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Washington — (U.P.) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon said today Hungary's fight for freedom has handed international Communism "a mortal blow from which it cannot recover."

Nixon made the statement to reporters at Washington National airport on his return from Austria where he personally inspected the plight of Hungarian refugees. He returned convinced that America "must do more" to help the refugees.

Mrs. Nixon and her two daughters were on hand to give him a joyous Christmas Eve "welcome home."

"We hear a great deal of talk today to the effect that the Hungarian refugees pose a difficult problem for the United States and the Free World," Nixon said in his prepared arrival statement.

Problem for Soviet?

"I am convinced, as a result of a first hand study of the situation, that the courageous people who fought for freedom in Hungary should be considered a problem only to the Soviet Union."

"As a result of their sacrifice, international Communism has suffered a mortal blow from which it cannot recover. It has been exposed as a gigantic failure. For 10 years the Communists had complete control of Hungary. They concentrated their efforts on the intellectuals, students and the workers. However, it was these three groups who led the revolt against them."

Nixon said he will make specific recommendations to President Eisenhower before Jan. 1 on ways in which the United States can do its "full share" in helping the refugees from Hungary find new homes.

Later White House Press Secretary James B. Hollister, head of the International Cooperation Administration, and Deputy Attorney General William P. Rogers, who accompanied Nixon on the trip will see the President at the same time.

To Make Recommendations

He said Hollister will report on the economic aid side of the refugee picture. Rogers will report on the movement of refugees to the United States and suggest amendments to the immigration law, and that Nixon will report on the overall situation.

Nixon is expected to recommend that the United States sharply increase its present quota of admitting 21,500 refugees to America.

Mild Weather Due State Through Tuesday

By UNITED PRESS

A mild Christmas weather-wise was in store for Oregonians today although Santa and his reindeer probably will have to grope their way through the fog tonight in many sections of the state.

The weather bureau saw no precipitation for the state through Christmas day but night and morning fog and low clouds were forecast for both eastern and western Oregon. Night time temperatures will remain above freezing in western Oregon, he said.

Today, one of the shortest on the calendar but one of the longest in the mind of a four-year-old saw most stores open until early evening for the throng of last minute shoppers.

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower will hold his next news conference after Jan. 1 because he wants to consult, first with congressional leaders, the White House has announced.

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Tallahassee Negroes End Transit Boycott

Tallahassee, Fla. — (U.P.) — Negroes said where they pleased on near empty city buses during early runs today in an attempt to integrate the long boycotted transit line without benefit of a court decree.

Police and city officials awaited the outcome of heavier travel later in the day before announcing whether they would challenge this second mass desegregation of a city bus line in the Deep South.

The Tallahassee City Commission went into closed session early this morning, apparently to decide on what if any action to take.

The Rev. C. K. Steele, local president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, boarded one bus and took a front seat. He was unchallenged by the driver or by police who witnessed the incident. There were no white riders on the bus when Steele came on.

Hold Mass Meeting

First buses returning to mid-town from runs into Negro residential areas brought in handfuls of Negroes, sitting in the front, middle and rear sections. They had no white passengers, however.

The Negroes decided at a mass meeting Sunday night to end their five-month boycott and to try to ride as equals of whites on the basis of a court order ending bus segregation four days ago at Montgomery, Ala.

Bus travel was far below normal because 3,700 Florida A&M Negro students and more than 6,500 Florida State university white students were away for the holidays, along with many of the 5,000 or so state employees.

Tallahassee has a population of about 40,000.

Won't Fool With It

When the buses rolled, Police Chief Frank Soutamire was still awaiting instructions which he expected to receive from the City Commission at an informal breakfast meeting.

"Unless there is any trouble—some white or colored people ask for assistance or it looks like some law is being violated," Soutamire said, "we'll let things roll along."

Soutamire declined to say what he would consider to be the "law" in the event of any dispute over seating, but said, "unless there are any complaints, I'm not going to fool with it."

Soutamire added, "I don't predict any trouble."

Mills Close Down During Holidays

Most lumber mill companies in the Medford area closed for the Christmas holidays Saturday and will remain closed for varying lengths of time.

