

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In a schoolhouse on the border of Malaya and Siam - a region of deep jungle - a peace conference is being held between the Malayan government and the Red Guerillas - who for years now have ravaged far and wide through the great Malay forest. This is an attempt to end the Communist insurrection, which has taken hundreds of lives, largely in massacre by the Reds.

The Government is represented by David Marshak, Chief Minister of Singapore, and Engku Abdel Rahman, Chief Minister of the Federation of Malaya, The Reds, by Chin Peng, Chief of the Malayan Underground.

The session today ended in a deadlock. Chin Peng demanded the Communist Party to be given legal recognition in Malaya. That was immediately rejected.

The Reds also want conditions that would prevent the punishment of Communist criminals - guilty of atrocities. This also was rejected.

The peace conference will hold another session tomorrow.

HONG KONG

Another American has been given permission to leave Red China. But says -  
he won't leave, unless he gets orders to.

He's the Roman Catholic Bishop of Shanghai, the Reverend James Edward Walsh -  
a brother of Judge William Walsh, former Attorney General of Maryland. The  
Bishop says he wants to stay in Shanghai, to continue his duties. So he won't  
leave unless ordered by his Ecclesiastical Superiors.

He celebrated Christmas in the company of Charles Sidney Miner, American  
businessman, for years in Shanghai. Miner, too, has been given permission to leave -  
and, he's leaving.

CAIRO

Another big ballyhoo - in a visit of State. Tito - in Egypt. Received - with a spectacular hurrah.

The Dictator of Yugoslavia has been in Ethiopia - now visiting Premier Nasser<sup>er</sup> at Cairo. Received - with a twenty-one gun salute. <sup>also</sup> Blaring bands, Guards of Honor, <sup>and</sup> cheering crowds. Nasser presenting Tito - with the "collar of the Nile" - Egypt's highest decoration.

The Yugoslav Marshall is a Communist. But he's a neutralist in the quarrel between East and West. Egypt also professes a neutral position. So Nasser<sup>er</sup> and Tito have similar political ideas.

## VATICAN

At the Vatican, today, there was a statement concerning the Christmas message issued by Pope Pius the Twelfth calling for a ban on further atomic tests; And urging international dis-armament. Proposals that have drawn expressions of approval from all sides. From anti-Communists and from Communists.

There's a suggestion that the Pontiff might act as a "Moral Mediator". Vatican officials declare that Pope Pius would be willing to assume such a role. Not in any kind of negotiation - but merely as a moral advocate. But he would do so - only if invited.



MOSCOW

In Moscow, today, at a session of the Supreme Soviet, attention was given - to visitors from the Free World, ~~who~~ criticized conditions in Russia. Are these criticisms resented. No, not at all - according to an orator addressing the Supreme Soviet.

He said that, last summer, visiting foreign delegations had made unfavorable remarks about Soviet housing, the miserable dwelling places. Also - the poor planning of towns. And poor planning of industry - with wasted manpower.

The speaker said - the criticisms were justified. "We consider some of these remarks correct," he declared, <sup>then he</sup> and added that they will be taken into consideration.

## PLANE

Across the Atlantic from London to Montreal - in six hours and eighteen minutes. That's the new speed record - set in the first non-stop transatlantic flight, made by a jet airliner.

Chief test pilot John Cunningham, could have stopped at Shannon, Ireland, and again at Newfoundland - and refueled. (

But he didn't need refueling - and kept right on.

This British flight was made by the comet-the-third, successor to those ill-fated comet jets, which were grounded some while ago after a series of crashes.

## QUINTS

The four remaining Dionne quintuplets - will not go home for the New Year either, although their absence from the family household on Christmas aroused the indignation of Papa Dionne. He said the girls are being persuaded by some outside influence.

In Montreal, a businessman who is advisor to the four, gave an explanation. He said they want to go home all together, but, on Christmas, Yvonne and Cecile had to work. They <sup>are</sup> student nurses. So that's why they remained in Montreal, for Christmas. This coming weekend, New Year, Yvonne will be working again - so the four will again remain in Montreal.

As an added explanation, the Montreal Businessman said "Many sons and daughters move away from home and relish their independence."

Well, the four remaining quints have the means of independence. Last May each came into more than two hundred thousand dollars, on their twenty-first birthday.

## BUDGET

The Word about President Eisenhower's new budget is - that it will call for a two-billion dollar increase in government spending. A one-billion hike - in money for national defense.

The air force - to get most of the increase - seven hundred thousand dollars of it.

All of which makes the prospect of tax-reduction - more and more dubious.

The question of a cut will, probably, not be considered until spring.

The idea being - to wait and see how the Federal Financial situation looks then.

## EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower today flew from eighteen degrees cold in Washington to seventy-three degrees warm at Key West.

Obeying doctors orders, the President will remain on the balmy island off Florida for twelve days of rest and sunshine. Today the entire population of Key West, thirty-thousand was at the dock to greet the illustrious patient.

