

GREEK GUERRILLAS CLAIM POWER

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ON this 24th day of December in the year 1947 in a world that is racked by strife and trouble, there is a dispatch on the wires from the village of Bethlehem. It starts out like this:

"Cold, rain-soaked winds swept the Judean hills today as Christmas Eve pilgrims, thinned to a handful by unceasing strife in the Holy Land, arrived in this birthplace of the Prince of Peace for traditional observances."

The dispatch goes on:

"Usually tens of thousands throng this hillside village, sacred to a third of mankind, for the Christmas Eve ceremonies, but today far fewer braved the hazards of communal strife to pray at the place where the manger was—the manger where Jesus was born."

IN the grotto that marks the place where the stable stood nearly 20 centuries ago, these pilgrims will pray until the early hours of tomorrow morning, which will be Christmas morning. Then they will head for the hills.

The dispatch continues:

"The pilgrims' road home will be lined by helmeted soldiers with tommyguns at the ready to prevent political murder from marred Christendom's holiest day."

IT is a tragic pity—tragic because the Babe that was born in the manger at Bethlehem that morning so long ago put into clear, plain words when He grew to manhood the simple rule that if followed universally would have avoided nearly all of the troubles that now plague humankind so sorely.

He said (as rendered into our own tongue by the translators): "Do unto others as ye would that others shall do unto you."

For more than 19 centuries, that rule has been in our possession. Because we have failed to follow it, we have what we have now. Until we do follow it, in all of the transactions that human beings have with each other, we shall continue to have what we have now.

MODERN man, who prides himself on being hard and realistic, shies away from the Golden Rule.

Why? It must be because modern man, hampered by his inhibitions, fears above all else being thought a fool. The hard veneer of his realism prevents him from understanding that the principle of the Golden Rule is just plain common sense.

If he could come to understand that fact, he might ACCEPT the principle. Then we could have what all men want—which is a better world.

BUSINESS is supposed to be hard-boiled. "Make it pay" is the motto of business. It is a good motto. A business that doesn't pay isn't much of a business.

Yet a business contract built around the principle of dealing with others as you want others to deal with you is almost invariably MORE PROFITABLE to all concerned than one based upon the cynical principle of "cheat and prosper"—let the buyer beware (which is another way of saying that it is the buyer's fault if he is sap enough to let himself get cheated).

When the buyer gets cheated, he goes somewhere else the next time to do his buying. When he is dealt with fairly, he comes back. Customers who come back are the most valuable asset of any business.

IF generally followed in business, the principle of the Golden Rule would pay out in dollars and cents. If generally followed in international relations, it would PAY OUT IN PEACE.

Egg, Butter Prices Steady

Butter, eggs, cream and milk, rich ingredients treasured by holiday cooks, were "firm" today with no advance in prices according to local creamery operators.

Turkeys were stable also, and were in demand for the holiday table.

"League Of Honest Men" Asked By Pope Pius XII To Safeguard World

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—Pope Pius XII, in his annual Christmas message, declared today that a "policy of insincerity" among nations was blocking the path of peace and called for a "league of honest men" to safeguard the world against war.

The pontiff specifically blamed "a growing tendency toward insincerity" for collapse of the recent foreign ministers conference in London, which he said had left the world "further than ever from the true peace."

He sharply condemned those nations which, he said, had adopted "the lie and the garbled word" as "accepted weapons of offense" in an effort to "win at any cost the battle of class interest and theories of ideologies and power politics."

The pontiff named no names in placing the blame for the present state of world affairs, but his 4000-word address contained many passages which western listeners, at least, interpreted as condemnation of communism and of the postwar policies of the Soviet Union.

Speaking of current international dealings, the Pope said:

No Paper Christmas Day

Three Arabs Slain While Ploughing

JERUSALEM, Dec. 24 (AP)—Three Arabs were slain this Christmas Eve while plowing and an official announcement said the killers were Jews.

Two Arabs and a Jew were killed elsewhere in the continuing communal conflict over partition of the Holy Land. Four Arabs and three Jews were wounded.

"Three Arabs of the Arab Hanzala tribe were killed by shooting while they were plowing their fields in the Beer-Sheba area by a party of Jews driving past in six vehicles at 11 a. m., the announcement said."

Beer-Sheba is a historical city about 45 miles south of Jerusalem.

