communism

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Failure of the United States to recognize the determination of other peoples to win a decent life could hand them over to communism, Senator Sparkman (D-Ala) warns.

Sparkman said Friday night two-thirds of the world's people "live in incredible hunger and squalor unknown to the poorest American." They are determined to "emerge from their present state of feudalistic impoverishment," he added.

Sparkman is a member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. He made the remarks before the American Political Science Association.

The Alabama senator in another statement proposed a full-scale debate on foreign policy to help settle

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Florence Schools To Reopen Monday

Coffee High school and the four elementary schools of Florence—Brandon, Coffee, Colbert, and Patton—will reopen on Monday, Jan. 1, following a recess for the Christmas holidays.

Monday only, classes at the high school will begin at 9 o'clock instead of at the usual 7.

LABOR RALLY JAN. 5

Sam Douglass, president of the Alabama State Federation of Labor, (AFL) will be guest speaker at an open meeting at the Limestone county courthouse in Athens Friday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is being sponsored by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL. All members of organized labor in Northwest Alabama are especially invited to attend.

Florida Man Seeks Dismissal Of Suit Against Tuscumbia

The city of Tuscumbia received notice Saturday morning of the dismissal of the $6,800 suit filed by Ed C. Wright, Orlando, Fla., against the city seeking refund on bonds issued in 1926.

The notice of dismissal was enclosed in a letter from Wright's attorney. The notice said that the plaintiff was seeking dismissal of the suit without prejudice. It was dated Dec. 28.

The city of Tuscumbia had previously announced that money had been deposited in a Birmingham bank to cover all obligations of the city in the 1926 public improvement bond issue and that Wright had never filed a request for refund on the bonds he held.

Wright's attorney said he had been advised that the bonds had been refunded and therefore sought dismissal of the suit.

Acheson Calls Upon U.S. To "Close Ranks"

Creation Of Strength Necessary To Repel Aggression Is Urged

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Secretary of State Acheson, flatly accusing Russia's leaders of "warlike acts" in 1950, called on the nation Saturday night to close ranks in the New Year and redouble its efforts to "create the strength necessary to repel aggression."

He expressed confidence that the U. S. and its Allies would in fact achieve such strength and to critics of the Administration at home he declared that present foreign policy is sound and will be continued. The U. S. must stand by its friends abroad, he said, because to do otherwise would mean "appeasement on a gigantic scale", and would make Russia a gift of Western Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

In a statement taking stock of the year now ending and assessing

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TAKES P. O. APPLICATIONS

AP Special Washington Service

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Civil Service Commission announced Saturday it will receive applications until Jan. 23 for examinations to select eligible nominees for the postmastership at Sheffield, Ala.

Stock Market Tops Off 1950 With Big Advance In Prices

NEW YORK, (AP)—The stock market topped off 1950 last week with another advance and unusually heavy trading.

Well over $1,000,000,000 was added to the market value.

A minor relapse on Friday left the general price level, as measured by the Associated Press average of 60 stocks, just under the highest level since February, 1931.

On Wednesday the market bounced back from a Tuesday decline with one of the sharpest advances in recent years. There was no news in particular to account for the advance. Blue chip stocks as well as those with a strong speculative tinge were in demand.

The advance slowed down on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday the market stalled although taking

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Emancipation Parade In Florence Monday

The Negro citizens of the Tri-Cities will stage a big emancipation parade in Florence at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Sponsored by the local Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, the parade will form at Burrell High school in Florence and proceed down College street to Court street, up Court to Tuscaloosa street, out Tuscaloosa to Seminary street, and down Seminary to Slater Elementary school.

A general program will be held at 5 o'clock with Dr. H. B. Nolan of Birmingham as guest speaker.

Extension Of Social Security Is Now At Hand

10,000,000 Persons Start Becoming Eligible Monday

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The New Year will bring the biggest extension of Social Security since survivors' benefits were added to old-age pensions in 1939.

An additional 10,000,000 persons will start becoming eligible Monday for coverage under federal old age and survivors insurance. Some 35,000,000 workers are now covered.

Three large groups coming under the federal insurance system are (1) Household employes, (2) Farm workers and (3) The self-employed, excepting farm operators, doctors, dentists, lawyers and members of

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Lauderdale Schools Will Reopen Monday

All Lauderdale County rural schools will reopen on Monday morning, Jan. 1, it was announced Saturday by W. H. Walker, county superintendent of education. The schools recessed for the Christmas holidays on Friday, Dec. 22, for the period of one week.

Jan. 1 is a national holiday but it is not observed by the rural schools, and all children are expected to be on hand Monday morning.

Midnight Service At First Christian

The dawn of a new year, and the second half of a century, will be heralded by a special watchnight service at the First Christian church, Florence, tonight, beginning at 11:15 and closing shortly after midnight.

The service is a response to a call to prayer by Dr. Henry Knox Sherrill, president of the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A.—prayer "for all mankind, for those who have at home and abroad the responsibility of governmental decisions, for the United Nations; for the establishment of a peace of justice, and purged of self-righteousness and worldly fears and anxieties, the rededication of ourselves and of our nation to the will of God."

Special organ music to guide the worshipers in meditation will be rendered by William J. McIlrath, including "The Heavens Are Telling," by Beethoven, and "Send Out Thy Light," by Gounod. The congregation will join in singing several hymns of faith. Rev. O. T. Foster, pastor, will lead the prayers and prayers and bring the New Year's eve message, "And Now Abideth." A period of silent prayer will precede the tolling of the midnight hour on the church chimes. The hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," by the congregation and the benediction will follow, concluding the service.

