

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I hope you heard President Trumans message of hope, this evening -- hope for the solution of international problems.in which we all join. The President, in leading the nation in a Christmas Eve prayer, stated: "We have made a good start for world peace. And he added that ahead of us lies the larger task of making the peace secure. The progress ~~xx~~ we've made gives hope that in the coming year we shal reach our goal".

So said the President, expressing Yuletide optimism in the work achieved by the recent assembly of United Nations, and has bright expectations of the future accomplishment of the U.N.

From the Vatican, we have a stately Christmas message, one that gives a protentious picture of the state of the world at this Yuletide. ~~Pope Pius the Twelfth issues a call for world settlements based on principles of the internal economic well being of nations, a reduction of giant armaments, and a flexibility of peace treaties that will enable the settlements to be changed, whenever changes are felt to be needed.~~

The Pontiff of Rome decries the way the principles of the Atlantic Charter have been neglected. He says the four freedoms, which once had created such enthusiasm have been turned into what he calls - "A shadow and a counterfeit and he pleads for a return to the Atlantic Charter principles of international morality.

The Papal Christmas message lays grave emphasis on the ominous prospects of future war for the world. The Pope makes no mention of the atomic bomb. But that's clearly in the meaning of the following grave and sententious words, ^{the} Pope ~~was~~ ^{ing} speaks of what he called ^s "The

power of machines of destruction, which modern technique has strengthened and still strengthens - up to the point of making them appear to the eyes of horrified humanity as infernal creations." This, says the Pontiff, gives to the problem of disarmament a new aspect and a new urgency.

DAIREN

The truth of the Dairen affair was confirmed today - the action of Soviet Army authorities in ordering an American warship to get out of that Chinese Port.

The American Naval ~~exp~~ craft, trying to land two newsmen and a business man, was treated in most peremptory fashion by the Soviet authorities - who made the threat that, if the boat did not leave at once, they would not be responsible for the consequences.

Today in Washington, the State Department confirmed the incident, saying that the news accounts we've had were substantially correct. And the State Department answered the question - what right did the Soviets have to chase out the American warship?

Dairen which is in Chinese Manchuria, is supposed to be a free port. That status was guaranteed by the treaty between Soviet Russia and China, - Dairen to be open to the ships of all nations. The State Department points out that the freedom of the port has not yet gone into effect because the necessary

arrangements have not yet been made between the Soviets and the Chinese.

We have a further explanation from China, a statement, that, by the terms of the Soviet-Chinese Treaty, the freedom of the port of Dairen was to be its peacetime status - after the war. Well, the war is over, isn't it? No, not technically. Legally, the state of war continues, until peace treaties have been concluded with Japan. Meanwhile, it's war for the Soviets, and they can order out American ships.

Word from that Far Eastern Harbor, meanwhile, paints an interesting picture. The Red Army, which chased out the American warship, is in Dairen with full force and full ~~and~~ ^{full} equipment - ~~and~~ lend-lease equipment. The Soviet forces have American built liberty ships, war planes and motor vehicles of all sorts. All the Soviet Army Transport to be seen at Dairen is of American make. Everything is lend-lease - except the pictures of Stalin, which hang all over the place.

JAPAN

Tonight, an American tank-landing-ship drove ashore at the Japanese town of Shingu. Not so long ago, that sort of thing might have sounded like war news. Tonight, it is mercy news, mercy at Christmas time.

The town of Shingu was one of the hardest hit in the Japanese earthquake. The disaster there was threefold, quake, tidal wave, and fire. And the word today was that there was danger of an epidemic at Shingu. So General MacArthur's Command undertook emergency measures, and started out by rushing a tank-landing-ship, laden with medical supplies - to ~~xx~~ help the Japanese of Shingu, who fled to the hills when the quake and tidal wave came, only to find that fire had destroyed what remained of their homes.

Figures for the total casualties in the Japanese ~~xxxx~~ earthquake are rising. The number of lives lost is now above the mark of one thousand, and is climbing. The damage, as announced by the Tokyo Home Ministry, gives a vivid picture of the havoc wrought by the elemental forces. Twenty-three hundred ships wrecked, forty-eight

bridges demolished, a hundred and fifty-five roads seriously damaged, more than eight thousand buildings demolished, eleven thousand seriously damaged, two thousand burned out by fires, fifty-two factories ruined.