Fatalities Rise

The fatalities rose to 310 in Palestine and to 431 throughout the Middle East since November 29, when the United Nations decided to carve the state into Jewish and Arab nations.

Scattered sniping and skirmishes in Haifa were reported broken up by a charge of Hagana forces, the underground Jewish defense army.

Gunfire echoed through the old city of Jerusalem. An Arab was wounded by bullets from a speeding taxicab in suburban Romena.

Last Minute Buying Heavy

Last-minute shoppers bore down on Klamath's business district today, picking off the best that was left of the huge volume of merchandise offered this Christmas season.

It looked like an extremely busy day downtown, but what sort of comparative record it would set remained to be decided upon when the shopping day was over.

Buying was heavy in the food stores today as families stocked up for the holiday.

Business district comment indicates that there was a huge business this year in houseware, ranging from the kitchen to the bathroom.

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Weak Temblor Felt Locally Just At Noon

Right at noon today what might have been a subject to under-blow was felt in and around Klamath Falls, although the California Institute of Technology seismograph showed no recorded disturbance for this area.

No damage was reported from the quake, if quake it was, although some buildings were reportedly jolted slightly and radio station KFLW had a slight distortion just at noon.

Reports of the shock came in to The Herald and News from all parts of town, and apparently the movement was felt strongest north of the city where residents thought dynamite had been set off in a quarry.

There is no seismograph or other recording instrument here to chart a quake, but in recent months the Fort Klamath country near Crater Lake has been subject to underground disturbances.

Revived By Request

The Herald and News greeting card on this page is a revival of Wesley Guderian's outstanding picture of little Judy Jay of Altamont school, wandering in the big, snowy woods of Crater Lake national park. The picture first appeared as the cover of the Christmas edition of Dec. 3, and was so enthusiastically admired it was selected as our Christmas Eve feature to carry greetings from all of us to all of you.

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TROUBLED WORLD SEEKS LIGHT TO PEACE AT CHRISTMASTIME

In a world tormented by bloody strife, afflicted by the misery of cold and hunger and distressed by the unsolved problems of peace, much of mankind began today the celebration of the third Christmas since the end of the war.

There was bloodshed in Palestine, Greece, China and Indochina. There was hunger and cold, but the warm-hearted people of America were leading ships for Europe, contributing clothing and food to the less fortunate, and the "little people," in their own way, were trying to spread cheer despite the heavy hearts for those whose sorrows were unbelievably great as compared to the fortune of those in our own land.

The little Christmas programs in class rooms and Sunday schools were over but tonight the faithful of at least three Klamath Falls churches were preparing to kneel during the traditional midnight services which commemorate the Blessed Birth. At the Klamath Lutheran church, services will be held at 11 o'clock and carrying over after midnight to the Christmas Morn. At Sacred Heart church there will be the mass with Christmas hymns filling the church starting at 11:40 p. m., the mass at midnight. At St. Paul's Episcopal church the organ recital starting at 11:45 p. m. will herald the beautiful service which starts at midnight.