Rev. Foster and the congregation extend an invitation to the public to attend this special service.

RETURNS TO DUTY

Pfc. Otha Roberson, brother of Mrs. Pearl Gandy, Russellville, who was reported missing in action in Korea, is now reported back on his post in good condition.

FLORENCE STORES TO CLOSE

The business establishments of Florence will be closed all day Monday in observance of New Year's day, according to an announcement by Julian B. Wells, president of the local Retail Merchants association. They will be open again as usual on Tuesday.

The Theatres

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The Weather

Maximum temperature for the 36-hour period ending at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 46; minimum, 33; no precipitation; sunrise this morning, 6:57; sunset tonight, 4:47. Pickwick lake stage Saturday, 8.52, unchanged with Friday's 8.52, no fluctuation.

Alabama and extreme Northwest Florida—Clearing, not much change in temperatures today. Monday partly cloudy and warmer. Moderate Northerly winds on the Coast, becoming variable by Monday.

Tennessee — Mostly cloudy today. High today in low or middle 40s.

Mississippi — Clearing, not so cold this afternoon. Monday partly cloudy and warmer. Moderate Northerly winds on the Coast, becoming variable by Monday.

TVA Reports Facilities At Muscle Shoals Now Ready To Produce Munitions Of War

The Tennessee Valley region is stronger today, more capable to meet either the demands of national defense or peacetime economic development, than it was at the beginning of World War II, the TVA said in its 17th Annual Report to the President and the Congress.

The integrated regional strength springs not only from the TVA's physical plant—its dams, power plants, navigation channel, and chemical facilities—but also from the greater strength and activity of state and local agencies through which the people of the Valley carry on their share of the comprehensive development of natural resources.

Capacity of the TVA power system has been multiplied nearly four times since 1940. But the region is still far short of the power necessary to meet the rapidly expanding needs for national defense.

"Further construction is under way on a fast schedule to keep abreast of the demand for power," the report said. "Electric energy is the heart of the defense effort, without which the need for airplanes, guns, munitions, clothing, chemicals, and atomic weapons cannot be met."

The construction schedule is designed to increase the power system installed capacity from 3,000,000 kilowatts at the end of the 1950 fiscal year to 4,900,000 kw by 1953. "The 17 1/2 billion kwh produced by the TVA power system last year was 12 times that generated in the region in 1933 and 3 1/2 times that of 1940," the report said.

TVA's chemical facilities at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, "stands ready at almost a moment's notice to produce munitions," the report declared.

The report covered the activities of TVA and cooperating state and local agencies in the comprehensive development of resources in the Tennessee Valley region, summarizing developments over the past 17 years since TVA was established in 1933. It pointed out that "State and local agencies concerned with resources have greatly increased in strength and activity between 1933 and 1948." The report pointed out that new state and local agencies had been formed to deal with resources and that existing agencies had increased their technical staffs and the scope of their activities in broad fields of resource development.

As a result, "TVA is now able to probe more deeply into special resource problems in small areas within the Valley which are lagging behind the general development. And it can apply its scientific and technical skill of inquiry and analysis to the relationships among the various natural resources and the economic organizations they support."

"The accomplishments of the teamwork between TVA and Valley agencies are concrete," the report said. "The Valley region today is stronger than it was in 1933, or than it was in 1940 when the nation began to mobilize for World War II, or than it was when the war ended in 1945. It is stronger in the control the people exercise over their natural resources. It is stronger in its own institutions—yet the region is still far from attaining maximum development of its many resources."

In summary, TVA reported:

In 1949, the 630-mile navigation channel carried 508 million ton-miles of traffic, including petroleum products, coal, grain, iron and steel, coke, and chemicals, compared with 33 million ton-miles in 1933. The channel, provided by multiple-purpose dams serving also the functions of flood control and power production, "stands ready to make a full contribution to national defense or wartime transportation." In 1940, the channel provided a six-foot depth upstream to Chattanooga, whereas today it extends the full length of the river and provides passage for barges of 9-foot draft.

Estimated transportation savings in 1949 were $6,000,000, "about $2.3 million more than all the costs of operating the system, including the costs to TVA, to the U. S. Army Engineers who operate the locks and maintain the channel, and to the U. S. Coast Guard who maintain navigation lights and buoys."

In flood control, the TVA system, which provides 11 million acre-feet of storage for regulation of flood waters, lowered two crests of a flood of long duration on the lower Ohio and Mississippi rivers, the first by about two feet and the second by over a foot. These reductions helped materially in averting the use of the Bird's Point-New Madrid floodway, an area of 200 square miles. Hundreds of residents of the rich farming area moved from their homes in anticipation of the possibility that the Army Engineers would find it necessary to open the muse plug levee of the floodway. Coordinated action by Army Engineers and TVA at the mouth of the Tennessee made this action unnecessary.

No major flood crests occurred on the Tennessee, but regulation averted $800,000 damage at Chattanooga, bringing the total since 1936 to $65,000,000. Savings in damage at this single point have amounted to more than one quarter of the TVA flood control investment.

The power system produced more than 17 1/2 billion kwh of electricity, considerably more than any other integrated system in the country. Power operating revenues were $58,800,000, and net operating revenues were $27,000,000, amounting to a return of about 5 3/4 per cent on the average depreciated power investment. Over the entire period of TVA operations, the return has averaged four per cent annually.

"Since 1933," the report said, "TVA power operations have produced total operating revenues of $426 million. Of this amount, $177

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