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Pope Urges World To Give UN Power To Prevent Aggression

Hungarians Right In Resistance

By JAMES M. LONG

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Pope has proclaimed the morality of defensive war and called on the world to give the United Nations "the right and power" to prevent aggression.

In some of the strongest words of his 18-year reign, the head of the Roman Catholic Church condemned communism in his annual Christmas message for trying "to impose on all peoples, in one way or another, a special and intolerable way of life."

The message was carried by radio to hundreds of millions in countries around the world.

The Pope made it clear that, in the eyes of the Roman Catholic Church, the freedom fighters of Hungary had the moral right to resist Russian force with force.

"It is clear," he said, "that in the present circumstances there can be verified in a nation the situation wherein, every effort to avoid war being expended in vain, war—for effective self defence and with the hope of a favorable outcome against unjust attack—could not be considered unlawful."

Against communism, he said, "only the unanimous and courageous behavior of all who love the truth and the good can preserve peace, and will preserve it." As usual, he did not call communism by name but he left no doubt of his target.

The 80-year-old pontiff said nations such as Hungary, which refuse to admit UN observers, should be refused membership in the United Nations.

Right to Forestall Intervention

The world organization, he continued, should have "the right and power of forestalling all military intervention of one state in another . . . And also the right and power of assuming by means of sufficient police force, the safeguarding of order in the state which is threatened . . .

"Only in the ambit of an institution like the United Nations can promises of nations to reduce armament, especially to abandon production and use of certain arms, be mutually exchanged under the strict obligation of international law."

BACKS WEST

For the second successive year, the Pope endorsed President Eisenhower's "open skies" disarmament inspection plan which provides for aerial inspection to assure observance of disarmament pledges. And he solidly backed the West's demands for disarmament with iron-clad controls, saying: "The acceptance of the control: This is the point crucial for victory, where every nation will show its sincere desire for peace."

Wearing regal robes of white and gold, the frail but vigorous pontiff spoke Sunday from his throne in the consistory hall of the Vatican Palace. His words were addressed formally to the college of cardinals, but aimed as in the past at all men, their leaders and rulers.

He emphasized that he has not abandoned the mission of peace which has been a chief objective of his reign.

"We remain closely allied to the cause of peace," the Pope said, "and God alone knows how much we yearn to be able to announce it in full and happy tones with the angels of Christmas."

CRIES PRAISE

The Pope praised the "generous reaction toward the oppressed Hungarian nation on the part of all our beloved sons, of charitable organizations, of entire nations, and also of fair-minded newspapers."

He closed his 7,000-word message on a note of encouragement:

"Peace is the fruit of men's effort, but also a priceless gift of God."

Eden, Nehru Meet Today For Talks

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister Nehru of India meets Prime Minister Eden today for talks which politicians here believe will prove a significant influence on future East-West relations.

Following discussions with President Eisenhower in Washington and Prime Minister St. Laurent in Ottawa, Nehru will spend Christmas in England before returning to New Delhi.

He will be Eden's luncheon guest at the British Prime Minister's official country home at Chequers, 40 miles from London. The meeting will follow the normal pattern of high-level Commonwealth exchanges—informal and without rigid agenda.

But it will give Eden a valuable opportunity to hear a first-hand account of Eisenhower's attitude to international issues since the Hungarian and Suez crises broke.

The talks are expected to range over these topics:

- Middle East situation in the light of the complete withdrawal of Anglo-French forces from Port Said.
- The Hungarian situation in the light of the refusal of Janos Kadar's government to admit United Nations observers.
- The problem of disarmament meetings of the UN disarmament commission and reported new American viewpoints on possible methods of achieving arms reduction.

AIRWOMAN PATRICIA MAYHEW of Montreal smiles happily as she sights Santa Claus on her radar screen at one of the Pine Tree early-warning radar stations operated by the RCAF. All air-traffic lanes have been cleared by the RCMP so that Santa will have the right-of-way tonight. While no snow is sighted Santa is expected to have an uneventful but damp trip. Santa's arrival time in Prince Rupert is expected to be any time after midnight.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Sad, Sombre Affair

By ROBERT TUCKMAN

JERUSALEM (AP) — A procession of 1,700 Christian Arabs from Israel crossed into Jordan today on a Yuletide pilgrimage to Christendom's holy places.

The aftermath of recent Middle East hostilities made this a somber, almost sad Christmas in the Holy Land.

The crossing began at dawn, and by mid-morning hundreds had passed through the Mandelbaum gate into the Jordanian old city of Jerusalem.

