

Humphrey-Hughes Hat Trick On Defense To Be Bared

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On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.)

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

The Publisher's Christmas Message

CHRISTMAS EVE is always a memorable occasion at The Charlotte News because it gives us an opportunity to count our blessings and express our gratitude to our many friends and associates who contribute so much to the operation of this newspaper.

mas message which deals with a totally different subject. In thinking about the Birthday of Jesus, we are reminded of one of the many crowning glories of Christ's life and teachings. We refer to Jesus' spirit of unselfishness—His devotion to and care for the less fortunate about Him.

For the part which this paper plays in the life of our community and area we are greatly indebted to many people. We think first of the vast numbers of readers who receive this newspaper in their homes each evening as a welcome guest.

It is relatively easy for some of us to reach into our pockets, pull out our checkbooks and give something of material value to the poor, the sick, and the unfortunate. It is more difficult for most of us to give of ourselves to the enrichment and happiness of people less privileged and less happy than we are.

Secondly, we think of our advertisers. After all, our advertisers are composed largely of business and industrial organizations who invest substantial sums in the "pulling power" of The News.

We would like to propose that each person who reads this Christmas message endeavor to perform at least two deeds of kindness and mercy on Christmas Day. We suggest that you choose two individuals or families of your acquaintance whom you feel have suffered more than you have in the past year. Go to see them on Christmas Day or soon afterward and express to them your interest and sympathy in their personal problems. Give to them some of the richness of your own perspective and thought.

Thirdly, we would like to express our congratulations to our own staff. No newspaper in America has a more loyal and energetic group of dedicated men and women than work in all the departments of The News.

You will be amazed how much enduring joy such an experience will bring to you as you practice in this Christmas what we have all learned from Jesus, namely that it is individual thought and individual attention which mean so much to our fellowmen—not merely the silver dollars hurriedly thrust into the hand of a needy soul. We must give generously of ourselves if we are to be fully worthy of our birthright as God's children.

The Stocking: Almost To The Brim

THE Empty Stocking, antiquity has told us, will never be filled, not by brimming. But this year readers of The News have crammed this city's Empty Stocking Fund to the highest level ever. We record that in this column not as a statistic but as a note of jubilation and rejoicing.

out of the Stocking and the hundreds who filled it. This sharing is a bond that binds not only the families together, but the entire community.

The coins to buy the dolls, the Christmas dinners, the fruit, came from individuals, churches, restaurants, clubs and business offices. They were sent by labor unions, newspaper boys and railway agents. They came out of piggy banks, out of "memory of..." and out of warm anonymity. They came out of love.

That is Christmas, we think, and in a sense that is the Empty Stocking Fund, and all the other funds that are opened at this season.

The conversion of the coins into the material shapes of Christmas is a privilege the givers have granted the receivers. But the substance of the spending will be a sense of sharing that will link the 1,000 families whose Christmas comes

To those who filled the Stocking we extend heartfelt thanks in the name of love, for permitting us to hang it. Merry Christmas!

From The Washington Post

HAVE IT AND EAT IT

IT was inevitable that commercial ingenuity would come up with an answer to that long standing dilemma, what to do with Christmas cards after they have been opened, admired, exhibited and properly credited in the Christmas mail. The answer is—eat it.

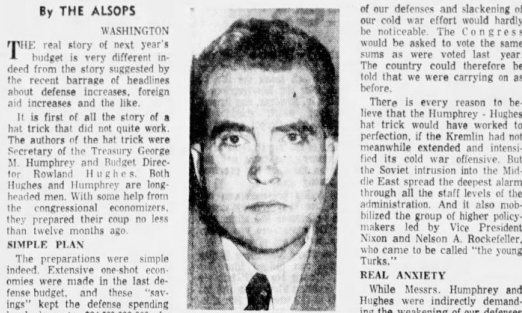
for the deluges of Christmas greetings that descend on them. As space grows tight, the earlier cards can simply be chewed and swallowed—a procedure that should be highly popular in homes where there are children. While this may add temporarily to adults' overweight and indigestion, it will help get rid of some of the nation's food surplus. Besides, everyone plans to go on a diet January 2, so why not sample just one more Christmas card to see how it tastes?

