

New President of Mexico Strives for 'Tractor Age'

Seeks to Protect Farm 'Middle Class'

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MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—Miguel Aleman has not long occupied Mexico's presidential palace, but already observers are wondering whether one of his top aims will bring him the enmity of the powerful bureaucracy called here "the agrarian politicians."

A major objective of the new national administration is to spur the coming of the tractor age down here.

The new president's first recommendation to congress was, in fact, a constitutional amendment designed to create a middle class among Mexican farmers by protecting the private ownership of small farms.

Small Farm Is 247 Acres

Theoretically, small farms were exempt from the sweeping provisions of Article 27 of the constitution, which defined the program for breaking up large estates and dividing them among the landless peasants. However, that article specifically forbade appeal to the courts from seizure of land.

Now President Aleman proposes to restore the right of court appeal to owners of small farms certified as subject of seizure. His amendment defines a small farm as not more than 247 acres of first-class farm land, or its equivalent in poorer land, up to 1,767 acres of the worst.

Suggests Colonization

Small ranches protected by the amendment are defined as the area necessary to support 500 head of beef cattle or the equivalent in sheep or goats.

The purpose of the amendment, as explained by the president, is to protect small-farm owners and encourage them to increase production.



WANTS NEW METHODS

President Miguel Aleman of Mexico has opened a campaign to bring modern techniques to Mexican farms.

By adopting modern techniques of farming.

Distribution of land, Aleman says, will continue in line with Mexico's agrarian revolution. Although, he adds, "most of the land has been distributed already."

To supplement this measure, President Aleman is recommending creation of an institute of agricultural research to teach modern farm techniques, and the establishment of a national resettlement commission.

This commission will be empowered to thin out the concentrations of population now existing in certain parts of Mexico by forming colonies for transfer to new lands opened by irrigation and drainage.

Although only 7 per cent of the country's area is cultivable without irrigation, the 1940 census listed more than 65 per cent of the nation's 20 million people as engaged in farming.

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Couple Celebrate 45th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. West, Fishers, will be honored on their 45th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday. They were married Dec. 29, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. West have been residents of Hamilton county nearly all their married life. Mr. West is 65 and his wife is 61.

They have four daughters, Mrs. Aetha Parr and Mrs. Dorothy Forey, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Mable Parr and Mrs. Violet Mae Kinnaman, Noblesville, and two sons, Charles West Jr., Alton, Ill., and Marvin West, Noblesville. They also have 18 grandchildren.

\$25,000 Donated To Rotary Fund

Donation of \$25,000 by Mrs. Isaac R. Holyoak, 5902 Guilford ave., to establish "The Rotary Foundation of Indianapolis, Inc." was announced today by James A. Ross, past president of the Rotary club.

Mrs. Holyoak made the donation through Mr. Ross in memory of her late husband, a Rotarian, who died Feb. 2.

The foundation funds, Mr. Ross said, will be used for charitable purposes. Principal aim of the foundation is to promote the welfare of Marion county's physically, mentally or materially handicapped persons.

Indiana Rotary clubs already have donated about \$300,000 to the Rotary convalescent home at Riley hospital. The Indianapolis Rotary club supplied about \$100,000 of this amount for equipping the home. The club has maintained the convalescent home for 15 years.

It Was Day Before Christmas

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 25 (U. P.)—It was the day before Christmas in justice court.

The complaining witness wept and pleaded that the charges be dismissed.

The prosecuting attorney offered to pay for the stolen article himself.

The judge said he had to do his duty, and he fined the defendant \$25—but suspended the fine.

The defendant, William Evans, explained: "I was broke, and I took it for my granddaughter."

His loot—a brightly colored doll.

9 in One Family Recover From Polio

RANDALL, Minn., Dec. 25 (U. P.)—The nine children of the Frank Anders family celebrated Christmas in their small farm home today.

All have recovered or nearly recovered from poliomyelitis which struck them three months ago.

Today, all nine were able to gather around the tree—walking and nearly cured.

Spokesman for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which aided in financing the treatments, said there was no record of any other family with so many members suffering from the disease.

The word went around the room. Mr. Mann had no family and seemed to have no friends.

As he left the party, his arms laden with presents, he dropped dead of a heart attack.

Dies Following First Yule Party

CHICAGO, Dec. 25 (U. P.)—Tears streamed down the cheeks of Floyd Mann, 50, as he sat in a corner during the Christmas party of the paper company where he worked temporarily as an odd-job man.

"It's just that I never was at a Christmas party before," he told a fellow worker.

