



## Big Celebration

**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa**—More than 1,000 Africans were treated in Johannesburg's nonwhite hospitals yesterday in the Whitwatersrand area as Christmas Day for assaults.

## Storm Fatalities

**COLOMBO, Ceylon**—Floods and heavy winds have killed more than 100 persons and left 250,000 homeless in the past three days, reports reaching here said today.

## 3 Gunboats Sunk

**TAIPEI**—Nationalist Chinese warships sank three of four Communist gunboats in a 10-minute engagement off the Red China coast today. Navy headquarters claimed.

## Security Offer

**JAKARTA, Indonesia**—The government said today it will guarantee the security of non-Dutch businesses in Indonesia. In a nationwide radio broadcast the Information Ministry said recent government moves to take control of Dutch-owned businesses would be restricted to the Dutch.

## Anti-West Slogans

**CAIRO**—Anti-western slogans and banners opened today an African-Asian peoples' conference of some 400 delegates from about 40 countries and colonies. A banner reading "Down With Eisenhower Doctrine" was carried by students.

## \$15,000 Gift

**SEOUL, S. Korea**—Francis Cardinal Spellman gave \$15,000 to Korean charities today. The money had been collected at churches in his New York diocese and from other Roman Catholic groups.

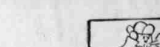
## Fire Covers Block

**LOS ANGELES**—Fire starting in a shed spread to two huge piles of used tires covering a square block at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. plant today. Firemen of Los Angeles County and the city of South Gate quickly surrounded and contained the fire.

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## Today's Weather

Clearing this afternoon. Fair and cold tonight. Friday fair and cool.  
Low this morning—35  
Low tomorrow morning—33  
High today—50  
High tomorrow—50  
Sunrise today 7:30 a.m.; sunset today 5:17 p.m.  
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London Family Watches Telecast (AP Photos)

## Rousing Finish

**Wonders Praise Queen's Telecast**  
**LONDON**—Queen Elizabeth II, criticized by one of the lords of her realm last summer for what he called a "pain-in-the-neck" speaking style, won praise today for her first televised Christmas message.

"The Queen showed an easy, poised manner," said the British Press Assn. "She was queenly and responsible, but motherly, too."

## Concord Store Hit By Fire

**CONCORD, N. C.**—The worst downtown fire here in 12 years did an estimated \$100,000 damage to a commercial building early today. Most of the damage was suffered by the Kale-Lawing office supply company, which occupied the first floor of the two-story brick Horton Building.

Repairs offices, including those of several insurance companies and the draft board, had barred floors, and smoke and water damage.

There had been nobody in the building between the time it closed Tuesday night and early today when the fire was discovered by a policeman. The cause of the blaze was undetermined.

## TV Viewer Truman Pans GOP Show

**NEW YORK**—Former President Harry S. Truman today described as "gobbledeegook" the Monday night television talk by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles.

"I'd hoped there would be a policy statement," he said, "but no such statement was made."

It was "just a lot of State Department gobbledeegook" Truman told reporters as he took his morning walk in a steady rain.

He is spending the Christmas holidays with his daughter, Mary Margaret, and her husband, Clifton Daniel.

Truman said the idea of the recent North Atlantic Treaty Organization conference in Paris was to re-establish agreements between the NATO powers, but "in Dulles' report there was no statement of policy to be pursued to meet the situation."

"I think what was about as thorough as Mr. Dulles' speech was the President was," he added.

**AUKLAND, N. Z.**—Sir Edmund Hillary was reported racing toward the South Pole today. If he reaches the bottom of the world he will be the first explorer to make it overland since 1911. Hillary radioed today that he is "well" and that he is "on the way" to the South Pole. He is leaving supplies there for him. Fuchs is leading a British party from the South American side of the continent in the first attempt to trek across the antarctic. Fuchs and Hillary are expected to return together to Hil-

# S. C. Grocery Robbed For \$1,400 By Gunmen

## Russians Push Plan For Peace

**MOSCOW**—The Russians pressed their own ideas of a peace plan today while sharply attacking the western proposal for a foreign ministers conference to take up disarmament.

Foreign diplomatic missions in Moscow were filing a seven-point plan approved by the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) last Saturday. The Soviet government gave all foreign delegations a copy of the proposals yesterday with the request that it be relayed to their governments and parliaments.

The plan largely paralleled letters written to all U.N. members by Soviet Premier Bulganin just before the Dec. 16-19 NATO summit conference in Paris.

Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, said today the Monday night television report on the NATO conference by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles was "a cold war sermon behind the mask of peace."

Commenting sarcastically on the report, Pravda expressed appreciation for the U.S. leaders' condemnation of war but added: "One seeks in vain for constructive realistic proposals to back up these words of peace."

## PROPOSAL DISMISSED

Pravda dismissed the NATO proposal for foreign ministers conference as an attempt to ram through a disarmament agreement on Western terms. It said these terms are unacceptable to the Soviet Union because they are in no way conducive to disarmament.

"The only kind of talks the inspirers of NATO are agreed on are talks which maintain the position of strength policy of the United States," Pravda said.

The Soviet press is continuing a general attack on plans to establish rocket and missile bases in the NATO countries.

