

WEATHER

Along the west coast tonight - torrential rains turning babbling brooks into torrential rivers. Flooding dozens of towns in northern California and Oregon - forcing nearby residents to flee their homes. Some three thousand persons - evacuated from Fortuna, California, alone. Hundreds more evacuated from flood threatened homes near beautiful Coos Bay, Grants Pass and Gold Beach in Oregon. At least one tragic death - a twelve year old boy in Coos Bay. Electrocuted when he touched a lamp in his storm flooded home. And the Weather Bureau tonight reports - no let up in sight. For the west coast - a wet Christmas.

Oh yes, and a 5.7 quake has just given part of southern California an exciting few moments.

PLANE

Our armed forces soon to get a gigantic new air transport - the biggest airplane in the world. The new plane to be capable of flying seven hundred men to any corner of the globe - within a matter of hours.

Plans for the new aircraft approved today by President Johnson - so says Defense Secretary McNamara.

McNamara reporting that the air transport will carry a payload - of one hundred and twenty five tons.

It's range - seven thousand miles. At a top speed of about five hundred and fifty miles an hour. The aircraft to be ready by mid Nineteen Sixty-Eight.

Cost of the first plane - three quarters of a billion dollars. If it's successful, there will be a billion more in government orders - for a contemplated total of fifty-eight such planes. Enough to meet almost any emergency - anywhere on earth.

McNamara FOLLOW PLANE

Secretary McNamara also making two other announcements.

First - General Curtis Lemay - the much decorated air force Chief of Staff --old Iron Pants of W.W. II fame - will step down from Chief as of February first, to be succeeded by able and handsome General Joseph P. McConnell - now Vice Chief of Staff. And Second, the defense budget for 1965 will be chopped another one half billion dollars. This bringing it in - just under the announced target of fifty billion dollars.

VIET NAM

That crisis in Viet Nam took a new turn today - for the worse. Lieutenant General Nguyen Khanh - Commander in Chief of the Vietnamese forces - joining the "young Turks" of his military staff in their latest military coup.

Khanh ignoring U.S. demands - that he persuade the "young Turks" to restore civilian rule. Instead, going down the line with the "young Turks" - in a special broadcast to Vietnamese troops, telling them they are fighting for independence and liberty - and not to carry out the policy of any foreign country. No mention of the United States - but, could be a slap at the U.S. policy in Viet Nam.

That policy - as stated by U.S. Ambassador Maxwell Taylor calls for a drastic cut in U.S. military aid - unless civilian rule is restored. Could General Khanh be counting on the belief that the U.S. is already too heavily committed in Viet Nam to putt out?

VATICAN

THE POPE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - TONIGHT ²⁰USING

AND-HELD TO THE ARMS RACE. POPE PAUL CALLING ON THE NATIONS OF
THE WORLD - TO LAY ASIDE THEIR MILITARY NIGHT. ASKING THEM TO
SOLVE INSTEAD - THE PROBLEMS OF HUNGER, NEED, SICKNESS AND
INSECURITY. THE POPEIFF COMMENCED HIS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE WITH
BLESSINGS " TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF MANKIND". BUT INVOKED A
SPECIAL BLESSING - ON THE SO CALLED "CHURCH OF SILENCE". THE
CHURCH - BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.

SPIES

IN COPENHAGEN TONIGHT - THREE POLISH EMERGENCY EMPLOYEES
ORDERED EXPELLED FROM DENMARK. THE THREE SAID TO BE LINKED -
to - AN ANTI-NAZI SPY PLOT. AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS -
REPORTED TO HAVE INTERCEPTED A UK COURIER FOR THE SPY RING,
LATE LAST MONTH. DETAILS OF THE CASE - STILL A CLOSELY
GUARDED SECRET. BUT THE THREE POLISH EMERGENCY OFFICIALS -
NOW ORDERED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITHIN FIVE DAYS.

KING FOLLOW MARSHALL

AND IN SOMEWHAT THE SAME VEIN - THIS FROM THE NORTH.

