EISENHOWER IT-Deler Thurs. Dec. 22-55 President Eisenhower today attended the first large

- of any size social function, since his illness. The annual Christmas Party for members of his staff at the White House. About seven hundred guests were there - from Secret Service men to forwante

The President and the First Lady served coffee, cake and doughnuts. They mingled with their guests for about forty minutes - chatting and accepting congratulations on the birth of their fourth grandchild. Mrs. Eisenhower, wearing a red dress with a corsage - the President, in **Mass** gray business suit.

To each guest men Eisenhemen presented a copy of a had made - this one painted painting he completed while he was recuperating at the

Fitzsimmons Hospital, The Denver. The painting shows a One of his favorite spots on Colorado winter scene, - the St. Louis Creek; with the Rockies

in the background.

But today was also a working day for ME.Eisenhower. He presided over the weekly meeting of the National

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Security Council - where he got the latest information about matters such the necest such things as the Nato meeting in Paris, the Middle East

crisis, and other world problems.

ALGERIA

In Algeria tonight - the French are alert for a possible uprising of the nationalists. They base their alarm on information that came from a terrorist fanatic who says an uprising - a full scale revolt - is planned for Christmas Eve. The French dont know whether to believe this but they're taking no chances. Two hundred thousand troops are ready. None of them to get the usual Christmas leave. And the Governor General has asked Paris to send him another sixty thousand armed men.

In Algeria violence has been on the increase. Frenchmen, and Moslems, killed everyday. A reign of terror out-doing last August, when more than a thousand persons were killed in one day.

Ninety-four killed in the past two days - in an area where there are millionx of French colonists and some eight million Algerians.

Churches are on the alert for bombs. And the Notican has authorized those areas to hand Christmas Eve Mass as early as five p.m.. Thats the dituation in North Africa - where there is neither Peace nor Good Will. Christmas Eve draws near in tense Algeria.

EAST GERMANY

The East German Reds are acting up again.continuing their policy of pin prices. This time, they are blocking small town near the they are blocking travel to a state town near the American sector. A burg The town is called Steinstuccken. These population of only one hundred and simty. The importtathat ant point & Steinstuccken is under the administration of a borough in the American sector, The agreement was that there would be free travel in and out of these withere. Steinstuccken.

But today Communist border guards began demanding a special pass - obtainable only in East Berlin. In other words, any one who wants to cover just that one mile - has to get permission from the Fude-in CommunPetrapiton Berlin,

all he got was a shrung.

JORDAN

The government of Jordan gavezous a list of casualties in the riots against the proposal to join the Bagdad pact. And the list only included their capital city Aman. There along forty-one killed and one-hundredand-fifty injured. Whether there were namy casualties in Jerusalem, Es Salt, Jericho and elsewhere we are not told.

Meanwhile the Soviets have come forth with their version of the rioting. Radio Moscow calls the leaders "courageou partisans". The Kremlin says Jordanian patriots are struggling against Imperialism in the form of the Bagdad pact.

The Soviets may not be so pleased with the latest news. All quiet in Jordan today. The curfew is lifted, and units of the Arab Legion have been withdrawn from Aman. Christmas pilgrims again on their way to Jerus; aem and Bethlehem.

CHILE The trouble In the Chilean copper mines Fourteen thousand miners are still out on strike - and the other unions are threatening a general strike. Thirty-three labor leaders are still being hold in The general strike would be eather to get them out. The told that they are stiff the But theying held under a Chilean law that makes it almost impossible to release them without violence. The point - Chile depends on copper to keep her economy going; - and so anyone who threatens the mining of copper_ is subject to one of the severest laws on the books. The despatch says In other words, it might be illegal to release the thirty-three labor leaders - even if the government wants to prevent a

general strike.

NEHRU

Wonder of wonders the Prime Minister of India today said some harsh things about those two recent guests Nehru, refering to Bulganin and Kruschchev - and their inglamitory pronouncements about the West during their tour.

At a meeting of the Congress Party, Nehru said he clasified into three categories the speeches made by the traveling salesman of Bolshevism. The three being:things Nehru liked, those he did not object to, and those that embarrassed him.

Among the remarks Nehru did not object to? You i could guess that Krushchev's statement that Goe and Kashmir belong to India. Nothing along that line would be likely to irritate the Indian Prime Minister. Also Wehru was not all displeased with criticism of the West along general lines. Then he told his g fellow party members that what embarrassed him was the soviets claim that the West instigated the Hitler attack on Russia. Nehru described that as "twisting history." He also went on to say that he didn't like it at all when Bulganin and Krushchev singled out Britein for critixism for Colonialism.

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So todays New Delhi dispatch throws some light on a matter we have wondered about - what Nehru mm really thought of the behaviour of the mischief makers thought of the behaviour of the Rover boys from the Kremlin. He says he was thoroughly embarrassed by some of the things they said. Please drop the story slugged <u>CHILE</u> and use the following in its place. <u>JOHN</u>. The former head of the West German F.B.I. - 45 to be arrested for treason. So announced in Boan in the case of Otto John, who spent seventeen months behind the Iron Curtain, and then escaped to the West last

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Ever since his return, there been a systery about Otto John. The second sure whether have went to East Germany of his own free will, or net. or whether ease he was kidnapped? Apparently, the West German government does not believe his story. Me So hell be charged with high treason.

FORD

This was a hectic day on Wall Street. A rush of investors scrambling to buy shares. Yes, those Ford shares - announced the other day.

