



The story so far: Steve, Nancy and Santa have found the runaway Space Toys who have refused to play with children, but they still do not know the way back to the workshops.

Chapter 9  
Pipqueak darted back into one of his space ships and emerged with a queer looking contraption. He set it up on the ground. It had a large camera-like projection on top which turned in all directions.

"I suppose you know what this is?" Pipqueak said to Santa Claus.

"I ought to know. I made it," Santa replied proudly.

"Turning to the children he said, 'And what's more, Pipqueak is right. It will help us find where the workshops are.'"

"What is it?" Nancy asked.

Science to the Rescue  
"It is a very sensitive machine that measures heat," Santa said.

"Where do you suppose we could find any heat around here?"

"I don't know," Nancy said.

"There isn't anything for miles around except cold snow."

"Except the workshops," Steve added quickly.

"The machine can find any heat, it must come from the chimneys of the workshops. We can just follow the machine and it will point the way home."

"That's exactly right," said Santa.

Machine Points Way Home  
While Steve was talking, Pipqueak was busy turning wheels and dials. He turned the machine in all directions and finally kept it pointing at a gap between the great ridges of ice that looked like hills.

"It is off in that direction," he announced proudly.

Santa was silent. Instead of coming back to be good little toys and do as they were told, the space toys would be coming home prouder than ever now that they had saved Santa from being lost in the snow.

Steve and Nancy could tell that Santa was unhappy over the way things had turned out.

Santa Unhappy  
As they trudged slowly back to the workshops with the space ships circling overhead, they squeezed the old man's hand and Steve said, "I'm sorry that things didn't turn out well, Santa."

"Oh, things aren't so bad," Santa sighed. "I'm sure they will like the workshop much better now that they have seen what it is like on the outside. I will have a talk with them when I get back."

Israeli Plan to Hold Gaza Stirs Strong Reactions  
CAIRO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion's statement that Israel will not under any circumstances let Egypt reoccupy the Gaza Strip stirred up strong reaction here Wednesday.

Ben-Gurion told the Israeli Knesset — Parliament — in Jerusalem in response to a question.

"Israel will under no circumstances agree that the Egyptian invader should return to the Gaza Strip."

The narrow territory along the Mediterranean was seized by the Israelis along with the Sinai Peninsula in the campaign launched Oct. 29. Israel has agreed to give up Sinai to U.N. police troops, but said it considers the Gaza Strip to be a part of Palestine. Egypt occupied it under armistice terms after the 1948 Palestine war.

3 Nations Named To U.N. Council  
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 20 (AP)—The U.N. General Assembly elected Colombia, Iraq and Sweden Wednesday to the Security Council.

They will start two-year terms on the 11-nation Council Jan. 1, succeeding Peru, Iran and Belgium in the Latin-American, Middle Eastern and West European seats.

Sweden and Spain fought through three inconclusive secret ballots until Spain withdrew. Sweden then was elected 71-5 on the fourth ballot. Sweden had led 41-39, 47-32 and 48-28. Colombia and Iraq won the first ballot. With 12 votes the necessary majority, Colombia got 29 and Iraq 28.

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# Like, Nehru End Talks by Announcing 'Broad Area of Agreement'

By WARREN ROGERS JR.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru and President Eisenhower climaxed their four days of talks today by announcing a "broad area of agreement" and "greater understanding."

That was the gist of a formal communique issued on their behalf as the Prime Minister boarded Eisenhower's personal plane, Columbine III, and flew to New York. From there he will go to Ottawa for the weekend and then to London on his way back to India.

The 67-year-old Indian leader began his talks with Eisenhower last Sunday, continued them for more than 12 hours Monday at Eisenhower's Gettysburg farm, and wound them up yesterday.

Exactly what they discussed has been one of Washington's best-kept secrets thus far.

Official sources insisted no specific agreements were reached.

Martin took the old man by the hand. "We have found out what a fine person you really are," Martin said. "We are sorry we ever said anything mean to you, but we just can't let our lives be run by children like the other toys do."

"That's right," Pipqueak added. "Those useless other toys, if you could ever show us that the other toys do useful things in the world, also, perhaps we would agree to go and live with the children. But I'm sure that the toys that live in the land of children live unhappy, useless lives."

Ordinary Toys Just Useless  
As Steve and Nancy accompanied Santa back to the great living room he said, "I guess I'd better be taking you back home. There is nothing more we can do."

As Santa left them off at their home and his sleigh faded away into the blackness of the northern sky, Steve suddenly turned to Nancy and said, "Say, do you know what we forgot. We forgot to ask Santa for any toys to give to Jake the Junk Man."

"We will have to help Jake all the more to make up for the lost time," Nancy said determinedly.

