

Draw Pearson describes the arrival of the new Republican Party of "non-cooperation" in his column on the editorial page today. Turn to Page 4-A.

Best Europe Combined To Speed Army Commanders

Christmas Of 1950 Prosperity And Dread

Prayers for peace - punctuated by the rattle of sabers - will go up throughout the world this Christmas, celebrated in an atmosphere of dread reminiscence of the Christmas just before World War II.

For many people, not long ago tormented by a great war, this will be the best and most prosperous Christmas in years. But the threat of a new conflict has put a damper on what otherwise would be a joyous celebration.

In the Holy Land, Christians were begged to pray that peace once again will reign on earth. Pilgrims making the journey from Jerusalem to Bethlehem - the route traveled on the first Christmas by Joseph and Mary - will pray at the Church of the Nativity, the manger of their civilization.

In Nazareth, where the "boy Jesus" lived, a midnight mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Annunciation, scene of Mary's visitation by the Angel Gabriel. Again their prayers will be for peace.

But around these war-torn spots will be reminders of war. Masses still will be under Israeli military rule, as it has been since the days of the Arab-Israeli war in 1948. The road to Bethlehem will be cleared of dragon-tank tracks.

Truman Optimistic In Christmas Talk

By ED CREECH
INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — President Truman, here for Christmas, holds out hope that peace is safe for you and myself, and everybody else, to live in.

"We are in excellent shape to meet that situation," Mr. Truman said. "I will be needed now in time and that is what we are fighting for."

Confidently he said "when we get through we will have a peaceful world, and a world that is safe for you and myself, and everybody else, to live in."

Mr. Truman planned to take a radio tour of the White House holiday party for the correspondents accompanying him, and an Eastern Star ceremony at Grandview tonight.

Tomorrow he will pass a telegram to lighting the White House Christmas tree in Washington. The ceremony will be from the President's Independence Institute with the Christmas message to the nation already recorded for simultaneous delivery.

Hoover Plan Criticized By Acheson

Big Four Talks Proposed To Reds

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Western Europe had notice from a large segment of Congress today that it will have to speed up its own defense efforts if it wants American military help continued.

That underlying demand came from many lawmakers who have been engaged in one of the bitterest fights in a decade, reminding them to pray that the world be saved from World War II.

Without mentioning Hoover by name, Acheson told a news conference yesterday that any move to withdraw behind the scenes and isolate the United States from Europe's troubles would mean a "quick coronation" of Europe and Asia by the Soviet.

He said the National Security Council had rejected a policy of withdrawing American defenses to this hemisphere, deciding that could lead only to "surrender or defeat."

Shortly after Acheson spoke out, the State Dept. made public an American note to Moscow proposing a new meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers.

Britain and France sent similar notes but State Dept. officials were pessimistic about prospects that Moscow would agree to such a meeting.

The American note rejected Russia's two-month-old proposal that the U. S., Britain, France and the United Nations discuss Moscow's charges that the West is rearming Western Germany in violation of the Yalta agreement.

Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), a Committee on Foreign Relations member who has been in the vanguard of Republican demands that Acheson's quiet report be taken to the United States ought to be adopted a realistic program that is founded upon the sound defense of America, as well as aiding in the defense of the free world.

"European countries that produce concrete evidence of their intention to rearm, shall be invited to share in European defenses in return for such reasonable and sound armaments as they are giving them," Hickenlooper said.

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

Control On Pay Pushed New Wage Freeze

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Having broken the ice with an automobile industry wage freeze, the Government bore down today in its study of a voluntary pay-control standard for all other workers.

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Officials predicted it may take two weeks or more to arrive at a general wage formula. They emphasized, however, that nothing more than a voluntary system planned at present.

The three public members of the wage board - who hold the balance of voting power because the other six members are divided between management and labor - are in Washington over the Christmas holidays to work on the problem.

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The order avoided any decision on "escalator clauses" or "annual improvement" provisions in some existing labor contracts. The escalator clause permits wages to rise proportionately with cost of living increases until March 1 at the earliest, the price-wage ceiling on other industries, if all-employer and employees must be thoroughly explored.

