

MALENKOV

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(Given by Mr. Collingwood)  
From Moscow, tonight, a New Year's greeting -

and the cooing of the dove could be no gentler.

Malenkov - in a message to the American people.

This comes in answer to questions

by an American newsmen. Charles Edward Shutt, who asked, would the Kremlin welcome diplomatic negotiations for settling disagreements in the Far East?

"Yes," replies Malenkov. "Negotiations between interested parties with respect to Far Eastern questions must be welcomed." He refers back to the Geneva Conference, in which the Chinese Reds took part - the Conference which brought out an armistice in Indo-China. That, says Malenkov illustrated the beneficial results of talks on the Far Eastern problems.

He was asked - what about a Conference of the heads of the governments of the Big Four, Churchill-Eisenhower-Malenkov meeting? He answered that with

~~Pravda~~<sup>Gy</sup> denouncing the Paris Accords for the re-armament of Western Germany. Saying - the United States, Britain and France took it upon themselves to deal with Western Germany, ~~that~~ without consulting Soviet Russia. Which policy by the West - would make a top level Four-Power Conference an illusion.

Malenkov concluded by sending "hearty greetings and best wishes" to the American people. He spoke of strengthening friendship between the peoples of the United States and the Soviet Union, and concluded: "I express my conviction that the American people will play a worthy part in the great and noble effort of strengthening peace between peoples," says the Soviet Premier.

Well, that last sure sounds like the cooing of the dove of peace. It could also sound like a liberal dose of Moscow proaganda.

DULLES

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declares that the danger of a general war is decreasing, ~~but~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ free world can face the new year with a confidence of growing unity and strength.

Following the French ratification of the Paris accords, the Secretary speaks with guarded optimism. Warning - that we must remain vigilant in the face of a "strong and implacable" enemy. But adding - that the net balance in 1954 was a gain for the free world.

## SATELLITES

Three ~~Six~~ Soviet satellites made a pledge today - to strengthen their armed forces and join with Soviet Russia in a common defense against a rearmed Germany. Which is quick reaction by the Communists - to the French ratification of the Paris accords, yesterday.

Meeting in Prague, representatives of East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia made a "rubber stamp" decision. Moscow had previously announced that the Soviets and the satellites would form a military alliance, if West German rearmament were enacted. So today's announcement is merely in line with that.

## PRISONERS

The Chinese Reds issued a new blast of espionage charges, today. Charges - concerning the two American civilians they've sentenced to prison, John Thomas Downey and Richard ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Fecteau. They've convicted thirteen Americans. Eleven of them - Air Force flyers. The proceedings of the United Nations have concerned the men in uniform. The two civilians - considered in a separate category.

Today, the Chinese Red Radio told of sentences imposed on fourteen ~~XXXXXXXX~~ alleged spies. All - Chinese, apparently. Twelve - condemned to death.

~~In~~ The accusations against them featured the names of the two American civilians - Downey and Fecteau. Who are said to have been in radio ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ communication with them. The Reds claim American ~~XX~~ planes dropped ~~supplies~~ ~~XXXX~~ to the accused Chinese, <sup>and</sup> that

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Downey and Fecteau were captured when one of the planes was shot down.

This new blast came as the Secretary <sup>General</sup> of the ~~the~~ United Nations was landing in London - on his way to China to seek the freedom of the U.S. airmen. At the London Airport Dag Hammarskjold was met by the charge d'affaires for Communist China. Presumably, they <sup>discussed</sup> ~~arranged~~ arrangements for the Hammarskjold mission.

ARMY

The Army announces - about ~~four~~ forty-four thousand draftees will be released ahead of schedule in the spring. This is in accordance with policies of reducing manpower. There's to be a manpower cut of more than four hundred thousand in the next year and a half. The draftees will be mustered out - ahead of time.

Simultaneously, we hear that the Army Chief of Staff, General Matthew Ridgeway - has protested against the reduction. The Army-Navy-Air Force journal reports that General Ridgeway presented his views personally to President Eisenhower - protesting against the drastic plan to cut military personnel.

## WAGES

President Eisenhower will propose an increase in the national minimum wage. So stated by White House Secretary Jim Haggerty, who said the President will urge the suggestion in his State of the Union message to the new Congress.

Jim Haggerty ~~announced~~ didn't say how much of a hike would be proposed. <sup>Insiders say</sup> ~~The United Press reports~~ that it will be - fifteen cents an hour. Raise the national minimum wage from seventy-five cents an hour to ninety cents.



## SUEZ

A freak accident has blocked the Suez Canal - which will be tied up for at least three days.

Creating - a maritime traffic jam of ships waiting to get through.

Today's accident happened at El Firdan, forty miles from the Mediterranean end of the canal. That's a narrow point - spanned by a drawbridge. A convoy of nine ships was moving along. Third in line - the Liberian tanker "World Peace", An ironic name - ~~xxxx~~ considering what happened.

Something went wrong with the steering gear of the "World Peace" and the tanker swerved - and ran into a pillar of the drawbridge. The bridge collapsed - one span crashing across the tanker. One end of the ~~x~~ "World Peace" was pinned on a sand bar, the other - ~~xx~~ jammed against the shore. Nobody was injured. But,

between the falling bridge and the stranded vessel,  
it's  
~~it's~~ a big job - getting the canal open again.

