

EISENHOWER

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(Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in Zanzibar)

President Eisenhower's Christmas message - is typical

of this era of history. The President sent his usual seasonal greetings - to the American people. Then he turned to - the international situation. Adding a pledge to the world - that this country will continue its search for peace. But intends to stay strong - because of the cold war.

The key sentence of Mr. Eisenhower's message, is this -

"The United States will never use its strength - to break the peace."

KHRUSHCHEV

Khrushchev is ready to discuss European ~~and~~ security - with the West. But the boss of the Kremlin rules out - German reunification. Tass News Agency repeated in Moscow - the Russians still regard East Germany - as a permanent political entity. But apart from Germany, <sup>TASS 5251</sup> Khrushchev is prepared to talk about any other aspect - of an international settlement.

Which declaration - leaves the situation just as it was. The West has always held that the number one international problem - is the continuing partition of Germany.

BERLIN

West Berlin is facing - a new kind of harrassment.

Today <sup>its kids</sup> ~~they~~ were deluged by thousands of Christmas cards and letters - coming in the mail from East Germany. All of them - addressed to individual West Berliners. The contents - not at all like Christmas greetings. These Christmas cards and letters are threatening. Warning the West Berliners, to change sides - before it's too late. Telling them - anyone who doesn't change sides, will suffer the consequences - when the Reds take over West Berlin.

A poison pen campaign - conducted by <sup>the</sup> secret police of East Germany.

## CHINA

Communist China is - "a huge zoo". So says India's Doctor S. Chandrasekar - is has just returned from a trip through Mao Tse-tung's domain. He's now in Hong Kong.

This Indian scientist visited - a number of the new peasant communes. He found the Communists - busy destroying every trace of traditional Chinese culture. Each group - like a hive of bees. With every person accounting to Red officials - for every minute of the day. The Chinese people - treated like animals. Communist China resembling - "a huge zoo."



ROUNTREE

The Assistant Secretary of State, reported to the White House today. William Rountree, presenting President Eisenhower with a summary - of his trip through the Middle East. Concentrating on - Iraq.

Baghdad crowds, as we know, gave Rountree - an unfriendly reception. But his opinion is said to be - that Iraq's Premier Kassem wants to be a neutralist. Meaning, he's neither a Communist - nor a Nasserite. The danger being, that Kassem might be overthrown - if he persists in playing off against one another - the Iraqi Reds, and the followers of the strong man of Egypt.

NASSER

In port Said today - Nasser delivered a blistering attack, on the Communists of Syria. He blamed the Syrian Reds - **■** for trying to break up the United Arab Republic. And promised to fight them - to the end.

## DISASTER

Tonight, Belgium is in mourning for eighteen persons - trapped underground, when a grotto collapsed. They were hunting for mushrooms. A crowd of a hundred and fifty, in the grotto. Most of them near enough to the entrance, to get out. The unlucky eighteen were too far inside. Hundreds of tons of debris - ~~was~~ <sup>- blocked the exits -</sup> collapsed on top of them.

One survivor described what happened, like this -

"As we ran, I looked around - and saw the floor cave in. A moment later - the walls came crashing down."

Tonight, King Baudouin is at the scene of the disaster as rescue teams work frantically to save any of the unfortunate eighteen - who may still be alive.

## FIRE

That fire on the Cumberland River started - when a fuel barge was unloading oil - at Nashville, Tennessee. The barge - caught fire. Its cargo - spilling into the river. The oil floated downstream - in a mass of flames. With firemen, racing along the banks - to prevent the blazing oil from reaching shore. The battle ending - after four miles. The cost, three hundred thousand dollars.



STRIKE

American Airlines may be back in operation - in time for the Christmas rush. The Company has accepted a compromise proposal - by the Federal Mediation Board. If the Union goes along with the proposal - the strike will be over. And the pilots of American Airlines, will be back on the job - in the middle of the holiday <sup>traffic.</sup> ~~rush.~~  
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## ECONOMY

The Commerce Department in Washington reveals - a resurgence of our national economy. Income and sales, bouncing back - to pre-recession levels. Wages hit a record annual rate of - three hundred and sixty billion dollars. Which is the main reason why - commodities have been moving so well in the stores.

Off-setting these gains - an increase in the cost of living. It was up one-fifth of one per cent in November -- according to the Labor Department.

## TRUMAN

The Truman family will not comment on - Soprano Helen Traubel's new autobiography. Helen Traubel once coached Margaret Truman in singing. The Traubel book claims that the former President's daughter ruined her career - by going on a concert tour, before she was ready. In the words of the book - "Margaret had no gift for self criticism."

How do the Trumans feel - about this remark? Well, H.S.T. says simply - ~~"Prima Donnas"~~ "Prima Donnas must have their fun." Margaret Truman Daniel says she hasn't read the book - and doesn't intend to. Her husband, Clifton Daniel of the New York Times, says the same thing. From all the Trumans - no comment on Helen Traubel.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

50:10 Tonight's report finds Lowell Thomas still on the romantic island - of Zanzibar. He tells us something about sport on the island. This particular sport being - one that we usually associate with Spain.

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## L.T.-ZANZIBAR BULL FIGHT

(Song)

Hello Everybody: - That's the song of the Zanzibar

bullfighter. I wish you could have been with us today at  
out Zanzibar bull fight. It was a riot. The bullfight  
season follows the clove harvest, and just before the  
December short rains. We were told it would be a gamble  
to set one up. But, we wanted to film this unusual event  
for our Persian Gulf to Zanzibar High Adventure series.  
So we took a chance. A special one, for us. And it took  
some doing.

Several hundred men set to work putting up a  
grandstand, and a stockade. Every time they have a  
bullfight they do this. The grandstand consists of ten  
foot posts, jungle trees about 8 inches in diameter. On  
top of these a platform of poles, two to three inches in  
diameter. Men run around with portable ladders, one  
ladder to every 100 feet or so of spectator platform.

The bullring, about the size of a football field.

You sit up just high enough so the bull won't crash into your dangling legs as he plunges head-on into the area under the grandstand. That often happens.

Thousands of Zanzibaris were on hand by 2 o'clock. There was singing and dancing in the bullring. Groups trying to step up the tempo. Beating on drums, playing on reed flutes. Two teams were wandering around the ring - the yellow shirts from the town of Ole and the red shirts from Wau; we were rooting for Wau because the Sultan had put us up for two days in a rather luxurious rest house at Wau, where the young Aga Khan and his father Ali Khan had stayed a few months ago. Pictures of them hung on all the walls.

The members of the two teams of bullfighters wore false whiskers and were made up to terrify the bull - or the spectators!

## GEORGE

Now, here's the story of - "Lonesome George". No, it has nothing to do with the fellow named George - army football. This story comes from - Hamlin, West Virginia. And it concerns George Lacy - who was buried today.

George Lacy went to bed forty-two years ago - and never got up. Around Hamlin, they say he became angry when his father sold his pet calf. That was back in Nineteen Sixteen. He stayed there as the years passed. Two World Wars went by - also, a depression, and part of a cold war.

In his neighborhood, he became known as - "Lonesome George." The neighbors called it - the longest case of the sulks on record, set by George Lacy - who stayed in bed for forty-two years - in Hamlin, West Virginia.