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## Road Deaths Appear Headed For Record

### 38 Die On Carolinas Highways

By The Associated Press

The highways continued as the No. 1 no-man's land for Carolinians over the Christmas holidays with 38 of the 50 deaths recorded since 6 p.m. Friday occurring on the roads.

The official counting period ends at midnight tonight. Of the dead, 27 have died on the highways in North Carolina and 11 on Palmetto roadways. Other forms of violence have claimed nine lives in the Tar Heel state and three in South Carolina.

#### POST-YULE SALES

On the commercial front many stores across the two states were planning to re-open tomorrow with post-Christmas sales. However, hundreds of state and federal workers, and many in private business could look forward to another day of leisure before returning to work Thursday morning.

Church-goers across the Carolinas mostly stayed at home today, but some churches held special services, retelling the story of the miracle at Bethlehem.

#### CLEAR WEATHER

The weatherman had predictions of clearing and colder weather following a pre-holiday siege of rain and warm temperatures.

It is these warm temperatures which brought a statement from Thompson Greenwood, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, that Christmas shopping records this year may have fallen below those of 1955.

### Man Sitting Still; Drunk Driving Charged

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police booked William S. Wiseman on suspicion of drunk driving—even though they found him asleep in his car.

They said the stock broker went to sleep with his foot on the accelerator. The car was found jammed up against the back of a truck parked at the curb. The car's motor was racing and the rear wheels were spinning.

Police said it had been there for some time when Wiseman, 48, was arrested yesterday. The tires on the rear wheels had been ground down completely, and the steering steel wheels were scuffed up showers of sparks, officers reported.

#### Evening Prayer

O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, help us to hold in remembrance the mystery and glory of Thy begotten Son, and may the heavenly carols sing themselves into our souls that we may have the consciousness of His divine presence. In His name. Amen.

## 'Mad Bomber' Puts Explosive In New York Public Library

NEW YORK (AP)—Police intensified their all-out search for New York's so-called "Mad Bomber" today after discovery of a homemade explosive in the city's largest public library.

A library page boy made a chance discovery of the bomb yesterday in a second-floor telephone booth. He had dropped a coin, stooped over to pick it up and then noticed the missile. It was wrapped in maroon-colored sock and affixed to the bell box by a magnet.

#### CALL COMPLETE

Unconcerned, David Cruz, 19, completed his call and took the pipe-type object to some fellow shoppers by their belief it was a bomb fashioned by the "Mad Bomber." Cruz chuckled it out a rear window of the library.

It landed in a clump of ivy in Bryant Park. The apparatus did not explode and no one was hurt.

The episode, however, soon turned the heart of Manhattan into a storm of excitement and activity. It brought police swarming to the scene.

Mindful of a series of bomb threats and explosions in public places for the past 16 years, police cleared the park and the surrounding area of all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. It didn't resume again for an hour and a half.

STREET TIED UP  
Tied up was one of the busiest streets in America, a section of 42nd Street between 8th and 6th avenues clogged with Christmas shoppers.

Sixty policemen, led by some of the department's highest ranking officers, converged on the scene. A bomb squad placed the missile, measuring some five inches in length and four inches in diameter, in the truck.

The truck was driven to an empty lot some distance from the library. There it stayed under guard.

Police planned to move it to Ft. Tilden in Rockaway, Queens, for dismantling today when traffic was lessened.

It will remain under observation for 72 hours. If it hasn't exploded by then, it will be disarmed by bomb experts.

SAME TYPE  
A cursory examination led police to believe it was of the same type which had been planted in dozens of theaters, bus and train stations and other public places. Some bombs have exploded, causing injury.

Police ordered an all-out search for the Mad Bomber Dec. 3 after the bombing of a Brooklyn movie house. Six persons were injured. Police believe the Bomber is a psychopath, mad as the world.



WHICH LIGHTS ARE THE SHINIEST? Those on the Christmas tree of the eyes of little Hope Franklin? The youngster is the daughter of News photographer Tommy Franklin and he

snapped this typical Christmas scene in his own home. It is little Hope's first Christmas. Gifts? She's not interested—but, oh, those wonderful lights and ribbons and noisy paper!

## The Holiday Spirit Merry Christmas To Last A Month

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A merry Christmas awaits six families of Hungarian refugees—if they get to Southern California in time to enjoy it.

If not, they still have a month of hospitality awaiting them, courtesy of a motel owner and the community of Newport Beach.

Bill Doran, owner of a local motel, started it all. He invited the six families to spend a month at his motel, free of charge. Bill Hynds, executive director of the Orange County Red Cross organization, made the arrangements for the refugees to be flown here from New Jersey.

Hynds hopes they will arrive today. The Newport Beach Elks Lodge is conducting a campaign to supply the visitors with groceries. A cleaning establishment has volunteered to do their clothing.

A milk company has offered all the milk they can drink and a bakery has promised bread.

## Santa Paid Visit

CHICAGO (AP)—Police in suburban Oak Park served a warrant on a father accused of failing to support his family for eight months. They couldn't find him but they did find his wife and the couple's four children—2, 4, 9, 12—facing a bleak Christmas.

The whole force played Santa Claus, delivering a Christmas tree, a turkey with all the trimmings for today's dinner, a month's supply of groceries, milk, butter and eggs to the abandoned family.

## Ward Donation

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—An elderly woman sent her old clothes to the Salvation Army when she learned that her daughter was giving her a new wardrobe.

Soon thereafter, Maj. Andrew Teller of the Salvation Army's

## Dag Seeks End To Deadlock On Clearance

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld ordered two of his assistants away from their Christmas dinners to Cairo today in hopes they could prevail on Egypt to quit blocking clearance of the Suez Canal.

