

CHRISTMAS - CHINA... *LT-Deleo. Wed. Dec. 25-57.*

FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD - ACCOUNTS OF CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES IN
MANY COUNTRIES. THE SURPRISING NEWS - A DISPATCH FILED BY THE
NEWS AGENCY OF COMMUNIST CHINA, AS RECEIVED BY RADIO IN TOKYO.
DESCRIBING - THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS IN EIGHTY CHRISTIAN
CHURCHES AT COMMUNIST PEIPING.

AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WHICH HAS STOOD FOR FIFTY YEARS,
IN THE EASTERN OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY - A CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, WITH
A CHOIR OF YOUNG STUDENTS. ATTENDED - BY A THRONG OF WORSHIPPERS.

AT THE YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION - THE STAGING OF A
CHRISTMAS PLAY.

GROUPS OF CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGERS - MAKING THE ROUNDS OF THE CITY.
BRINGING YULETIDE GREETINGS - TO CHRISTIAN HOMES.

IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES - MIDNIGHT MASSES. THREE THOUSAND
PEOPLE AT THE PEITANG CATHEDRAL WHERE SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED BY
BISHOP ALFONSE TSUNG HUAJ-MU.

IN SHANGHAI, THE SAME STORY. CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED - IN
SHANGHAI'S ONE HUNDRED CHRISTIAN CHURCHES. ALL OF WHICH DOESN'T
SOUND EXACTLY - LIKE RED CHINA. BUT IT ⁵⁴⁰ ~~IS~~ REPORTED, OFFICIALLY, BY
THE COMMUNIST RADIO.

QUEEN....

IT WOULD SEEM - THAT QUEEN ELIZABETH AND THE ROYAL COURT HAVE BEEN TAKING ADVICE FROM THE CRITICS, WHO'VE BEEN MAKING REMARKS - ABOUT THE STUFFINESS OF HER MAJESTY, WHEN SHE MAKES A SPEECH. ONE SOUR COMMENTATOR SAYING - THAT THE QUEEN TALKS LIKE A "PRIGGISH SCHOOLGIRL."

TODAY, HER MAJESTY MADE A TELEVISION APPEARANCE - THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GREETING BY A BRITISH MONARCH ON TV. SO HOW DID SHE ANSWER THOSE CRITICS. BY BEING - NOT A BIT STUFFY. DRESSED IN A SIMPLE, SHORT-SLEEVED AFTERNOON DRESS, POISED AND RELAXED - AND OBVIOUSLY WELL REHEARSED, USING A TELEPROMPTER - LIKE A VETERAN.

HER SPEECH. WELL, THE CRITICS HAVE BEEN URGING HER TO GET MORE PERSONALITY INTO HER TALK - AND BE LESS LIKE A MAJESTIC MONARCH, AND MORE LIKE A CHARMING YOUNG WOMAN. SHE TOOK THAT ADVICE, TODAY, SAYING -

"I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT THIS MEDIUM - TELEVISION - WILL MAKE MY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE MORE PERSONAL AND DIRECT."

THEN SHE EXPLAINED "IT IS INEVITABLE THAT I SHOULD SEEM A RATHER REMOTE FIGURE TO MANY OF YOU. SOMEONE - WHOSE FACE MAY BE FAMILIAR IN NEWSPAPERS AND FILMS, BUT WHO NEVER REALLY TOUCHES YOUR PERSONAL

(more)

LIFE. NOW, AT LEAST FOR A FEW MINUTES," SHE WENT ON, "I WELCOME YOU TO THE PEACE OF MY HOME."

THE MOST CARPING CRITIC COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR ANYTHING LESS FORMAL AND STUFFY.

THE TOTAL FIGURE - SOME FORTY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THE LARGEST SUM FOR MILITARY EXPENDING - IN THE PEACETIME HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. THE FIGURE OF A YEAR AGO CAME TO THIRTY-EIGHT BILLIONS.

THE NEW WAVE, OF COURSE, REFLECTS THE ADVENT OF THE MICHELLE BARRERA, RESEMBLED - BY THE PLAIN, SPARTAN, CHANGING POLITICS - THE STRENGTHENING OF AMERICAN DEFENSES, ESPECIALLY IN THE ROCKET FIELD. AND THAT COSTS MONEY - ENORMOUS MONEY.

THE THE INTERMEDIATE HAVE MISSED, THE FIFTY AND THEN, WHEN COME A MILLION IN A MILLION AND A HALF DOLLAR, AND THEN A MILLIONAIRE'S PORTFOLIO - EVERY TIME YOU FIVE IT.

