

Her Majesty's Broadcast

An eloquent plea for "tolerance, comradeship and love" between Commonwealth members was made by Her Majesty the Queen in her Christmas Day broadcast.

She spoke after exchanging personal greetings with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, now travelling on Commonwealth business in the South Pacific.

Hungarians & Christmas

That the Hungarian revolt was not a spur-of-the-moment affair was well brought out in an article by Glenn D. Everett in a recent issue of the "Presbyterian Record".

"When Communism invaded Hungary it was soon clear that the observance of Christmas was a serious obstacle. The Communists could try to intimidate the people to stay away from church.

"The Communists came up with an answer. Wasn't it fortunate that Joseph Stalin had been born on Dec. 21, 1879? They decided to celebrate Stalin's birthday, and they did.

ever. In one factory only 5% of the workers showed up, and they soon went home. Scarcely a factory wheel moved and disciplinary action was impossible for it would have meant jailing practically the whole labour force, thus holding up production.

"In 1951 the Communists tried a different strategy. They forbade the sale of Christmas trees (a waste of lumber), banned Christmas cards, (a paper shortage was blamed), state-owned department stores had no Christmas decorations and purposely cleared their shelves of toys during December.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A prominent industrialist says that within a few years "automation and other aspects of scientific advance will put a premium on brains rather than brawn."

Another prominent United States Senator has had unflattering words to say about his country's foreign policy — "extremely awkward, maladroit and unwise".

Agricultural scientists have found a way of making radish less susceptible to disease. Most amateur gardeners will say that if everything grew as well as radish they would have no complaints.

The Premier of Iraq seems determined to keep his country in the Baghdad Pact, despite his differences with Britain, the pact's leading member.

A news report says that thousands of persons in the United States and Canada have written to immigration authorities offering to adopt Hungarian child-refugees.

The United States and the Soviet Union may be the leading atomic powers, although there is some doubt whether the Soviet Union is ahead of Britain.

The next in line will be the United States and the Soviet Union in 2nd and 3rd places respectively. Among the 10 countries in the field Canada will rank 8th.

One of the pipelines sabotaged during the British-French invasion of Egypt was that which runs from Iraq across Syria to a port on the Mediterranean. It was blown up by orders of the Syrian Government.



AFTERGLOW

OTTAWA REPORT

Mr. Martin's Mission

OTTAWA — Our Minister of Health and Welfare, Hon. Paul Martin, has reached the three-quarter mark of his round-the-world diplomatic tour. Briefly, he and his wife, Nell, are pausing in India's capital city, New Delhi, where they spent Christmas.

A SCOTSMAN'S AMERICAN LOG

Gentlemen Of Maryland

BALTIMORE, Md. — We were invited to spend St. Andrew's Night at the Waldorf, New York, the Sheraton in Chicago, and the Shoreham in Washington. We spent it here in Baltimore, at the Lord Baltimore, and we have no regrets. We have been long enough, or not long enough, in the United States to look on New York, as we look on London, as a provincial town and, despite the kindness of our hosts we didn't especially want to spend St. Andrew's Night in the provinces.

Medically Speaking

LEAD POISONING CASES ARE SOMETIMES FATAL

Lead is a very useful metal and one of the oldest known to man. Yet for a long, long time we doctors have recognized it as a cause of disease—lead poisoning.

ON CONSTRUCTION JOBS

Construction men also can be exposed to lead fumes while working on steel girders. Lead is usually used to coat such girders. When applying hot rivets to these steel beams, lead fumes may be released from the paint.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Y.L.S. About 15 years ago, I had erysipelas and almost died. Why is it we do not hear about this infection any more?

THE POET'S CORNER

PRAIRIE HOME This is my home— This rich black soil that crumbles in my hand.

V. C. Sold For \$1,000

A Victoria Cross was auctioned in London recently for 340 lbs., (about \$1,000) A. V. C. with a difference.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 26, 1931) A full investigation into the circumstances of the Falconcroft fire will be commenced tomorrow.

TEN YEARS AGO

(December 26, 1946) The body of Mr. James P. Gillis, 75, of Port Hill was found afloat on Tuesday beneath the ice of Malpeque Bay in the waters between Lennox Island and the mainland.

MAXIMS

The only way to compel men to speak good of us is to do it.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"And now, any questions?" the long-winded lecturer asked as he sat down. "Yeh," said the red-faced man in the eighth row, "what time is it?"—Ottawa Citizen

On the west side of Lake Ontario, largest lake in Algonquin Park, is the grave of Capt. John Dennison, who so far as the records go, was the first and one of the very few people ever killed by a bear in Ontario.

The arm of history is long in England. The other day Lord Halifax unveiled a stone to commemorate the battle of Stamford Bridge at which ceremony the Norwegian ambassador was also present.

Canals on Mars have been sighted by Japanese observers during the recent "closeup" view of the red planet. The sightings, unfortunately, were elusive and could not be made the basis of detailed study.

An unlamented casualty of this "high-level" (U.S. election) campaign has been the religious bigot. For all practical purposes hate has been taken out of partisan politics. It would be wonderful to assume the hate merchants had seen the light.

Raid and holding men have now been flattered to the point where they are probably going to be insufferable. Dr. M. Wharton Young, an anatomy professor at Howard University, has told the National Medical Association that baldness is caused by growth of the brain.

Mr. Massey's greatest gift during his term of office has been his encouragement of culture and his emphasis on the importance of education in an era of graphic entertainment.

Star Weekly Contest offers \$1,000 CASH PRIZE. What was your favorite movie of 1956... your favorite actor... your favorite actress?

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