

THE WEEK'S NEWS

Christmas, Budgets And Icebreaking Held Sway

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

Christendom celebrated Christmas in solemn worship, but there was conflict as well as joy. It was an uneasy peace as the birthday of Christ—the Prince of Peace—was marked around the world.

MOSLEM WORDS The Moslem world had a few things to say during the Christmas season, of interest in connection with the cold war.

MONEY NEWS The two most powerful countries in the world gave news of their government money plans.

RED LINE Russia was not idle at Christmas. One announcement from Moscow on Christmas Eve proposed a stepped-up program of atheism to fight the idea of Christianity.

QUEEN'S MESSAGE Queen Elizabeth, in her Christmas message to the Commonwealth, talked of the importance of spiritual and family values.

The Queen explained she had decided against allowing her two children to appear with her on television, adding "I am sure that all of you who are parents will understand."

POPE'S XMAS Pope John XXIII, in the first year of his reign as pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated Christmas Eve Mass in the presence of the Vatican diplomatic corps—a custom that had been abandoned 15 years ago.

ROME, Dec. 26 (AP)—A siren sounded in the early morning over the distant desert. Two hawk-faced Bedouins gingerly lifted tiny hoods from the heads of fierce-looking hunting falcons perched on their arms.

Through it swept the "Eagle of the Gulf"—Sheikh Abdullah Mubarak—his long black Arab robe and swirls of fine desert sand trailing behind him.

Remand Accused In Car Theft HALIFAX (CP)—John V. Sulek, 23, of Montreal, was remanded on \$3,500 bail here Wednesday on charges of car theft.

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5th PRIZE — \$25 CHARGE ACCOUNT — Mrs. Alfred Bernard, 438 North Market Street, Summerside
6th PRIZE — \$25 CHARGE ACCOUNT — Mrs. Earl Semple, Kensington
7th PRIZE — \$25 CHARGE ACCOUNT — Mrs. Errol Laughlin, Sherbrooke
8th PRIZE — \$25 CHARGE ACCOUNT — Mrs. C. T. Vallis, 99 Up. Prince St., City
9th PRIZE — \$25 CHARGE ACCOUNT — Mrs. Arnold Barrett, Lot 16
10th PRIZE — \$25 CHARGE ACCOUNT — Mrs. Arthur R. McDonald, St. Peters Bay



ARE RECOVERING NOW

Part of the children's wing at the Masan tuberculosis hospital in Korea, run by the Save the Children Fund. Every one of these children was once a desperate case; now they are on the mend, but one little girl still snuggles down. She is typical of so many Korean children — undernourished and ill, they are too lethargic even to be naughty.

Power From The Atom Is Rejuvenating Britain

By ANTHONY WHITE

LONDON (AP)—They are an odd sight, these huge steel and concrete domes which loom above the ancient countryside of Britain. But they gladden the heart of an Englishman, for they point to a new British leadership.

These oddly shaped things are atomic furnaces for making electric power. In many ways, Great Britain's international influence has diminished during the half-century.

For the last two years, power from one atomic station—famed Calder Hall — has pulsed into factories and homes, turning the wheels, lighting streets and cooking meals.

LONG-RANGE PLAN A network of these stations is planned, stretching from the bleak north of Scotland to Sussex in the south.

It's the same old electricity. It doesn't make lights shine any brighter or the toast radioactive. Basically, an atomic power plant works on the same principle as any conventional station.

Instead of using coal or oil to fire its boilers, it uses a nuclear reactor. The heat to run boilers is produced by nuclear fission—the splitting of atoms.

Compared with the new stations under construction, Calder Hall is small. Its output is 150,000 kilowatts.

DOUBLES PRODUCTION A new plant rising at Bradwell in Essex will have a production of 300,000 kilowatts when it is completed in 1961. In time it, too, will be dwarfed.

When the network of 12 stations is completed in 1966, it will generate between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 kilowatts.

The stations will cost £1,000,000,000 (2,800,000,000). But they will save the nation 18,000,000 tons of coal a year while reducing its fuel bills. And eventually, the British housewife's fuel bill will be lower.

But the atomic power plants will bring no sudden prosperity. It will take scientists at least 12 years more before they can produce atomic power more cheaply than through conventional processes.

LEADS THE WORLD Officials of the British Atomic Energy Authority say Britain already leads the world—even Russia and the United States—in the application of the atom of industrial power.

Sir John Cockcroft, director of the atomic research station at Harwell, says Britain heads Russia by two years in putting the atom to this kind of peaceful use.

Almost every year since the Second World War Britain has had to import coal. Last year she bought 2,900,000 tons—most of it from the United States. That cost the country \$71,274,000.

Yet that was just a fraction of the nation's \$700,000,000 fuel import bill. The balance was made up of fuel oil imports.

Britain has no natural oil resources. The demand for electric power is doubling every 10 years. The extra strain on her finances and the threat of a shut-down in oil supplies from the fickle Middle East—caused planners to look elsewhere for a source of power.

power. Britain turned to the atom.

RISE IN FAST The giant new power factories are rising fast. They are being built in sparsely populated areas, at least 25 miles from any centres of population.

But there are tiny villages near some, and most of the villagers don't mind. "Most of the people in the villages are proud," says an Atomic Energy Authority official. "They have been told the chances of anything going wrong are a million to one. And they think the stations will bring them some kind of prosperity too."

