

L.T.-DELCO. TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 1957.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

X'mas Eve in the Holy Land with not much Xmas spirit. Just as it has been every christmas since World War Two. Some four thousand christian pilgrims journeyed today from Israel to Jordan - from Jerusalem to Bethlehen - through areas full of soldiers. They were not allowed to take pictures - and Jordanian border guards turned back about seventy pilgrims, fro various reasons - like passport irregularities.

Those allowed through walked on to the little town where Christ was born. There they attended a midnight service in the famous cave under the church of the nativity.

Back in Israel, members of the diplomatic corps went to church in Nazareth, Israels only Christian city. Today, the city where Christ worked as a carpenter was

gayly decorated - and church bells echoed in the hills
of Galilee. But not far away, soldiers were on guard -
symbolic of the tension that grips the Middle East.

CARDS....

FROM THE WHITE HOUSE WE HEAR THAT PRESIDENT AND MRS. EISENHOWER SENT OUT THOUSANDS OF CHRISTMAS CARDS THIS YEAR. THREE TYPES OF CARDS. THE FIRST - A COLOR PICTURE OF THE WHITE HOUSE GREEN ROOM. THIS, SENT TO MEMBERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF, THE CABINET, AND A FEW OTHERS. SECONDLY, A PERSONAL CARD FROM MR. & MRS. EISENHOWER TO THEIR ~~VERY~~ CLOSE FRIENDS. AND THIRD, A FORMAL GREETING TO DIPLOMATS ABROAD. INCIDENTALLY, THE PRESIDENT PAYS FOR ALL THIS MAIL - EXCEPT CHRISTMAS CARDS CARRIED IN DIPLOMATIC POUCHES TO EMBASSIES ABROAD.

DESPITE THE NUMBER OF HIS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS, ^{Pres.} ~~MR.~~ EISENHOWER IS NOT THE CHAMPION SENDER IN WASHINGTON. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THIS TITLE GOES TO - SENATOR KEFAUVER. ONE ESTIMATE PUTS THE NUMBER OF KEFAUVER CHRISTMAS GREETINGS - AT FOURTY THOUSAND. BUT HIS OFFICE DENIES HE SENT OUT THAT MANY CARDS. AT THE OTHER EXTREME - TWO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO SENT NO CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AT ALL - SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SAM RAYBURN AND DEMOCRATIC LEADER OF THE HOUSE, JOHN MCCORMACK. THEY BOTH SAY THEY'LL ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE CARDS THEY RECEIVE AFTER NEW YEARS DAY. BUT

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DISARMAMENT

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RICHARDS.....

PRESIDENT EISENHOWERS SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE MIDDLE EAST - HAS JUST RESIGNED. JAMES RICHARDS, WHO HAD THE JOB OF EXPLAINING THE EISENHOWER DOCTRINE. THE FORMER DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN FROM SOUTH CAROLINA ORIGINALLY WAS APPOINTED FOR SIX MONTHS. HIS TENURE - EXTENDED TO ONE YEAR.

IN RESIGNING TODAY, RICHARDS HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES. RICHARDS DECLARING, "IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE WITH JOHN FOSTER DULLES". ADDING, THIS PROVES HOW WELL BI-PARTISANSHIP CAN WORK IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

IN ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER THANKED RICHARDS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. THE PRESIDENT SAYING, HE HOPES TO HAVE MORE ASSIGNMENTS FOR RICHARDS IN THE FUTURE.

AMBASSADOR.....

THE NEXT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON - IS ONE OF THE RISING
MEN BEHIND KHRUSHCHEV. HE'S M. A. MENSNIKOV - *a so-called* "CANDIDATE
MEMBER" OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THAT
MAKES MENSNIKOV ONE OF THE HIGHEST FIGURES IN THE RUSSIAN
HIERARCHY - JUST BEHIND THE LEADERS. THE NOMINATION OF MENSNIKOV
HAS ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED BY SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES - WHO IS
EXPECTED TO GIVE IT HIS OKAY. MENSNIKOV, ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED
STATES - TO BECOME BOSS OF THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

Who - says a Washington dispatch -
REPLACES ZARUBIN ~~WHO~~ HAS NEVER BEEN IN MUCH FAVOR HERE.