Hammarskjöld directed his executive assistant, Andrew Corrier, and Deputy Undersecretary Alfred Katzen to leave late today for Cairo. They are accompanied by U. S. Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, directing the canal clearance for the U. N., and Canadian Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the U. N. police force.

A U. N. spokesman said all three men would talk with Egyptian officials about all points at issue on clearance of the canal.

## OPERATION STALLED

In the canal, meanwhile, Egyptian objections virtually stalled a combined force of British, French and neutral salvage vessels. Whichever had assembled to remove the wreckage from the waterway the 17 or more ships the Egyptians sank when Britain and France invaded the Suez Canal zone.

Three British and French salvage vessels were reported at work clearing two sunken ships from the harbor of Port Said. But this was a secondary task since a channel already has been opened through the harbor.

Otherwise the salvage fleet stood idle, and Wheeler admitted he was waiting for Egyptian permission to get on with the job.

The Egyptians reportedly had agreed for clearance work to begin as soon as the British and French forces withdrew. The last troops from Britain and France quit Port Said over the weekend, but yesterday Egyptian authorities said the U. N. ships could not start on the canal clearance until Israeli forces pulled back into Israel—a process the Israelis have indicated will take several weeks.

#### FLEET BLOCKED

The possibility also existed that the Egyptians would block the salvage fleet until the Israelis quit the Gaza Strip, a portion of Palestine which Egypt had occupied since the 1948 Palestine War and which Israel has declared she would not return to Egypt.

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## Our Weather

Fair and continued cold tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning ..... 31  
Low tomorrow morning ..... 29  
High today ..... 55  
High yesterday ..... 54  
High tomorrow ..... 57  
Sunrise today, 7:30 a.m.  
Sunset today, 5:17 p.m.

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A NEW YORK youngster, lugging home his Christmas tree, pauses to look at the giant which towers over Rockefeller Plaza in mid-Manhattan.

## U. S. Figure Up To 528; 644 Overall

By The Associated Press

The nation's traffic deaths over the Christmas holidays—averaging nearly seven an hour since Friday night—appeared headed for an all-time record today.

The total, with the heaviest travel expected during the final hours of the holiday period, was 528.

The record toll for any holiday period was 609 during last year's three-day Christmas weekend.

The National Safety Council said it expects its preliminary estimate of 600 highway deaths to be exceeded. The council said some 40 million cars will be on the streets and highways during the last 12 hours of Christmas.

"The death rate in traffic has been the most serious schedule for stopping state and federal workers, and many in private business could look forward to another day of leisure before returning to work Thursday morning.

Church-goers across the Carolinas mostly stayed at home today, but some churches held special services, retelling the story of the miracle at Bethlehem.

Weather conditions over most of the country improved yesterday and a clearing trend was indicated for most areas today. Fog and rain extended over wide sections of the eastern half of the nation in the first half of the Christmas weekend, creating hazardous driving conditions.

However, safety experts warned of travel dangers on the holiday, including winter driving conditions, a minimum of daylight and holiday drinking.

Leading in traffic deaths were California, Illinois, Texas, Michigan, New York and Ohio. Three states — Maine, North Dakota, and Wyoming — reported no traffic fatalities.

Dearborn, commenting on the heavy traffic toll, said: "The most disturbing aspect of this carnage is that it is needless and senseless. It could be curbed sharply if drivers complied with the spirit of Christmas. They've shared gifts; they should apply that same thoughtfulness to sharing the road."

106 A DAY  
Traffic deaths in the nation to the first 10 months this year averaged 106 a day. An Associated Press survey during a nonholiday period, from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Tuesday of the Dec. 14-18 period, showed 500 traffic deaths. The overall total of accidental deaths was 87, including 71 in fires and 60 in miscellaneous mishaps.

## Negroes Sit As They Please

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—Negroes are rolling again with buses as riders here, but the status of segregated seating remains in doubt.

Boycotting Negroes still boarded buses yesterday for the first time in seven months and sat where they pleased.

The Tallahassee City Commission directed the Cities Transit Co. to enforce racial segregation, but lawyers for the commission indicated uncertainty as to what would happen in the next few days.

The bus company said it would seek court determination of whether a federal ruling that integrated seating, said his first reaction to the bus company's announcement was that it "seems to be a rather prudent move."

"Momentarily, I think favorably of it," he said.

Negro leaders rode bus after bus yesterday, sitting where they chose. Most of the buses were highly patronized with a large number of white and Negro university students for the holidays.

Charles Carter, manager of the bus company, said he pulled a white photographer off one bus as the cameraman attempted to make pictures of Negroes seating themselves.

## World Celebrates Saddest Yule Since World War II

By The Associated Press

Christians everywhere hopefully tried to make today a holiday of peace and good will. But in much of the world it was the saddest Christmas since World War II.

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## Red Bigwigs Call For Better Living

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Communist party's Central Committee last night ended its first meeting since the Hungarian revolt with a 4,000-word communique that made no mention of the satellites.

Instead the group which ratifies the policies of the Kremlin leaders called on the Soviet people to eliminate bureaucracy and inefficiency to increase their standard of living.

There was not even a veiled announcement that the Soviet people would get more consumer goods in 1957. There had been speculation this would be promised.

Official reports circulated that the Central Committee would meet again in January to take up problems of foreign policy and relations with the satellites. There was also a possibility that further decisions were taken at the session and will be announced later.

Only one minor personnel change was announced. The communique said Dmitri Shepilov had been released from his duties as one of the eight secretaries of the Central Committee so he could give full time to his job as foreign minister.

Overseas the communique announced that the six-year plan has returned to the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) for revision. The committee said some quotas were high and building of new industrial plants should be retarded in some areas.

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