AS FOR THE LONG-TERM POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC, THE FIVE, THIRTY-SEVEN, AND ATLAS WILL STAY IN. THE NUMBER WILL BE FOR WITHIN.

THEY WERE HERE - A WHILE LONGER - BUT I DON'T WANT TO SAY - THAT ONE

BUDGET.....

AT THE PENTAGON, THEY SAY - THEY'VE ALMOST COMPLETED THE NEW MILITARY BUDGET. OFFICIALS - LISTING THE GIANT SUMS TO BE SPENT FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE. THE BUDGET - TO BE PLACED BEFORE CONGRESS NEXT MONTH.

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THE NEW HIKE, OF COURSE, REFLECTS THE ADVENT OF THE MISSILE-SPACE ERA, HERALDED - BY THE RUSSIAN SPUTNIKS, CALLING URGENTLY - FOR A STRENGTHENING OF AMERICAN DEFENSES, ESPECIALLY IN THE ROCKET FIELD. AND THAT COSTS MONEY - ENORMOUS MONEY.

TAKE THE INTERMEDIATE RANGE MISSILES, THE JUPITER AND THOR, WHICH COST A MILLION TO A MILLION AND A HALF EACH. YOU SHOOT A MILLIONAIRE'S FORTUNE - EVERY TIME YOU FIRE ONE.

AS FOR THE LONG-RANGE INTERCONTINENTAL ROCKET, THE FIVE-THOUSAND-MILE ATLAS WILL STAND US - TWO MILLION DOLLARS PER MISSILE.

TIME WAS WHEN A WHOLE WAR WOULDN'T COST MUCH MORE - THAN ONE ROCKET.

CIVIL RIGHTS....

AS CONGRESS PREPARES TO MEET FOR THE NEW SESSION, THERE ARE ECHOES OF - LITTLE ROCK. NEW LEGISLATION TO BE PROPOSED - STEMMING FROM THAT SCHOOL INTEGRATION UPROAR IN ARKANSAS.

CONGRESSMAN KEATING OF NEW YORK SAYS - HE WILL SPONSOR A LAW TO PREVENT A GOVERNOR FROM CALLING OUT NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS TO BLOCK - THE ENFORCEMENT OF A FEDERAL COURT ORDER. WHICH IS, OF COURSE, INSPIRED BY THE ACTION GOVERNOR FAUBUS TOOK, WHEN HE SENT NATIONAL GUARDSMEN TO STOP RACIAL INTEGRATION AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, IN LITTLE ROCK.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS, THEY SAY, WILL INTRODUCE BILLS TO PREVENT A PRESIDENT FROM USING FEDERAL TROOPS TO ENFORCE INTEGRATION IN SCHOOLS. WHICH HARKS BACK - TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S INTERVENTION IN THE LITTLE ROCK UPROAR. SENDING U. S. ARMY SOLDIERS - TO SEE THAT NEGRO CHILDREN WERE ABLE TO ATTEND CLASSES AT CENTRAL HIGH.

THESE LITTLE ROCK ECHOES ARE FEATURED IN A LOT OF TALK - ABOUT RACIAL RIGHTS LEGISLATION IN THE NEW CONGRESS. BUT LEADERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FENCE ARE SAYING - THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THAT ANY NEW BILLS ON CIVIL RIGHTS WILL BE PASSED AT THE NEXT SESSION.

ISRAEL.....

IN JERUSALEM, TODAY, PRIME MINISTER BEN GURION SAID - THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL GO AHEAD WITH ITS PLAN TO PROCURE ARMAMENT FROM WEST GERMANY. A TOP-LEVEL MISSION - GOING TO CONSULT WITH THE BONN GOVERNMENT. ISRAEL - WANTING TO PURCHASE GERMAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

BEN GURION - STICKING TO HIS GUNS, AFTER AN UPROAR IN THE KNESSET WHEN THE PLAN WAS REVEALED. KEPT A SECRET FOR SOME TIME - BUT THEN IT CAME OUT.

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL CAN'T FORGET HITLER AND THE NAZIS. TEMPERS RUNNING HIGH - WHEN GERMANY IS MENTIONED.

IN THE KNESSET -- AN ANGRY DEBATE. DURING WHICH IT CAME OUT - THAT THE BEN GURION GOVERNMENT WANTS TO PROCURE GERMAN SUBMARINES. A COMMUNIST MADE THE CHARGE OF A SCHEME TO GET U_BOATS. WHICH STATEMENT BEN GURION - DID NOT CONTRADICT.

THE PROTEST - SO LOUD THAT THE PREMIER THREATENED HIS RESIGNATION. BUT THE CRISIS HASN'T GONE THAT FAR - AND BEN GURION STICKS TO HIS PLAN.

