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800,000 'LITTLE NAZIS' GIVEN AMNESTY Gang Of Youths Runs Wild, Beating Several Persons



TEN LITTLE STOCKINGS IN A ROW—Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house ten little creatures were stirring, not nearly so quiet as a mouse. Stockings were being hung by the chimney with care, in the hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there. Moore's famous poem was being re-enacted with slight variations at the Thompson Orphanage on Christmas Eve, and this scene will more or less be duplicated

all over the world tonight. Hanging stockings at chimneys with the hopes that they will be filled with toys and goodies by a fat little fellow name of Santa Claus. Children in the picture, left to right, are Betty Sue Howard, Jean Sirmom, Mary Frances Hinson, Shirley Willis, Jane Kirk, Patsy Kelly, Ann Pendergraft, Frances Pinkston, Barbara Jean Kelly and Jackie Sprulli. (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin.)

Police Nab Two; Search For Others Awnings Ripped, Windows Broken

Charlotte News Staff Writer
City police were today clamping down on a gang of white youths who ran wild downtown, knocking over innocent passersby, ripping off store awnings, and kicking out automobile windows.

In City Police Court today Herbert H. Lyles, 18, 518 1/2 10th St. was sentenced to 30 days on the roads for assault on James E. Williams, 123 W. Liddell St. who was one of a number of persons set upon by the gang of six or eight youths Saturday afternoon.

Accoding to testimony presented in court, the pair along with several others who so far have eluded police, began their wild escapade of vicious vandalism and unprovoked kicking out the glass of an automobile parked in the first block of N. Church St.

Later the group marched down N. Tryon St. and ripped an awning off a store front.
A soldier and his wife were leaving worship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church when they bumped on him and knocked him over. His name was not learned by police.

In front of the Barringer Hotel, a small Negro boy was attacked and carried off during the riot.
The unprovoked beating being inflicted upon the youngster sought to be ended by police officers who surrounded him and knocked him down.

He was later taken to the hospital.
Lyles had three charges of assault on a person, and one of destruction of property.

The Night Before Christmas By Clement Clarke Moore

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.
And Mama in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.
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,
To open the shutters, and draw up the shades.

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Gave the luster of midnight to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
First a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so brave and so kind,
I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Comet! On, Comet 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 housetop the coursers they flew
With the sleigh full of toys and Saint Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew my neck round the door, I saw a shape like a bowler in blue,
Down the chimney Saint Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
His eyes were like stars, his nose like a rosette;
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 he looked on his chin as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the tassel he nodded like a wreath to his head.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.
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 laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his feet in his own special style,
And away they all flew like the down of a whistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

Prosecution Threat Is Lifted For Germans

U. S. Commander In Proclamation

By JAMES J. DEVLIN
FRANKFURT, Germany—(AP)—Approximately 800,000 "Little Nazis" in the American zone of occupation were granted amnesty today—the day before Christmas—by proclamation of Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U. S. commander in Europe.

The amnesty, the number of Germans in the American zone liable to prosecution under denaturalization laws, reduced from approximately 3,000,000 to about 2,000,000.

The amnesty, the announcement said, will apply to all persons who are not chargeable under the law of liberation from National Socialism and militarism as major offenders in the German zone of occupation during the calendar years 1943 and 1944 with less than 1000 marks in assets and property in 1945 did not exceed 50,000 marks.

Others exempted
Also exempted from prosecution are persons not major offenders, or who are more than 80 per cent disabled.

The proclamation, while exempting virtually all persons, was not regarded as much as a holiday present, but as a change in American policy.

It appeared aimed at breaking the log-jam on the thousands of de-Nazification suits that full attention could be directed to bringing major offenders to justice more quickly.

Approximately 1,000,000 Germans have been required to fill out de-Nazification questionnaires and up to look about 1,000,000 of that number have been found chargeable under the law.

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McNarney said, that last few months, German denaturalization had not been "allographic" in the past. He said that the increase of effort which has become evident in the past few months, has led to the review given today.

