The issue of the Bethlehem Gazette of December 26, Year O had no notice of the birth of a son to Joseph and Mary, late come from Galilee. Joseph held no press conference after the event. No photographers popped their flashbulbs at the manger-cradled child. Neither politicians nor social workers moved to end the housing shortage in Bethlehem. A luminous star guided wise men from the east to the stable, and a vision with voices sent shepherds hurrying to Mary's bedside. But there was no televising the Advent for a world

It would be a very strange world to Jesus if He returned in flesh today. The mechanical gadgets would be a complete mystery to this one who knew only the simple tools of the carpenter and the husbandman. He might even be amazed at the great temples erected in His honor and the services President Said inside might mystify Him who was

Jesus was called Rabbi, which means Teacher. He would find for his higher education.

Jesus was sensitive to childhood, and He would find children loved Hartley law with its emergency and nurtured in every home. Jesus was a healer; and He strike injunction.

would find excellent hospitals and The president made his decla- charge d' affaires in Budapest, skilled physicians and trained nur- ration in a brief exchange with conferred with Hungary's deputy ses. He helped the blind to see; newsmen who crowded around foreign minister today but there and He would be pleased with our him in the music room of the was no announcement at the end (Continued on editorial page, 4)

2 Drown as Car Skids into Coastal River

ASTORIA, Dec. 24 -(AP)- Two the steel mills going. when a car skidded through the of the law, he obviously included rails of an icy bridge and plunged the Taft-Hartley law. He expandinto the Lewis and Clark river. ed a bit further with the asser-

was found standing atop the sub- ers the president has to keep the merged car holding onto a bridge vital metal rolling out of the

He fs William McPheeters jr. Astoria. He was treated at St. Mary's hospital here for shock. Hospital attendants said he told them that his step-father and mother, James Cox, 22, and Ora Cox, 49, were trapped in the car. Leaves Prison, The mishap occurred at about 7:30 p.m. The bodies were recovered about three hours later. The death raised Oregon holiday traffic fatalities to five.

Yule Weather **Picture Varies** Across Nation

By The Associated Press The weather bureau Monday night sketched this picture of the nation's Christmas climate: Fair and colder in New Eng-

Cloudy, snow and cold in the mid-Atlantic states.

Near normal temperatures and I'm not bitter at all." fair to partly cloudy in the south-

Snow and cold in the midwest. Some freezing drizzle in the court order to do so. lower Ohio valley and central Il-

and cold in the north physically. Fair

Snow in the upper Rockies. Fair and colder than normal in the south plains and southwest.

usual west of the Rockies.

The white Christmas country, here today at a loss of \$3,000. The the forecaster said, covers gen- fire, controlled after a half hour, day with seven vials of a drug really the northern third of the singed the hair of one woman, similar to benzedrine which he erally the northern third of the singed the hair of one woman. similar to benzedrine which he nation, except lower New Eng- Other tenants were evacuated told police he was to have sold land and the Pacific northwest.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



even going to scratch my fleas."

The Oregon Statesman

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Bodies of 119

WEST FRANKFORT, III., Dea

24-(AP)-It was a miracle—a Christ-mas miracle, residents of this coal

mining town agreed today.

They referred to the almost un-believable survival of Cecil Sar.-

ders, who clung to life through almost 60 hours of an underground

explosion ordeal in which 119

Sanders himself couldn't explain

the "miracle." For him it had been a cold and lonely wait in the

darkness, 550 feet below the

"Give me some water," were the

44-year-old Sanders' first words when a rescue crew found him at

The blast occurred around 7:30

Exhausted, but conscious and coherent, Sanders was found lying on his back behind a thin

barricade. Around him were the

"This is a wonderful Christ-mas eve," the bearded and weary

Later he told officials that he

There they walled themselves

"I lay down and prayed and

When I woke up I started calling

for my buddies but I never got an

down there and my mouth was

dry . . . I feel as though I was

The miner's son, Paul, 23, had

He was there when news was

spent the night at the morgue.

He wanted to be on hand when

off from the poisonous air with a

barricade of cloth on a wood

was working near six or eight oth-

p. m. (CST) Friday night.

podies of eight buddies.

Miners Taken

From Shaft

others perished.

earth's surface.

Christmas.

miner said.

