



ONE WAY OF SAYING 'MERRY CHRISTMAS'

Many of the Christmas cards sent out each year by The Guardian and The Evening Patriot go to distant parts of Canada, the U.S., and elsewhere abroad, so an effort is made to have them cover something of an 'Island flavor' along with a seasonal message. Above is an enlargement of the woodcut-style picture used this year. The information which accompanied it is reproduced at right. And The Guardian and The Evening Patriot now extend to all the same wish as appeared on the card: May the Season's Utmost Joys be Yours.

Solon Low Dies Of Heart Attack

SHELBURY, Mont. (CP)—Solon E. Low, former national president of the Social Credit party in Canada, died here Saturday night. He was 62.
Mr. Low, who was a member of the Alberta Cabinet as one of the first proponents of monetary reforms in the province, was here to pick up his son and take him back to the family home at Raymond, Alta., for Christmas.
It is alleged that Mr. Low suffered a heart attack.
He was defeated in the general election of 1958 and the next year went back to his former profession as a teacher at Raymond. He resigned from teaching in 1961 and since then was the family court judge for the Medicine Hat and Lethbridge districts.
Mr. Low was a member of the Social Credit party in Alberta since his sweep in the provincial election of 1955 and was national leader for 16 years.
In the early 1950s, when the province was gripped by the Prairie Provinces, Mr. Low was one of 18 teachers at a high school at Warner, Alta., who found themselves working without salaries.
The desperate town worked out a plan whereby script was used in lieu of currency. This, he recalled later, seemed to be a national leader for the theory of Social Credit was worked.

BRIDGE RULED GAME OF SKILL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Bridge is a game of skill and not of chance, the California State Supreme Court has ruled.
In a 5-2 decision handed down Wednesday, the court ordered Mrs. Betty Allen, 38, freed from a charge of operating a game of chance as manager of a bridge club in West Hollywood, Calif. She was sentenced to a game of skill, not gambling.
The first freemasonry flight DC-6 landed with 107 former captives of Premier Castro's regime at 7:30 p.m. AST. The second landed at nearby Homestead Air Force Base 54 minutes later with 106 liberated men.
A third Pan-American World Airways plane was close behind with 104 more men.
Hundreds more men waited at San Antonio de los Baños military airport, 25 miles southwest of Havana, for their turns in the air shuttle, their liberation achieved in exchange for \$53,000,000 worth of food and GAVE UP?
The end of a tense, anxious vigil in exile, thousands of Cuban exiles, many of them relatives of the liberated men, sent up a thunderous cheer as they watched the drama on television

Pope John Broadcasts Christmas Peace Appeal

VATICAN CITY (Reuters)—Pope John appealed Sunday for international collaboration in peace exploration and research, saying "brave and able men of every race and nation" should be used in such work.
The 81-year-old pontiff voiced the appeal in the consistorial hall of his official apartment in reply to the traditional good wishes for Christmas and the New Year offered by the diplomatic corps.
Pope John, stilling recently, spoke in French for 10 minutes in a calm, firm voice. He told the diplomats that the Roman Catholic church "applauded the growing mastery over the forces of nature."
He thanked the men who fostered thoughts of peace, he said, mankind could devote itself "in a noble rivalry" to the further ex-

Three Catholic Brothers Killed

QUEBEC (CP)—Three Roman Catholic brothers were killed Saturday in a two-car collision in Laurendes Park, 40 miles north of here. A fourth brother and two occupants of the second car were injured.
Provincial police blamed poor driving conditions for the accident. A thick snowfall reduced visibility and made traction uncertain.
Killed were Rev. Maurice Monte, Rev. Emmanuel Bolduc, 40, and Rev. Roger Gagnon, 24, all members of the Brothers of Charity order, St. Ambrose de Chouinot, Que.
Rev. Robert Desmarais, Camille Harvey and Georges St. Jean of Montreal were injured. They were brought to hospital here.

5 Holidayers Die In River

CHIBOUGAMAU, Que. (CP)—Five persons got on a holiday trip in Quebec's remote northland were drowned Saturday when their car missed a bridge and broke through the ice of a small river.
They were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd O'Connor and their 13-month-old son Daniel; Polioceur, 25, and Raymond Leclerc, 25.
Jaloucer and Leclerc were fellow-workers with O'Connor in the copper mines near Chibougamau, 23 miles west of Chibougamau and about 300 miles north of Montreal.

Steer Prices Show Change

Prices are down 50 cents per 100 pounds for Red and Blue brand steers this week, and up 50 cents for Brown or Standard, according to information received from J. Lincoln Dewar, secretary of the beef producers special committee, and to negotiate a price formula with Canada Packers on a trial basis.

Thousands Tranded By European Storms

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Parliament Defends Agreement With USSR

LONDON (Reuters)—Prime Minister Macmillan Sunday defended the deal struck with the Soviet Union over the Sklybot missile in favor of the British Independent nuclear deterrent.
Macmillan, however, told reporters on his return here that his talks with Kennedy in the Bahamas had there will probably be a gap in Britain's nuclear deterrent power.
"If there is a gap there will be a gap. But if we do not have Polaris there will be a gap forever."
Macmillan said he had not let his mind about the Sklybot deal despite Saturday's successful test of the "good one" for both countries and said it preserved both the concept of independence and interdependence.
He said Britain was getting a weapon which would last, I would say, for a generation."

Czech Stowaway Held At Gander

OTTAWA (CP)—A 15-year-old boy, who fled his native Communist Czechoslovakian homeland as a stowaway aboard a Cuban airliner, is being held in custody by Canadian immigration authorities at Gander, Nfld., officials said here Sunday night.
The lad was identified as Milan Navrali and was reported to have boarded a Cubana Airlines plane in Prague.
He was discovered by the plane's crew at Shannon, Ireland, and was taken to Gander. The plane landed at the Newfoundland airport, a refueling stop on its flight to Havana, at 11 p.m. NST Friday night.
The Cuban airline captain reported the boy as a stowaway to Canadian immigration authorities and the lad was taken into custody.

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Russians Plan Large Space Ship

BOMBAY, India (AP)—The Soviet Union is planning to launch soon a manned space ship weighing "several dozen tons," Soviet Ambassador Ivan Polakov announced here Saturday, he gave no details.
The two Western leaders agreed in Nassau to give up development of the air-launched Sklybot, which Britain had planned as the backbone for its nuclear bomber force.
In its place the United States agreed to supply Britain with the air-launched Polaris, which Britain will fit into its own submarine fleet.

Nike-Zeus Hits Target

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Nike-Zeus anti-missile missile successfully intercepted the first intercontinental ballistic missile target using decoys in a Pacific test Saturday, the U.S. Army announced.
Two Zeus missiles were fired against the target and its decoys, but one of the Zeus missiles developed trouble after launching and was destroyed, the announcement said.
One of the questions raised by defence department officials is whether the Nike-Zeus has been its ability to discriminate between the true ICBM target and decoys.

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