Elk Lumber company, Olson-Ross and Kozap will reopen Wednesday, and Medford Corporation will open Thursday. Many smaller mills will be closed for longer periods waiting for better marketing conditions, it was reported.

Lumber production this week continued at a two-year record low and mills are taking advantage of supply and demand conditions by selling only when prices appear acceptable.

A Eugene lumber market letter reported a slight buying flurry resulting from the recent announcement of railroad freight rate increases effective on Dec. 28. Local lumbermen said the effect of this announcement has been almost negligible here and has not been comparable to similar rate changes in past years.

New Snags in UN Efforts To Begin Clearing Canal

Port Said — (U.P.) — New snags developed today in United Nations efforts to begin clearing the Suez canal.

Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, the U.N. salvage chief, had hoped to begin actual clearance today but was faced with Egyptian refusal to accept British salvage crews.

Wheeler, after conferences with Egyptian officials, ordered one group of salvage vessels to delay to El Quantara through a passage already cleared by Anglo-French salvage workers.

Need Further Negotiations

But actual work appeared to depend on further negotiations with Col. Mahmoud Younes, head of the Egyptian Suez Canal authority and Tewfik El-Dib, director of the Suez Canal authority in Port Said.

United Nations sources said Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld remained in close touch with the situation. He stayed at his office all day Sunday in hopes of straightening out the snag over use of the British salvage vessels.

The UN sources said that Wheeler had run into a series of delays and was anxious to use the British salvage vessels to make up for lost time, but they thought the issue would have to be solved by Hammarskjöld and Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

City Happy

The city of Port Said was delightfully happy with formal takeover by the Egyptian army and the beginning of the withdrawal of United Nations Emergency Forces from the area.

Plans called for the UN troops to be removed within 48 hours but the Egyptians said they could spend Christmas in Port Said if they wished. Some already have begun withdrawing to the Sinai peninsula after the Israeli forces, but about 1,800 remain.

Texas-To-California Pipeline Not Necessary

Washington — (U.P.) — A House Armed Services subcommittee said Sunday night that an investigation failed to prove that a proposed oil pipeline from Texas to California is a military necessity.

The subcommittee made its findings on the basis of hearings on the government's refusal to provide direct financial help in building the line.

NO PAPER TUESDAY

In order that its employees may observe the holiday, the Mail Tribune will not be published Tuesday, Christmas Day.

Pope Appeals To World To Unite Against Soviet Threat

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Pope Pius XII appealed to the world in a Christmas message Sunday to unite against Soviet threats.

He warned against the "fatal errors" on the eve of World War II when each sought his own safety at the expense of others and "in the end all together were engulfed in the holocaust."

Not Calling 'Crusade'

The Pontiff said he was not calling a "crusade" but "reality forces us to use the terms of the struggle in clear language... if we are silent, we would have to fear the judgment of God."

The white-clad Pope, speaking from a golden throne, rebuked the "satellite powers" for their timid approach to Soviet actions in Hungary and endorsed a United Nations force to keep the peace.

He said any nation refusing to admit UN observers—as did the Communist Janos Kadar government of Hungary—should be "denied the exercise of their rights as UN members."

Robert Boyer Attacks Smith's 'Lame Duck' State Appointments

Portland — (U.P.) — A leader of Oregon's Democratic party yesterday criticized Gov. Elmo Smith for making "lame duck" appointments in the state government and termed the practice a "breach of civic propriety."

Robert A. Boyer, Medford, Oregon Democratic chairman, in a letter to the governor, specifically singled out the governor's announced intention of appointing a successor to the late Supreme Court Justice Walter L. Toozie.

Matter Regrettable

Boyer said he regretted bringing up the matter so soon after the death of Justice Toozie but added that he believed that it was necessary to raise the issue in the public interest.

"You, yourself, do not hold office by the vote of the people," Boyer's letter said. "You have failed to consult the man chosen by the people to replace you," he continued.

The Democratic official said the appointment to the Supreme court was more important than other appointments made by the governor since the November election because "it involves vacancy in office that would ordinarily be filled by a vote of the people."

Boyer said he also was asking Wendell Wyatt, his counterpart in the Republican organization, to join him in making the request that Smith not fill the vacancy.

