



WORLD NEWS

Service Cut

NEW YORK (AP)—Thousands of suburban commuters had trouble getting to their jobs in Manhattan today because Long Island Rail Road service was cut about half by trainmen reporting sick and unable to work.

Misconduct Charged

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese police said today 852 foreign civilians plus "several high-ranking" American and other diplomats and U.S. military officers have been "blacklisted for misconduct." A spokesman said their expulsion from Japan would be sought.

Trial Scheduled

NEW YORK (AP)—The government said today it has ordered the James R. Hoffa wiretap conspiracy case restored to the Federal District Court calendar for retrial Jan. 6. The first trial ended Friday in a jury deadlock.

Silent Star Dies

SAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Norma Talmadge, the versatile dark-eyed siren who made more than 200 pictures during her silent film career, died today. She was 60.

Decision Delayed

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jurors who must decide whether L. Ewing Scott dies in the gas chamber or faces life imprisonment for the murder of his wife have been given a postponement until the day after Christmas to make their decision.

Paper Seized

PARIS (AP)—Police today seized the Christmas Eve issue of the Communist newspaper "L'Humanite" because of several articles on soldiers imprisoned for refusing to fight the Algerian rebels.

Record Claimed

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union today claimed it has a new heavy jet bomber that "has flown farther than any other plane of its type." The guarded article in the army paper Red Star gave no figures.

40 Cross Border

JERUSALEM (AP)—Forty blind or ailing pilgrims were the first Christmas pilgrims to cross today from Israel into Jordan for the journey to Bethlehem.

SANTA SHOULD PUT RAINCOAT IN HIS SACK

Santa may ride in a shower of rain tonight. Rainclouds blowing in on a cold front are heading this way and may bring light precipitation to the Carolinas tonight. Partly cloudy and cooler Wednesday. Low this morning 50. Low tomorrow morning 42. High today 52. High yesterday 69. High tomorrow 50. Sunrise today 7:29 a.m.; sunset today 5:18 p.m.

Today's Weather

CLOUDY

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A Look To The Future

A plain green Christmas tree is not for Terri Huggins, child of the space age. Terri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Huggins of 2500 Barringer Dr., tries her hand at decorating a futuristic concrete block tree at the Coy Smith home next door.

The Classic Story

Luke Learns Truth Of Jesus' Birth

EDITOR'S NOTE: Only Luke, the once-pagan Greek physician, possessed the physical ardor to seek out the classic chapters of the Nativity story. This is the last article in a series on how Luke alone bequeathed the high points of the first Christmas to the world.

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Night had fallen. Mused stars bathed the hills with a pearly iridescence. Luke sat on a log with an old, white-bearded shepherd just outside Bethlehem and watched "the manger of the night."

The old man pulled his fur burnoose closer about him and coughed. "Aye, my son, I can tell thee. 'Tis a vaporous cloud at 'tween 'em."

Luke bowed his head, his eyelids heavy, thinking of that imperishable hour, that inconceivable sacred morn'g when the Almighty sent His Son. "God cheer your heart, old one. Say on."

"It was such a night as this . . ."

From the high knoll where they sat, Luke could see the land plunging westward down to the coastal plains of Ascar. To the east lay the Dead Sea, and beyond, the dark, harsh peaks of Moab.

For almost two years now, Luke had pursued an entrancing objective—the innermost truths about the coming of the Lord Jesus, the epic of an eternal king, the life and deeds of Him Who said:

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

ONLY LUKE, this genial, louty-minded Greek physician reared in a hard-hearted heathen environment and who never saw Jesus in person, had possessed the imaginative ardor to seek out the classic chapters of the Christ Child.

Though Jesus had been gone some 30 years, Luke had roamed

an, twice a widow at 36 and apparently frantic over financial difficulties, fired a fatal bullet into her own head. . . . The other victims were Douglas M. Sharp, 17, and Charles E. Sharp, 7. . . . But Billy Pat still lives—alone except for his grandmother, Mrs. Vance Rial, and her husband. . . . Rial, a cabinet maker, said today that only two things have kept Billy Pat breathing: "24-hour nursing care and the hand of God."

