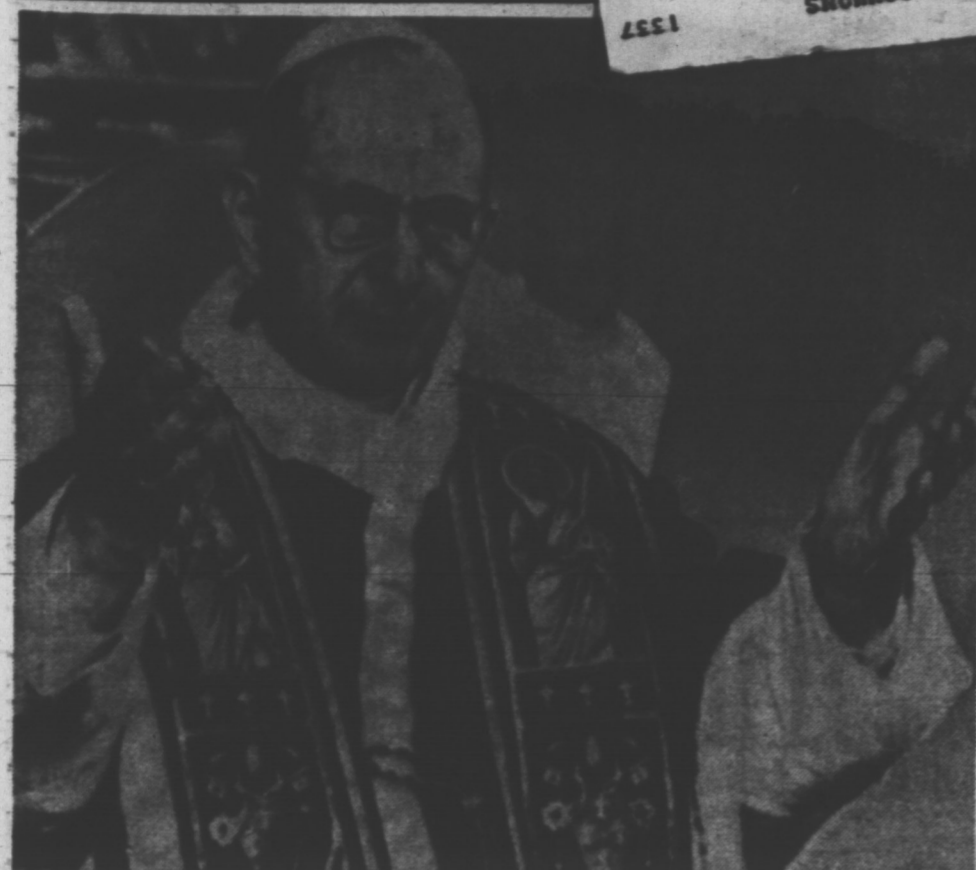


Pope Paul Urges Truce Be Turned Into Peace



POPE PAUL VI opens his arms while recording his Christmas message to the world, while seated at his desk in his private library at the Vatican

Yesterday, he said he hoped "for a miracle of good will" as all sides to turn the Christmas truce into full-scale negotiations to end the Vietnam

war. "Good will holds the key to peace," the Pontiff said. He spoke in Italian. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Rome)

People Of World Prepare To Mark Christ's Birthday

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
From bustling Japanese department stores to Brazilian beaches and an Arab checkpoint in Jerusalem, people of the world are making ready to celebrate the birthday of Christ.

Many Christmas customs are familiar in many lands. Others, such as street dancing in Ghana, are not. But all add up to the holiday formula: faith, feasting and festivity.

Thousands of pilgrims will line up at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem to cross into Jordan for services in Bethlehem at the Church of the Nativity, over the grove where tradition says—Jesus was born.

Depending on the country, the feasting will include roast sucking pig, carp, eel, goose, lamb or—more and more—turkey.

Stores packed
There is a sampling of Christmas observances around the world:

Japan—Christmas has no religious meaning but store owners cashing in on an economic upswing have made it a commercial success. Sales Christmas trees, Santa Claus and recorded carols lure Japanese to department stores in record numbers. Thousands of Christmas cakes with Merry Xmas written in chocolate across the

top are sold at prices up to \$2. Italy—Few Roman Catholic priests spoke out this year against the growing use of the yule tree instead of the creche and the trend to Santa Claus instead of the good with Befana, who brings children gifts on Epiphany Day, Jan. 6.

