

Ike Says U.S. Speaks For Peace; Declares Position Is Strong

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Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower, in ceremonies marking the beginning of the capital's holiday festivities to the Prince of Peace, Friday told the world in a Christmas message the United States "speaks for peace" and "speaks from strength."

The President spoke in a park south of the White House where

he lighted a 67-foot-high Christmas tree which will be the center of Washington's "Pageant of Peace."

"She speaks for peace based upon decency and human rights," the President said. "But let no man think that we want peace at any price; that we shall forsake principle in resigned tolerance of obvious evil; that we may pawn our honor for transitory concession."

"America speaks from strength—strength in good allies, in arms, in readiness, in ever-increasing productivity, in the broader sharing of the abundant fruits of our economy, in our unchanging devotion to liberty and human justice."

Unquenchable Hope
The President said that this year "mankind's unquenchable hope for peace burns brighter than for many years" but still is dimmed by the threat of Commun-

ist aggression.

"Oppression, privation, cruel suffering of body and mind imposed by inhuman masters of helpless victims—these scourges still wound the daily living of mankind," he said.

Mr. Eisenhower then addressed himself to America's allies, to the so-called neutralist nations and to "those who stand against us."

He called on the allies to join this nation in enlarging "the de-

sign of our partnership so that we, who marched together in evil days when war and fear of war darkened the earth, shall enjoy together in days of light the rich rewards of a secure and stable era."

Respects Their Decision
To the neutralist nations, he said that while today's world crisis casts "grave doubt . . . upon the validity of the neutralist argument," this country still will respect the right of such nations

to make their own decisions.

"Because they hate aggression and condemn wars for conquest, even as we, there is provided a strong foundation upon which we can proceed to build mutual understanding and sympathy."

"To those who stand against us," the President promised, we will continue to follow "the hard way of patient, tireless search in every avenue that may lead to their better understanding of our peaceful purposes."

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By ROBERT C. MILLER
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Aboard U.S.S. Brinkley Bass

—(U.P.)—The calendar watchers of Destroyer Division 52 are coming home for Christmas.

And that's mighty important news in certain neighborhoods of dozens of American communities whose men are part of this five-ship formation.

In Far East
For more than half a year Division 52, composed of the Brinkley Bass, Brown, Bradford and Duncan, have been patrolling the tense waters of the Far East. Since Dec. 3 they have been fighting gale winds and mountainous seas across the not so pacific Pacific. God willing—and we hope He is—the division docks in San Diego at 10 a.m. tomorrow, accompanied by the destroyer escort Lewis, flagship of Escort Division 91.

The precise number of miles from the division's present position to Point Loma can be given with slide rule, accuracy by everyone of the thousand officers and enlisted men aboard.

To everyone aboard, today is the most important date in current history and every calendar has the date encircled. It is unanimously agreed the passage of

time has been the slowest, most agonizing and tortuous ever suffered by man.

Have New Youngsters
Hours drag their feet even slower for men like Machinist's Mate 3C David J. Evans of San Diego, Lt. (jg) Milton Peck, Mineloa, N.Y., and scores of other new fathers whose children were born while they were at sea.

Only skeleton crews will be kept aboard over Christmas and all hands that can be spared have been granted Christmas leave. By train, plane and the big thumb crewmembers are planning trips home.

All expect to reach their homes even on the East Coast, by Christmas Eve.

The rest of the world is awaiting Christmas on Dec. 25, but as far as Division 52 is concerned Christmas is coming a little early this year, starting on or about 10 a.m. today.

Baker New Editor Of Register Guard

Eugene — (U.P.) — Alton F. Baker Jr., 35, son of the publisher of the Eugene Register-Guard, Friday was named editor of the newspaper.

Baker, who was managing editor since 1950, succeeds William M. Tugman, who Thursday resigned to edit and publish the Reedsport weekly Port Umpqua Courier.

Alton F. Baker, publisher, at the same time announced that Robert B. Frazier was appointed associate editor. Both Frazier and the younger Baker will handle the writing of editorials and the overall supervision of the editorial staff.

The new editor said his policies would be "pretty much the same" as Tugman's. He said the paper would strive for the same "vigorous, forthright presentation of public issues as when Tugman was editor."

NOT TO BE READ
Hamilton, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Colgate University has opened a library where students can hear great books. Much literature-like plays—was written to be spoken, the English department explained. The new library room has records, not books, in its stacks.

CIO Issues Sharp Criticism of Laws On 'Right To Work'

Washington — (U.P.) — The CIO, in a stinging criticism of state "right to work" laws, said Saturday they are "a threat to sound industrial relations and economic progress" as well as a "menace" to trade unions.

"In reality," the CIO said, "right to work laws aid no one—neither workers, business, nor the community—other than a very small group of low-wage, anti-union employers."

The CIO blast was included in a 171-page publication, "Mitchell's Ideas Similar."

It was released just two days after the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said businessmen were "expressing disappointment and dismay" at Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell's denunciation of these laws, passed by 17 states.

Reporters this week tried to get President Eisenhower to say something about Mitchell's stand on the right to work laws, but the President said only that Mitchell had a right to speak for himself.

Mitchell told a CIO convention at Los Angeles last week that he is "categorically opposed" to such state laws.

Have Adverse Affects
The CIO said, "many people think that these laws narrowly affect trade unionists alone. But in reality they have adverse affects on the communities that adopt them."

Remove the "Veneer of high principles and the illusory promise" of economic progress, the CIO said, "and you find a reality of low wages and poor working conditions."

"Low wage incomes for workers mean low living standards that affect businessmen, farmers and professionals," it said.

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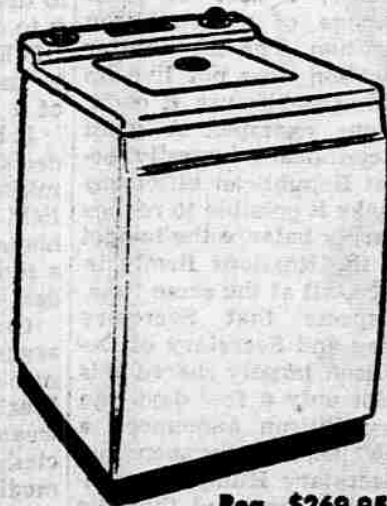
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