4 Navy Men Survive Pacific Plane Crash

Challenge For Peace Given Reds

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower tossed back to Moscow last night responsibility for making the next great move to "reduce world tensions" and open the path to disarmament.

"For no nation, for no individual among us," he said, "could there be a finer Christmas present, nor a better New Year."

Eisenhower threw his deeds-not-words challenge to the Kremlin, as he has many times in the past, in a radio-television report to America on last week's NATO Council meeting in Paris. Secretary of State Dulles joined in. Dulles, in fact, provided the bulk of the report, with Eisenhower nodding or occasionally voicing agreement.

As Eisenhower offered tacit approval, Dulles all but spurred Russia's call of last Saturday for a special session of the United Nations or an international conference to deal with the tough, elusive disarmament issue. Dulles said that "of course, it is nations obviously can't be a negotiating body."

The Russian had followed Soviet rejection of NATO's proposal for a renewal of disarmament negotiations by the foreign ministers of Eastern and Western powers. . . . Now the United States has put the next move up to Russia, along with a clear implication that the Soviets must expect to give as well as get at any conference table.

One high administration official said the door has been left wide open for disarmament negotiations if Russia just wants to step through in a demonstration of good faith. Eisenhower was described as not having ruled out any approach—even a heads-of-government conference.

At the NATO session, the next suggested approach was through the foreign ministers of the Communist and anti-Communist nations. This was part of a complex package which included acceptance in principle of the American program to establish nuclear missile bases in NATO nations.

Whether some of the Allied nations will regard the Eisenhower-Dulles talk as a move away from the foreign ministers discussions is a question now being raised in diplomatic quarters. Consequently, the Kremlin and the East watched it closely as that from Moscow.



One Batch Out Of The Way

Happy to see empty racks at the Charlotte post office are B. A. Houston, Roy Helms and J. W. Harris (left-right). They even had time for a smoke before turning to the next batch of Christmas cards and packages to be distributed or dispatched.

Eleven Indian Children Burn

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP)—Eleven Indian children were burned to death in two separate fires in British Columbia today.

Six youngsters perished when their home on the Musqueam Reserve in South Vancouver was destroyed by flames. . . . Five children died in another blaze at another house when the blaze started.

A firetruck speeding to the scene bogged down on a marshy road through the reserve. Firemen ran to the burning house but were unable to fight the blaze. There were no hydrants nearby.

The Vancouver Island fire was caused by an exploding oil lamp at the home of a Cowichan tribe family.

2 Die When Car Hits Post

LENOIR (AP)—Two men were killed near here early today when their car went out of control, smashed through two guide posts on a curve and traveled 200 feet.

Officers identified the victims as Troy May Minton, 28, of Hudson, and Paul Benjamin Miller, 22, of Whittier. . . . Dep. Sheriff John McCall of Caldwell County said the accident occurred about 10 miles north of here on U.S. 321. He said the two men were en route from Blowing Rock to Lenoir when the car went out of control on the curve. McCall said it was not known who was driving.

Cuban Doctors Terror Campaign Charged To Batista

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba's Medical Federation has charged President Fulgencio Batista's regime with waging a terror campaign against the nation's doctors and nursing down physicians who treated wounded rebels.

The 6,000-member federation approved a report last night decrying that "constitutional and human rights are totally unknown" as a result of Batista's drive to smash the year-old rebellion led by Fidel Castro.

The report, adopted at the end of a two-day convention said Batista's troops and police killed two doctors last October after they were caught treating wounded rebels.

The convention voted economic aid for doctors and their families who had been forced to give up their regular practice and flee because of "arbitrary political persecution."

Puzzle Due On Saturday

Looking for NewsWords? Don't worry, friends, it'll be back in the same old spot on Saturday—and the prize money jumps \$100.

