

# MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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### PILGRIMS IN BETHLEHEM

## Yule Stirs Peace Hopes Amid World's Tensions

### TO NORTHERN PORTS

## Sees Great Potential If Service Is Backed

"If shippers will back the service, there is every reason to believe that the northern Quebec ports hold a tremendous market potential for the agricultural products of this Province," said Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, minister of industry and natural resources yesterday.

Referring to the five voyages of the motor vessel Rexton Kent which were made this fall, Mr. MacKinnon said his department was convinced that dealers at Corner Brook, Nfld., Seven Island and Baie Comeau, P.Q. would be only too happy to patronize this service, providing they can be assured the service will be regular, that is on a weekly or 10 day basis.

He said the three communities mentioned have a combined population of 40,000. Looking farther afield, he noted that Goose Bay, Labrador has a combined civilian and service personnel of 15,000.

The minister said the service last fall was a bit late in getting underway but sufficient has been learned to justify its continuance next. "The Government is willing and anxious to see this export market expanded but we have the co-operation of dealers and shippers here. There is little use in our providing the service if it is not used", he added.

On the first trip of the Rexton Kent, 1,025,910 lbs. of cargo were carried. On each of the subsequent four trips an average of 500,000 lbs. were carried. The ship has refrigeration space of 50,000 lbs. of dressed meats.

### Ten Cabinet Ministers Kept In Ottawa Christmas

OTTAWA (CP)—It will be an on-the-job Christmas season for nearly half the federal cabinet this year, thanks to a last-minute rush of preparations for the approaching session of Parliament.

Ten of the 23 cabinet ministers plan to remain in the capital for the holiday. Another eight will be within a few hours travelling time at their homes in Ontario and Quebec.

Governor-General Massey also has decided to remain at Government House here, instead of making his customary holiday trip to his home at Port Hope, Ont.

But the three party leaders in the Commons are taking brief holidays away from Ottawa before Parliament gets back to work Jan. 15.

### PM IN SASKATOON

Prime Minister Diefenbaker arrives in Saskatoon by train today to spend Christmas with his 86-year-old mother and brother, but is due back in Ottawa for three days of cabinet meetings at the start of next week.

Liberal Leader Lester B. Pearson has been in Florida visiting friends for the last eight days and will return shortly after New Year's Day.

Hazen Argue, CCF House Leader, has been travelling in Saskatchewan and will spend Christmas at Regina with his mother.

In Mr. Diefenbaker's absence, Finance Minister Fleming is acting prime minister.

NOT MUCH TIME

The 10-member strength of the Christmas cabinet is unusually high, compared with recent years.

### No Paper Tomorrow

Tomorrow being Christmas, the next issue of the Guardian will be on Friday.

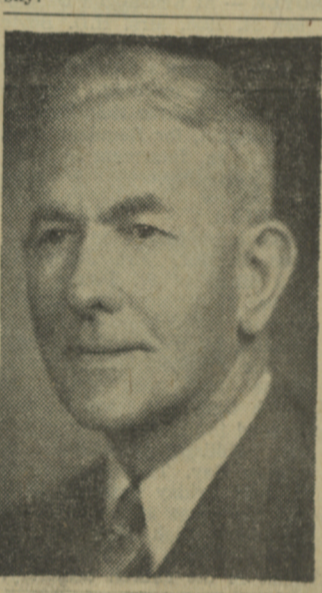
### Stole From Poor Fund

PICTOU, N.S. (CP)—If they can find him residents of this town have a candidate for the season's meanest thief.

RCMP said Tuesday they were seeking a person who stole a Salvation Army plastic "cheer bubble" from its position in front of a local store. The "bubble" contained cash donations to be used in poor relief at Christmas.

### BULLETIN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—An Atlas missile, similar to the Atlas satellite, roared aloft Tuesday night with its three engines blazing against the black Florida sky.



### FILM GOVERNOR

OTTAWA.—A prominent Summerside businessman, J. Frank Arnett, 75, has been appointed to the nine-man board of governors of the National Film Board.

The announcement was made Tuesday by Hon. Ellen Fairclough, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, who reports to Parliament for the NFB.

Two other new governors also were appointed Tuesday, they are Mrs. Margaret Stevens, of Flin Flon, Man., and Lt. Col. Hervé Baribeau, of Lévis, Que.

Mr. Arnett, former Mayor of Summerside, is the proprietor of Rogers and Arnett, grocery wholesalers.