TODAYS DISPATCH FROM ISRAEL DOES NOT CONFIRM THE MATTER OF GERMAN SUBMARINES. BUT ISRAEL, APPARENTLY, WILL SEEK OTHER KINDS OF ARMAMENT FROM WEST GERMANY.

TENNIS.....

THE DAVIS CUP MATCHES BEGIN AT MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, TOMORROW - BUT THE AMERICAN TEAM SUSTAINED A REVERSE, TODAY. NO LUCK - IN THE DRAW. THE WRONG NAMES - COMING OUT OF THE HAT.

THE AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYERS ARE GIVEN LITTLE CHANCE OF BEATING THE AUSTRALIANS, BUT THOUGHT - THEY MIGHT GET A BREAK IN THE PAIRINGS.

Sayohuss
THEY WANTED TO START WITH VIC SEIXAS VERSUS AUSTRALIA'S MAL ANDERSON. THE REASONING BEING - THAT SEIXAS HAS NEVER LOST A MATCH TO ANDERSON, ALWAYS BEATING HIM. MAKING IT SOUND - LIKE THE OLD INDIAN SIGN. AND, IF HE DEFEATED ANDERSON AGAIN IN THE FIRST MATCH, TOMORROW - IT WOULD *at least* START THE AMERICANS OFF WITH A VICTORY *6* BOOST ~~THE~~ THEIR MORALE.

BUT, WHEN THE NAMES WERE DRAWN TODAY - WHAT DID THEY SHOW. SEIXAS - VERSUS AUSTRALIA'S ASHLEY COOPER. WHILE YOUNG BARRY MCKAY OF DAYTON, OHIO, WILL FACE ANDERSON.

TODAY THE CAPTAIN OF THE U.S. DAVIS CUP TEAM, BILLY TALBERT, SAID "I'LL ADMIT THAT WE ARE A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED *that* SEIXAS WONT MEET ANDERSON IN THE FIRST MATCH. THAT COULD HAVE GIVEN US AN EARLY ADVANTAGE."

WELL, FROM ALL ACCOUNTS, THEY COULD USE AN EARLY ADVANTAGE - IN AN UPHILL BATTLE FOR THE DAVIS CUP.

GM....

ADVANCE NOTICE - OF A BIRTHDAY. THE MAGAZINE LOOK - PUBLISHING
A FEATURE OF NINETEEN PAGES, WITH REMARKABLE PICTURES. HERALDING -
THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GENERAL MOTORS, WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATED
NEXT YEAR.

BACK IN NINETEEN EIGHT, GM WAS A NEWBORN INFANT - AND HOW THAT BOY
HAS GROWN. HERE'S THE STORY IN A PARAGRAPH FROM LOOK -

IF, IN NINETEEN EIGHT, YOU HAD BOUGHT A HUNDRED SHARES OF GM
STOCK, COSTING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, HOW MUCH WOULD THAT
INVESTMENT HAVE EARNED BY NOW. WELL, IF YOU KEPT YOUR STOCK, AND
EXERCISED ALL YOUR RIGHTS AS A STOCKHOLDER, THAT INVESTMENT OF TEN
THOUSAND DOLLARS WOULD NOW HAVE BROUGHT YOU - FIFTEEN MILLION, TWO
HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO
DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-EIGHT CENTS. DIVIDENDS ALONE - FIVE MILLION.

BUT HOW MANY WERE SO FARSIGHTED. WELL, TWO YEARS AFTER THE BIRTH
OF GENERAL MOTORS, A NUMBER OF BANKERS HAD A CHANCE TO BUY STOCK.
NOT ONE - TOOK UP THE OFFER.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GM, THE BOY THAT SURE GREW UP.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD....

IN NEW YORK A LOT OF TRAINMEN GOT WELL TODAY. RECOVERING SUDDENLY -
FROM ILLNESS. EPIDEMIC - ENDING ABRUPTLY. WHICH MEANS, IN PLAIN
ENGLISH - THAT LAST EVENING THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD STRIKE WAS
CALLED OFF. SETTLEMENT OF AN ARGUMENT - ABOUT EXTRA HOLIDAY JOBS.

THE PEOPLE, REALLY SICK - WERE THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF COMMUTORS
AND CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS. TRAPPED - BY THE SHUTTING DOWN OF RAILROAD
SERVICE. A WILD JAM - AT THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD STATION. HUGE
CROWDS - MILLING AROUND. THOUSANDS, LADEN WITH CHRISTMAS BUNDLES -
UNABLE TO GET HOME.