Notice where Premier Bulganin and Communist Party chief Khrushchev went to take care of the tons of greeting cards that suddenly became obsolete the day after New Year's. What is worse, there won't be enough mantels, tables, pianos, whatnots, window sills, or even walls to accommodate the cards received. But should the edible card become popular, card recipients, especially those in apartments, should no longer be so hard on finding standing room or even storage room for the deluges of Christmas greetings that descend on them.

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MR. NIXON Alarm. Repeated. Hence last year's appropriations level could not be attained without making "savings" somewhere else.

Moreover—and here was the real beauty of it—this weakening

of our defense and slackening of our cold war effort would hardly be noticeable. The Congress would be asked to vote the same sums as were voted last year. The country could therefore be told that we were carrying on as before.

There is every reason to believe that the Humphrey-Hughes hat trick would have worked to perfection if the Kremlin had not meanwhile extended and intensified its cold war offensive. But the Soviet intrusion into the Middle East spread the deepest alarm through all the staff levels of the administration.

Our defenses were not to be weakened. That the requested defense appropriation had to be raised to \$3,500,000,000 the clock was raised was not to be slack-



People's Platform

Review Thoughts At End Of Year. AS WE approach the end of the year 1955, most of us can count our blessings and be truly grateful, but there are those less fortunate people...

look down upon such human weakness with a sense of shame. We emphasize the raising of pure bred dogs, cats, horses and other animals, some of which sell for fabulous prices. Purity of our races should be of much greater importance to all of us.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THULE, GREENLAND. Christmas isn't quite what you think it is. We found 2,000 men standing patient in a huge hangar waiting, for us. It was 10 p.m. before master of ceremonies, Billy Reed of the Little Club...

Ike's Team Taking Stands On Demo Platform Planks

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON. DECENT developments show the Eisenhower administration proposing action in many fields which it has heretofore been content to hold the line and leave the initiative to the Democrats.

Secretary of State Dulles confirmed the administration's plan to ask Congress for just under five billion dollars in new foreign aid money, which would be 10 per cent more than was spent.

Secretary of Defense Wilson confirmed forecasts that his budget would be about one billion dollars higher than at present. This extra billion will go chiefly for the "wonder weapons."

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare promised to ask Congress for medical research expenditures "25 to 30 per cent" higher than current outlays. He also said he favored for construction of research facilities and for medical education.

The administration's strenuous efforts to expand the farm relief program of perhaps its most stubborn conservative, Secretary of Agriculture Benson, have been in the news for some time.

Not Ready. The Benson reply is not yet ready, but apparently it will include a soil bank and a surplus disposal program of genuine proportions—suggestions originally made by Democratic Senators Humphrey and Anderson.

Treasury Secretary Humphrey has not yet committed himself to a tax cut. But he is holding no brief in public and is privately drafting plans for one that will favor the Eisenhower stamp.

The significance of all this is not lost on the Democrats, who in the recent past have managed to get a great deal of campaign mileage out of similar moderate proposals of their own.

Arctic Troops Enjoy Visiting Showmen

over. Three days later when I returned from Greenland I found the kites in my hands—despite the protests of Mrs. Knapp.

A Bond. Having once been chairman of National Cat Week I suppose I had a common bond with the colonel.

Patriotic Performers. The theatrical friends who were good enough to interrupt their work and take the rather amusing trip to the arctic included Miss Ella Logan, dynamic star of "Fanny's Rainbow," Miss Pat Carroll, who has scores more trunks in TV than Ike has smiles in the newspapers...

Education. Arctic standards are high in the Air Force—65 per cent with high school diplomas. 50 per cent with a college work which falls over half the 6,000 men at Thule in that category. Of the balance, 1,135 are taking University of Maryland in U.S. Armed Forces studies—which is pretty good.

Morale In Arctic

Morale isn't quite such a difficult problem at Goose Bay as in northern Greenland. Troops are not quite so isolated, there are a few Canadian villages nearby where they are permitted to live on the base, and friendly Canadian troops are stationed nearby.

Stern Front

Actually, Col. James Knapp's base commander, afraid it was just the beginning, Knapp comes from the plains around McCormick, Ill., and has such a strong sense of duty that he has volunteered for another year in the Canadian wilderness.

Stigma. A fashion show of what they're wearing at New York and Greenland were seven Hartford models—Ann Heintz and Jean Magno of Mississippi, Pat Faulk of Elmont, N. Y., Louise Man-