**DOCTOR
A NEGRO EVANGELICAL LEADER - TODAY URGING ~~MR~~ MARTIN LUTHER
KING ~~HE~~ TO APOLOGIZE TO F. B. I. DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER.**

**YOU MAY RECALL - THE WHOLE BASSLE STARTED WHEN KING
CALLED HOOVER - " UNFAITHFUL TO HIS TRUST " IN CIVIL RIGHTS
MATTERS. HOOVER RESPONDING THAT DOCTOR KING WAS - "THE MOST
NOTORIOUS LIAR IN THE COUNTRY"**

**TODAY A PLEA FOR PEACE FROM ELDER L. S. MICHAUX,
PRESIDENT OF THE GOSPEL SPREADING ASSOCIATION AND A WELL
KNOWN FIGURE IN WASHINGTON ~~SEE~~ NEGRO CIRCLES.**

**THE NEGRO LEADER ADVISING DOCTOR KING - THAT HE
HAD EXAMINED THE F. B. I. WELL IN CIVIL RIGHTS - AND FOUND
IT SATISFACTORY. FURTHER TELLING DOCTOR KING THAT "IF YOU
APOLOGIZE TO MISTER HOOVER - IT WILL BE HIS DUTY TO APOLOGIZE
TO YOU" IN RETURN.**

UNITED NATIONS

THAT U. S. AND BELGIAN AIRLIFT TO THE CONGO - DENOUNCED AGAIN TODAY IN THE UNITED NATIONS. ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TWEFIK BOUATTOURA CALLING THE MERCY MISSION - AN OPEN ACT OF AGGRESSION - AN INDISPENSIBLE OPERATION OF REPRISAL. BY CONTRAST, THE ALGERIAN CALLING THE COMMUNIST - BACKED REBELLION - A POPULAR NATIONAL UPRISING AGAINST CORRUPTION, FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND AN UNPOPULAR REGIME.

(BUT ELASCHING IN THE SIDE U. N. , THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY PUT OFF ITS FORMAL APPEAL - FOR AN OFFICIAL U. N. CONSIDERATION OF THE MERCY MISSION. KENYA'S JOSEPH MUMUGBI - SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP - CANCELLED A SCHEDULED U. N. APPEARANCE AT THE LAST MINUTE. MUMUGBI SAID TO BE WORKING ON A FINAL WORDING OF THE AFRICAN DEMANDS. THE KENYAN UP TO NOW - THE MOST OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF THE RESCUE OPERATION.)

ROBBERY

It happens every year - but it seems to be happening this year more than ever. More and more people getting their Holiday cheer - at the end of a gun.

There was that half million dollar robbery of an armored truck - yesterday in Patterson, New Jersey.

Then there were those two bumbling bank bandits in Milwaukee - trapped in a hospital maternity ward.

Today in Toledo, a group of customers at a bar were threatened by a holdup man armed with a shot gun and demanding money. But the customers drove the bandit off with a barrage - of liquor bottles and ice cubes. A suspect siezed ten minutes later by police.

And in Houston tonight, there's a dragnet out for the mysterious bandage bandit. A man with his face swathed in bandages, mummy style. Responsible for at least eleven robberies - or attempted robberies - in less than a month. To last night. And getting away every time. Would you call that, Dick the case of the crummy mummy. Or the Yule Glow.

POLITICS

One of the pitfalls of public service - was underscored today in a Minnesota newspaper. An ad in the paper placed by Frennd H. Wadsworth - a farmer who lost his job as village clerk in the November election. The ad stating - "I wish to thank all the residents of the village of Maple Grove who voted for me for clerk in the recent village election. Signed Frennd Wadsworth.

But below Frennd Wadsworth's message as another ad this one reading as follows "We wish to thank all the residents of the village of Maple Grove who did not vote for Frennd Wadsworth for clerk.. Signed Mrs. Frennd Wadsworth and family."