Now scientists are working to control an even greater source of power—by the fusion, instead of the splitting, of atoms. And if they can turn this to commercial advantage, Britain could achieve unheard-of prosperity.

The scientists have been making their tests with ZETA, a fantastic machine in which they heat a puff of hydrogen gas to terrific temperature in efforts to make the hydrogen atoms collide, join and release energy.

URANIUM NOT NEEDED Instead of expensive uranium as fuel, heavy hydrogen is used. Chemically it is indistinguishable from ordinary hydrogen. And heavyweight hydrogen is relatively cheap. It can be concentrated from seawater.

If you could create electric energy from a thermonuclear reaction using heavy hydrogen as fuel you need never want for power.

But all this is in the rosy future. Scientists at Harwell—the "workshop" of Britain's atomic energy program—are still in the early stages of trying to achieve a positive fusion.

Earlier this year they did get it for a minute space of time, but it was not definitely established that it was the result of a thermonuclear reaction. Now, after technical modifications to ZETA, they are ready to try again.

YORK NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Leith Watts and son David, Charlottetown, spent Sunday in York at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Watts.

Miss Lavina MacDonald and niece Jaunice Watts, Charlottetown, spent Sunday in York at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lewis and little daughter Heather of York, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colby Lewis, Freetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crockett and Mr. and Mrs. Laken Lewis and son Allison, all of York, spent Sunday at Glen Valley.

Rev. Walton Elliott and Mrs. Elliott and little son, were guests at York Manse with their respective parents, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest MacDonald, York, spent Wednesday afternoon in Charlottetown.

A motor party of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Laken Lewis, Miss Marjorie Lewis, York, attended the Hunter River Christmas Concert on Tuesday evening, December 16th.

Arthur Vessey, York, spent Wednesday in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey, York, spent Wednesday in Charlottetown.

Randolph Murray, York, was a visitor to Charlottetown on Wednesday, December 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vessey and daughter Lois, were visitors to Charlottetown on Wednesday December 17th. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Horne. B.O.

WINTER PROJECT VANCOUVER (CP)—Construction will start in January on Imperial Oil Company's 10-storey marketing headquarters, to cost \$2,500,000, in the downtown business section.

arrived in Halifax on Christmas Day, three days late, with a leaking hull torn open by heavy seas on the North Atlantic. . . . In Montreal four persons were killed when an explosion ripped a tenement housing two families of Polish immigrants in east-end Montreal. . . . An RCAF plane crash in Italy killed five men. . . . A Britannia Whispering Giant airliner crashed in England, killing nine men. . . . All passengers and crew escaped when an Air France plane crashed near Vienna. . . . Eighteen died in a cave-in of mushroom caves in Belgium. . . . Three-times married actress Ingrid Bergman took a fellow-Swede, Lars Schmidt, as her new husband. . . . Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine, whose gift-giving habits made news, was sentenced to three months in jail.

A little girl in Peterborough, Ont., tasted "Christmas cheer" at an early age—and for a worthy purpose. The 12-year-old girl, at play, somehow allowed her tongue to freeze to an icy iron bridge railing. She wept, terrified, while bystanders puzzled how to pry her loose.

Then a Christmas reveler arrived, with a bottle of whisky. A judicious portion of spirits was poured by a policeman—and presto!—the girl was free.

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His main job, as commander of the army and security forces, is to keep order in his country, not an easy one in the turbulent Middle East. And Kuwait right now is considered the most stable of Middle East countries.

Sheikhdom, Twice Size Of P.E.I. Holds Untold Wealth

By TOM MASTERTON

KUWAIT (AP)—A siren sounded in the early morning over the distant desert. Two hawk-faced Bedouins gingerly lifted tiny hoods from the heads of fierce-looking hunting falcons perched on their arms.

Everyone in the headquarters of the Kuwait security department froze in their tracks, and their eyes swivelled toward the main door.

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The sheikh's heavy-lidded eyes pinpointed each person lining the path he strode to his office. There were lean desert tribesmen, his favorite falconers, a British army officer, an ambassador from Saudi Arabia, a European envoy, businessmen, clerks, lackeys and newspaper correspondents.

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Only a part of his vast income goes into a stable of 40 pured horses, three palaces and host of servants and devoted Bedouin followers. One of his palaces—with 63 bedrooms—is considered the finest in the Middle East.

His frequent European visits have become legendary. Abroad, he dresses in European clothes. He eats with a knife and fork. But at home he reverts entirely to Arabism. He eats with his fingers, as do all good Moslems. And he beams with delight on the foreign guest who adopts his custom.

Sheikh Abdullah Mubarak keeps no harem. Divorced from his first wife, he has been married to his second for 15 years. They have one daughter.

He is a shrewd politician. One by one, Middle East rulers who fought Nasserism—the Arab nationalism personified at the moment by President Gamal Abdul Nasser of Egypt—in their countries have fallen from power in the last few years. Mubarak has intently watched this. Instead of fighting it, he's joining it.

In Kuwait, Arab nationalism is gaining momentum every day. The young nationalists support Nasser.

So does Sheikh Abdullah Mubarak. "It isn't in our interest to isolate Kuwait from the rest of the Arab world," he said.

The violence and intrigues that plague other Arab countries are not likely to erupt in Kuwait. There are many reasons why. One is illustrated by what happened in oil-rich Iraq. Most Iraqis lived in extreme poverty amidst extreme wealth so the ghastly end of Nuri As-Said was inevitable.

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