The United States Army reports that the Japanese seismographic instruments recorded a hundred and fifty shocks during the day, ~~that~~ ^{ing} followed the main earthquake with its giant tidal waves.

NAZIS

In Germany, General McNarney's amnesty for minor Nazis is designed to facilitate the task of de-Nazification. The eight hundred thousand who get a ^{clean}~~clean~~ bill of health were minor Hitlerites, of no importance - the kind of negative neutral ~~xx~~ people who simply follow the tide. Taking them off the lists, will make the task of dealing with confirmed Nazis much easier. Concerning the decree at Christmas Time, General McNarney states, "I am sure this amnesty will permit the German administration to proceed more vigorously and seek out and punish active Nazis who brought destruction on their country."

PORTAL TO PORTAL

Another suit for portal to portal pay was filed today, and ~~it was~~ a big one - a claim of one hundred million dollars entered by unions, against the **International Harvester Company**. All of which, of course, follows a Supreme Court decision upholding portal to portal pay. That is, pay for the time workers take in traversing the distance between the doors of plants and their places of work.

Under this new Supreme Court decision a whole series of suits have been filed by unions. Today's hundred million dollar case against the **International Harvester Company** brings the total up to six hundred and thirty-nine million. Other union suits are being prepared, and it is believed that the total may climb to the billion dollar mark.

Meanwhile today a statement was made by Federal Judge Frank Picard, whose original ruling in a portal to portal pay dispute brought about **The Supreme** Supreme Court decision. He said the wave of suits now

being filed by the unions results from what he calls *
"Hysteria." And he adds that many of the cases may not
be justified and may not stand up in court.

Here's late news from our American political front;- Senator Taft of Ohio states that he is postponing any decision on whether or not he'll try for the Republican nomination in Nineteen Forty-Eight. He's putting off that question until late next year.

Explaining that it is too early to talk Presidential politics, Senator Taft ^{says} ~~declares that~~ the job for the Republicans right now is to take care of their job as majority party in Congress.

To which he adds: "As far as I am concerned, I will make no decision on the question of being a candidate for President until our legislative job is done, and Congress has adjourned." That will be about a year from now, late in Nineteen Forty-Seven.

Senator Taft's declaration today follows his previous statement that he would meet with Senator-Elect Bricker of Ohio, who is also prominently named as a Republican possibility. The word was the they would get together and decide which one ^{sh}ould have the support of Ohio - which the favorite son. That interpretation of a

Taft-Bricker meeting was denied by Bricker today. He said he has not at any time announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination, and that therefore he wasn't going to discuss Ohio support with Senator Taft. He and Taft are going to meet for a talk, but that, in the words of Senator-Elect Bricker, "will be the only natural thing for us to do ~~xxx~~ when I come to Washington."

GEORGIA

The tangled political situation in Georgia was clarified a little today. Governor Arnall stated that he would continue in office until a successor has been chosen and has been installed as Governor. He said the Georgia Constitution provides no answer for the question that has arisen - following the death of governor-elect Talmadge. This being the case, legal advisers assured him that, under the State Constitution, he can lawfully retain office for another four years. This he will not do. - He says he will merely stay on as Governor until the succession has been straightened out.

Governor Arnall gives his opinion that the job should go to the Lieutenant Governor-Elect. He points out that a Lieutenant-Governor is chosen to serve in the absence of the Governor. So he supports Lieutenant Governor-Elect Thompson.

This decision by Governor Arnall will be followed by a fight. An attempt will be made to install Herman Talmadge, the son of the Governor-Elect who died

before he could take office. We are told that the Talmadge forces are prepared to put up a battle in the State Legislature, fight to have the legislature declare Herman Talmadge Governor.

BETHLEHEM

Now about Christmas Eve in the Holy Land: The Roman Catholics held their service in what is called The Milk Grotto of The Church of the Nativity, and bells pealed and hymns rang out against the ~~the~~ Ancient Byzantine rafters - celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace.

The Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, made his traditional entry into the church for midnight mass amid much medieval pageantry and oriental bodyguards.

