

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1961.
(Alaska)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I wonder how many of you are having a white christmas, a bit on the cool side, like we are having, up here in Alaska? Doctor Ivar Skarland, anthropologist of the University of Alaska, has just been telling me, that our 49th state has been long overdue for a cold winter. They sure are having it. The coldest in years; so they all say. With no relief in sight. Fairbanks fifty-six below this morning. And at nearby Nenana, minus Sixty-two!

Lowell Jr. and I have spent part of each day, since last Thursday, in the mountains, on skis - at Arctic Valley, in the nearby Chugotch range, and at Alyeska, an impressing mountain, that rises abruptly from the sea, above Turninagain Arm. But we haven't had much company. Nearly everybody up here is staying indoors. Alaskan skiers say, "we'll have good skiing in June, so why not

devote these long, cold winter nights to indoor sports?"
Altho, we agree, we go out and ski;" and they think we are
slightly mad.

Today we are having christmas dinner, my wife and
I, with Lowell Junior, his wife Tay and their children,
at their home on a bluff overlooking Cook Inlet. From
the window we can see Mount McKinley, loftiest mountain
in North America, and many other mountains.

But instead of looking at the mountains let's take
a look at the world.

WEATHER

When four inches of snow fall in North Carolina - you can be sure that most Americans are enjoying a white christmas. Sometimes "enjoying" is not quite the word. A lot of drivers forced to abandon their cars, after skidding into snowbanks. And tonight, millions of shovels are at work - clearing sidewalks and driveways.

Among the hardest hit - Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Twenty-six inches of snow, leaving the city virtually snowbound. Drifts five feet high filed up by a driving wind. Interruption of normal life, Schools and businesses closed. Communication lines down. Planes grounded. Traffic at a standstill. Snow plows struggling around the clock - to keep the streets of Portsmouth open.

But many people are "enjoying" this weather. The ski resorts - booming. The best ski-snow New England has had this year.

CHRISTMAS

THE NUMBER OF PILGRIMS WHO PASSED THROUGH JERUSALEM'S HISTORIC MANDELBAUM GATE ON CHRISTMAS EVE WAS A RECORD. TWENTY EIGHT HUNDRED, ON THEIR WAY TO THE SACRED PLACES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. ATTENDING SERVICES - IN BETHLEHEM, NAZARETH, AND JERUSALEM. THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS, RECALLED ONCE MORE IN THE HOLY LAND.

COUNCIL

THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN VATICAN CITY THAT AN ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL WILL CONVENE DURING NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO, IS A NOTABLE OCCASION FOR HISTORIANS. ONLY TWENTY GENERAL COUNCILS HAVE MET - IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. ALMOST ALL OF THEM - DEALING WITH SOME IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF DOCTRINES OR RITUALS. MOST FAMOUS - THE COUNCILS OF NICAEA, TRENT AND THE VATICAN.

THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA WAS HELD IN THE YEAR THREE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE, SUMMOND BY THE EMPEROR CONSTANTIN - WHILE THE ARIAN CONTROVERSY WAS RAGING. THE PRELATES ASSEMBLED AT THE CITY IN ASIA MINOR - CONDEMNING ARIUS, APPROVING THE DOCTRINES OF - ATHANASIUS. THE NICAEAN CREED - EVER SINCE, A BASIC TEXT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

THE COUNCIL OF TRENT WAS A REACTION TO - THE REFORMATION. THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGIANS, ERADICATING THE ABUSES THAT HAD SCANDALIZED LUTHER. SETTING DOWN THE RULES OF CANON LAW - THAT STILL APPLIES TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

THE COUNCIL OF THE VATICAN, MORE RECENT = EIGHTEEN-SEVENTY. CALLED BY PIUS THE NINTH AS A REACTION TO - THE SCEPTICISM OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. OUT OF THIS COUNCIL CAME THE DOGMA OF PAPAL INFALLIBILITY. ALSO, THE INSISTENCE THAT THE FUNDAMENTALS OF RELIGION CAN BE PROVED = BY THE REASON. NOT JUST ACCEPTED - ON FAITH. THIS PRINCIPAL LEADING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF RATIONAL ~~PHILOSOPHY~~ PHILOSOPHY - WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. THE SYSTEM OF - SAINT THOMAS - AQUINAS.

COUNCIL - 2

THE COMING COUNCIL WILL STRESS - RELIGIOUS
UNITY, FACED WITH THE CHALLENGE OF COMMUNIST ATHEISM.
PERHAPS IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN HISTORY, WITH THOSE THREE GREAT
COUNCILS - NICAEA, TRENT AND THE VATICAN.