ZARUBIN CAME TO WASHINGTON WITH A REPUTATION FOR UNDERCOVER
ESPIONAGE - IN LONDON AND OTTAWA.

SCIENCE....

THE LATEST ON SOVIET SCIENCE IS ^{that} THE RUSSIANS ARE SENDING DOGS INTO OUTER SPACE - ON ROUND-TRIP VOYAGES. THE DOGS, CARRIED BY ROCKETS MORE THAN A HUNDRED MILES UP - THEN PARACHUTING BACK TO EARTH SAFELY. THE SOVIETS DECLARE, THE DOGS RETURN COMPLETELY UNHARMED - PROVING THAT SPACE TRAVEL FOR HUMAN BEINGS IS POSSIBLE. NO DANGER THAT THE HUMAN BODY COULD NOT STAND THE BLAST OF THE ROCKET.

THOSE RUSSIAN EXPERIMENTS ARE PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL YEAR. MOSCOW CLAIMS THAT BEFORE THE I.G.Y. ENDS A HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE ROCKETS WILL BE FIRED - WITH CANINE PASSENGERS.

INDONESIA.....

IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA, THERE WERE SOME TRAGIC SCENES TODAY. DUTCH FAMILIES BROKEN UP, TEMPORARILY - AS THE EVACUATION OF INDONESIA CONTINUED. TODAY NEARLY A THOUSAND DUTCH WOMEN AND CHILDREN ^{left} FOR SINGAPORE. HUSBANDS AND FATHERS, STAYING BEHIND UNTIL THE TROUBLE BETWEEN INDONISIA AND HOLLAND IS ^{finally} DECIDED. SO FAR, SEVEN THOUSAND OF THE DUTCH HAVE GONE - NEARLY ALL OF THEM WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

MEANWHILE, THE NATIONALISTS ARE DEMANDING A SIMILAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALL FOREIGN BUSINESS MEN. THEY SAY EVERY FIRM CONTROLLED FROM OUTSIDE INDONESIA - SHOULD BE SEIZED AT ONCE.

BUT THE INDONESIANS ARE STILL FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES. ~~THE~~ MOSLEMS AGAINST THE NON-MOSLEMS. ~~THESE~~ A MOHAMMEDAN TERRORIST ARMY - FIGHTING TO SET UP A MOHAMMEDAN STATE ON THE ISLAND OF CELEBES.

ISRAEL.....

ISRAEL, TRYING TO GET SUBMARINES FROM WEST GERMANY. SO INDICATED BY PRIME MINISTER BEN-GURION - DURING A DEBATE OVER THE ISRAELI MISSION TO BONN. HIS COMMUNIST OPPONENTS ACCUSED HIM OF WANTING SUBMARINES MORE THAN PEACE. IN REPLY, BEN-GURION DECLARED THAT FORMERLY ISRAEL WAS UNDER PRESSURE BY LAND AND IN THE AIR. THEN HE WENT ON, "NOW THERE IS A THIRD FRONT - THE SEA." HE WANTS WEST GERMAN SUBMARINES - TO KEEP OPEN THE SEA LANES TO COMMERCE AND IMMIGRATION.

RESCUE....

AROUND HAWAII - A BIG AIR AND SEA SEARCH. THIS, FOLLOWING THE
RESCUE OF FOUR MEN BY A MARINE CORPS RESCUE BOAT. THE FOUR,
MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF ^a ~~THE~~ SUPERCONSTELLATION - ~~that~~
DISAPPEARED ^{on} ~~during~~ A ROUTINE PRACTICE FLIGHT. THE PLANE,
DITCHED IN THE OCEAN - WITH TWENTY-THREE MEN ABOARD.