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They say traffic is at an all-time high on the roads of Southern Florida. People pouring into Miami for the Orange Bowl game, next Monday - between Oklahoma and Maryland - for the mythical championship of the United States. Football fans coming way ahead of time - so they can enjoy the excitement of life in Miami - where I am tonight. Here at the WGBS I hear that even the hotels over in Nassau are all full up - just because of this game. A big New Year Party - then the football. So the Orange Bowl brings lots of business to Florida.



## DIMES

Six-year old Marie Pamela Hunt blew up a balloon today. Which was not surprising. But to see a toy balloon inflated with plenty of puffing, by Secretary of State Hon. Foster Dulles - that was unusual.

All - a part of the nineteen fifty-six March of Dimes, featured by a sale of "Polio Fighter" balloons. Marie Pamela, a Polio patient, presides over the drive for funds.



## HIMALAYAS

An ambitious Himalayan expedition is in a calamitous predicament. Marooned on the ice and snow of a lofty peak? . worse than that, marooned without money, without any cash. Which is a tragedy for any expedition to the Himalayas, or to Hoboken.

Its an Argentine Party, and the plan was to conquer Dhaulagiri, ~~A~~ twenty-seven thousand foot peak near Mount Everest. Some months ago, an advance team left Buenos Aires - four climbers going to Nepal to make arrangements, hire Sherpa porters, and to accumulate supplies.

Extensive preparations, <sup>and</sup> they were nearly out of cash - when Peron fell.   
 — <sup>suddenly</sup>   
 The expedition had been sponsored by the Dictator, but now <sup>—</sup> there was no Peron to continue the financing.

So thats the plight of those Argentine Mountaineers marooned in Nepal.   
 In Buenos Aires - a committee <sup>just is</sup> formed making an appeal to the public - for funds.   
 Actually, an effort is being made to continue the expedition. ~~But~~, at any rate,   
 do something about the marooned mountaineers.

## PANAMA

There's excitement in Panama - because of the discovery of a tunnel.

Amid old ruins of Spanish days, <sup>in</sup> Panama City - the entrance of an underground passageway. Today, workmen were digging, exploring the tunnel - and huge crowds gathered 'round.

Why the excitement. Well, the word circulated - Spanish treasure.

The supposition being - that the passageway may lead on to buried gold and silver.

Hidden away - in the days of Henry Morgan, the pirate.

History tells how Henry Morgan was one of the boldest of the Buccaneers - until the British government began to suppress piracy. Figuring - it takes a pirate to catch a pirate, ~~so~~ they made Henry Morgan Governor of Jamaica, and gave him a Knighthood - Sir Henry Morgan.

Back in his days as a pirate, Henry Morgan and his crew raided the Spaniards at Panama.

Local authorities - burying treasure, when they heard he was coming.

All of which was recalled in Panama City today, with the discovery of an ancient tunnel.

## MEXICO

Pirates Ahoy. Off the West Coast of Mexico, Buccaneers - attacking ships in those waters. However, they seem to be a rather primitive version of Captain Kidd, Black Beard, and Henry Morgan. Their pirate craft - not so formidable as a square rigged ship, or gallant ~~Barkentine~~.

The Mexican Navy is out pirate-hunting, after a report made at Acapulco, the swanky seaside resort in the Pacific. Wolf Schoenborn, wealthy local hotel man, tells how he was navigating along the coast in his yacht, when, suddenly, they were under gun fire. Attacked by pirates - in a dug out canoe. The dugout - a familiar craft among indians of those parts.

So did the yacht surrender? Not a bit. They fired back at the pirates.

With bullets coming their way, the Buccaneers ducked, by diving overboard. Later, they were seen climbing back aboard the dugout - and paddling <sup>toward</sup> shore.

The coast, in those parts, is a maze of inlets - lined with cocoanut palms. Perfect lurking places - for pirates. But whoever heard of the Jolly Roger, the Black Flag with skull and crossbones, hoisted above a dugout canoe.

## GIRL

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Davenport, Iowa, reports the case of a sixteen-year old girl, who had a Merry Christmas, - locked in a building over the holiday for three nights and two days. She could not get out - a prisoner. Yes, but what a prison. A big department store - stocked with womens clothes, hats of the latest fashion, cosmetic, lingerie, jewelry. Everything a girl could dream of wearing. .

Saturday afternoon she went to the store, to do some shopping - with two dollars. She was looking around - nobody noticed her - when the store closed. It was Christmas Eve. She was wearing a sweater and blue jeans and there she was - completely surrounded with everything a sixteen-year old girl could want from Santa Claus.

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Today, she told what she did. The two nights, she slept on a lounge. And for three days - she tried on everything that caught her fancy, spending hours in front of mirrors. She tried on dresses and sweaters and hats, nightgowns and stockings, shoes, handbags and jewelry. Primping herself with rouge and lipstick and perfume before the mirrors.

Today, when the store opened, they found her dressed in the expensive best. Ready to leave - with luggage picked up in the store. Luggage packed with a collection of dresses, sweaters, clothing of every sort, cosmetics,



perfume, earrings, beads, bracelets, and a fancy hat in a hatbox.

But all that was taken away from her. Cold reality, <sup>Henry -</sup> after spending

Christmas in Heaven.