

# World Set For New Year Despite Uneasy Peace

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Much of the world today let out its belt to accommodate Christmas overeating, continued its holiday into the weekend and looked forward to New Year celebrations.

An uneasy peace marked this year's observance of the birth of Christ. Despite threats of war from Moscow, there was only slight shooting on the world's two active war fronts — the Nationalist islands off the coast of Communist China, and Algeria, where the French have been battling a nationalist rebellion.

The tensions of the old year were temporarily shelved by the holiday.

But troops of the Western Allies and the United Nations were on watch, keeping the cold war cold.

American soldiers at the barbed wire barricades marking the Iron Curtain in Europe had hot turkey dinners brought to their posts. In other parts of Europe U.S. servicemen entertained 75,000 orphans, refugees and hospital patients.

In Communist-ruled East Berlin Julius Cardinal Döpfner preached a sermon attacking the Red regime in his first appearance since he was named a cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church.

U.S. troops in Morocco heard a Christmas message from Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches. He told them to strive for an inner peace and added: "From this inner peace there could come the wider peace of the world for which all nations now wait."

The Roman Catholic archbishop of New York, Francis Cardinal Spellman, celebrated Christmas

masses for U.S. forces in Germany. He said: "More than we realize do we need the help of God for only God can quell the malice of his enemies and ours."

U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld paid his annual Christmas visit to troops of the U.N. Emergency Force in the Gaza Strip, keeping peace between Israel and Egypt.

It was a busy day for Pope John XXIII. After celebrating midnight mass Christmas Eve in the presence of the diplomatic corps of the Holy See he celebrated another at St. Peter's Basilica at noon. He then visited two Rome hospitals.

Later, receiving 60 orphans and 20 mutilated and crippled children in the Vatican, he broke down and cried. Smiling through the tears he told the children: "You know, in this life you only cry twice. The very young, and the old, they can cry."

The Viennese talked of a Christmas Eve miracle which spared the lives of all 34 persons aboard an Air France Constellation that crashed short of the Vienna airport and exploded. Five Americans were among those aboard.

"It feels like a miracle — like the herald angels were our guardian angels," said Shirley Hindman, 34, of San Bernardino, Calif., a crash survivor.

But there was no such joy in Zichen Zussen Bolder, Belgium, where 15 men trapped in the collapse of tunnels used for mushroom farming were presumed dead.

Clear weather over most of the United States brought the cars out in droves, and traffic deaths mounted rapidly. The National Safety Council estimated there would be 620 deaths during the four-day holiday.

A bright, folksy Christmas greeting to the world came from Britain's Queen Elizabeth. On radio and TV she said, "It seems to me that Christmas is just the time to be grateful to those who add fullness to our lives... the prophets and dreamers, philosophers, men of ideas and poets, artists in paint, sculpture and music."

"Even so, we need something more. We all need the kind of security that one gets from a happy and united family."

She thanked those who had written to say they would like to see Princess Anne and Prince Charles on TV but said, "We believe that public life is not a fair burden to place on growing children."

President Eisenhower, following a quiet family Christmas at the White House, was going today to his Gettysburg, Pa., farm to work on messages to the new Congress. The Eisenhowers planned to stay at the farm through New Year's Day.

Peiping radio said Christmas in Red China was observed by Protestants and Catholics in their churches and homes.

The Chinese Reds, after firing only 46 artillery rounds at the Nationalist Quemoy Islands in the morning, declared a cease-fire for the rest of Christmas Day. The Nationalists had already announced they would not reply to Christmas Day Communist fire.

In Algeria, only one terrorist incident was reported, the explosion of a time-fused mortar shell hidden in a tire on a parked car. One person was killed and nine were wounded. No unusual French or rebel military action was reported. French troops celebrated with turkey and champagne.

# Train Kills 3 Hunters

ALEXANDER CITY, Ala. (AP) — "I kept yelling to them to jump. Why didn't they do what I told them? I kept yelling at them."

The plaintive words were spoken by Warner Grimsley, 19, who leaped 20 feet into the Tallapoosa River to escape a train that killed three hunting companions on a railroad trestle Christmas Day.

Grimsley was treated for shock at a hospital in this central Alabama city. He said the train appeared as he was walking along the trestle with Jean Huggins and Sara Thomas, both 16, and Dwayne Hodge, 19, a college student. The victims' parents are prominent in Alexander City.

Grimsley said he was walking behind his companions, carrying the guns, when the Central of Georgia freight approached. "The others tried to run," he reported. "One girl fainted. The others tried to help her. I kept yelling at them to jump."

The engineer, R. T. Davis, said he put the train in emergency when he saw the youths. "If they had jumped they wouldn't have been killed," Davis added.

One body was removed from beneath the train. Two others were found in shallow water below the trestle.

The first United States coin containing nickel was a small one-cent piece issued in 1857. It was made of an alloy of 12 per cent nickel and 88 per cent copper.

# "DENNIS THE MENACE"



"I'M GOIN' OVER TO THE WILSONS. I GOTTA GET SOME SLEEP!"

# One Way To Beat Boxing: Stay In Tierra del Fuego

LONDON (AP) — The annual war of nerves with the British dustmen, postmen and holiday carolers has been fought and as usual lost.

New strategy is needed. The way to beat the Boxing Day and caroling racket is to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays somewhere else. Next year, Tierra del Fuego, here we come.