Solons Denounce U.S. Fliers' Fines As 'Red Blackmail'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 - (AP) - Members of congress denounced Hungary furiously today for levying \$120,000 in fines against four American fliers. They called the fines "blood money," "ransom" and "blackmail," and most of them said payment should be refused. But President Truman, asked by reporters whether he planned any move in the case today, inquired solemnly: "What can you do?"

racies."

Asks Ultimatum

these men-or else."

go to effect the release of the

would be taken to release those

men-whatever action was need-

ed. We have played ducks and

drakes long enough, and we

Senators Hickenlooper (R-

fine be raised by public subscrip-

Ex-Pen Guard

Gets 6 Months

A six-months county jail term

o guilty to a charge of attempt-

ing to take drugs to a prisoner.

The sentencing was in Marion

mail and presents from home.

The navy announced today it

But the war went right

county district court.

Soviet fighters forced the Amer-

icans to land their C-47 cargo

plane in communist Hungary November 19. Subsequently a Hun-

garian military court convicted

them of violating the Hungarian

border and fined them 360,000

The Hungarian government announced the fines yesterday, stat-

blankets and other equipment in

"We should not pay this inter-

familiar only with the synagogue and the spare lines of the Tem-He would find plenty to condemn today: Greed, War, Hate, Lust. But he would find much to

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24 - (AP)schools for the teaching of children President Truman declared today the plane were intended to be and youth, extensive schools rea- he will use whatever laws are on dropped to "spies and diversionching into years of man's maturity the books to keep the nation's ists active in the people's democsteel mills rolling.

This might mean the Taft- No Action Yet provisions for an 80-day anti- announced any course of action

Truman family home at Inde- of the meeting. pendence, Mo., as he pressed a gold-plated telegraph key to light national blackmail," Senator the national community Christ- Humphrey (D-Minn.) told a re- Salem at 6:40 p.m., is now expectmas tree on the capitol grounds in porter angrily.

whether Mr. Truman would use tribute and we should tell the Murray's CIO steel workers per- thing," the senator said.

there are on the books to keep of the penalties. "This is a case mainline.

One man escaped drowning. He tion that he will use all the pow-

Dick Contino To Join Army

TACOMA, Dec. 24 -(AP)- The warden of McNeil Island federal prison today announced the re- pay the fines. lease of Dick Contino, California accordionist sentenced for draft

Warden Fred T. Wilkinson said the one-time \$4,000-a-week night club entertainer left the island yesterday after serving 41/2 ing Hungary's borders. months. Contino, 21, was given time off his six-month sentence for good behavior, Wilkinson added.

Contino said today he plans to go into the army. At Glendale, Calif., he said: "I definitely will do the right

thing about this whole situation. He couldn't say when he will

volunteer for military service, but he is under what amounts to a He said he went to McNeil determined to build himself up

"I feel great. Im in the best shape I've ever been. My weight went up from 180 to 195 pounds."

Fair and warm on the gulf APARTMENTS SCORCHED PORTLAND, Dec. 24-(AP)-Fire Mostly fair and colder than damaged four apartments in the Queen Louise apartment house

Christmas on earth.

navy men bowed and devoutly mastide.

prayed for peace as the war en-

Francis Cardinal Spellman and

stockades in north Korea had spe- tion.

tyranny, godlessness and hateful- coasts.

sad, tired young faces" called on in 101 places.

cial services, and entertainment.

Carols, Gunfire Blend

eddly in the frosty air today as At the front and in the rear

United Nations soldiers from areas, soldiers ate hot turkey din-

on the barren Korean battle front. played Santa Claus to hundreds

For some it was their last of Korean orphans. They opened

Many Allied troops, flyers and They sang the songs of the Christ-

services across the battle-scarred in a special attack that came ex-

even prisoners of war behind their in the famous Tenth corps evacua-

U. N. Says Allied **Prisoners Taken Outside of Korea**

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Tuesday, Dec. 25-(AP)- The United Nations Command today charged that the communists had taken allied prisoners of war out-

side of Korea... Vice Adm. R. E. Libby, U. N. Command negotiator at the truce talks, told the reds, "Your prisoners of war tell us they saw large sumbers of United Nations prisoners in China. Can you furnish us with a list of these prisoners of war?"

Second Slide . forints (about \$30,000) each, with the alternative of three months in In Cascades **Delays Trains** ing it suspected that parachutes,

Two northbound Southern Pacific passenger trains are expected to be 13 to 18 hours late arriving The state department has not in successive days at Wickobee in Salem today after a second slide near Crescent Lake in the Cascade yet. George Abbott, American mountains southeast of Eugene.

