

Foreign Briefs

CLEMENCY DECREE FREES SIX PRISONERS IN KOREA
Seoul—UPI—A Christmas eve clemency decree by the ruling military junta freed six politicians serving prison terms for conviction on charges of rigging 1960 elections in favor of Ex-President Syngman Rhee.

Three former cabinet ministers were freed—Ex-Minister of Reconstruction Shin Hyun Hwak; Ex-Education Minister Choi Jae Yoo, and former Social Health Minister Sohn Chang Whan.

ENLISTED MEN GET BREAKFAST IN BED
Minden, Germany—UPI—Officers of the British Army of the Rhine, from Cologne to Hamburg, today served Christmas breakfasts in bed to enlisted men.

EXPERIMENT WITH GIFT HOSPITALIZES MAN
Ilford, England—UPI—Roland Fenton, 36, was hospitalized today with burns to his hand and back after the experiment with his son's Christmas chemistry set ended in an explosion.

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Easing of Crisis Brings Resumption Of Negotiations

They began again after the Cuban crisis eased, and one day early this month, Donovan reported to the administration that the negotiations were stalled, and some of the prisoners were feared to be dying. Chances were dim that the Cuban Families Committee could raise the goods Castro wanted, and key members of Congress had ruled out suggestions that government funds be used.

During this meeting, Donovan suggested calling food and drug companies to make tax deductible contributions in the form of merchandise. "At first, nobody thought it would work," said Deputy Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach. "But then someone remembered that companies were allowed to deduct five per cent of their taxable income for charitable contributions. It was near the end of the year and there was a possibility some of them had not used up all of their five per cent allowance.

"The first company we checked reported it still had

more than \$1 million left under the five per cent limit, so we knew then it would work."

The firms were allowed to contribute supplies at wholesale cost, under previous court rulings, and deduct the market value, resulting in little or no cost to the companies.

But some wanted assurance that donations would be in the public interest.

Atty. Gen. Kennedy met with pharmaceutical manufacturers and others to assure them that the president felt it would not be inconsistent with American policy for them to contribute such things as drugs and baby food.

The companies agreed to cooperate, and private attorneys who volunteered their services set up their headquarters in the Justice Department alongside government attorneys. They called themselves "Operation Habeas Corpus," and they worked day and night to assemble the supplies for delivery to Cuba by Christmas.

Hacking red tape aside, necessary rulings came down in hours instead of months. Assistant Atty. Gen. Louis Oberdorfer, head of the tax division, and his assistants made individual rulings for firms to assure them there would be no problems on their tax reports. Trade associations got written assurances that the exchange of information necessary between the companies was not in violation of antitrust laws.

Donovan and Katzenbach got the help of the Red Cross, the only non-government agency with the resources to assemble the supplies and supervise their shipment.

Railroads, airlines, and Longshoremen's Union officials were called in to help move the supplies, and got quick action from regulatory agencies who had to approve their services as tax deductible.

An insurance company backed two U.S. banks who backed a Canadian bank in issuing a \$53 million letter of credit assuring Castro that if the Red Cross failed to deliver the goods, he would get cash.

Katzenbach said the project was "too big for any private organization" and had to have government help.

However, he added, the prisoners would not be back this Christmas were it not for the work of many volunteers and the American Red Cross.



FAMILY GETS HELP—A family of six, and a friend, were stranded on the outskirts of St. Louis, Mo., when their small truck broke down for the third time since leaving San Bernardino, Calif., Dec. 15, heading for Wheeling, W. Va., to obtain a job waiting for the father, Frank Miller. The family found temporary shelter at a service station

where a customer, learning of the family plight, gave them some clothing and took them to the Salvation Army where they will be lodged. From left, they are Miller, Leonard Callaway, Mrs. Miller, holding her son, Mike Callaway and Carl Sapp with Joseph in his arms. (UPI)

Quotes From the News

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Palm Beach, Fla.—President Kennedy on the release of Cuban prisoners:

"I believe that bringing about the freedom of these prisoners and saving them from a slow death is in the interest of our national principles. This Christmas will be a little brighter for all Americans because these men are being reunited with their loved ones."

Miami—Attorney James B. Donovan in a message to the Red Cross on completing negotiations to ransom 1,113 Cuban prisoners:

"Operation Mercy completed. Merry Christmas."

San Pablo, Calif.—Mrs. Connie Mataguly, on learning her Army sergeant husband had been freed by the Viet Cong guerillas in Viet Nam:

"I know he would stay alive. He is the kind of man you can't keep down."

Seoul—Army Pvt. Joseph C. Pinize of Crawford Village, Pa., on the loneliness of duty in Korea in the holiday season:

"I don't like spending Christmas here. I should like to be with my family. . . I will celebrate the day drinking and dancing with my friends."

Medford Man Lodged On Assault Charge

James Odell Huff, 32, of 2387 Finley Lane, Medford, is in the county jail for Christmas on assault and battery charges, sheriff's deputies reported today.

He is accused of assaulting Frank Eugene Josephson, 5092 Dobrot Way, at the Olson-Lawyer veneer plant on Agate rd. yesterday.

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Medford Woman Hurt in Crash

A Medford woman was slightly injured Monday in one of four vehicle accidents in the city, according to city police. Four drivers received citations for traffic violations.

Hurt was June Geraldine Gibson, 30, of 188 Jeannette st. She was driver of a car which struck a parked auto registered to William Graber, 1517 West Main st., about 8:20 a.m. on Elm st., about 90 feet south of West Main st.

Mrs. Gibson was cited for violation of basic rule. She did not require hospitalization, according to reports.

Both drivers were cited in a two-car collision about 8 a.m. at Plum and Dakota sts. Robert Amon Ashton, 21, of 624 Benson st., was cited for failure to yield the right of way, and Robert Graham Campbell, 38, of 1393 Beekman st., was cited for obstructed vision.

In a third accident Monday, Odene Marie Uhalde, 33, Ashland, was cited for failure to yield the right of way after the car she was driving collided with a vehicle operated by George Alexander Robson, 56, Talent, about 3:52 p.m. at Court st. and McAndrews rd.

No citations were issued in a two-car collision about 2:15 p.m. at Eighth and Fir sts. Drivers involved were Stanley Orland Neff, 19, of 2172 West Main st., and Mary Marguerite Willard, 40, of 1404 East Main st.

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