The order, the agency said, the motor wage order is "without implication" as the result of the final approval of a comprehensive program of price-wage controls. It said that no change in wage agreements is planned before Christmas, but that the agency reserves for employees not covered by union contracts.

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New Staff Photo by Tom Franklin

... and visions of sugar plums danced in their heads... 'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house...

When 'out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the glass.

The Moon on the breast of the now-fallen snow, Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his courses they came, And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his feet, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had slung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry. His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

THE stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

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TOKYO — (AP) — The bereaved U. S. Eighth Army, with its fighting commander dead, faced up today against the growing probability of a bloody Red Christmas in battle.

The first staggering blow of the season was the loss of Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, who was killed in the ferocious jeep smash-up while driving to the front lines.

The second is expected to be a massive onslaught by Red Chinese who may already have fought their way in force across the bleak par. 38 boundary into South Korea.

General MacArthur's headquarters quickly announced the appointment of Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway to succeed Walker as Eighth Army chief.

The new commanding general of the United Nations force in the northwest comprising American, British, Filipino, Turk and South Korean troops is a public declaration of U. S. Airborne Corps general officer since World War II.

Only in the air was the new post. Six American F-86 Sabres shot down two Russian MiG-15 jets Friday in a battle that flared from tree-top level to the thin air six miles up.

The Sabres damaged one other MiG and chased eight to 18 across the border to the Red's Manchurian sanctuary.

The Far East Air Force said the American Sabres were lost in the greatest jet battle ever fought. There was virtually no news from the Hungnam beachhead in northeast Korea where U. S. Tenth Army elements last week reported holding a tiny pocket on the Sea of Japan.

FIELD SHILLS FALL
A field dispatch said Communist artillery shells fell on the crowded UN perimeter Saturday. The shells were fired from the perimeter Saturday. Warplanes, naval and artillery fire continued to disperse and destroy enemy groups.

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Three of five prisoners who sawed their way out of Mecklenburg County jail last Friday were arrested near New Orleans, Dec. 21, the Charlotte office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced today.

In Jefferson Parish jail, Gretna, La., are Joseph Warren Abshire, Jack Lee Barber, Jr., and Charles Edward Metcalfe, 25. They were arrested by Louisiana State Police near New Orleans.

The three escapes, FBI Special Agent Charles W. Brown said, were in possession a Mercury automobile when arrested. The car had been stolen from Johnson City, Tenn., he said.

One of the captives of the trip, only one of the five escapes remains at large. He is Peter Oberholzer, 24, of the Charlotte County, Va. Sheriff Fletcher Norman, 20, surrendered to FBI agents in Nashville, Tenn., and was held in a jail.

Norman and the three men captured in Louisiana were Federal prisoners held on parole in soft charges. Oberholzer was being held for the Gaston County sheriff as a narcotics charge.

U.S. Synthetic Rubber Production Boosted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Office of Defense Management reported today the nation's production of synthetic rubber increased from an annual rate of 325,000 long tons in January to 325,000 tons in November.

Employment in Government-owned rubber plants rose 17 percent in November and October to a total of 7,400 workers, ODM Director Robert C. Goodwin said. The outlook was for continued expansion of the industry's work force during the Winter months.

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Fair and a little warmer today and tonight. Tomorrow fair and mild. Sunrise: 7:29 A. M. Sunset, 5:15 P. M.

WINTER'S PUSHY WINDS
Do winds of the same speed wind have the same strength? No, indeed. A winter wind blowing at 25 miles an hour may be as much as 25 per cent stronger than a summer wind.

The paper will be mailed for the day by a small staff, many members of the organization having an opportunity to enjoy a day off.

The News Will Publish On Christmas Day

As has been customary in past national emergencies, The Charlotte News will not suspend publication on Christmas Day this year. The paper will be published on Monday and the paper will be on schedule.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work. And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And leaving his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team near a white, Away they all flew like the down on a thistle. But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

—By Clement Moore