The new slide Monday, 100 feet long and 15 feet deep, blocked the SP mainline in front of the northbound Klamath train. Behind it the Shasta Daylight was rerouted over the Siskiyou line. The Klamath, ordinarily due in ed at 1 p.m. today; the Daylight, "We told the Barbary pirates due last night at 9:50 is expected One reporter asked directly we would not pay one cent of this morning at 10:30, instead.

This was the official word rethe Taft-Hartly law if Phillip Hungarian government the same ceived from SP at the Salem yard office. There it was reported that sist in their plan to strike New Humphrey said he advocates a ditcher work train and bull-"diplomatic pressures up to and dozers with railroad crews were The president snapped back including a break in diplomatic working through the night in nearthat he will use whatever laws relations" to induce cancellation zero temperatures to unblock the

which calls for diplomacy on an Earlier Monday work crews had were drowned here tonight While he did not use the name eye-for-an-eye basis," he asserted, restored traffic by clearing the slide which had occurred Sunday. Senator Tobey (R-N. H.) said Besides the holiday delay of today he believes "we should give passenger trains, two northbound them an ultimatum to release freight trains were held up at Crescent Lake and three other A reporter asked him how far freights, southbound, were being he thought the government should held at Oakridge.

"I'm not the president," he re-sponded, "but if I were, action Salem Persons **Provide Gifts** should let them know that this is For Inmates

Iowa) and Edwin C. Johnson, (D-Salem residents this Christmas Colo.) called the action a "shake- have been unusually generous in down." Rep. Armstrong (R-Mo.) remembering state institution insaid it would be "unthinkable" to mates.

They are receiving many gifts PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24-(AP)-The Oregon department of the

American Legion will accept con-Eighty children at the state blind tributions to pay the fines of four school were invited by a nearby U. S. airmen convicted of violatrestaurant owner to receive their fill of free hamburgers and milk The Oregonian suggested editorially today that the \$120,000 shakes.

by themselves. Walter Dry, blind in several years. school superintendent, said this Arriving home to a closer perwas the blind children's outstand- sonal Christmas greeting was an-

said one of his prisoners, a 20- Claude st. PFC LaValley was year old boy, had a serious case greeted on his arrival here Saturto become bitter and turn to crime. eight-month-old son, Mike, whom was issued Monday to Howard B. A Salem eye doctor examined the the soldier had never seen-except

Hansen, former state penitentiary boy and then operated and cor- by snapshot. guard, after he changed his plea rected the condition. The warden said the doctor's service was free.

District Judge Val D. Sloper Churches Plan pleaded, that Hansen had betrayed the trust of the people of Oregon in his smuggling attempt. Climax to Yule Hansen was arrested last Thurs-

A child that was born in a manger of Bethlehem, Judea, 191/2 centuries ago, and the bright star that guided shepherds and kings to the manger are the inspiration for religious services that climax Two Sons Home Oddly in Korean Air of the Nativity. today in Christmas, or the Feast

the corporate worship is continued today in some, especially the liturmany lands celebrated Christmas ner with all the trimmings and gical churches.

The rites in Salem include worship at 6 a.m. in First Congregational church; communion at 10 are accompanying them. an' festival worship at 10:30 a.m. in Christ Lutheran; festival worship at 11 a.m. in Grace Lutheran; chaplains of all faiths conducted sent carrier planes over Hungnam festival service at 10 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran; masses at 6, 7, Season's Low of 22 actly one year after the last Allied | 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m. and high mass Communist radio reports said troops left that east coast port at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Recorded in Salem church; masses at 6, 7, 9:45 and 11 a.m. and high mass at 8:30 a.m. In Monday's raid, task force 77 at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic White-haired Cardinal Spellman planes covered a 120-mile stretch church.

in his sermon to the "brave, but of the east coast and cut rail lines SALEM PRECIPITATION them to "fight against hostile | Allied warships also pounded since Start them to "fight against nosure hordes . . and crusade against Red targets on both east and west This Year 22.48

mometers down to 22 degrees, the uties said Mrs. McDonald told set by Stadter. lowest this season and marking them that her former husband the coldest day since last Janu- came to her father's house last had custody of the little girl since deemed six others, and Wilson ary. The temperature was exnight, forced his way in and depected to stay in the middle twenties this marring. Bein is maded that she return their fivepected to stay in the middle twen- manded that she return their five-