KENNEDY

THE LATEST MEDICAL BULLETIN ON THE PRESIDENT'S FATHER - JOSEPH P. KENNEDY IS STILL IN SERIOUS & CONDITION. THE OPERATION PERFORMED ON HIM YESTERDAY - NOT SERIOUS. EXCEPT THAT ALMOST ANYTHING IS SERIOUS - IN THE CASE OF A SEVENTY THREE YEAR OLD PATIENT , WHO HAS SUFFERED A STROKE.

THE REST OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY, IN TWO MINDS - ABOUT THIS HOLIDAY. CELEBRATING - AS THE CLAN ALWAYS DOES. BUT MORE SOBER THIS TIME, BECAUSE THE HEAD OF THE CLAN - ISN'T THERE.

MEANWHILE, THE PRESIDENT IS LOOKING AFTER HIS OWN HEALTH, SWIMMING TODAY IN HIS HEATED POOL IN PALM BEACH. PREPARING FOR TOMORROW, WHEN HIS PHYSICIANS WILL OFFER ANOTHER DIAGNOSIS OF - THE FAMOUS ~~WRECK~~ PRESIDENTIAL BACK-ACHE .

NEW YORK

EIGHT MILLION NEW YORKERS ARE FACING A NEW YEAR'S ON FOOT. MIKE QUILL'S TRANSPORT UNION - THREATENING TO SHUT DOWN THE BUS AND SUBWAY LINES. QUILL, DEMANDING - A PAY HIKE OF FIFTEEN PERCENT. PLUS, A REDUCTION OF THE WORK WEEK - TO THIRTY TWO HOURS. QUILL'S DEADLINE - DECEMBER THIRTY FIRST. THE TOUGH BOSS OF THE UNION SAYING - HE DOUBTS THERE WILL BE ANY AGREEMENT BY THEN.

~~AS IS THIS WERE NOT ENOUGH FOR THE BIG CITY - NEW YORK IS FACING A "BROWNOUT". THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS ALSO SETTING A STRIKE DEADLINE - FOR THE DAY OF THE YEAR. THEY, TOO, WANT THE WORK WEEK REDUCED. IF THEY DON'T GET IT - NINETEEN SIXTY TWO WILL START OFF WITH A STREAM OF MACHINES GOING ON THE FLINK. NO ONE TO REPAIR CASH REGISTERS - OR ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS.~~

KHRUSCHEV

THE BOSS OF THE KREMLIN IS IN FAVOR OF -
CRITICISM . YOU WOULD THINK THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE INTERPRETED
TO MEAN - KHRUSCHEV CRITICIZING EVERYBODY ELSE. NOT - ACCORDING
TO PRAVDA. THE MOSCOW PAPER QUOTES KHRUSCHEV AS SAYING - HE WANTS
OTHERS TO CRITICIZE HIM . TELL HIM QUITE FRANKLY - THAT HE IS
WRONG. SPECIFICALLY, ON THE SUBJECT OF SCIENTIFIC AGRICULTURE.
NIKITA, ENCOURAGING THE AGRONOMISTS TO SPEAK UP - AND LET HIM
KNOW WHEN HE MAKES A MISTAKE ABOUT GROWING CORN OR INCREASING
THE SUPPLY OF MILK.

~~IS GOING TO CROSS THE LATEST TALK~~ STILL, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
THAT PRAVDA HAS EVER HINTED - THAT THE TOP MAN IN THE KREMLIN
IS NOT INFALLIBLE. SO, SOME KREMINOLOGISTS ARE LOOKING FOR -
MORE FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN THE SOVIET UNION. PROBABLY, A LOT MORE
THAN KHRUSCHEV IS BARGAINING FOR.

SHELTERS

AT OLD NASSAU - NOT MUCH FAITH IN THE ADMINISTRATION SHELTER PROGRAM. A HUNDRED PROFESSORS OF PRINCETON AND THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY - EXPRESSING THEIR OPINION IN AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THEY CLAIM THAT ALL THE TALK ABOUT SHELTERS IS CREATING WHAT THEY TERM - "A FALSE SENSE OF POSSIBLE SAFETY". THEY THINK THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO SPEND TOO MUCH TIME AND MONEY - FOR ANTI-NUCLEAR DEFENCE ON A NATIONAL SCALE. BESIDES, THE NASSAU PROFS CHARGE - THAT A MASSIVE AMERICAN SHELTER PROGRAM WOULD ONLY PROVOKE THE RUSSIANS.

THE SOLUTION PROPOSED BY - THESE PRINCETON SCHOLARS ? PREVENT AN ATOMIC WAR FROM STARTING. HOW ? THEIR OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T SAY.