The worshippers, including Knights of the Holy Sepulchre in their multi-colored ~~in~~ uniforms, knelt on the flagstones, around what once may have been a manger.

High government officials were there, attended by British soldiers, standing immobile, while the carols proclaimed "peace on earth, good will toward men."

Protestant Pilgrims were in Bethlehem too - including many Americans. And they held their Christmas Eve service in the famous Shepherd's Field, near the Church of the Nativity, where the Shepherd's watched by

night so long ago. The red roofed ~~R~~ Protestant
Church also covers a Grotto, where, according to
tradition, the Shepherds slept and were ~~wakened~~^{wakened}
by a choir of angels announcing the birth of the
Saviour.

SANTA

There's one town where Santa Claus is not welcome tonight -- Kotzebue, Alaska, a far-north fishing town, right up near where Santa lives. But in a way this feeling of unfriendliness, well, it's Santa's own fault. Last Christmas Eve a visitor, newly arrived from the United States, decided to play Santa Claus to three hundred and fifty eskimos holding their annual meeting in the community house.

What the visitor didn't know was that the eskimos live in mortal fear of ^{one they call} ~~the~~ The Stranger, ^{a Phantom who is believed to} ~~(capital s) Stranger, as he who~~ walks the frozen tundra at night. So, when the would-be Santa Claus appeared in full regalia, the Eskimos took one look and, squealing "it's The Stranger" dove out convenient windows. The party was not a success.

~~So, a final warning to prancer and dancer~~
^{So, Santa,} ~~and donner and blitzen~~ when you get to Kotzebue, you'd better whistle to your reindeer and Alaska, tonight, keep right on going.

A record was set at Buenos Aires today -- a record price for real estate - a city lot on a downtown street corner in Buenos Aires was sold for the largest figure ever paid for a city block in * South America. The story is tragic, sad beyond words - sighs and tears at Christmas Time.

The purchaser was an Argentine woman of wealth, Senorita Juana Devoto. The parcel of real estate was being sold at auction. The Senorita was determined to have that corner lot, and instructed her real estate agent to attend the auction and bid for it - get it at any price. The agent reflected - he was well known in real estate circles. He was afraid that, if * he were seen bidding, the price might go up. So he sent a friend to act for him, a friend not known in real estate circles. So the friend went to the auction to bid.

It happend that the lady herself, Senorita Devoto decided that she'd attend the auction and watch the bidding. At the auction place she looked about for her real estate agent, but he wasn't there. Instead,

some other fellow started bidding for the lot she wanted. Senorita Devoto was annoyed, also determined. Her agent, not being there, she put in a bid. That other fellow upped the figure. The Senorita put in a higher bid, and what ensued was a classic in the annals of real estate. One of the hottest duels of bidding ever seen at ~~any~~ an auction.

Senorita Devoto is a woman of great will power, and she was determined to buy that lot - no matter what that fellow did, no matter how much he bid. So the price went up and up, the auction room in a state of mounting excitement, as the bidding went higher and higher.

Who won? Why, the Senorita, of course. The friend sent by the Senorita's agent had been instructed to buy the lot no matter how high he had to bid. But he finally grew ~~fi~~ frightened, the figures got so high - and finally he quit. The Senorita bought the lot for a hundred and seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents per square foot, a total of a hundred and thirty thousand dollars for a

single lot in Buenos Aires.

Then she found out -- she was bidding against herself; I can't tell you what she said. I'd have to say it in Spanish.

And now ^{Nelson,} ~~Hugh~~ no remarks like those made on the day before Christmas by the lady in Buenos Aires. Something more fitting gentle Sir.

FOOTBALL

The New York Football scandal produced a new story today - another attempt by gamblers to bribe professional football players. This, too, concerns Alvin Paris who is being held under arrest on the charge of bribery attempts previously disclosed. This latest relates that two players on the New York Giants were offered what are called -- lucrative post-season jobs. The offer was made that, if they would throw football games the way the gamblers wanted, they'd be put on the payroll of a novelty company headed by ~~Alvin Paris~~ Alvin Paris. The two players, Howie Livingston, star fullback, and Victor Carroll, right tackle, were questioned by the authorities today. They say they "laughed off" the proposal of jobs with fat pay in return for laying down in the game.

And now about another laugh -->