Christmas Eve Rescue Frees Illinois Mine Blast Survivor

It's Good to Be Home for Christmas



Among the estimated several hundred Willamette valley servicemen and women visiting at home this Christmas is Cpl. Joseph G. Ehli of Salem. A Korean war veteran, Cpl. Ehli is shown at home with his

1950 Yuletide in Korea Truman Flies Increases GI's Praise of Home; Asserts 1951 Holiday at Home 'Hope Growing'

Holiday Accidents

By The Associated Press

had a somber note Christmas

eve as the nation counted more

than 500 dead in violent acci-

At least 540 persons were kill-

ed in a variety of accidents-

mainly traffic mishaps - be-

tween 6 p.m. (local time) Friday

and midnight E.S.T. Monday.

Traffic accidents accounted for

372 deaths, 81 perished in fires

and 87 persons died in miscel-

laneous accidents connected with

The death toll approached the

all - time four - day Christmas

week end fatality record set in

1936 when 761 persons lost their

Toll by states included: Traf-

fic - fires - miscellaneous: Idaho

0-0-1; Oregon 5-0-0; Washing-

five others charged with assault

facial injuries, and a son-in-law,

Hunted in connection with the

the long holiday period.

To the servicemen who spent last Christmas in Korea it seems nothing short of miraculous to be spending this Yuletide at home

dents.

ported.

One of those who will have his feet under the family table today is Marine Cpl. Joseph G. Ehli, who arrived Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Ehli, 2062 McCoy ave.

Cpl. Ehli landed Dec. 12, 1950, in Korea and fought along the central and eastern front in northern Nation Counts Korea. His infantry outfit was regrouping at Masan when the 540 Deaths Due to birthday of the Prince of Peace was observed. He recalls no celebration.

Colder Than Silverton

"We had a good dinner, though, he remembers. And it was freezand Tuesday will have Christmas ing weather-lots colder than at dinner with turkey and all the Silverton, for instance, where he attended high school until 1948. He entered the service that year.

After spending more than 11 months in Korea, Cpl. Ehli shipped home. He landed in San Francisco, Calif., December 20. He flew to A Salem skating rink owner in- Portland and arrived home in vited the blind children to roller plenty time to catch up on his skate and they had the rink all first stateside Christmas shopping

other Korean veteran, 20-year-old Prison Warden Virgil O'Malley PFC Edson C. LaValley, 2456 of cross-eyes which caused him day, by his wife, Edna, and his

> By the time Christmas day, 1950, rolled around LaValley had been in combat since the previous November 1, with an artillery regi-

ment in the 11th marines.

"It was cold and rainy," he recalls. "We lived in tents. We had just returned from fighting in the just returned from fighting in the northern part of Korea. I didn't celebrate much on that Christmas 3 Persons Hurt; Police Seek 5 day, but I can still remember the wonderful Christmas dinner." How will he observe Christmas

"Just lying around, taking it easy. No excitement. We've got a leaving three persons injured and refused. Christmas dinner planned and that's about all."

"It's sure swell to be home!" A special Christmas is also in Lannigan, 74, 4885 Auburn rd., ald's companions joined him in order at the home of Mr. and Mrs. who was taken to Salem General resisting. Then Lannigan's two

C. M. Briggs, 505 Madison st., this hospital with a skull fracture sons, and Stevans, went to the SEOUL, Korea, Tuesday, Dec. ness" for the cause of humanity, 26-(AP)—Carols and gunfire blended religion and free nations.

Although most churches completed their programs of pageant-two sons, Lts. C. M. and Donald was at Lannigan's home. Lannigan on the front porch, two sons, Lts. C. M. and Donald was at Lannigan's home. two sons, Lts. C. M. and Donald was at Lannigan's home. Lanni- the scuffling on the front porch, Briggs. It is the first time all have been together on Christmas since 1940. John Stevans of North Richland,

Wives of the navy pilots and the Wash., incurred minor cuts and bruises. melee were Jay McDonald, Albany, For the past two years Don has ship at 11 a.m. in Central Luther- been stationed in Honolulu while his father, John McDonald, 1195 husband, had come to Salem

his brother is presently attending Reedy st., Tom and Mary Gordon from Washington to spend the of Shaw. A John Doe warrent holiday with her father, contactthe University of California under was issued for the fifth person. ed the sheriff's department after The complaints were signed by McDonald and his companions Stevans, Fred Lannigan, and C. left, she said. R. Lannigan's daughter, Mrs. Stevans.