Soviet Union—For the first time, Father Frost, Russia's jolly, bearded version of Santa Claus, is making house calls. So are his granddaughters, the snow maidens. Father Frost traditionally put gifts under Yule trees as children slept Christmas morning. The Communists changed that, and now his day is New Year's.

China—Religious observances and Santa Claus are being de-emphasized in favor of year-end feasts and celebration of the eighth anniversary of Fidel Castro's victory Jan. 1. Food, drink and gifts are in short supply and rationed.

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Heavy List Of Unfinished Work Faces Parliament After Recess

By RONALD LEBEL
OTTAWA (CP)—The current session of Parliament, which resumes Jan. 9 after a two-week holiday break, could become the most productive and longest in Canadian history.

Before adjourning Wednesday night, the Commons and Senate passed 65 items of government legislation. These included 20 major bills expanding the welfare state and setting up new agencies of government.

But the MPs and Senators face so much unfinished work that the 1966 session likely will stretch well into the Centennial Year.

Long debates are expected on massive bills to revise the Railway Act and the Bank Act, on the controversial unification of the armed forces and on three measures revamping the civil service.

Also coming up after the recess are the new tax-sharing agreements with the provinces, two bills to implement the tax increases that take effect Jan. 1, creation of a deposit insurance plan for leading industries, research grants for industry and expanded government-guaranteed credit for smaller business enterprises.

Since the session opened last Jan. 18, the Commons has gone through 180 sittings and the more leisurely Senate, 83.

The longest session dominated by the marathon flag debate, ran for 210 days in 1964 and early 1965. The previous record of 174 days was set in 1960-61 when the Diefenbaker government waged a long battle to oust James Coyne, then governor of the Bank of Canada.

Several major inquiries are planned by parliamentary committees. These will involve proposals to

revise immigration, broadcasting, election and anti-combines laws.

Other committees will investigate the stock dealings of Mr. Justice Leo Landreville of the Ontario Supreme Court and study the various lyrics of O'Canada.

BASED ON PROMISES
The 1966 session has concentrated so far on social welfare and farm legislation, most of which was based on Liberal campaign promises in the 1965 federal election.

In the welfare field, Parliament enacted a federal-provincial medical care insurance plan, a pension increase for needy old age pensioners, the Canada Assistance Plan, a \$200,000,000 fund for health education facilities increases in university grants and the student loan fund, creation of the Company of Young Canadians and higher vocational training allowances.

For farmers, laws were

passed to set up the Canadian dairy commission and the feed grain board, to create a \$50,000,000 fund for rural development in depressed areas and to broaden farm credit and crop insurance coverage.

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Driver Charged In Bus Deaths

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He appeared in court here 17 hours after eight children died in the crumpled wreckage of a school bus which had been involved in collision with a sand-laden tractor-trailer truck.

Lefrancois, driver of the truck which spilled more than 10 tons of sand and earth into the school bus at a suburban intersection near here Wednesday afternoon, was charged under the lesser of two-dangerous driving sections of the Criminal Code. A summary conviction on the charge carries the maximum penalty of a fine of not more than \$500, not more than six months in jail, or both.

The dead children were all pupils of Grades 1 to 4 of the Percy Frith school at Oldcastle, eight miles south of Windsor. They were among a busload of about 25 children being taken from the school on the last but one day before Christmas vacations were to begin today.

Late Thursday, six children remained in hospital for observation and medical attention. Their condition was described as satisfactory. A total of 12 children were admitted to hospitals here after the accident and six have since been released.

Surviving besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. DesRoches, 35, of St. Felix, who was seriously injured in an accident in Tignish early Sunday morning, died in the Prince County Hospital about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. DesRoches was injured by a car driven by Ivan O'Meara of Alberton.