The answer to last week's NewsWords will be found on Page 8A today. But if there is a winner from last week that will be announced Saturday.

We're starting our new NewsWords schedule this week; that's the reason for the vacancy. . . . From now on look for NewsWords on Saturday and Monday.

Air-Sea Search Goes On

HONOLULU (AP)—Four survivors from the 23-man crew of a Navy Super Constellation radar plane that was ditched off Oahu island were rescued today.

The survivors, who were wearing life preservers but were not in a raft, said their Super Constellation ditched in rough seas, the Navy said. . . . Conditions of the survivors, details of the ditching and the reason for it were not immediately available.

Search vessels probing the turbulent sea recovered two bodies. The search for additional survivors was intensified. . . . An armada of surface craft and rescue planes raced to the area after the giant plane went down 25 miles north of Oahu late night. . . . There was no immediate explanation of what did happen.

Two crash boats—speed rescue craft from Kaneohe Marine Air Station—pulled the survivors and dead from the water.

CONVERGE ON AREA

Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard planes, destroyers, cutters and merchant ships converged on the area. Visibility was six miles and waves about six feet tall. . . . The radar-crammed plane made its last check report at 3:30 p.m. It was 100 miles northeast of its base at Barbers Point Naval Air Station on Oahu.

A short time later radar screens picked it up only 25 miles north of the island, apparently circling for a landing at Barbers Point. Suddenly it dropped off the screen. . . . Twenty-one men had first been reported aboard. That was later corrected to 24—six officers and 18 enlisted men.

MAN ON LIBERTY

Early today, the Navy said that one of the men thought abandoned turned up in downtown Honolulu. He was identified as aviation technician radarman Richard D. Varner who was on liberty yesterday. . . . The Super Constellation took off at 10 a.m. yesterday. Such planes, specially converted for radar patrols, are capable of remaining aloft more than two days.

Survivors, when picked up, said they signaled a search plane with a flashlight. . . . The Navy spokesman said that the search plane, a four-engine C-119, probably would be released later today.

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ESKIMOS BRING HOME BACON—Polar Bear Alaskan Yule Log

POINT BARROW, Alaska (AP)—Residents of this little Eskimo town, perched virtually on Santa Claus' front door stoop, told today as if old St. Nick had made an early visit.

A polar bear had been bagged and meat for the Christmas feast was assured. . . . The killing of the bear is only part of the elaborate preparations made each year for observance of Christmas in this northernmost of North American villages. But it was as significant as bringing home the Christmas tree or hanging the stockings in millions of American homes.

Raymond Ipalook, son of a Barrow Eskimo schoolteacher, and Hoover Koonalook, were the lucky hunters who got the first bear taken this winter. . . . Many more hunters are out on the fresh ice looking for seals and

bear but Ipalook and Koonalook are the special heroes of the season.

Christmas has become a big thing here since it was introduced by missionaries in 1881. Eskimos come from their hunting and fishing camps to join with the 1,300 villagers in the lengthy celebration which centers about the Presbyterian mission. . . . It started Sunday, with a special evening service at the church.

SANTA, TOO

Santa Claus visited the army last night as the honor arrival at a huge party sponsored by the Air Force, National Guard, civilian contractors and the village council. . . . Tonight, there will be a candlelight service in the church and a film strip will tell of the birth of

Christmas Day is the day of the feast. Some 900 villagers will gather in the church and all who can will bring meat, soup, bread, coffee, tea, fruit and caribou stev. Some of the bear meat will be cooked but much will be served frozen and raw.

Each family brings the gifts for its own members, their friends and relatives. After the feast, this mountain of generosity melts under the steady activity of 10 to 15 young men who complete the gift distribution in about three hours. . . . Thursday, the village turns to more strenuous activities, which wind up New Year's Day. Games and competitions are staged every night in the armory. Wrestling, finger pulls, jumps, kicks, races—with all competition pitting married men against the single ones in the arena, versus against maidens on the cheering line.