Jay McDonald is the former hus-Frigid temperatures enveloped band of Lannigan's daughter, Mrs. Salem Monday, bringing ther-Phyllis McDonald. Sheriff's dep-Normal ties this morning. Rain is predict— year-old daughter, Janet, to him. from the home of McDonald's ster whose parents didn't have ed for tonight.

Mrs. McDonald, who has cus— mother Monday, Stadter said.

ers when the blast ripped the dig-gings. They ran about half a mile to an air passageway. Temporary Walls then relaxed and dropped off to sleep," Sanders related slowly. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24-(AP)-

President Truman flew home for a family Christmas today with a answer . . . I got awfully cold message of hope.

Shortly after his arrival the president said in a message pre- asleep until you fellows reached pared for broadcast from his own me. living room that a "higher hope" has risen in the world—a hope for true and lasting peace founded on the drawing together of free na- his father's body was brought in

He paid high tribute to the men flashed that his father was alive. that hope come true. Hundreds of American homes

Christmas tree, a graceful 40-foot ing a telegraph key here.

In his radio speech the president commented that the world "is still in danger tonight," then added:

"But a great change has come about. A new spirit has been born and has grown up in the world-. "Tonight, we have a different

goal and a higher hope. Despite grown together solidly for a great purpose: Not solely to defend "He's pretty well chilled but he's themselves, but merely to win a bloody war if it should come; but peace-a peace that shall be a positive reality and not an empty hope, a just and lasting peace."

mentarily in the fighting.

Mrs. Stevans, who, with her

District Atty. E. O. Stadter, jr.

prepared the warrants, which were

signed by District Judge Val D.

who are fighting in Korea to make Paul was waiting at the mine when his dad was brought eutr His broadcast message was in They talked as the elder Sanders connection with the ceremony of was given coffee and oxygen. lighting the national community Eyes Swollen Mrs. Sanders was waiting at spruce on the south grounds of the the hospital. Her eyes were swel-

for identification.

White House. He arranged to car- len and she wrung her hands se ry out the annual custom by press- she paced the floor. For her, teo, it had been a long wait. "Hello, honey," Sanders said with a smile.

> Through tears she talked to her husband briefly. "Oh, my God, we've prayed and prayed for this," she sobbed repeatedly. "It's a miracle-a mir-

A company physician after exdifficulties the free nations have amining Sanders said there were no visible signs of injury, adding:

not frozen. Mrs. Sanders told newsmen she for the purpose of creating a real had taken down the family Christmas tree, "but it's going back up as soon as I get home." Yes, she repeated, it was a

miracle. Town Saddened But Christmas eve was a

mining town of 12,000. They talked tonight of funerals of the relatives and friends, not of Christmas gifts. Rescue workers, some of who collapsed from exhaustion or from

inhaling gas fumes too long, had worked feverishly for nearly 60 A Christmas eve family reun- tody of the child for the next six ion in Salem turned into a violent months under terms of a divorce hours in hope that some of their melee over the custody of a child, granted earlier this year, said she fellow miners were alive in the sprawling tunnels of Orient No. 2. Her sister, Mrs. Stevans, told But fight as they did, they and battery, sheriff's deputies re- investigating officers that when broke through too late for some her father atempted to get Mcwho obviously hung on behind Donald out of the house, McDonquickly barricaded mine cuts un-

til early today. Some of the bodies about sixstill were warm when rescue workers reached them. And there was B. R. Williams' note, scrib-

bled on a cigaret wrapper.
"I love you all way (Sic), the
40-year-old miner wrote to his said, striking his head as he fell. Mrs. Stevans said she, Mrs. Mc-Donald, another sister, and two wife in his final message. "I get

Dogs All Find

Christmas business at the Salem pound was pretty doggone good Monday. In fact all the dogs were gone, Poundmaster William Sloper. Bail of \$250 on each of the

son reported Monday night.
Wilson said nine dogs were sold three counts, a total of \$750, was for Christmas presents, owners re-Stadter said that Jay McDonald

brothers, all were involved mo- tonight with Christ. I love him Homes by Holiday