U.S. Court Upholds Death Sentence For James Jensen

James Norman Jensen, 28, Larkspur, Calif., has lost his last chance to avoid death in the state penitentiary gas chamber, District Attorney Walter D. Nunley reported today.

The district attorney said he received notice this morning from John T. Fey, clerk for the U.S. supreme court, that his motion to dismiss Jensen's appeal to the highest court was granted.

Nunley based his motion on want of substantial federal question to warrant a new hearing. The order granting the motion was filed Dec. 17.

Surprise Reunion Brings Happiness

Salem — (U.P.) — It should be a merry Christmas at the Sherwood K. Ellis home here. Mrs. Ellis' four servicemen sons will be together for the first time in five years. She hasn't seen three of them in more than three years.

Home for the holidays will be Airman 2-c Raymond Hammond, just back from Germany; Airman 2-c John Hammond, en route from Guam to Washington, D.C.; Airman 3-c Robert Hammond, Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Army Pvt. Aldred Hammond, Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The boys' stepfather also was home from the Veterans hospital in Portland where he was being fitted for braces.

Mrs. Ellis said the Christmas reunion was not arranged. She said the boys were just as surprised to see each other as she was.

Empire Man Oregon's First Traffic Victim

Florence — (U.P.) — Robert Lewis Brunette, 68, of Empire, became Oregon's first highway death of the long Christmas week end when he was killed near Florence Saturday.

State police said the accident occurred about 20 miles east of here on highway 36. They said he apparently lost control of his car on a curve.

Officers said the car hit the guardrail, bounded back, struck a large rock and overturned. A passenger, George Nelson, 25, Eastside was treated for a minor knee injury.



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Dulles Sees Soviet Troubles Dangerous

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that the difficulties now besetting Soviet rulers may lead them to take risks and that this is a "vista of danger" to the Free World.

But Dulles said in a copyrighted interview in U. S. News & World Report that the Free World also has entered the second postwar decade with a vista of hope for peace.

Same Circumstance

Both alternative possibilities stem from the same circumstance, conditions in Russia and its satellites, Dulles said.

"When a despotic regime, possessed of great military and material power and subject to no moral inhibitions, encounters such difficulties as now beset the Soviet rulers, they may take risks in hope of gaining external successes... to offset their frustrations," Dulles said.

This is the threat that may make the next decade "another decade of danger," Dulles said.

On the other hand, Dulles said, the demands for more personal security, intellectual freedom and better living within the Soviet Union and rising rebelliousness in the satellites have opened up "a vista of hope."

Other Leaders' Views

If the United States and its allies maintain their "moral offensive" and "military defensive, the promise of peace... will, I am convinced, become reality," Dulles said.

Other world leaders also were included in the copyrighted interview by U. S. News & World Report. Here are the views of some of them on the possibilities for peace:

President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea: "The situation is more dangerous now than ever before. The Communists know that the Free World is alerted to the danger of their conquest of weak nations. Nevertheless, for reasons both of internal opportunities, the Communists' pressure for expansion is not less but greater."

French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau: "If the West, which is in the process of reinforcing its unity, behaves with realism and composure, and if the Soviet Union is given no reason to doubt our resolution, war will be avoided."

Unite for Freedom

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel: "I believe that... that peace of mankind can be maintained if the free forces of

the world effectively unite and organize themselves..."

Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations: "We (the United Nations) are seeking to cope with world issues of great difficulty but equally of high challenge. The hope of finding peaceful, just and constructive solutions of these issues rests upon our ability to foster the growth of understanding, cooperation and mutual accommodation of interests, among all the nations."

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Weather

FORECAST: Fog and low clouds tonight and Christmas morning, clearing partially during afternoon. Low tonight 30. High Tuesday 38-40.

Our Skies Tonight

SUNRISE 7:29 a.m.
SUNSET 4:42 p.m.
MOONRISE Tuesday 1:24 a.m.
New Moon Dec. 31

PROMINENT CONSTELLATION

The Northern Cross, in the northwest at 8:00 p.m. The figure is now upright. The top of the Cross is formed by Denbigh, the foot by dimmer Alhira.

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