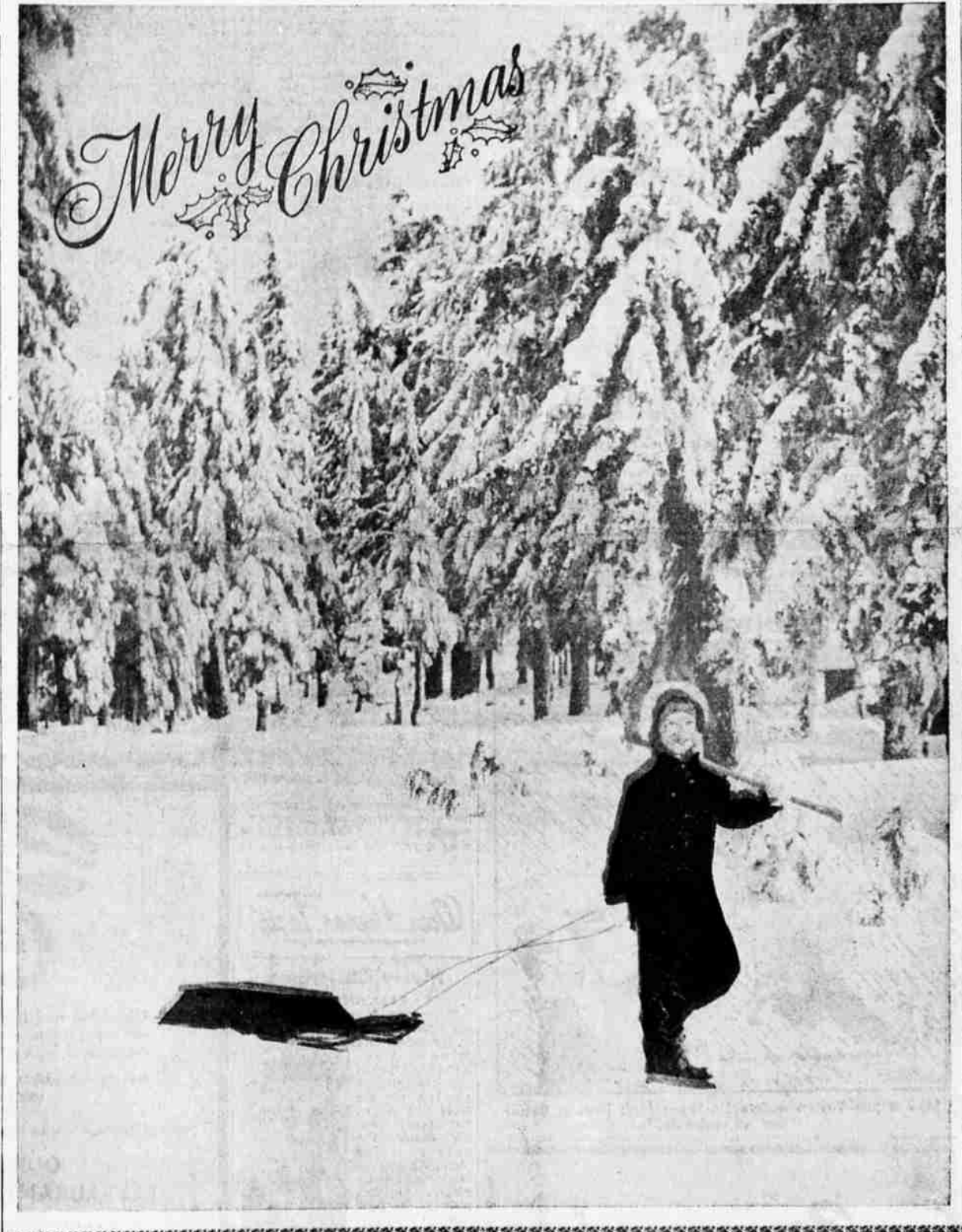
The little town of Bethlehem, the cradle of the Lord Jesus, was an oasis of peace in a Holy Land ripped by communal hatred and bloodshed. Pilgrims flocked to the tiny hillside town, where Christ was born in a stable, for traditional religious observances on the anniversary of His birth.

In the nursery where little children were receiving medical care at Hillside hospital, there was a gaily decked tree to brighten their holiday. Patients in both local hospitals were looking forward to special trays with favors prepared by Girl Scouts. Little Brownies decorated the nursery tree.

There was no chance for a white Christmas in Klamath Falls but there was plenty of lovely glistening snow in the forests and Crater Lake national park was a veritable fairyland where many a new pair of Christmas skis were to be tried out tomorrow.

Highway motorists were cheered when they learned today that weather conditions should be good on all Oregon highways over Christmas. There was no new snow, curves were sanded and the "drive carefully" caution issued by state police was hoped to curb accidents.

It was clear in Klamath Falls—a bright sun shining on last-minute shoppers who filled the local shops this afternoon.



Busiest Election Year Since Early Depression Is Forecast For 1948, With Inflation-Control Seen As Paramount Issue

By HALE SCARBROUGH

The busiest election year since 1932, when the New Deal upheaval took over the country, is forecast for 1948 and this time it's not a depression but the economic opposite, inflation, which leaders of both major parties look upon as the paramount issue.

In fact, as the year 1947 goes out, the principal political activity over the country is the attempt to saddle the responsibility for the present high prices and commodity shortages on some collective set of shoulders. The republican party would like to be able to say that the Truman and democratic administration is to blame for it all, while the democrats are just as anxious to fix the fault with a republican-dominated congress.

In the end it will be for the voters to pin the blame, and the end will come during the month of November, 1948, when the people of this country will ballot to elect a president, vice president, some 435 congressmen and at least one-third of the 96 U. S. senators.