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Local Briefs

Frank Pfeifer, Chicago, a converted gangster who spent 29 years in prison, will speak at 7:30 p. m. Saturday at True Gospel church, 233 Howard st.

Ship Cancels SOS

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (U. P.)—The U. S. coast guard reported to-day that the 7261-ton British freighter Vancouver City had canceled an SOS, after bringing a fire in her engine room under control.

AYRES' AFTER-CHRISTMAS

CLEARANCES

Women's and Misses' COATS

1 to 1/2 OFF

In Broken Sizes and Color Assortment

(85) UNTRIMMED COATS, originally	26.85
(67) UNTRIMMED COATS, originally	45.00
now	33.75
(39) UNTRIMMED and FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally	59.95 to 69.95
now	38.85
(24) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally	68.00 to 89.95
now	48.85
(16) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally	89.95 to 98.95
now	58.85
(5) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally	298.95
now	149.48
(3) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally	298.95
now	188.85
(1) FUR-TRIMMED COAT, was originally	425.00
now	248.85
(4) FUR-TRIMMED COATS, originally	398.95 to 550.00
now	288.85
(1) FUR-TRIMMED COAT, originally	498.95
now	388.85
(15) SUITS, originally 35.00 and 39.95	now
now	18.85
(15) SUITS, originally 45.00 and 49.95	now
now	23.85
(6) SUITS, originally 54.50	now
now	28.85
(11) SUITS, originally 49.95 and 69.95	now
now	34.85
(8) SUITS, originally 89.95	now
now	58.85
(2) SUITS, originally 139.95	now
now	88.85

COATS and SUITS, THIRD FLOOR

MEN'S SPORTSWEAR

(19) MEN'S LEATHER JACKETS, originally 17.50 and 21.00	now	12.95
(104) MEN'S LEATHER JACKETS, originally 25.00	now	17.95
(56) MEN'S LEATHER JACKETS, originally 27.50 to 33.50	now	19.95
(55) MEN'S LEATHER JACKETS, originally 36.50 to 45.00	now	25.95

MEN'S SPORT SHOP, SECOND FLOOR

WOMEN'S SLIPPERS, NOW 1/2 PRICE AND LESS!

(2,500) WOMEN'S HOUSE SLIPPERS, originally 2.50 to 8.95	now	1.97, 2.47, 2.97, 4.47
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SLIPPERS, SECOND FLOOR

SPORTSWEAR SUITS

1/3 to 1/2 OFF!

Softened styles in plain and novelty wools, were 49.95 and 59.95, now

Tailored and semi-tailored SUITS in shetland and novelty wools; were 79.95, now

SPORTSWEAR, THIRD FLOOR

SPORTSWEAR ACCESSORIES

(150) SWEATERS, were 5.00, now	2.49
(100) SWEATERS, were 5.98, now	3.99

SPORTSWEAR ACCESSORIES, THIRD FLOOR

MILLINERY . . . NOW 1/2 PRICE!

(10) WINTER FELTS, originally 15.00, now	7.50
(15) WINTER FELTS, originally 12.50, now	6.25
(20) WINTER FELTS, originally 10.95, now	5.50
(10) WINTER FELTS, originally 10.00, now	5.00
(20) WINTER FELTS, originally 8.95, now	4.80
(30) WINTER FELTS, originally 7.95, now	4.00
(20) WINTER FELTS, originally 6.95, now	3.50
(15) WINTER FELTS, originally 5.95, now	3.00
(10) WINTER FELTS, originally 5.00, now	2.50
(30) PCS. ASSORTED MILLINERY, now	1.00

MILLINERY, THIRD FLOOR

SUBDEB CLOTHING

(30) COATS, originally 45.00, now	23.29
(24) COATS, originally 35.00, now	19.29
(10) COATS, originally 29.95, now	15.29
(35) DRESSES, originally 22.95, now	10.29
GROUP OF DRESSES, originally 10.95 to 16.95, now	5.29 to 10.29
(50) SUITS, originally 25.00, now	15.29
(19) SUITS, originally 34.00, now	22.29

SUBDEB SHOP, FOURTH FLOOR

ART NEEDLEWORK

(1) PETIT POINT BELL PULL, originally 80.00, now	50.00
(11) NEEDLEPOINT PIECE, originally 45.00, now	35.00
(1) NEEDLEPOINT CHAIR SET, originally 55.00, now	39.50
GROUP OF NEEDLEPOINT PIECES, originally 30	