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JERUSALEM

THE HOLY LAND TONITE IS UNDER ITS USUAL CHRISTMAS TRUCE. THE 48 HOURS OF PEACE THAT ALLOWS PILGRIMS TO VISIT THE SACRED PLACES.

TODAY 2500 PILGRIMS CROSSED FROM ISRAEL TO JORDAN; PAST BARBED WIRE AND SANDBAGS WITH GUN EMPLACEMENTS. THEY WERE SEARCHED FIRST BY ISRAELI BORDER GUARDS, THEN BY THE KING HUSSEIN'S MEN. A FEW WERE TURNED BACK FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. THE REST MOVED ON THRU THE OLD WALLED CITY OF JERUSALEM, AND ON TO BETHLEHEM WHERE THE SAVIOR WAS BORN IN THE BUNGER, THE SITE OF THE NATIVITY ^{that is} STILL THE CENTER OF THE WORLD ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

MacARTHUR

Meanwhile, on this side of the world, the feud between Harry S. Truman and Douglas MacArthur, the man who has been called the greatest General of World War Two, is a bit warmer tonight, following their most recent exchange of charges and counter-charges. As you know, on Saturday former President Truman accused General MacArthur over TV, of wanting to use the atom bomb during the Korean War. Use it in Mr. Truman's words, "to bomb China and eastern Russia, and everything else."

To which General MacArthur replied: "Untrue. Completely false, fantastic." The General says the question of using the atom bomb never came up during the Korean War. Adding that he himself never advocated atomic bombing of North Korea, let alone Red China or Russia. He thought it wouldn't be necessary. He says the records will prove this. He infers, as others who fought in the Pacific have said, that we never needed to use the atom bomb against Japan in the first place.

He repeats that in Korea he ~~was~~ wanted to attack

the bridges across the Yalu River, with conventional weapons. And he wanted permission to hit the bases set up by the Chinese Res to support their invasion of Korea. General MacArthur still believes that if he had not been handled the way he was by President Truman he could have won the Korean War.

LAOS

The United States turns down a Soviet proposal for a new Geneva conference -- subject Laos. Moscow asking for another get-together like the one that ended the Indo-China War in Nineteen Fifty-Two.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White, doesn't rule out a conference - at some time in the future. He does rule it out for now -- reason, Soviet violation of the Nineteen Fifty-Four Agreement. The Russians promised to keep arms out of Laos, and then began to ship them secretly to the Communist rebels. So - we won't see much point in taling to Khrushchev about Laos now.

TIBET

THE ROOF OF THE WORLD IS A DESOLATE ^{vast} ~~SWIFF~~ ^{area,} HELD TOGETHER BY RED TYRANNY. SO SAYS GYALA NIMBU, A REFUGEE FROM TIBET. WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED IN NEPAL, AFTER CROSSING THE HIMALAYAS. GYALA NIMBU, DOTTING I'S AND CROSSING T'S IN A STORY THAT, BECOMES MORE HARROWING AS DETAILS FILTER OUT FROM THE LAND ON THE ROOF OF THE WORLD.

THIS TIBETAN REFUGEE, GYALA NIMBU, SAYS THE OLD TIBETAN GAIETY IS GONE. THE PEOPLE SUILLEN, AS THEY TREAD TO WORK UNDER THE RED YOKE, COWED BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO REFUSE. HE SAYS THAT EVERY DAY REBELS ARE MARCHED OUT TO FACE RED FINING SQUADS.

LIGHTHOUSE

Here's the story of the lighthouse keepers, of Chicken Rock. They got pretty cold today, after almost being burned up. Chicken Rock is off the Isle of Man, in the turbulent Irish Sea. Today a fire broke out in the upper gallery. The three keepers, trapped inside, making a dash for a window through flame and smoke. Then sliding down a rope, onto the rock below.

The point is that Chicken Rock is barely large enough for the lighthouse. As the building burned behind them the three keepers had to wade out onto a submerged reef. Then, hot on one side, from the fire and cold on the other, they waited for help.

Helicopters couldn't get in, because of the fire. But some volunteers fishermen, made it in a life boat despite the high waves that surged through the Irish Sea at this time of year.

Tonight, in a pub the survivors are beginning to thaw out; those lighthouse keepers of Chicken Rock, off the Isle of Man.

CABINET

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THE NEXT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMICS ADVISORS, IS AN ECONOMIST FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, PROFESSOR WALTER HELLER, HEAD OF THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT. HE'S ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH WASHINGTON, WHERE HE WORKED IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE, OFF AND ON FOR SOME YEARS, SPECIAL ADVISOR ON ECONOMICS, TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

TODAY PROFESSOR HELLER TOLD NEWSMENS, HE DOESN'T THINK WE ARE HEADED FOR A RECESSION. HE DOES THINK THIS COUNTRY IS STILL FEELING THE EFFECTS OF THE RECESSION THAT HIT US TWO YEARS AGO. HE WANTS TO REDUCE THOSE EFFECTS, BEGINNING WITH A MORE FLEXIBLE HANDLING OF TAX RATES.