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## FIRST CHRISTMAS

"We spent last Christmas in Camp Kilmer, N. J., but that was all right. We were happy just to be in America."

"It was a big feeling. I just can't describe it."

Ev works for Charlotte Aircraft Corporation at Hickory Grove. He works for Carolina Textile Engraving Co. We are making enough to live on.

"We live in a little one-bedroom house — it was built for a child's playhouse — at 3838 Churchill Rd. It's behind the house of Dr. Reiner G. Stoll."

"My job is making Plexiglas canopies and cockpits for airplanes. I was a fighter pilot in the Second World War — flew Messerschmidt 109's. I have organized a soaring club here to fly sailplanes. We have our first big meeting tonight at my house."



Sure Sign It's All Over (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Franklin)

Jay and Jonny Barach (left to right), sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barach, 2108 Beverly Dr., performed a chore today that was created by yesterday's happiness. Mom and Dad made the boys haul out piles of debris left from Christmas.

## Freedom Fighter, Wife, 'Most Satisfied Couple' After Year

**By JOHN JAMISON, News Staff Writer**  
"We are the most satisfied couple in America today," said Geza Bartos, escaped Hungarian freedom fighter, on the first anniversary of his arrival in Charlotte.

Geza and his bride Eva reached the city Dec. 26, 1956, six weeks after their escape from strife-torn Budapest.

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"I won't go back to Hungary under any circumstances. I just hope things will improve there enough for our parents to get out. I spent five and a half years in a Communist prison."

"I had been an officer in the second war, and I was declared an enemy of the people and a spy. They released me a month before the revolution. I cannot see any possibility of driving the Russians out. The people are afraid."

"The revolution completely destroyed their spirit. They don't have any hope, they just live from Sunday to Sunday. They just work and live and sleep and eat and nothing else."

"We get mail from our parents and our friends. They don't talk about politics but I feel they have no hope."

"There's no possible way to get our parents out now. I don't think they are in danger now."

"But tomorrow, who knows?"

**DISCHARGES CHANGED**  
**GI Security Risks Will Be Reviewed**  
**Evening Prayer**

## Man Clad In Female Clothing

**PAGELAND, S. C.**—A man poorly disguised as a woman flashed a nickel-plated revolver to successfully stage the first major holdup in Pageland's history this morning.

The man whose "whiskers" were a little bit behind his woman's veil and a partner equipped with \$1,200 and \$1,400 in the early morning robbery. The money, all small denomination currency, was the Christmas Day receipts of Watts Grocery one of the larger Pageland markets.

## OPERATORS ALONE

D. Boyd Watts and Louie Watts, operators of the store, were alone when the couple entered around 7:15. Louie, who didn't see through the disguise at first, said the "woman" asked directions to the rest room.

"As he showed 'her' the way past the office where Boyd was working the bandit whipped out the pistol. She kinda pointed to the rest room, then showed me inside against the brick wall," he said.

The robber held the pistol on Boyd while his accomplice, a man dressed in a gray coat and gray hat, ordered the storekeeper to open the office safe.

"It took me several tries to get it open," Boyd said.

After taking the money one of the bandits "shoved" the 30-year-old Boyd Watts to the floor, knocking off his glasses.

Neither of the groceryman saw the bandits leave. Reports indicate that the thieves drove a car seen double-parked in front of the store about the time of the robbery.

## MAN'S SHOES

Louis Watts said he knew the dress-wearing bandit was a man because he could see some of his whiskers and "he had big feet and was wearing man's shoes."

Both bandits were described as being about 5 feet tall and about 45 years old. The disguised robber wore a black woman's hat and veil and a gray coat.

Police Chief Floyd Cato said his department and deputies of Chesterfield County Sheriff J. E. Kirkley are investigating the case.

**NO MERCHANDISE, THANKS**  
**ATLANTA**—A burglar broke into the Supreme Sales Co. plant some time during the Christmas holiday and stole 20 cents in cash but left merchandise untouched. The company's chief stock in trade is prison uniforms.

## Navy Quits Hunt For Missing Men

**HONOLULU**—The Navy gave up its search yesterday for more survivors of the "Flying radar station" airplane that crashed into the Pacific Monday 25 miles north of Oahu Island.

The search was abandoned at sunset after Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard surface vessels and planes had combed the area for two nights and two days.

Officers said there was no hope of finding any others beyond the three officers and one enlisted man plucked from rough seas in darkness early Tuesday. They were found near the site of the crash.

**CRASHES AT SEA**  
The four-engine WV2 Navy radar plane, a radar-packed Super Constellation used for early warbupe picket duty, crashed at sea while on a training flight.

Survivors said most of the crew were trapped in the 7½-million-dollar craft. Two bodies were recovered early Tuesday and the 17 other crewmen were presumed to have perished.

One of the survivors, Cmdr. Guy Howard, 41, Oakland, Calif., explained, "I really don't know yet what happened. . . . She just stopped flying at 1,500 feet. All four engines stopped at one time."

LT. (jg.) John Thomas Kline, 25, Honolulu, another survivor, said he was directing the plane from his radar post at the rear of the craft.

"There was no warning," he said, adding that the plane and the surrounding water were aflame after the crash.

Rear Adm. Ned K. Dietrich, commander of the search and rescue headquarters at Pearl Harbor, called off the two-day hunt.