### FEWER BUS PASSENGERS

OTTAWA (CP)—The bureau of statistics reported Tuesday that the number of passengers using city and rural bus systems in Canada declined in the first 10 months of this year to 46,591,875 from 49,088,933 a year ago. In October, 4,538,551 passengers used the transit systems against 4,660,788 last year.

### 5,000 Expected To Arrive Christmas Eve

Pilgrims are thronging Bethlehem for Christmas services at the birthplace of the prince of peace amid international prayers for a world troubled by the spectre of war.

Up to 5,000 are expected to take part in today's Christmas Eve ceremonies.

Middle East tensions have temporarily eased and the atmosphere of the bleak little Judean hill town, under Jordan's flag since division of the Holy Land by force of arms 10 years ago, is relaxed.

### JORDAN WARLIKE

Even so, a reminder of unsettled issues between Israel and the Arab world came from Jordan. King Hussein watched a two-hour military demonstration Tuesday including tanks, artillery and planes described officially as preparation for "victory day."

A government statement said the troops pledged to "restore the usurped homeland" in Israeli-occupied Palestine.

Bloodshed still goes on in such places as Algeria, Cuba and Quesnoy, and Berliners are celebrating the Yuletide nagged by fear that their divided city might become the flash point of an East-West explosion in the new year.

From Vatican City Pope John XXIII Tuesday broadcast a plea for Christian unity and peace. He said there must be vigilance against the insidiousness of the enemies of God—a clear reference to atheistic communism.

### CALLS OFF SHOOTING

On the other side of the world Gen. Wang Shu-ming, chief of Nationalist China's general staff, took heed of Christmas in an order to his offshore garrisons. He instructed them not to retaliate against Communist Chinese shelling Christmas Day, Dec. 25 is odd-numbered, and the Reds lately have been bombarding the Quemoy on those days while abstaining on the even-numbered.

The United Nations troops along the Israeli-Egyptian border meanwhile prepared to celebrate Christmas with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, who arrived in Gaza Tuesday with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Canadian chief of UNEF. Hammarskjöld will hold talks with Middle Eastern leaders during this Christmas tour.

In Iraq, a country-wide curfew, imposed under the martial law which followed last July's revolution, will be lifted for Christmas and New Year's festivities, Baghdad radio said. The lifting of the curfew will enable Christian churches to hold midnight masses on Christmas Eve which earlier had been cancelled because of the ban.

In troubled Cyprus, British authorities announced that a long-standing curfew on Greek Cypriot young men in Nicosia will be lifted at dawn Christmas morning.

### BRITONS ARE GAY

Britons at home will celebrate with more gifts and food than ever before. And British Railways say it looks like the heaviest year for travel.

The Royal Family went to Sandringham Monday to spend their holidays. From this traditional vacation place the Queen will broadcast and televise her Christmas message to the Commonwealth. As in previous years people from around the Commonwealth will contribute to the program before the Queen speaks.

Pioneering will be the theme and the Canadian contribution will come from J. A. D. McCurdy, former lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia who was the first British subject to fly an airplane.

Tele recordings of the program will be flown to Canada Christmas afternoon.

### Flee Fog But Meet Squalls

LONDON (Reuters)—The record number of Britons escaping their foggy island for the Christmas holidays ran smack into equally foul weather in many parts of the continent Tuesday night.

Rain and snow swept northern Italy, overflowing canals in Venice, while a whirlwind tore off house roofs in Ostia, near Rome. Six deaths in Portugal were blamed on the weather.

Brussels - bound flights from London had to land at Luxembourg, a four-hour train trip away, because of dense fog. Air traffic was hindered for the same reason in Germany.

Storms lashed southern France and North Africa Tuesday. At least one person drowned in France in floods. Thirty small ships sank at Mostaganem, in western Algeria, when strong winds suddenly whipped up the waters.

But the gloomy weather outlook isn't discouraging the exodus of Britons.

British railroad officials reported record bookings for Paris, Alpine ski resorts and other traditional holiday spots on the continent. The planes were packed, but fog at London airport slowed departures.

### Jailed Again At Christmas

OTTAWA (CP)—Eric Nullmeyer will eat his Christmas dinner in jail Dec. 25—for the 28th consecutive year.

Eric, a 47-year-old native of Norway, pleaded guilty in court here Tuesday to waving a hunting knife in a downtown restaurant. He admitted taking the hunting knife and some other articles from a parked car.

"You've been in jails at Christmas time in Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Moncton, N.B., as far back as 1932," said Magistrate Joachim Sauve.

"The least we can do is give you another Christmas dinner. One month in jail."

"Thank you, sir. Merry Christmas to you," rasped Eric.