IN ANNOUNCING THE HELLER APPOINTMENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT KENNEDY ANSWERED SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT DOUGLAS DILLON. FOR EXAMPLE IS IT TRUE THAT DILLON DEMANDED A FREE HAND AT THE TREASURY? KENNEDY'S ANSWER IS "NO". THE PRESIDENT-ELECT SAYS HE GAVE NO SUCH ASSURANCE. THAT HE OFFERED THE PLACE IN THE CABINET AND DILLON ACCEPTED AFTER BOTH AGREED THAT THEY HAVE A SIMILAR APPROACH TO FISCAL PROBLEMS.

NEW ORLEANS

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THE TEACHERS OF NEW ORLEANS HAVE RECEIVED A LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS PRESENT. AT LEAST, THAT'S HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THE SALARIES FOR WHICH THEY LABORED HARD AND LONG. ANY WHERE ELSE IN THE UNITED STATES IT WOULD BE SIMPLE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED. BUT NEW ORLEANS HAS A SPECIAL PROBLEM, BECAUSE OF THE INTEGRATION CRISIS. AND THE TEACHERS HAD BEEN WARNED THEY MIGHT NOT BE PAID THIS MONTH.

SO, WHO'S THE GOOD SAMARITAN? ANSWER, 3 JUDGES OF THE FEDERAL COURT. THE JUDGES WHO ORDERED THE BANKS TO HONOR CHECKS WRITTEN BY THE SCHOOL BOARD. NOW, EVERYBODY WHO WORKS FOR INTEGRATED MCDONOUGH, AND WILLIAM FRANTZ SCHOOLS, IS GOING ON HOLIDAY, PAY CHECK IN HAND. AND, A LOT HAPPIER THAN THEY EXPECTED TO BE THIS CHRISTMAS.

WEATHER

Tonight the weather story is told in a dispatch, from Detroit. The Motor City set a record for frigidity, this morning. The real story is that it promptly proceeded to set four more records hour by hour.

The old one for December 23rd, was one above zero, way back in eighteen seventy-eight. The, at 3:00 A.M. this morning, the thermometer hit zero, the coldest ever in Detroit, on this day of the year. But that wasn't all. To the astonishment of the weatherman, the thermometer kept dropping. At 4:00 A.M. it was one below. At 4:00 A.M., two below. At 6:00 A.M., three below. And at 7:00 A.M., four below, where it finally leveled off - began to rise; after giving Detroit five new records in four hours.

FAIRBANKS

Fairbanks, Alaska says to the people of the United States - the lower forty nine, that is, "you are hereby invited to come to Alaska to enjoy a pleasant warm, white christmas."

In view of the extreme sub-zero temperatures stretching from the northern plains to northern Florida, and because of the balmy weather enjoyed throughout Alaska, the central Alaskan metropolis city in the Yukon valley, says this invitation is offered in the true spirit of Christmas.

Why shiver in twenty five below weather in Joliet, Illinois, when you can quiver with delight at twenty five above in Fairbanks?

Why freeze at twenty below in Waterloos when you can be in Anchorage where I am at twenty three ~~xxxxx~~ above?

Why feel low in Chicago at thirteen below when

Point Barrow on the edge of the Polar Sea is only eight
below?

Ah yes, for a cozy warm white Christmas, Alaska
is the place to be this year.

My closing remark to all who are listening is,
if you can't come up to the warm friendly north for
Christmas, well come on up some other time. And now
from Alaska, merry Christmas to all of you down there
in the cold "South 48". Now - our announcer with the
X^mas name - Dick Noel! From the North Pole or
wherever you are.

CAKE

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NOW FOR THE NON UNIONIZED CAKE. A MASTERPIECE OF THE BAKER'S ART, 10 FEET TALL, AND 6 FEET ACROSS. ~~IT~~ BUT NO ONE WILL EVER HAVE A SLICE OF IT, AND ALL BECAUSE OF A LABOR DISPUTE.

THE CAKE, INTENDED FOR THE KENNEDY INAUGURAL DINNER. UNIONIZED COOKS AND BAKERS GOT MOST OF THE BUSINESS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE FUNCTION. BUT THE ORDER FOR THE CAKE WENT TO MONTILIO'S BAKERY SHOP IN QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS. THE CATCH BEING THAT ERNEST MONTILIO'S EMPLOYEES DON'T BELONG TO ANY UNION.

HENCE THE PROTEST FROM THE AMERICAN BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY INTERNATIONAL. SAID A SPOKESMAN, "WE WON'T WORK IF IT'S A NON UNION CAKE." RESULT. MONTILIO SURRENDERING.

CALLING HIS MEN OFF THE JOB. OFF THE SPECTACULAR CAKE THAT ~~W~~
to ~~WOULD~~ HAVE BEEN ~~THE STAR OF~~ *Featured at* THE WHITE HOUSE DINNER ON INAUGURATION DAY.

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Walter Cronkite substituted for Lowell Thomas during
the above week, arranging for his own broadcast material.