'Axis Sally' Released

FRANKFURT (AP)—Millard Gillars, American musician who became known as "Axis Sally" through her wartime radio broadcasts from Germany, has been released from a United States Army prison, Army officials disclosed today.

Freed with Miss Gillars, a 37-year-old former resident of Portland, Maine, were two other Americans who also broadcast over the German radio during the war.

Army officials identified one as Minnesota-born Herbert Burgman, former U. S. Embassy clerk in Berlin, who stayed in Germany throughout the war and participated in English language short-wave broadcasts.

DONALD DAY FREED
The other was Donald Day, former Chicago Tribune correspondent, who took part in German radio broadcasts in 1944 and 1945 after fleeing to Germany from Finland, where he said he had incurred Russian dislike with his criticisms of Communism.

All three were released on their own recognizance by the Department of Justice at the request of the military.

Arnall Takes Stand Bitter Georgia Fight Shapes Up

ATLANTA (AP)—Governor Ellis Arnall, political foe of the late Governor Eugene Talmadge, announced today that he would retain the office until a Lieutenant Governor is sworn in and then resign, relinquishing the gubernatorial office to the Lieutenant Governor.

The Governor's statement drew the lines sharply for a bitter political fight in Georgia which is expected to be fought out in the legislative session opening Jan. 13 and in the courts, with an ultimate decision to be sought from the Supreme Court.

The Lieutenant Governor-Elec is M. E. Thompson, Arnall's State Revenue Commissioner. In each of these elections the people have chosen for Lieutenant-Governor their choice for Governor.

Thompson stated in a statement, "I am not a politician. I am a public servant."

Curran To Quit Post

NEW YORK (AP)—Joseph Curran, president of the CIO National Maritime Union, announced today he had submitted his resignation as co-chairman of the Committee for Maritime Unity, an organization of CIO seamen's unions formed to present a common front in negotiations with shipowners on both coasts.

Curran declined to give the reason for his move, saying an explanation would be contained in an official announcement later today at NMU headquarters here.

He said he sent telegrams tendering his resignation last night to Harry Bridges, head of the International Longshoremen's Union, and to the heads of the four other unions making up the CMU.

Asked whether his resignation would mean the withdrawal of the NMU from the Committee, Curran said he would recommend such an action but that the final word rested with the union membership who voted for affiliation with the CMU.

It was reported that Curran's telegrams said he was resigning because of "disagreement with the structure of the Committee for Maritime Unity."

Traditional Parade Throng Converges Upon Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM (AP)—One of the largest throngs in its history converged in bright sunny weather today on the little town of Bethlehem to celebrate Christendom's most joyous feast, the eve of the 1946th anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ.

There was evidence that Palestine was destined to avert from the historic Jaffa Gate site in Jerusalem—the site where Saul, David, Solomon and King David were crowned in national procession to this little town of the Nativity.

Five colorfully garbed mounted police escorted him. In the procession around the proceeds to head the edge of the church to the stable where Jesus was born.

At Mount Elias Monastery in the blue Judaea Hills, where the infant Jesus was born from the small village of Beth Latha, where traditions say King Herod was born, the parade was headed by the Rev. Fr. John, which lay the remains of the infant Jesus.

Major Isaac Efendi Bandak of Bethlehem and other notable Christians and Jews joined in the procession for an excursion around the site to head the edge of the church to the stable where Jesus was born.

No Paper Christmas Day The News Will Take A Holiday Wednesday

The Charlotte News, in keeping with a long-standing custom of peace-time years, will not publish on Wednesday, Christmas Day. The News will suspend publication for the day in order that employees may enjoy Christmas with their families.

Regular publication schedules will be resumed Thursday. Members of The News organization sincerely wish for all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

Art Gallery Destroyed Disorders In Bombay

BOMBAY (AP)—One person was killed and two others wounded today in a riot of communal disorders which claimed seven lives yesterday.

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WEATHER
Clear and partly cloudy and cool. High about 40. Low about 20. Wind light variable. Forecast for Wednesday: Partly cloudy with light rain. High about 40. Low about 20. Wind light variable.