(Tomorrow: The rising river.)

But from the American viewpoint the big accomplishment seemed to be the attitude that Nehru disclosed at a news conference yesterday: that U. S. policy "is not as rigid as I thought."

Greater Understanding  
From the Indian viewpoint, the big gain seemed to be what Nehru called a "greater understanding and, possibly, some appreciation of India's policy of neutrality in the cold war between Russia and the Western Allies."

In any event, Nehru left Washington in an apparently happy mood.

Diplomats of both countries were quick to hail the Eisenhower-Nehru talks as possibly the beginning of a new U.S.-India relationship. As the official communique put it:

"The talks confirmed the broad area of agreement between India and the United States, which are bound together in strong ties of friendship deriving from their common objectives and their adherence to the highest principles of free democracy. The principles and policies of the governments of India and the United States have evolved on the basis of respect for the dignity of man and of the need to improve the welfare of the individual."

American officials were particularly happy about Nehru's statement that he had found U.S. policy less rigid and, indeed, "a flexible policy adapting itself to circumstances."

That seemed to promise a great degree of patience of Nehru's part when, in the future, the United States might take some action with which he did not agree or did not understand. Heretofore, some officials feel, Nehru has been quick to condemn U. S. actions, apparently basing his reaction on a long-held idea that U.S. policy was so narrow that he thought he knew immediately what was afoot and did not like it.

Source of Friction  
India's neutrality in the cold war has been a source of friction between the Indian and U. S. governments. American objections had been directed not so much at India's own neutrality as at Indian efforts to recruit new neutrals from among America's allies and line them up in a balance-of-power bloc, headed by India.

A new understanding of this situation seemed to be indicated in Nehru's report that, in talking to Eisenhower, he discovered a great American understanding and even some appreciation of India's position.

Hoover's Comment  
The friendliness of the visit carried right up to the end. At the airport, Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. told Nehru with strong emotion:

"I know that the spirit of understanding will be increased as a result of your visit."

Nehru responded:

"I entirely agree with you, sir, that this visit of mine will result in closer bonds of friendship and understanding — those bonds of the mind that are closer than any other bonds."

Shortly after Nehru's departure, the World Bank announced a 20-million-dollar loan to the Indian Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. at Burrupur, West Bengal, India.

The loan, the bank said, is to help finance additional rolling capacity for the privately owned company. Bank officials said the loan had been under study for some time.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT ARE CONVINCED THAT THE GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR RESPECTIVE POLICIES REACHED AT THESE TALKS WILL FACILITATE THE CONSTANT EFFORTS OF INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY INTERCOURSE AMONG NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

Boy Allergic to Christmas Trees  
TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 20 (AP)—Christmas won't be all it might be this year for 13-year-old Tony Ganong. But then it never has been.

He's allergic to Christmas trees. Just let him get a lungful of that heady, spicy odor and he develops bronchial trouble.

Before he can go to a Christmas party he has to find out if the decorations include a real tree.

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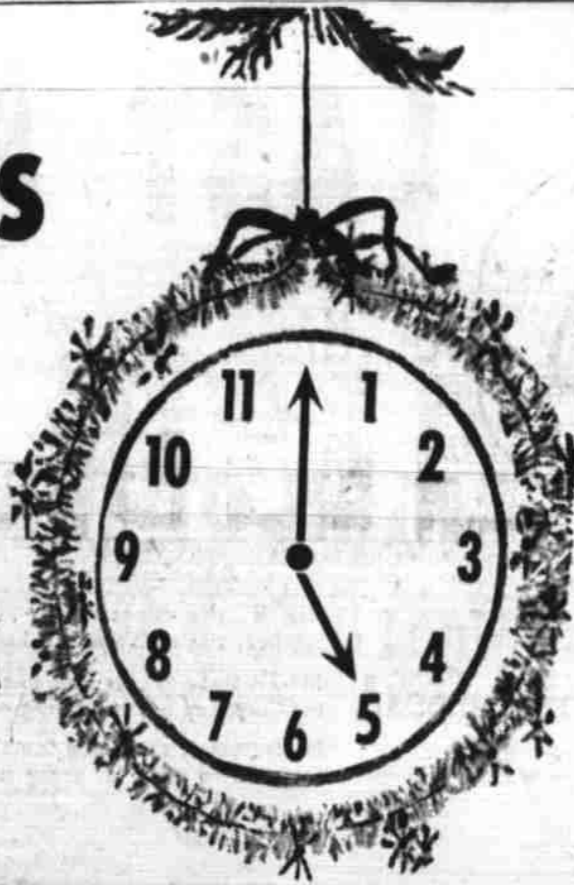
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