The word is that some three hundred ships  
are on their way to pass through ~~the~~ Suez. Scores of  
them will have to wait - lining up. There's a rumor  
in the Canal Zone that some of them might alter course,  
and make a detour around the Cape of Good Hope. But  
the British Admiralty in London says - "That's ~~ridiculous~~  
ridiculous." The detour around Africa would require a  
couple of weeks.

## DIAMONDS

A grim search is on at Prestwick, Scotland - a search at a scene of tragic disaster. A hunt for diamonds - in the mud.

An airliner ~~xxxxxx~~ crashed at the Prestwick airport - twenty-eight lives lost. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~  
~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The plane carried nearly two million dollars worth of diamonds. The precious stones - hurled and scattered, when the airliner plowed into the ground. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

First reports were that only three of the heap of diamonds had been found. Now we hear - of a painstaking search, combing earth and mud in the vicinity of the crash. They're panning for diamonds - like sourdoughs panning for ~~gm~~ gold.

Diamond experts have been flown from London - because the local airport employees are almost useless

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in this treasure hunt. The stones are uncut diamonds,  
and  
/look more like pebbles than brilliants - especially  
when scorched in the fire of a flaming crash. It takes  
an expert to identify them, as they are ~~mixed~~ sieved  
from earth and mud.

## OAK RIDGE

The Air Force, today, released Mr. and Mrs. James Dula, after giving them a good lesson in what security means at a great atomic plant. The ~~the~~ Dulas were questioned, on and off, for some eighteen hours, then turned loose. After convincing the Air Force - they were ~~nothing~~ nothing but a couple of woe begone amateur flyers.

Last night, excitement broke at the great Oak Ridge plant. The radar "blipped". Alerts flashed - and interceptor planes roared off. The radar had picked up an unidentified plane - suspicious. The alert sent the interceptor planes into action, and these went looking for the possible enemy. It turned out to be a small plane - which made a landing right in the middle of the secret atomic area and out stepped - Mr. and Mrs. Dula.

They were two air travelers, who had ~~xxxx~~ taken off from Oklahoma City, bound for Roanoke, Virginia. But they lost their way, as night came on. Their haphazard course - taking them into a forbidden section of sky.

Well, they sure touched off ~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> security, <sup>and</sup> got themselves into the toils of Air Force intelligence.

At last reports, they had picked up their plane, and were continuing their journey to Roanoke.

## CANDIDATES

All over the country, winning candidates in the November election are taking <sup>office</sup> ~~off~~ - as the new year comes in. The Indianapolis area has a special case - of two winning candidates for the same office.

In the election, William Jean, a Republican, ran against Clarence Waters, Democrat - for Trustee of Jefferson Township. The result - a tie. So the two candidates got together, decided - they'd both be ~~xxxxxx~~ winners. They'd share the office - serving as township trustee, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ alternately.

Who'd go in first, and serve the first part of the term? They tossed a coin - and the Republican won. So he's being installed in the fifty-fifty job.

## CHURCH

At Quincy, Massachusetts, the pastor of Saint Anne's Church, Monsignor Walter Leach - was astonished at what he saw. Walking through the church, which was empty at an off hour, he glanced at the Scene of the Nativity. This Christmas, Saint Anne's Church installed a beautiful replica - the stable at Bethlehem, the Madonna and the Christ Child, the shepherds, the three Wise Men from the East. All was in order - except for one thing.

The Reverend Father saw - the Infant Jesus was covered with a small blanket. Which was not according to script - in the Scene of the Nativity.

He spied a note, which had been left, and read the following: "Dear Father: Baby Jesus looked cold. So I put a cover on him. I hope you won't mind. Thank you. (Signed) Kathy O'Brien."



~~Then~~ Monsignor Leach looked up Kathy O'Brien - twelve-year-old daughter of a family in the parish. And Kathy told how it happened.

Her mother had left her to look after the two younger children - Kathy's seven-year-old brother Francis, and three-year-old sister, whom they call "Rosebud". Kathy, for diversion, took Francis and little Rosebud to the church to see the yuletide Scene of the Nativity.

The three children were gazing, when Rosebud said: "Baby Jesus must be cold. Look at Him - without any clothes on."

Kathy took action. She had along her new Christmas doll, with a blanket. This she tore in two, walked into the Scene of the Nativity, and bundled the Infant Jesus in half of the doll's blanket.

Today Kathy said: "It made me feel better to feel that the Baby Jesus was warm."

Christmas is the time for cute stories about children, and that one is a champion.

## WISCONSIN

In Wisconsin, a verdict of guilty against the "Joe Must Go" Club. The judge ~~said~~ <sup>said</sup> - that anti-McCarthy group had violated the State laws on twenty-one counts.

Back in the spring, the news told of an editor at Sauk City, ~~Leroy Gore,~~ <sup>Leroy Gore,</sup> who had launched a drive to force the re-call of Senator McCarthy. The "Joe Must Go" Club - circulating petitions, and contributing funds for anti-McCarthy propaganda. This led to a noisy argument, in which the pro-McCarthy faction charged violations of State law.

The "Joe Must Go" Club had incorporated, and Wisconsin ~~Wisconsin~~ law forbids any incorporation to contribute money for political purposes.

The case came up, finally, before Circuit Judge Beilfuss at Baraboo, Wisconsin, who now imposes

a forty-two hundred dollar fine on the "Joe Must Go"  
Club.

The District Attorney of Sauk County says  
he'll issue warrants against all officers of the anti-  
McCarthy organization - charging them, individually,  
with similar violations of law.