

A Nichols Worth of... Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington: Most people coming out of the White House over the week-end were loaded with gifts. Many of the packages sent in were addressed merely to the big estate on Pennsylvania ave. After the presents were examined for germs and bombs, they were distributed among the White House staff.

Across the street at Blair House sat poor Victoria Geaney, the lovely hostess, who probably knows more of the high and mighty in the world than any woman alive. Mrs. Geaney was all alone, except for her two caparries, "Golden Boy" and "Yellow Boy," and her parakeet, "Blue Boy." She prepared and ate her Christmas dinner alone. Pretty fine meal, too, even if the lady guardian of Blair House had to stir it up herself. "I was so sick and tired of turkey," she said, "that I decided to have capon."

Comments on the 317th Infantry Reserve unit here has a bear

Russian Braves Cold In Freedom Flight

Oslo, Norway — (U.P.) — A young Russian soldier braved sub-zero Christmas temperatures and made an Arctic Circle flight to freedom, Norwegian sources disclosed today.

Name and rank of the Russian were not disclosed by police who took him into custody at Kirkenes in Northern Norway, but informed sources said he was either an officer or a non-com.

The sources said he was in civilian clothes when found by a police patrol and had spent two nights in the country in temperatures ranging around 22 degrees below zero.

Norwegian sources said the Russian has asked political asylum and will be held depending a decision by the justice ministry on whether to grant asylum.

Pope Willing To Act As 'Moral Mediator'

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Vatican sources said yesterday Pope Pius XII is willing to serve as a "moral mediator" between East and West in hopes of preventing an atomic war.

These sources said the Pope will make no formal offer of his services, but that he is ready to do what he can to solve outstanding differences in atomic control if he is asked to do so by leaders of the Western and Communist worlds.

The sources emphasized also that any help from the pontiff would be purely moral, in his role as a spiritual authority. They said he could hardly be expected to take part in talks "on political or technical level."

Pendleton — (U.P.) — George Mason, 67, Pendleton city councilman since 1950, died Tuesday after apparently suffering a heart attack while on a drive with his wife. He was general manager of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association at Pendleton.

New Delhi, India — (U.P.) — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru plans to visit West Germany next June.

party at the Yuletide. But this year they forgot about the suds and did something pretty nice. They put their beer money into the purchase of Christmas baskets for the needy. The parcels were peddled around by the youngsters of the 435-man unit. This might be an idea there for other groups.

Salesgirls in a lot of department stores were a little upset because diplomats in their shopping complained about local sales taxes. That calls for a lot of paper work. So a lot of the girls solved all that by dipping into their own pockets to chip in the pennies themselves.

Sen. Estes Kefauver, the gentleman from Tennessee who has an eye on the White House, ran afoul of the language barrier when he was in Sweden. The papers over there called his fancy bonnet with the tail behind a "washing bear cap." Turns out that was pretty close to right. The translation means "raccoon," almost.

Bill Gold of the Washington Post swears the following was overheard on a crowded Washington bus. Seems that the driver was irritated and yelled out: "Will some of you more intelligent people please move back in the bus?" There wasn't a dummy aboard.

The American Legion, at its convention in Los Angeles next year, will hold its parade off the street for the first time. It will be held in the Coliseum and \$10,000 will be able to see it. It will last from six to eight hours and will open the big hood-down instead of closing it, as in the past.



TYPICAL REFUGEE—Shock and fatigue mirrored on the face of this woman flood evacuee at Eureka, Calif. is typical of the tens of thousands who had to flee their homes as week-long storms battered California, Nevada and Oregon.

Communists Shell Island of Quemoy

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — Communist shore batteries fired 501 shells at the Nationalist offshore island of Quemoy in a lengthy artillery duel yesterday, the Nationalist Defense Ministry announced.

A communique said Communist big guns on Amoy and Taichung islands opened fire and were silenced by a Nationalist counter-barrage after a two-hour and 15-minute duel. Amoy is about four miles west of Quemoy and Taichung Island is five miles north of Quemoy.

Thirty-eight civilian houses were destroyed and three civilians were wounded by the Red guns, the communique said.

Mist Store Owner Killed in Accident

Clatskanie — (U.P.) — Robert James Wiester, 46, was killed early Tuesday when his car plunged over an embankment two miles east of here.

Wiester's wife, Julia, was rushed to a Longview, Wash., hospital where she was reported in critical condition. The two were returning from Everett, Wash., where they had spent the holidays with Wiester's mother.

The victim was owner of the general store at Mist, Ore.

Algiers, Algeria — (U.P.) — The death toll in five days of terrorist activities and French counter-attacks in Algeria reached 159 today.

Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By BILL HURN

The Saturday night observance of Christmas Eve for gifts to Camp White members was arranged by F. J. Glonning, chief of special services. With a group representing 24 organizations participating, individual representatives were given various ward assignments at an indoctrination meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Glonning introduced Manager E. K. Ricker who expressed thanks and appreciation of himself and the VA staff for efforts toward making Christmas a pleasant one for members.

Accompanying carts of wrapped and tagged packages were groups of the Accordians from the Eve Prentice studio of Medford. Considering weather and travel hazards, some 60 people gave up Christmas Eve plans on behalf of the Camp White men. Groups from the Legion, DAV, VFW and their auxiliaries and respective district and state offices and posts of Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls; Cooties and Lady Bugs, Trench Rats, Spanish American War veterans, Red Cross, Elks, Gold Star, Navy, and Blue Star Mothers were represented. Christmas day the VFW and auxiliary visited each ward with

a trimmed basket of fruit for each one and also handed out bags of candy for delivery from the Salvation Army.

In reviewing credits, mention should be made of a display in the decoration of the Chapel by the Medford Garden club under the direction of Mrs. A. O. Floyd, district director for Oregon.

Mike Tanzell, a member who has been in charge of visitors reception rooms for the past five years, had decorated rooms set aside for those visiting home members.

Sunday evening vespers were held in the theater by Chaplain Feller with scripture readings by Mrs. Feller, seven canticles by Miss Marilyn Feller accompanied by Mrs. Glonning at the piano.

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LAZY EAGLE SIGHTED
New York — (U.P.) — A group of bird watchers Tuesday chalked up a rarity for these parts—a bald eagle, and a lazy one at that. The bird watchers saw the eagle riding on an ice floe in the Hudson river.

Wednesday evening the Medford chapter of American Red Cross will have a program for Camp White members.

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