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WARS IN THE AIR



Atlas Silent

WASHINGTON (AP)—Like many a New Year's celebrant hoarse from shouting, the Atlas satellite may have lost its voice. And for the same reason: Overwork.

Rocketeer In

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Nelson A. Rockefeller, the big Republican winner in a Democratic election year, took office today as governor of the nation's most populous state.

Actor Knighted

LONDON (AP)—Actor Alec Guinness, Viscount Field Marshal Earl Alexander and writer Rebecca West were among more than 2,000 persons on the New Year's honors list announced today by Queen Elizabeth II. Academy Award winner Guinness, 44, was knighted, making him Sir Alec.

Marine Fired

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP)—A burly sergeant, who admits it's tough to get along on a Marine's pay, was free today of charges of molesting and accepting money from recruits and of slugging two of them with a mess cup.

NAACP To Appeal NC 'Kissing Case'

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York lawyer says he will launch a move to free two North Carolina Negro boys sent to reform school for kissing a 7-year-old white girl.

The lawyer, Conrad Lynn, said he would act for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and would appeal to the North Carolina Superior Court to have the boys freed.

Lynn told a press conference here yesterday he felt that the boys were wrongly imprisoned.

"There is no question they did not have a fair trial. There were so many constitutional violations, the trial will never stand up," he said.

"Eventually we will get these children out."

In North Carolina, however, an aide to Gov. Luther Hodges said the boys could be freed from the Morrison Training School anytime their parents "are willing and able to give them proper care."

BEFEN IN TROUBLE

Hodges said shortly after the incident in November that the mothers of the boys work that the two boys had been in trouble several times before, and that there was no place else to keep them out of trouble.

At the time of their juvenile court hearing Nov. 4, juvenile Judge J. Hampton Price reported the boys were held in jail because the county has no juvenile detention center, and because of the "kissing in the last kissing case."

He said one of the girls testified she was forced to kiss one of the boys, assisted by the other defendant, in order to get out of a cutoff where the Negroes had found the three white girls, ages 6 to 9.

He said no one asked him to appoint a lawyer to defend the boys. North Carolina law requires such action only upon request of the defendant, and in capital cases, where the appointment of a lawyer is mandatory.

Lynn charged that the boys were held in jail six days without any charges. He said this was a violation of their constitutional rights. He also said it was a violation of their constitutional rights when Price held separate hearings for the girl and her parents and for the boys and their parents.

MISSING GAME

They (the boys) were never allowed to contact their accuser and answer the charges," he said, and added that James Junior Thompson, 10, one of the boys, admitted kissing the girl during a kissing game "with other white girls and boys."

The girl's parents said Thompson forced the girl to kiss him, but Lynn said the Thompson boy denied this.

Lynn said the NAACP had decided the case came within the category of constitutional violations and civil rights cases if deflected.

He said the NAACP will help move the Thompson family out of the area, along with the families of the other boy, and find them new homes.

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EAL Strike Ends, Planes Are Readied

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Eastern Air Lines and the carrier's flight engineers have settled a 38-day-old strike, easing conditions for post-holiday travel.

Eastern Staff Is Going Back

Eastern Air Lines supervisory personnel returned to work today to make ready to begin moving Eastern flights out of Charlotte, probably starting tomorrow.

Henry McConnell, Eastern's district sales and traffic manager, said some supervisory personnel were given the back to work notice late yesterday. All furloughed workers have been sent recall notices, he added.

Eastern said flights will resume on a limited basis tomorrow. Mr. McConnell said the non-stop flight to Chicago, delayed by the 38-day strike, is expected to begin about Jan. 15.

"This," Mr. McConnell said, "is the finest way I know to end the old year and start the new."

Arctic Refrigerator Inspected

Army engineers look over a section of the new 1,150-foot tunnel they have carved through the Arctic ice cap as a research project. The tunnel, which could provide means of storage, transportation, quarters and facilities with a high degree of protection from attack, was bored under the direction of the Snow and Permafrost Establishment of Wilmette, Ill. The Army Corps of Engineers Laboratory.

Is Khrushchev Offering Us An Olive Branch In Berlin?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia located deep within Communist East Germany.

Then in a formal note on Thanksgiving Day, he proposed that West Berlin be made a free city and told the United States, Britain and France to pull out their troops. He gave them six months to talk it over.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko commended the lesson on Christmas Day. He declared any attempt to keep the Western troops in isolated Berlin by force would threaten a "big war" imperiling even the American continent.

Today, in a New Year's day greeting to the American people, Khrushchev seemed to be easing up.

He said: "There is no disputed or unsettled issue that could not be solved by peaceful means providing naturally all the parties concerned genuinely desire to do so. On our part, we can say that we do have such desires."

His statement, made to the Mutual Broadcasting System, was interpreted as a possible olive branch offering.

Thousands Flee Brush Fires Rage Unchecked Near LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two devastating brush fires raged in the hills ringing Los Angeles today, forcing thousands to flee and sending scores of homes up in flames.

One fire had waste to a 9-mile stretch of Topanga Canyon, destroying 30 homes in a terrifying surge to the sea. The other raged through the Hollywood hills to the outskirts of the rich residential community of Beverly Hills.

Both fires are believed to have been touched off by a firebug.

The leaping flames, flying embers and blinding smoke provoked a nightmarish background to New Year's Eve celebrations in homes close to the fire front. Christmas gifts still gleamed from expensive homes from which the occupants had fled.

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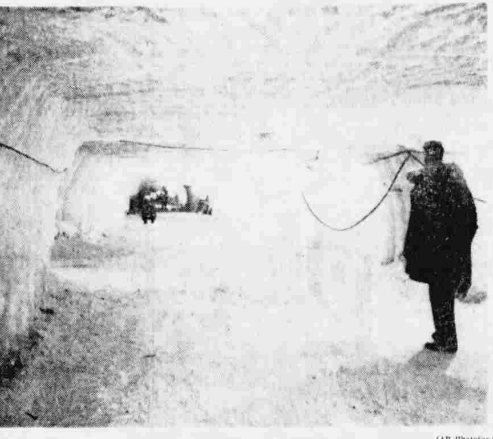
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(AP Photo/Staff)

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Lighter Side

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