RESCUE OPERATIONS ARE HAMPERED BY POOR VISIBILITY AND HIGH SEAS.
BUT THE SEARCH IS BEING PUSHED, NOW THAT THE FIRST FOUR
SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP.

LONG ISLAND....

AN ALLEGED SICK CALL WORK STOPPAGE ON NEW YORK'S LONG ISLAND RAILROAD DEVELOPED INTO A FULL SCALE STRIKE TONIGHT, THREATENING A COMPLETE SHUTDOWN OF THE LINE. THROGS OF COMMUTERS LEFT STRANDED IN NEW YORK CITY ON CHRISTMAS EVE. THE LONG ISLAND IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST COMMUTER LINE.

HAROLD PRYOR, OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN, SAID THE UNION HAD CALLED ITS ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OFF THEIR JOBS ON THE RAILROAD.

NORMA TALMADGE.....

A DISPATCH FROM LAS VEGAS IS REVIVING A LOT OF MEMORIES - FOR OLD TIME MOVIE FANS. ^{Lovely} NORMA, ONCE THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN HOLLYWOOD.

~~SHE WAS THE~~ QUEEN OF THE SILENT SCREEN. ONE OF THE FIRST ^{movie stars} TO MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS, - ~~AND BECOME A HOUSEHOLD WORD, THAT WAS WHEN SHE~~ PLAYED IN "A TALE OF TWO CITIES", WITH MAURICE COSTELLO. THEN ~~CAME PERHAPS~~ HER BIGGEST HIT ~~OF ALL~~ - "CAMILLE", ^{with} GILBERT ROLAND, ~~WAS HER LEADING MAN.~~

HER CAREER ENDED WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE TALKIES. SHE MADE ONLY ONE FILM - IN WHICH HER SPEAKING VOICE WAS HEARD. THEN SHE WENT INTO RETIREMENT - AND REFUSED MANY ^{Offers.} ~~OFFERS TO HAVE HER MAKE A~~

~~COME BACK.~~ SHE USED TO SAY SHE SPENT A GENERATION - WORKING BEFORE THE CAMERAS. AND THAT ENTITLED HER TO STAY IN RETIREMENT - AND ENJOY LIFE. ^{During the winter she skied - with her second husband Marty Aruzgi.}

TONIGHT THE WORLD OF MOTION PICTURES IS PAYING TRIBUTE TO ONE OF ITS FIRST, ^{scintillating} ~~AND~~ ONE OF ITS ~~GREATEST~~ STARS - THE ONE AND ONLY NORMA TALMADGE.

LASSITER'S REEF

Last night I started to tell you whether we had found Lassiter's gold reef ^{on our expedition into} the great Australian desert. Everybody has been asking me, did you find it?

One of the aborigines lead us ^{far} across the ^{uncharted} desert to where he said Lassiter the American-Australian explorer, was buried by their fathers twenty-seven years ago.

Where he pointed looked just like any other empty spot in the desert. But - we found Lassiter!

They also took us to the ^cave in one of the red sandstone mountains, that he had made his base during a considerable part of the six months ~~that~~ he was the only white man in that vast and still comparatively unknown wilderness.

Then, some miles from the cave, they took us to a reef of red sandstone, that ran like a dinosaur's backbone across the desert.

In this reef we found outcroppings of quartz and other minerals, some exceedingly heavy. These specimens have been turned over to geologists in Sydney, for analysis; and, I brought a few back to America. We'll have to wait until we get ~~reports~~ reports to know whether we found the reef which Lassiter claimed was the richest gold ~~reef~~^{area} in Australia, a continent which has had some of the ~~largest~~ richest gold strikes in the world.

The aborigines told us ~~that~~ they had taken Lassiter's ~~stakes~~^{stake}, datum pegs, the Australians call them, ~~out~~^{out} of the reef, because it was sacred tribal ground. They said that was done in the days when Lassiter was still alive and when he was firing the ~~last~~ last bullets in his revolver at the aborigines.