But before that time, on May 21, both major parties will hold primary elections in Oregon for the nomination of candidates to the many county, state and federal offices which will be decided in the November vote, and also to elect national party committeemen and delegates to the party conventions.

The 1948 conventions for both republicans and democrats will be held in Philadelphia in the early summer and at that time the party delegates will choose their candidates for president and vice president of the United States, and also draw up their party platforms.

Of course, presidential aspirants may enter the primary races in various states just to see how the wind is blowing, but the actual nomination will be made at the Philadelphia conventions.

Probably some of the several republican aspirants to the job will enter some state primaries, President Truman, the democrats

No. 1 man, probably will not. There is increasing talk of a third party, headed by Henry A. Wallace, but Wallace hasn't made it official yet.

In Oregon May 21 each major party will select two national committeemen, a man and a woman. At the same time the republicans will choose four convention delegates at large and two more from each of the four congressional districts. The democrats chose eight delegates at large and two from each district. That makes 12 Philadelphia delegates for Oregon republicans and 16 for democrats.

Also at the May 21 voting party candidates for virtually all state and county posts will be nominated. The primary ballot in Klamath county will be a long one, with these items included:

To be elected:

National committeemen (4 years)—1 republican, 1 democrat.

National committeewoman (4 years)—1 republican, 1 democrat.

Delegates to party convention—state at large, 4 republicans, 8 democrats.

To be nominated by each party:

President of the United States.

Vice President of the United States.

Electors of president and vice president—6.

U. S. senator (6 years).

Representative in congress, second district (2 years).

Governor (2 years)—fill unexpired term of the late Governor Snell.

Secretary of state (2 years)—fill unexpired term of the late Secretary Robert Farrell.

State treasurer (4 years).

Supreme Court justices (6 years)—3, to fill positions No. 1, 2 and 3.

Attorney general (4 years).

District attorney (4 years)—Klamath county.

State senator, 17th district (4 years).

State representatives, 32nd district, (2 years)—2.

County commissioner (4 years).

Sheriff (4 years).

County clerk (4 years).

County assessor (4 years).

County treasurer (4 years).

WEATHER	
Max. (Dec. 23)	51
Min. (Dec. 23)	37
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
Stream year to date	3.18
Last year	2.14
Normal	4.11
Forecast: Fair.	
Shooting Stars	Klamath Falls
Open:	Close:
Dec. 23, 7:30 a.m.	3:31 p.m.
Dec. 24, 7:30 a.m.	3:32 p.m.

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Demos Seek Leader For California

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Democratic efforts to smooth a party organization rough spot were set back today with the assertion of Senator Downey (D-Calif.) that he is "too busy" to take over the California national committeeman post being vacated by Edwin W. Pauley.

Downey told a reporter he can't find the time outside his senate duties to take on Pauley's job, as he is reported to have been urged to do by Senator McGrath (D-R.I.), the party's national chairman.

McGrath has been working to heal a split in California democratic ranks growing out of differences between Pauley and State Chairman James Roosevelt, son of the late president.

Insurgents

Roosevelt has represented a more or less insurgent wing of California democrats generally regarded as rather disinterested in President Truman's 1948 election chances. And with 25 electoral votes at stake, the president's friends—Pauley included—want no defections next November if they can prevent them.

The Roosevelt following in California could be expected to furnish some support for Henry A. Wallace if the latter runs for president on a third party ticket. However, beyond reports that he favors an un-instructed—rather than Truman—pledged—delegation, there is no indication that Roosevelt would go along on any such venture.

But democrats here have made no bones about their desire to get both wings of the party together in California. They recall Wallace's disheartened support there in 1944, when the former vice president got 10 of the state's 52 votes on the ballot which nominated Mr. Truman overwhelmingly for vice president.

A Wallace slate probably will be entered in next year's democratic primary by a third group, headed by Robert W. Kenney, former California attorney general, but politicians give it little chance of success.

Troops Quit Panama Posts

QUARRY HEIGHTS, Canal Zone, Dec. 24 (AP)—Caribbean command headquarters said U. S. troops began withdrawing at daylight today from defense bases in Panama, which the republic's national assembly refused Monday to lease to the United States.

The huge B-29 bomber base at Rio Hato and a chemical warfare testing site on San Jose island, the largest of the 14 bases involved outside the 10-mile wide canal strip, were the first to start evaluating.

The announcement said both Panama and men were being moved from Rio Hato. Men were moved from San Jose.

