

# PM Says Faith Sustained By Message Of Manger

OTTAWA (CP)—In his Christmas message to Canadians, Prime Minister Diefenbaker said that despite indications in present-day life of the "negation of Christmas" his faith is sustained by the "message of the manger."

"We know... that the Man of Nazareth has assured that whatever the fears of the present, right will ultimately triumph," he said in the nationwide radio and television broadcast of a program recorded before his departure for the Bahamas where he is spending the holiday.

The message followed that of Queen Elizabeth in her annual broadcast to the Commonwealth.

Following is the text of Mr. Diefenbaker's message:

"The Christmas message of Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, is one of the traditional and happy things to which we look forward on this day. All of you will join me in a spirit of loyalty and devotion, in expressing gratitude for her words of inspiration and encouragement.

**FIRST OBSERVANCE**

The observance of Christmas in Canada reaches back to its very beginnings. There was the first heroic observance of the 110 hours behind the tiny palisade on the banks of the St. Charles River near the city of Quebec.

There was the Christmas celebration at Port Royal in Nova Scotia in the early years of the 17th century.

I think, too, of the Christmas carol broadcast for the Huron Indians—Canada's first Christmas carol.

"Twas in the moon of winter-time when all the birds had fled that brightly gleam'd you sent the angel chorus back."

These events are of the precious things of our history. At Christmas time we are conscious of a deep need of belonging to somebody—to a family, to a church, to a community, to an organization which devotes its time and energy to the task of bringing the charm of Christmas to those who otherwise would feel that they have been forgotten in this joyous time.

**SPECIAL MEANING**

The Queen's message gives special meaning to all Canadians in the sense that we belong to a larger community—the Commonwealth of nations, bound together in cooperation and dedication to what not only among its members but for all mankind.

Much of what we witness on earth today may seem a negation of Christmas. There is war and torment in men's hearts, yet despite it all, hope and sorrow and hope unfilled—the message of the manger still comes to us across the centuries to sustain our faith—the message of God will for all men and for all otherhood for all creeds and races.

His Imperishable faith our hearts return to the manger, knowing that the message of the star of Bethlehem and the manger are the need of mankind. We know, too, that the Man of Nazareth has assured that whatever the fears of the present, right will ultimately triumph.

This is a day for the home and family. We do not forget that there are many who cannot be at home around their own firesides. We think of those on duty in all parts of the world in the armed forces and in the other services of government.

We think of those in hospitals and other institutions who miss the companionship of their loved ones.

To each of them on this day goes forth a special message.

of good wishes.  
To each and all I extend for my wife and myself, and especially to the boys and girls, the age-old greetings of Merry Christmas.

# Action Promised For '63 In General Taxation Field

TORONTO (CP)—While 1962 could hardly be called dull from a tax point of view, next year promises to do it by a long shot, says the Canadian Tax Foundation.

Reappraisal of tax systems will occupy the centre of the domestic stage in Canada, the United States and other countries, as each seeks ways to meet the growing demands of government for revenue, and at the same time free funds for more investment and consumption.

It is well that Canada has its review under way, says the Foundation, for even if Canada's basic system compares favorably in many respects with the current U.S. structure, the tax wind from the south would force a reappraisal.

In the coming weeks, eyes in both Canada and the U.S. will be on President Kennedy's tax reform proposals.

**TO WATCH KENNEDY**

"Everyone will be anxious to see how Mr. Kennedy proposes to give effect to his generally approved objectives, since in taxation it is not what you want to do, but the way that you want to do it, that is all important."

"For good or ill, the fallout from his tax reform program will be felt in Canada."

The Foundation adds that it frequently asked why it should take so much effort to change the U.S. and Canadian tax systems.

"It is comforting, but not too useful, to place the blame for the situation on unimaginative and unrealistic tax officials and on politicians. A closer look may confirm for many the truth of the oft-made statement that we get the tax system we deserve."

"Boxed in as we are by high expenditures, by deficits, by unemployment, by extra capacity, by the challenges of a rapidly changing world, and by the noble desire for absolute equality, certainty, flexibility, fiscal responsibility and equalization, we have left ourselves with precious little room to manoeuvre since almost all acceptable sources of revenue are already tagged."

Each change to help someone by the tax system will also hurt someone, particularly if only the tax side of the ledger is looked at, says the foundation.

The broader examination may reveal a need to relate in the taxpayer's mind the quid pro quo between taxes and benefits received.

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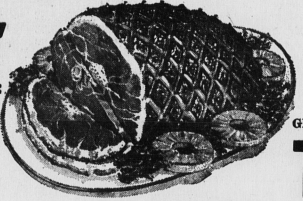
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TORONTO (CP)—About 100 Christmas babies were born in and near Toronto Tuesday—the first one 15 minutes after midnight and the last 60 seconds before the clock chimed the close of Christmas day. Four more "were born during the next hour."

**Tristan Refugees Have Sad Holiday**

SOUTH HAMPTON, England (AP)—The 254 refugees from remote Tristan da Cunha, islands in a 20th-century world, are spending their unhappiest Christmas season—and they hope their last in England.

Instead of Santa Claus, they have been visited by persistent collectors.

There were no drinks, bright lights, gay tinsel or Christmas songs for the unhappy islanders, and the fourth of their children could not even afford coal for a Christmas dinner. Children have been told to wait till next year to hang up their stockings.

Next year, the islanders expect to be back on their 40-square-mile island in the South Atlantic, from which a volcanic eruption drove them in October, 1961.

An advance party of 50 will sail Feb. 7 to tidy up the beautiful hill of land for resettlement. The others will follow as soon as possible.

The islanders are dumfounded by the commercial Christmas of a British Christmas where even child carol singers expect to be paid for singing a bar or so of a sacred song outside a neighbor's door.

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