In Britain, the day after Christmas is known as Boxing Day. This is the day when the people who serve you throughout the year — such as your newsboy — come around with a box. Only now they don't wait until the day after, they come the day before Christmas.

You are expected to put money in the box.

The Borough Council, which hires the dustmen (or garbage collectors), frowns on this practice.

Nevertheless on Dec. 24 the doorbell always rings and there stands the head dustman.

He has a clipboard holding a list of the addresses at which he and his crew pick up garbage. His pencil is poised expectantly over yours.

A born coward, you have visions of overflowing, odorous garbage cans throughout 1959. You give him 10 shillings (\$1.40).

As the day proceeds you also give:

- The postman 10 shillings.
- The newsboy 5 shillings.
- Your window cleaner 10 shillings.
- Your neighborhood handyman who mows the lawn 10 shillings.
- The laundry staff 10 shillings.
- The butcher boy 5 shillings.
- Night falls. The two small children are asleep. The doorbell rings. The two small children are instantly awake and wailing.
- There also is wailing at the door. This comes from a group of children, aged 9 to 11, singing "Noel, Noel."
- You fork over half a crown (35 cents). Seconds later you realize this is madness, but it's too late now. Word spreads through the neighborhood.
- When the bell rings for the fifth time you leap out of your chair as though harpooned from the rear.
- "Don't you dare strike those poor children!" warns your wife.
- "I'm not going to strike the bloody carolers," you reply.
- "I'm going to dismantle the bleeding doorbell!"
- This is done. Briefly, there is peace. Then the living-room door opens and in comes your oldest son, aged 2½. The time is 9:45 p.m.
- "Good morning," he says. "Is it Christmas yet?"

# Polite Bandit Steals Bicycle

ATLANTA (AP) — A middle-aged man used polite manners to get a Christmas bicycle.

Police said two women were trying to load a bike into the back of a car Thursday when the man walked up, exchanged Christmas greetings, and offered to help.

The bicycles loaded, the women walked back into the house. When they returned a moment later the bike was gone. So was the volunteer helper.

# SAFE BURGLARY

FALLS CITY, Ore. (AP)—Burglars early Christmas morning broke into a safe at the post office here and escaped with \$223, police said.

# Film Industry Ends Year; Mystery Still Unsolved

By BOB THOMAS  
AP Movie-TV Writer

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The movie industry is ending another rocky year with its battle to win back its lost audience still unresolved.

The producers were trying harder than ever in 1958, and they had some success. The general quality of films was good, but still not good enough to assure a happy future for the movie business.

Our annual assessment of the year's product uncovers no standard film, as in the last two years with "Around the World in 80 Days" and "The Bridge on the River Kwai." Several films won hearty approval from critics and audiences, but few had that magic hats-in-the-air quality.

Here's how Hollywood's work appeared to this movie goer:

Best actress: Susan Hayward, "I Want to Live!"; Ingrid Bergman, "In the Heat of the Night"; Elizabeth Taylor, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"; Jean Simmons, "Home Before Dark"; Rosalind Russell, "Auntie Mame."

Best actor: Spencer Tracy, "The Last Hurrah"; Paul Newman, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"; David Niven, "Separate Tables"; Marlon Brando, "The Young Lions"; "Indiscreet."

Best supporting actor: Dean Martin, "Some Came Running"; Maurice Chevalier, "Gigi"; Lee J. Cobb, "The Brothers Karamazov"; Ray Walston, "Damn Yankees"; Trevor Howard, "The Key."

Best supporting actress: Shirley MacLaine, "Some Came Running"; Hermione Gingold, "Gigi"; Maureen Stapleton, "Lonely Hearts"; Cara Williams, "The Defiant Ones"; Carolyn Jones, "Marjorie Morningstar."

Blodiest picture: "The Vikings."

Underrated film: "Cowboy."  
Overrated film: "Kings Go Forth."  
Worst title: "The Fiend Who Walked the West."  
Disappointments: "The Geisha and the Barbarian," "The Quiet American," "Bonjour Tristesse."  
Worst picture: "Too Much, Too Soon."

# Doctors Commit Eugene Mother

EUGENE (AP)—A woman who admitted drowning her three children has been committed to the state hospital at Salem.

She is Mrs. Donna May Rutledge, 27, Eugene, committed following a hearing at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Football rivalry between Pitt and Syracuse began in 1916.

# Santa Stuck In Hardtop

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Don-aid Albanese may have to let Santa Claus come down the chimney in the regular way next time.

"Santa" got stuck in the trunk of Albanese's retractable hardtop sedan for 2½ hours Christmas Eve.

That's where the couple hid the Christmas toys for Jo Ann, 5, and Robert, 2.

Albanese, aided by a brother-in-law, sweated for an hour to get the hydraulically operated trunk open after the kids had gone to sleep.

Desperate, Albanese drove the car to police headquarters. An emergency squad worked an hour and a half. Finally, they pried the trunk open with an ax.

# Thief Steals Champagne

HARTSDALE, N.Y. (AP) — The pop of champagne bottles being opened was heard somewhere in Hartsdale Thursday night, but not at the home of Mrs. John Blake.

Mrs. Blake had put three bottles of the bubbly stuff outside her doorstep to cool as she continued preparing Christmas dinner. When she went to get them later, they were gone.

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