FRANCO

THE HEAD OF THE SPANISH STATE - INJURED, IN A
HUNTING ACCIDENT. FRANCO, OUT SHOOTING PIGEONS - WITH A
SHOTGUN. ONE BARREL, EXPLODING - WHEN HE PULLED THE TRIGGER.
TWO FINGERS OF HIS LEFT HAND - BROKEN. ANOTHER BONE - FRACTURED.
FRANCO, WITH HIS HAND IN A SLING - TONIGHT.

BOMB

THIS IS A SOMBER CHRISTMAS IN LATIN AMERICA - THE SCENE OF TWO ATROCIOUS CRIMES WITHIN A WEEK. FIRST IT WAS THAT FIRE IN BRAZIL - WHERE AN ARSONIST SET FIRE TO A CIRCUS TENT. THE SECOND CRIME - THAT BOMBING IN ~~1938~~ COLUMBIA . OCCASION - THE ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL. A BIG CROWD, ~~WERE~~ WATCHING THE FIREWORKS - WHEN A HOMEMADE BOMB WENT OFF. THE BLAST, SO POWERFUL, IT SHATTERED WINDOWS THROUGHOUT THE AREA. AND HURLED FRAGMENTS OF IRON PIPE TWO HUNDRED YARDS.

THE TOLL OF THIS MUDEROUS BOMBING - MORE THAN FORTY KILLED. MORE THAN A HUNDRED INJURED.

FOOTBALL

MUCH OF YESTERDAY'S ACTION IN SAN DIEGO'S BALBOA STADIUM - TOOK PLACE AFTER THE GAME WAS OVER . I'M SURE THAT YOU ALL KNOW ABOUT THE HOUSTON OILERS BEATING THE SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 2- FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE. THE SCORE - SEVEN TO THREE. BUT UNLESS YOU WEREN'T IN BALBOA STADIUM - YOU MISSED THE EPILOG TO THE GAME.

CHARGERS COACH SID GILLMAN, FURIOUS WITH THE OFFICIALS - FOR CALLING PENALTIES AGAINST HIS TEAM. SID, RUSHING OUT UNTO THE GRIDIRON - TO CHALLENGE FIELD JUDGE JOHN MORROW . THE TWO, LOOKING AS IF THEY MIGHT SQUARE OFF - WHEN THE SAN DIEGO SAFETY MAN SUDDENLY JUMPED THE OFFICIAL. WRESTLING HIM TO THE GROUND. THEN, SITTING ON HIM. MORROW HAD TO BE RESCUED - BY SOME OF THE OTHER PLAYERS.

~~TODAY A F L COMMISSIONER JOE FOSS PREDICTED - "THERE MAYBE SOME FINES." COULD SID GILLMAN AND HIS SAFETY MAN BE AMONG THOSE - SLATED TO HEAR FROM THE COMMISSIONER ?~~

BASKET BALL

THE BEST COLLEGE BASKET BALL TEAM IN THE COUNTRY HAS HELD THE NUMBER ONE SPOT - SINCE THIS TIME LAST YEAR. THE RED HOT BUCKEYES ARE OF OHIO STATE - PICKING UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF IN NINETEEN SIXTY. RACKING UP - SEVEN STRAIGHT VICTORIES. THIS WEEK, RECEIVING ALL THIRTY FIVE VOTES - CAST BY THE BASKET BALL COACHES, POLLED BY UPI.

THE BUCKEYES, AS GOOD AT BASKET BALL - AS THEY ARE AT FOOTBALL.

TIGERS

IN MANILA, THE CROWD CHEERED - WHEN THE TIGER-TRAINER FROM TOKYO BEGAN TO WRESTLE WITH HIS BIG ~~BEASTS~~ CATS. THAT IS, THEY THOUGHT HE WAS WRESTLING WITH THEM. ACTUALLY, HIS MALAYAN TIGERS ATTACKED SHOCHI KINO SHEETA - FOR REAL. BOWLING HIM OVER - WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LOOKING ON. MAULING HIM WITH THEIR FANGS AND CLAWS. BUT NO ONE AT THE CIRCUS REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

THE TRAINER CALLED FOR HELP - THAT NEVER CAME. LUCKILY HE MANAGED TO ROLL CLEAR, AND STAGGERED TO HIS FEET. THEN HE USED HIS WHIP AND CHAIR - TO FIGHT OFF HIS PETS. I USE THE TERM PETS LOOSELY. ~~QUICK~~ QUICKLY HE BACKED TO THE DOOR - AND SLIPPED OUT. LEAVING THE TIGERS IN POSSESSION OF THE ARENA. ALL TO THE LOUD APPLAUSE OF THE SPECTATORS - WHO THOUGHT IT WAS THE BEST WILD ANIMAL ACT THEY HAD EVER SEEN.

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