

Korea Orphans Due To Reach Portland

Portland —UPI— Some 100 Korean orphans will be flown from Seoul, Korea, to Portland, Ore., Saturday.

The flight, sponsored by the Holt Adoption Program of Creswell, Ore., will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, with planes stopping off at Wake Island and Honolulu en route to Portland. The arrival time is 11 a.m. Saturday morning.

Prospective parents who have offered to adopt these children will greet them on arrival at Portland, according to Flying Tiger spokesmen, who said the children range in age from one to six years.

The youngsters will be accompanied by six nurses, with medical care provided at each stop.

Americans Celebrate Christmas At Bases Throughout the World

By United Press International
Americans celebrated Christmas throughout the world today from Moscow where there was open air carol singing to the desolate Korean truce line and the Antarctic — where there was a lack

of snow. There were special church services and masses throughout the world, a handful of special entertainers for troops overseas and swimming and beach parties in the southern hemisphere where it is summer.

SHOULD HAVE KNOWN
Burbank, Calif. —UPI— The city council Wednesday night passed an ordinance banning fortune telling. Mrs. Laura Unich promptly announced through her attorney she would seek an injunction, contending she paid \$300 for a license six months ago and has established a fortune-telling business in good faith.

Tokyo —UPI— The Tokyo higher court has imposed the death sentence on Jiro Asada, 34-year-old construction worker, for raping 31 women. He killed one of his victims.

The southernmost church services were at the South Pole where 18 Americans are spending the winter. And at six other Antarctic bases including McMurdo where 24 hours of sunshine and temperatures in the 30s melted the snow.

The northernmost were at Thule in Greenland and along the DEW line which stretches across northern Canada near the Arctic Circle.

The Army, Navy and Air Force supplied Christmas dinners for the thousands of American servicemen abroad. And in Berlin there was an

all out drive by West Berliners to entertain American servicemen in German homes.

It was "Orphan Day" throughout the world and thousands of homesick Americans — especially in Korea but in other countries around the globe — gave Christmas parties at U. S. bases decorated with Christmas trees like the ones at home.

Children Get Gifts
There are only 10 U. S. Marines in Lisbon where they are attached to the embassy but they kept the American service tradition too and invited in 34 children to the apartment they share near the embassy building. Each child received a woolen sweater and a box of cookies "just like mom makes them."

There were parties in the big cities of the world. In Moscow Americans and Britons teamed together to sing Christmas carols in English on the streets in front of the British and American embassies and in front of the homes of embassy employees.

TOO MUCH HORSEPLAY
Phoenix, Ariz. —UPI— After spending a night in jail and being fined \$25 each, race horse grooms Joe Thomas and Bill Sherman were convinced they shouldn't have brought their friend, "Shortcake," a beer in a local bar. "Shortcake" is a pony.

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Pilot Rock Youth Hurt in Gun Mishap

Pendleton —UPI— Keith Melvin Follett, 18, Pilot Rock, spent Christmas Eve in the hospital after trying to imitate western gunmen.

Follett and 20-year-old Lloyd Zacharias were duck hunting northeast of Pilot Rock with a 22 caliber revolver and when the hunting proved indifferent they decided to pull a few "fast draws."

Follett's gun discharged on a draw and the bullet entered his right thigh just above his knee.

Hospital attendants reported his condition "good."

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CHRISTMAS REUNION—Pfc. Rodney Johnson, a patient at Letterman Army Hospital, San Francisco, is greeted by his parents who arrived here from Hoopston, Ill., as guests of the 6th Army's Headquarters Company. Each year the troops of that unit pay the expenses to bring parents of whichever patient they feel most from a visit. Young Johnson was injured in an accident earlier this year and is paralyzed from the waist down.

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Candles Show Berlin Freedom

Berlin —UPI— Lighted candles flickered in windows throughout West Berlin during the night, symbols of West Berliners' determination to remain free despite Communist threats to drive out the Western powers and seize control of the city.

The steady stream of Communist threats made West Berliners more conscious of their position 110 miles inside the Iron Curtain but they made the day one of celebration with the candles a mute reminder to the Reds of their determination.

Lord Mayor Willy Brandt, in a radio speech, told West Berliners the threat from the East was not diminished but he assured them they would trust Western allied strength and their own determination to keep the city free.

Brandt said he regretted the necessity of disturbing a joyous feast by mentioning the dangers facing the city, but he said he did so only so that all Berliners will stand firmly together so that future Christmases will be spent in freedom too.

Two Take \$16,000 From Azusa Bank

Azusa, Calif. —UPI— Sheriff's officers today sought two trench-coat-wearing bandits armed with a sawed-off shotgun, one of whom was named "Beanie," who robbed a Security First National Bank branch here of \$16,000, kidnaping the manager in his own car.

San Dimas sheriff's officers said the bandits were trailed by a passer-by as they drove off Wednesday. Bank Manager Paul V. Phillips told officers one of his kidnapers smashed a window in the car to take a shot at their pursuer, Larry Asmus, 25.

Officers said the bandits entered the bank early Wednesday morning, tied four employees and one bandit, who called his partner "Beanie," warned him not to harm any women employees.

After telling one customer the bank was closed, the pair waited for the time lock to open the vault, then went in to gather the money in various denominations and next cleaned out the tellers' cages.

They then took Phillips with them as hostage, later abandoning him taped and blindfolded in his car. They made their escape in a salmon-colored late model sedan.

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