Brokers say they are swamped with calls from all over the nation. Professionals are trying to get and placked in - one customer walked into a Pittsburg office, put down three hundred thousand dollars, and this

broker "Pot to in Pords.

But lots of anatours are trying to get Ford shares. According to the experts, people who never owned stock before, want some this time. And it is all happening a good three weks

before the Berd shares even go on sale.

DOCTOR

The American doctor just released by the Chinese Reds, charges that he and his eife were kidnapped by them. Dr. Homer Bradshaw and the pitiful and almost helpless Mrs. Bradshaw were with the Presbyterian Hospital in Kwantung Province when Mao Tse-tung oused Chang Kai-shek. On March 2, 1951, twelve ment with pistols, pushed their way into the hospital, and arrested the Bradshaws. After which there was a typical Communist trial.

Today at Clark Air Force Base, in the Philippines Dr. Bradshaw described the testimony at the trial as "the greatest lies I have ever head". He says the Reds accused him of operating a radio station in the hospital, by means of medical equipment. He told them "I am a doctor not an electronics expert". But they refused to believe him and both he and his wife were found guilty.

After that they were shunted from one prison to another. He says although never tortured - they were treated roughly. For example, during one three day stretch he was kept in manacles. Their diet of rice and vegetables so sketchy that noth of them had a physical break-down. In fact Mrs. Bradshaw still does not realize that whe is free. It will be weeks before they can continue their trip home.

HAGARTY

A member of the Eisenhower team received high praise in Britain today. The Secretary of State? Or the Secretary of the Treasury? Or the Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams?

The London "Ecomomist" today said that Press Secretary Jim Hagarty is doing a fine job! It called him clever and highly respected - and said that the way he handles newsmen and press congerences is facinating. "The Economist" points out that Hagarty makes news sessions fit the behaviour of the President - when Mr. Eisenhower is working a full schedule, the Press Secretary gives everyom the impressmin of bustling activity, either at Gettysburg or in the White House. When the President is taking it m easy the Press Secretary gives the impression of easy, methodical work.

The British magazine summed up its account by saying, "On those days when absolutely nothing happenes at Gettysburg Mr. Hagerty has shown a genius for filling in the gaps". In other words, Britush newsmen following the President, think Jim Hagarty is doing an A-one job. which is pretty much what their American colleagues could have told them at the start. Hagarty you may recall is a Dewey man. He got his first experience in the years and years that he was with Governor Dewey.

WAYSIDE INN

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Here's a sad story. for anyone who loves the, monuments of America's past. Longfellow's "Wayside Inn", at Sudbury, Massachusetts, destroyed by fire.

The building dates back to the Seventeenth Century it was a famous place during the Revolution - had Washington and Lafayette as guests. Later, Longfellow immortalized the old building in his "Tales Of A Wayside Inn" - and thousands of visitors have come to look at the celebrated Grandfather's Clock that the poet wrote about.

In Eighteen Ninety-Seven, the property was thrown open to the public under the title of "The Wayside Inn", Longfellow's title. In Nineteen Twenty-Three, Henry Ford bought the property for preservation. The genius of the motor industry even built a new road to keep heavy highway traffic away from the Inn. And then sold the new road to the state of Massachusetts for one dollar.

The "Weyside Inn" was one of the great relics of Americanhistory - until today. The caretaker was cleaning the

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building, when suddenly he smelled smoke. # Opened the door to a boiler room Lend saw a burst of flame. He called the <u>stre pepartment</u> and Firemen fought the blaze in weather ten below zero.

But there was no way of saving the building - the wood, dry as tinder after more than two hundred years. Almost everything was lost - including Longfellow's Grandfather's Clock, and Paul Revere's engraving of the Boston Massacre. All the building was insured for two hundred thousand dollars - but that means little.to the people who supported

two hundred thousand the project. They'd give a lot more Congfellow's was priceless! the "Wayside Inn" of Longfellow back again.

Substitute WEATHER.

Tonight the Governor of California declared a state of emergency - and called out the National Guard. Governor Knight acting quickly, following the terrific sterms that lashed the West Coast and flooded more than rivers on a rampage. Indexes mejor rivers of Floods were reported in theory all the word all the word to the Oregon border. At least five persons are reported dead - with others missing.

Knight says that the danger to life and health is very grave in the disaster area And the situation there threatens to get worse aif the rains

keep on, such langes.

WIND

Also freak winds over the Pacific - gales up to a hundred miles an hour, at an altitude of six thousand g feet. Usually such jet stream winds stay up around twenty thousand feet. Just about a year ago I rode the jet stream part way across the Pacific. Our plane doing around four-hundred miles an hour.

This storm is so rough that planes en route to Honolulu turned bach today. One pilot said he ran into head winds that slowed him down to one-hundred-and-thirtythree miles an hour. And the weather bureau calls it the worst wind condition on record. And a spokesman for Pan American said "We can't get under it or over it - and we can't get around it either". Freak winds over the Pacific

ANTARCTIC

Tonight American ships are assembling at one of the most desolate places on earth - Scott Island, in **in** the Antarctic. All of them are expected to be there by tomorrow - and then they tackle the vast ice pack around the South Polar continent.

Two ice breakers to blast the way. Une of them the "Glacier" with Admiral Byrd aboard.

The flotilla later will divide, some of the vessels going with Byrd to Little America; the rest to McMurdo Sound.. So far the expedition is on time - and both groups will reach their destination by Christmas. Henry, how would you like to spend Christmas

at the South Pole.