

# Mountie Is Santa Claus For 'Best Christmas'

By BORIS MISKEW  
RESOLUTE BAY, N.W.T. (CP)—A scarlet-coated mountie called out a little Eskimo girl's name. She stepped forward shyly and received a doll from Santa Claus, then joined 50 other children enjoying ice cream, cookies and candies.

"It was the best Christmas party we ever attended," said Idout, an Eskimo employed at the RCAF station here, describing one of the Yuletide festivities that take place at Resolute Bay on the southern tip of Cornwallis Island.

The party was given for Eskimo children by the personnel at this base, more than 600 miles inside the arctic circle and 1,700 miles northeast of Edmonton. But practically everybody in the area attended—adult Eskimos, weather bureau employees and RCAF officers and men.

**IN PARTY CLOWNES**  
The male Eskimos, dressed in white shirts and ties for the occasion while the mothers and older daughters had their hair done up and wore make-up. It

was their biggest day of the year.

"The party was the highlight of the Christmas celebrations," said Sqdn. Ldr. J. B. Marshall of Ottawa, commanding officer at Resolute Bay. "We like to see the kiddies have a good time."

The service men contributed money for gifts for all the children at the Eskimo village nearby. Following the party the Eskimos and others headed for the canteen to see a movie.

The temperature was below zero and the snow piled against buildings, covering some of them.

**EXCHANGE VISITS**  
QUEBEC (CP)—Seventy teenage students from Ontario will visit Quebec during the New Year's holiday as part of a series of exchange visits between young people of the two provinces. Most of the students will be from Toronto and Ottawa. A few are South Americans studying in Ontario. The group is due here Dec. 27 and will remain a week.

# Yugoslav Sticks With Family, Finally Gets Canada Permit

By JOHN E. BIRD  
OTTAWA (CP)—A 39-year-old Yugoslav who chose a life of misery and frustration in a refugee camp in Italy rather than separation from his tubercular stepson soon will be on his way to Canada with his family.

Petar Susic, his 34-year-old wife Zlatka and his stepson Mladen, 15, are waiting at the refugee assembly centre at Latina, 45 miles south of Rome, for orders to pack their meagre belongings and leave for a new life in this country.

The family had hoped to be aboard a CPA aircraft that will arrive at Halifax and Saint John, N.B., from Rome Christmas Eve with 71 refugees from camps in Italy. The Susicis are one of the 100 refugee families being brought to Canada under federal government sponsorship during World Refugee Year.

**GOING TO VIENNA**  
However, there won't be enough room for them on this second refugee flight from Italy. They'll be sent to Vienna from where a third flight of refugees from camps in

Austria will leave for Canada sometime after Christmas.

Susic, a bookkeeper with some university training, could have migrated from Italy since he is perfectly healthy and well trained in his job. However, this would have meant leaving his wife and her son from another marriage in an Italian refugee camp.

"I found out that Mladen had tuberculosis when we made application in 1957 to go to Australia," Susic said through an interpreter in an interview at the Latina camp.

"I could have gone if I had wanted to, but I love my wife and my stepson too much for that. I love Mladen as if he were my own son."

**HUGS BOY**  
As Susic replied to the ques-

tions put to him by the interpreter he placed his left arm around the boy and gave him a gentle hug.

Mrs. Susic's first husband was killed during the Second World War fighting against Yugoslav Communists. She married her present husband in 1955.

Susic also fought against the Communists and was captured in 1945. He was a prisoner of war for three months.


A strong anti-Communist, he

crossed the border into Italy with his wife and son June 23, 1957, and has been living in refugee camps since that time.

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Miss Catherine McInnis has returned to her home in Tignish from the Western Hospital, Alberton where she recently underwent surgery.

Florence and Vernon McCarthy left Tignish recently for Saint John, N.B. where they plan to spend the winter months.