They showed us a water ~~hole~~ hole near the base of this reef where Lassiter brought his camels to water. Australia as you may or may not recall was ~~never~~ not originally a land of camels; but approximately one hundred years

ago when they ^{decided} ~~wanted~~ to build a ^{2000 mile} telegraph line from ^{Adelaide} ~~Darwin~~ on ^{the South} ~~the North~~ coast to ^{Darwin} ~~Adelaide~~ on the ^{North} ~~South~~, the only means of transportation they figured would be ~~the~~ successful, would be the camel. So, they imported camels from Asia together with Afghan camel drivers. For many ~~many~~ decades camel caravans and camel ~~teams~~ teams were a familiar sight on the fringes of the great Australian desert and ~~right~~ across some sections of it. Eventually, with the coming of the train and the automobile the need for camels decreased, ~~Some~~ Some escaped. Others were turned loose and today there are more wild camels in Australia than anywhere in the world. ~~All~~ All the original Afghan camel drivers have died ~~except~~ ^{but} one, a lone Afghan in his turban who mopes about the streets of the little town called Alice, deep in Central Australia.

At any rate, the aborigines showed us not only the water hole that Lassiter and his camels used, but they ~~show~~ showed us the ^{27 year old} path they had beaten down, which is still

visible in the sand and clay, ~~deep in the Petermann Ranges,~~
~~of an ~~un~~ unmapped region.~~

The aborigines also told us that Lassiter ~~has~~
pegged ~~some~~ other reefs. So, our expedition, after Christmas,
expects to return ^{there} ~~to that region~~, hoping to also solve that
part of the mystery.

Whether we find the gold reef or not, doesn't
matter too much. What is important is that Lee Robinson and
his Australian companions who were with me on this expedition,
will call further attention to the fact that the ~~first~~ vast
interior of that island continent is not pure desert. It
seems waterless. But water is not far below the surface.

American oil geophysicists and geologists were
working in another section of the Australian interior at the
same time ~~when~~ we were exploring ~~into~~ to the South West of
Alice Springs. They returned ~~in~~ home on the same plane with
me, and they believe that a ~~massive~~ sea of oil may be found

LASSITER'S REEF - 45 -

in the heart of that continent. If it is, well, I'll leave
it to you to guess what will happen. The day will come when
millions of people will live in the empty spaces where we
found only the emu and the kangaroo.

- JOE -
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VAGRANT...

TONIGHT EVERYTHING SEEMS NORMAL AT ~~THE~~ ^{the} JAIL IN PITTSBURGH. WILLIE
JERICKO IS BACK IN HIS CELL. WILLIE ~~JERICKO~~, WHO HAS BEEN THERE
TWENTY-TWO OF THE PAST TWENTY-THREE CHRISTMASSES. WHEN HE WAS
RELEASED LAST THURSDAY - THE GUARDS SAID THEY ~~WOULD~~ ^d BET A HUNDRED
TO ONE - ON WILLIE BEING BACK FOR CHRISTMAS. ^{altho'} HE TOLD THEM - " THIS ^{is}
~~WAS~~ ONE CHRISTMAS ^{see} ~~HE WOULD~~ SPEND AT HOME. "

BUT THIS MORNING, WILLIE ~~JERICKO~~ WAS PICKED UP ON A CHARGE OF
VAGRANCY. THE JUDGE SENTENCED ^{ing} HIM TO NINETY DAYS.

SO, AS USUAL, WILLIE JERICKO OF PITTSBURGH, WILL SING HIS
CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND HAVE HIS CHRISTMAS DINNER - IN JAIL. ~~AND~~
^{also} ~~will~~ BE THERE FOR NEW YEAR'S, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, WASHINGTON'S
BIRTHDAY, AND, ST. PATRICKS DAY.