THEY WERE THE SUFFERERS - NOT THE SICK TRAINMEN, WHO FELL ILL
UNANIMOUSLY ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

CRASH

Out over the Pacific, they are still hunting for possible survivors - of the Navy radar plane that crashed into the ocean, Monday night. Four crewmen - picked up.

They tell how, shortly before the accident - there was a routine fire drill aboard the plane. And, while the drill was on, aviation technician Franklin Henry said to Lieutenant Richard Kentschler that it looked as if the plane was losing altitude, much too fast. More quickly than a routine drill would call for.

"Don't worry", replied the lieutenant, "it's a drill."

But it wasn't. The plane kept on losing altitude, and plunged into the sea.

NORMA SHEARER

I owe some sort of an appology to Norma Shearer.
Last night - I wonder if you noticed? I had Norma
Talmadge and Norma Sherer confused. Actually I now
recall hearing that Norma Sherer and her husband Marty
are skiing in the Alps. She is not skiing along the
Milky Way. Norma Talmadge passes on - but Norma Shearer,
is as full of life as ever! Long may that be so!

SENATOR?....

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS LACKING IN THIS NEXT BIT OF NEWS -
TELLING ABOUT THE "HIGHLY INSULTED" SENATOR. HOW CAPEHART OF
INDIANA WAS TOLD TO STOP TALKING - CUT OUT THE ORATORY.

THE PAINFUL OCCASION - A CHRISTMAS GATHERING OF REPUBLICANS AT
INDIANAPOLIS. SPEAKERS - LIMITED TO TEN MINUTES. BUT THE SENATOR,
GETTING ON THE SUBJECT OF HIS TRIP TO RUSSIA - KEPT ON AND ON.

WHEREUPON THE CHAIRMAN, DALE BROWN, HANDED HIM A NOTE - SAYING
HIS TIME WAS UP. WHICH DID NO GOOD - CAPEHART CONTINUING HIS
ELOQUENT SPEECH. ANOTHER NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN - WITH THE SAME
RESULT, OR LACK OF RESULT.

THEN, AFTER A FEW MORE ORATORICAL REMARKS FROM THE SENATOR, THE
CHAIRMAN GOT UP AND SAID - "I'VE HEARD ALL THIS BEFORE, AND SO HAVE
MOST OF THE OTHERS, I'M TIRED OF IT - AND YOUR TEN MINUTES IS UP."

WHICH WAS ENOUGH TO STOP ANY SPEAKER - AND THE SENATOR MADE AN
INDIGNANT EXIT. SAYING - HE WAS "HIGHLY INSULTED." BUT CHAIRMAN
DALE BROWN SAYS - HE WONT APOLOGIZE.

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NOT SUCH A MERRY CHRISTMAS - AT THAT GATHERING OF INDIANA
REPUBLICANS.

WEATHER

Today most of the country had - a wet Christmas, instead of a white one. The U. S. weather bureau reporting what it calls - a vast rain pattern across the country. Dripping clouds throughout the Mississippi valley from the Gulf to the Great Lakes. Rain also - in the Pacific Northwest.

Surprise - in Iowa. Where they had a white christmas - today. The forecast had been - rain. But the weather played a trick - sending snow, instead. This morning in Des Moines - five inches of the white blanket so appropriate for christmas.

In New England, and all the way down the Atlantic coast - to Florida - the Palm Beaches where I am tonight mostly
/- sunshine. Joe - not a flake of snow.

END.....

THIS WOULD BE ODD - LITTLE JOHNNY OR CHARLIE, COLLECTING PICTURE CARDS SHOWING GREAT SCIENTISTS, TO GO ALONG - WITH THEIR BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL HEROES.

BUT THATS THE IDEA OF CONGRESSMAN GERALD FORD OF MICHIGAN. WHO PROPOSES - THAT THE GOVERNMENT ISSUE SAVINGS STAMPS TO HELP FINANCE RESEARCH. STAMPS- WITH PICTURES OF ARCHIMEDES, GALILEO, SIR ISAAC NEWTON. ALL THE WAY DOWN THE LINE, TO OUR OWN ERNEST LAWRENCE, ~~AND~~ EDWIN MC MILLAN, *Arthur Compton & others,*

THE CONGRESSMAN ARGUES "IF YOU EVER HAD ANY EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG BOYS COLLECTING BASEBALL OR FOOTBALL PLAYING CARDS, YOU WILL READILY SEE HOW INTERESTED ALL CHILDREN COULD BECOME IN SAVING STAMPS WITH PICTURES OF SCIENTISTS PRINTED ON THEM."

SAY, JIMMY, I WILL TRADE MY TED WILLIAMS FOR YOUR ~~baseball~~ *Nile Bar.*
And now back to you JRE - from WJNO -
AND SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.