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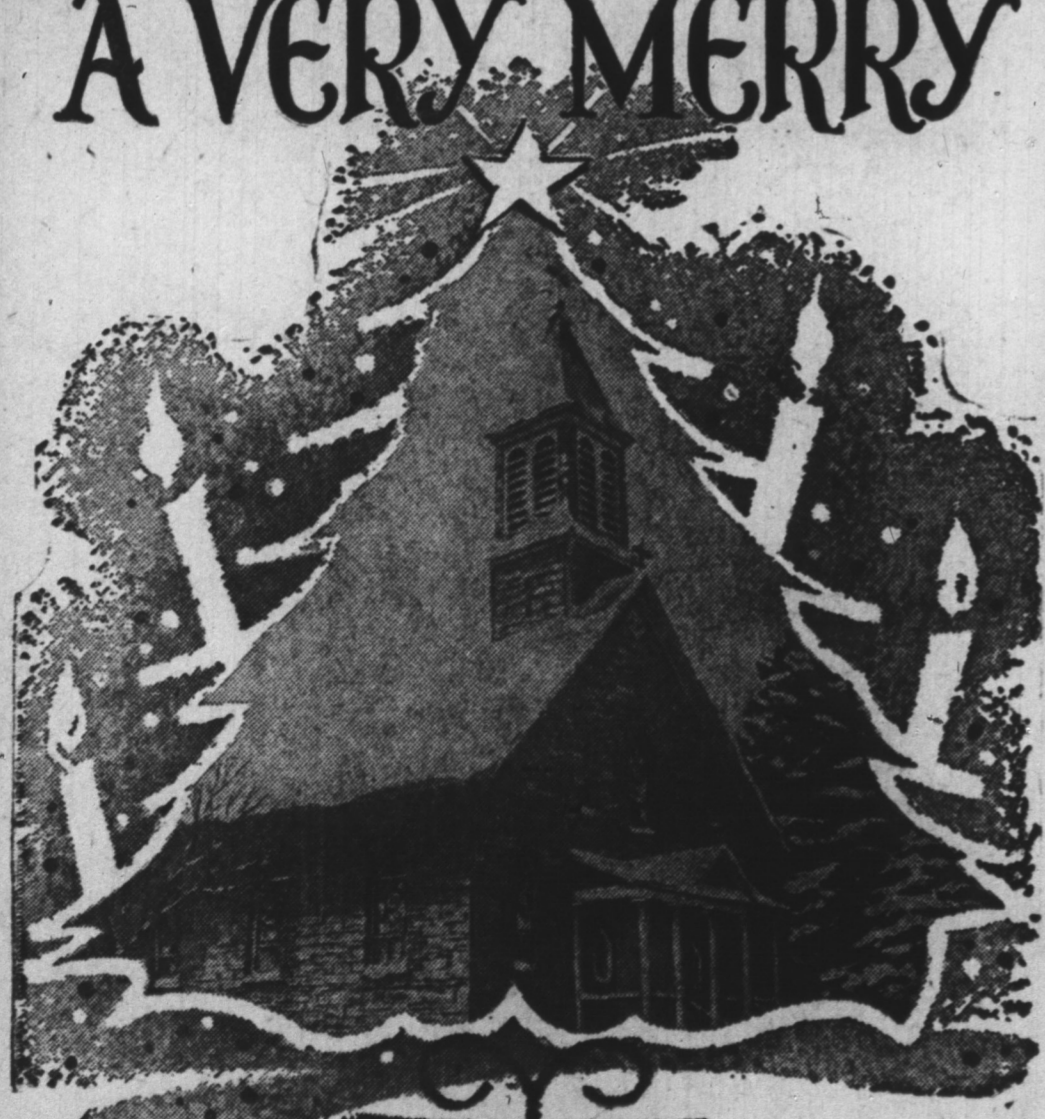


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We are all familiar with the annual miracle. But how many of us can conceive of a world where Christmas is a perpetual state of heart? Can you imagine such a world of peace and plenty? A world devoid of war and want? Of course you can. We all do. And then we sigh with anticipated defeat and go back to the old way of being.

But we need not go back. We can begin now, this very day, to hold onto the Spirit of Christmas. Let's look up . . . today and every day. The Guiding Star is there, shining steadfastly for all to see . . . for all to follow . . . for all time.

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