The other bases are comparatively small. Personnel and equipment in them were being made ready for withdrawal.

The evacuation orders were issued last night after receipt of instructions from Washington.

The army must fall back on its own defenses within the 10-mile wide canal zone to defend the waterway. Its main airfield in the zone is Albrook field which is too small to accommodate any sizable number of B-29's. The only other big airbase in the general Caribbean area is in Puerto Rico, over 1000 miles away.

PLANE SEARCH

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 24 (AP)—A wide aerial search was launched this morning for an army B-29 which failed to return to Ladd field last night from a long range navigation training flight over the northern portion of Alaska. Eight men were aboard.

United States Asks UN For Change In Regulations On Correspondents

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The state department will ask the United Nations to revise the rules under which foreign correspondents are admitted to the United States to cover UN sessions.

This was disclosed today after the UN questioned American moves to deport as communists two alien correspondents accredited by the UN.

Without specifying what changes will be sought, the department said in a statement that an early conference with UN officials is desired to take up "various phases" of relations between this government and the United Nations.

The two foreign newspapermen against whom deportation proceedings have started are Nicholas Kyriazidis, Greece, and Syed S. Hasan, of India. The immigration service contends they are not legitimate, full time correspondents.

Deportation moves were suspended in New York yesterday after Trygve Lie, UN secretary general, protested seizure of the men. Kyriazidis was released on his own recognizance and Hasan under \$5000 bond.

Army Scoffs At Claims Of Victory

ATHENS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Guerrilla radio broadcasts proclaimed today the establishment of a communist "government" in Northern Greece under Gen. Markos Vafiadis and called on members of the left-wing ELAS to "take up arms."

Premier Themistokles Sophoulis told newsmen the vaguely located rump state likely would be recognized immediately by the communist-dominated northern neighbors of Greece—Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria. All three have been accused by a United Nations commission of abetting the civil strife in Greece.

Early Solution

Greek military authorities have insisted the communists could not hold a given area in Northern Greece for 48 hours. One high military leader said the proclamation of a communist state would lead to an early solution of the guerrilla problem because the army could wipe out the rebels in a frontal battle.

Only in rare instances so far have the guerrillas offered resistance to Greek army movements. Their tactics are to retreat and infiltrate after the army leaves.

The Athens and army radios which monitored the broadcasts said only vague details were given. Authorities in Salonika expressed belief the broadcast originated in Yugoslavia. Communist sources recently said the "government" would be established in 300 wild, mountainous square miles on the Albanian border around Korçë.

Vafiadis, long-hunted chief of the guerrillas, was reported to be the premier and minister of war.

Leader Named

The broadcasts said John Ionnides, old line communist in charge of undercover activities of the party for many years, was to be deputy premier and minister of the interior. Ionnides was reported to have signed during the wartime occupation the "Petritsa agreement" with Bulgarian communists, ceding Greek territory to Bulgaria.

P. P. Russo, one of the communist leaders of the Greek army and navy mutiny in the Middle East during the war, was named foreign minister.

Reds Hint At Vatican Plot

MOSCOW, Dec. 24 (AP)—A Brussels dispatch to the communist party newspaper, Pravda, declared today the Vatican, inspired by U. S. military authorities in Rome, was plotting revolutions in Italy and France.

Pravda's correspondent in Belgium said he based the charge on "information coming to Brussels from Italy."

"It is intimated, for instance," the dispatch said, "that Vatican circles have in mind a plan of state revolution aimed at creating in Italy a so-called concentration government participated in by all right-wing groups headed by the Christian democratic party."

"French Catholic circles, on instructions by the Vatican, are preparing a similar upheaval in France designed at putting Gen. De Gaulle in power. Agents of De Gaulle established contact with Italian reactionaries."

"The reactionaries seek to provoke democratic parties into stepping aside and then they will outlaw for 'instigating disobedience to authority and starting revolts.'"

"(The Russian press uses 'communist' and 'democratic' as synonymous terms.)"

Reno Police Shoot Gunman

RENO, Dec. 24 (AP)—A 20-year-old gunman, cornered in a crowded gambling casino, wounded three policemen early today, fled, commandeered a taxicab, robbed the driver of \$30 and was captured, wounded, 50 minutes later in a gun battle.

Police Chief Clayton Phillips said the youth gave his name as Bobby Carter and his address as a Reno hotel. Officers later reported his home town was Huntersville, W. Va.