### Car, Truck, Bus In Collision

PULASKI, Tenn. (AP)—A Greyhound bus collided with two other vehicles and burst into flames late Tuesday. Eight bodies have been recovered, and highway patrolmen said the death toll may run higher.

A dozen injured bus passengers have been brought to a hospital here.

The highway patrol said the bus, a truck and a car were involved in the collision. Details were sketchy.



### AS THE LONG WAIT NEARS ITS END

As a small girl who is "so excited about Christmas," waiting for the great day has become something of a trial for

Janet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton B. Proude, 11 Green Street, Charlottetown. But then, as with almost all children, she

also is finding the final hours before Santa's visit a time of mounting happiness, with a stocking to be put in place be-

side the tree in preparation for the delights and wonders of tomorrow.

## RCAF And RCN Keep Vigil Over Crippled Destroyer

HALIFAX (CP)—RCAF planes kept a constant vigil over the damaged Canadian destroyer Huron Tuesday as she struggled toward her home port here.

The Huron, sailing back from the Mediterranean with a skeleton crew of 150, sprang a leak and began vibrating badly after she ran into a gale and heavy seas southeast of Newfoundland.

The weather moderated Tuesday afternoon. The wind dropped to about 20 miles an hour and the seas subsided to six-foot swells.

The ship made about 140 miles during the daytime Tuesday and at 4:30 p.m. AST was reported 460 miles east of here.

Huron's captain, Cmdr. William Howe, son of former trade minister C. D. Howe of Port Arthur, Ont., waited for the weather to improve further before sending a diver to examine his ship's damage.

COMPARTMENT FLOODED

She is believed to have sprung a plate near the bow. Water filled the fore-peak compartment but the rest of the ship was dry, the skipper said.

The destroyer Saguenay and the frigate Buckingham were sent to the Huron's aid early Tuesday. Saguenay sailed from Halifax after hastily rounding up a crew. The frigate, about 300 miles away on navy exercises, was diverted to the Huron's side.

An air force Neptune patrol plane from the RCAF base at Greenwood, N.S., reached the Huron about midday and was replaced by another plane during the afternoon.

The air force said it would keep

up the patrol until the Saguenay or the Buckingham reached the scene.

IN NO DANGER

Atlantic Fleet headquarters here said the Huron was in no immediate danger. The measures being taken were "purely precautionary."

The destroyer left Toulon, France, for Halifax Dec. 13 and was due here Monday to give her men Christmas ashore. There

now was practically no chance they could get home for the holiday. She was 800 miles east of Halifax when the Saguenay left to go to her aid.

The Huron was damaged during the NATO naval manoeuvres in the Mediterranean last month. She entered drydock at Toulon for temporary repairs before sailing for home with a skeleton crew. About 100 of her men came home earlier on other ships.

visit to the scene in the nearby Flanders village of Zichem Zussen Bolder on the Dutch border. The king went into the main gallery and talked with rescue workers.

Police said the underground mushroom farms were mostly family projects, making it difficult to determine just how many were buried. Caves range in depth from 12 to 60 feet.

The network of tunnels—some man-made and extended since the war—spreads in a crazy-quilt pattern around six miles. Most of the roof gave way.

PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

OTTAWA (CP)—Abdullah Najjar Tuesday presented his credentials to Governor-General Massey as Lebanon's ambassador to Canada. He has been minister here since last March. The two governments recently raised their missions to embassies

King Baudouin made a hurried

### OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

ST. HUBERT, Que. (CP)—Air defence command of the RCAF announced Tuesday night all radar and jet-interceptor points have been put on the alert to watch for a space sled.

Orders issued to DEW line, mid-Canada line and Pinetree radar sites said the space vehicle, travelling at supersonic speed, will approach from the North Pole region.

Most likely time for sightings has been determined as midnight Dec. 24.

Operations orders, based on intelligence reports compiled over the years, said the space sled should meet the following description:

Eight-engined, ski-equipped, single seat, large cargo compartment, open cockpit. The vehicle most likely will be snow covered.

The pilot should be wearing a large white oxygen mask and red tuque. The engines probably will be muffled for secrecy but should make a jingling noise.

The final order said: "The visitor is to be escorted in formation to ensure that the mission, believed to be highly secret, is carried out in all areas of Canada successfully."

Highest Tree Is At The CNE

TORONTO (CP)—New York's Rockefeller Centre usually can pride itself on having the tallest Christmas tree in North America. This Christmas, however, the centre's 64-foot-high tree is topped by an 82-foot balsam in Toronto's Canadian National Exhibition grounds.

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