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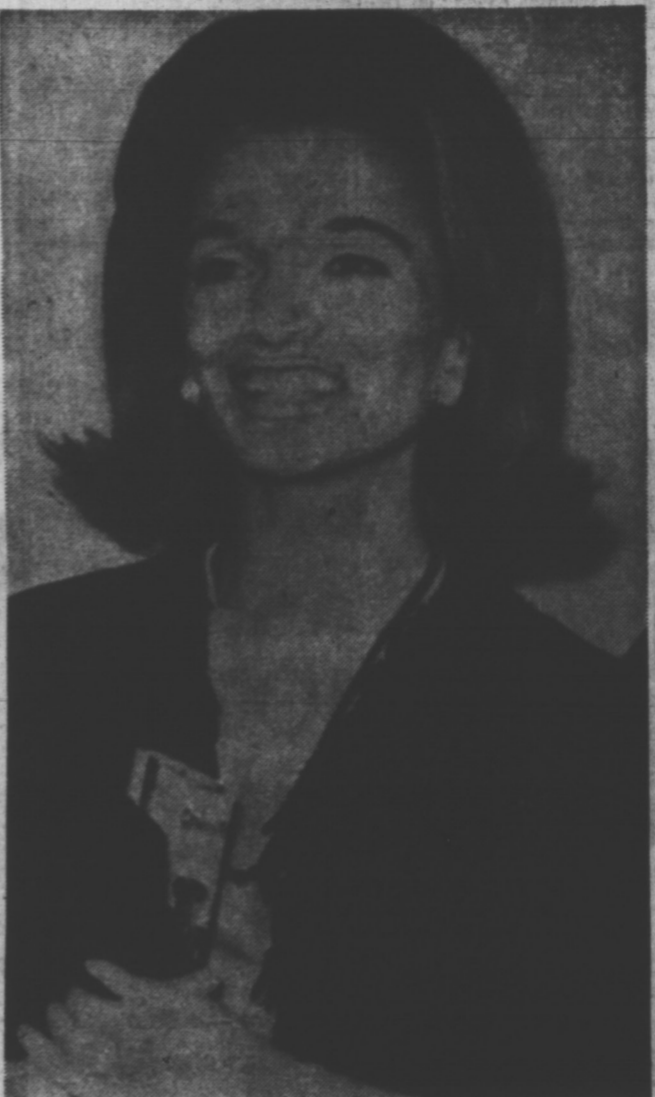
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Winter Cargo Service Opens From Montreal To Murmansk

MONTREAL (CP)—A winter cargo service between Murmansk, Russia, and Montreal was opened Thursday when the Soviet Arctic Steamship Line vessel Dneprogorod arrived in Montreal.

The company described the venture as the first direct cargo run between the Soviet Arctic and North America and said eight trips are scheduled between now and next April.

Lobster Market Dull

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—An over supply of lobsters and the usual buying lull after Christmas may combine to produce a grim outlook for fishermen in this western Nova Scotia community.

Many buyers here said Thursday they already have more supplies of lobsters than they can comfortably handle. One buyer said 50 of 200 crates of lobsters he had waiting in the water died.

Lobsters can only be kept in crates for three weeks before they weaken and die.

The buyers said the Boston and Maine markets already have all the lobsters they need and there is no market available for their products.

5 Convicts Skip Prison

LONDON (AP)—Five more convicts broke from a British jail Thursday just as a government report called for tighter security and disclosed that Soviet master spy George Blake got free with a well-placed kick against a prison window.

Each trip would take 17 days in each direction.

Goodwill Holds Key To Problem

VATICAN CITY (AP)—In his traditional Christmas message to the world, Pope Paul prayed Thursday night that a "miracle of goodwill" will carry the Vietnam combatants from a brief holiday truce into full-scale talks to end the war.

A similarly fervent appeal for an "end to mounting strife" came from the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Pope deplored what he called lack of security in the world arising from the power of destruction of modern weapons. He said this power was used by some "for competition, confidence and pride."

Both sides in the fighting have announced separate truces for the holidays including the Lunar New Year period in February.

Speaking in Italian from his desk in his private library, the Pope said of the Vietnam war: "Goodwill holds the key to peace. . . . The difficulty is that the responsible authorities of the two sides must make use of this key at the same time. That they should do so with sincere and concrete actions should be the wondrous event of this Christmas."

In addition to his remarks on Vietnam, the Pope deplored rising atheism.

"Now one waits in hope that both sides may extend the truce and that from the suspension of hostilities it may be possible to advance to negotiations in good faith, the only way of reaching peace in freedom and justice."

"This fatal and frightening departure from the true norm of human life is taking place before our eyes," he said.

The 1,700-word Christmas message was pre-recorded Wednesday for broadcast by the Vatican radio and networks abroad. It was the Pope's fourth Christmas message since he took office.

The U.S. command said the fighting continued for more than five hours and that the marines were still receiving mortar fire later this morning.

Two hours before the Pope's broadcast, the World Council of Churches in a Christmas message expressed hope that the Christmas and New Year ceasefires showed "the combatants may be indicating a readiness for some form of negotiation."

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