Usually 7,000 to 10,000 make the pilgrimage. But there was only a sprinkling of pilgrims from foreign lands. The annual influx of tourists, churchmen, scholars and others was all but halted by the recent fighting.

Many of the pilgrims who made the crossing arrived in Jerusalem by bus from biblical Nazareth, Jaffa and other Arab communities in Israel.

They will return Tuesday evening after visits to Christian shrines in the old city and to Bethlehem, two miles south of Jerusalem in Jordan.

As Christian pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem an Israeli army spokesman reported a raid by Jordanian infiltrators. He said they wrecked a dispensary in a village in northern Israel.

In Jerusalem, the divided holy city where barbed wire fences separate Arab and Jew, Arab Legionnaires and Israeli soldiers maintained frontier watch from sandbagged rooftops.

PROCESSION BANNED

For the first time since the state of Israel was founded eight years ago Jordanian authorities have banned the traditional consular corps procession from Jerusalem to Bethlehem along the biblical route taken by Mary and Joseph.

There have been practically no tourists in Jerusalem since the Israeli invasion of Egypt Oct. 29.

Hotels in both the Jordan and Israeli sectors are nearly empty.

The YMCA presented probably the only Santa Claus in the city at a party for 400 youngsters.

SNEAKIN' A PEAK — Little three-year-old Hildchen tries to get a peek through the keyhole of the locked "Weihnachtszimmer" (Christmas room) to see what her mother has hidden in there for Christmas. It is customary in Germany that Christmas gifts are spread out underneath the Christmas tree and presented in the light of the burning candles on Christmas Eve. Hildchen couldn't wait to dress herself this Christmas Eve morning and just had to try for a glimpse at what was in store for her.

Suspect Freed In Looting Of Grocers

One of two suspects in yesterday's breaking and entering of a city grocery store was released in city police court this morning after police told Magistrate W. D. Vance there was insufficient evidence to continue with the proceedings.

One other suspect is in custody pending further investigation.

Approximately 60 cartons of cigarettes, $10 in silver and a large quantity of canned meats, was stolen from William's Grocery, at the intersection of Second and Third Avenue early yesterday morning. Some of the proceeds of the robbery have been recovered, police reported this morning.

NCO in charge of the city detachment, Cpl. J. E. Ruttan said that entry was gained to the premises by smashing a plate glass window and reaching in and opening the lock.

The robbery occurred between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. The store was checked at 5:15 a.m. by police patrol and when the rounds were made again at 7 a.m. police noticed the smashed glass.

The two suspects were charged with the offence as the result of investigations.

Released this morning was Colin Francis McDonald, 47 year old logger. McDonald was recently committed for trial in higher court on a charge of possession of a watch knowing it to be stolen property. He was released on that charge also due to insufficient evidence after County Court Judge W. O. Fulton ordered a stay of proceedings.

No damage was caused to the home of Robert Player, 510 Eighth Avenue West, when an oil stove became overheated at 7 o'clock this morning. Firemen were called as a precaution.

Only Prairies, Far North Get White Christmas

By The Canadian Press

Unless you live in Northern Ontario or the Prairies—or, of course, the far North—your chances of enjoying a white Christmas are not good.

Holiday weather forecasts for most of the Maritimes, the Pacific coast and Southern Ontario were for cloud with some rain. Quebec is expected to turn colder but the best that can be expected is a spotty white Christmas.

However, Northern Ontario and the Prairie provinces have had snow ranging from a few inches in the southern regions to a foot farther north. More is expected in most areas.

SALES HIT PEAK

The weather, putting people in the Christmas shopping spirit, has been kind to such places as Calgary where sales are the best in years. Businessmen say they can't remember when shopping began so early, remained so steady and finished with such a bang.

Travel by all methods is heavy as thousands make their way home for Christmas. The air lines and railways put extra equipment into service in many areas.

One transportation official reported: "It's terrific this year, better than last. Transportation and hotel accommodations were booked up earlier this year than last, most of it in September and October."

Many areas report heavy highway travel, particularly in the Maritimes where roads are clear of snow as a result of rain and temperatures in the 40s. Southern Ontario reported above-average temperatures and even in the Ottawa areas, where there has been snow, rain was expected to wash the last signs of it away before Christmas day.

In British Columbia, the only place where snow could be expected was in the interior.

Christmas parties at offices, generally reported kept well in hand across the country, were blamed for a rash of minor accidents in Montreal where a police sergeant said drivers "went crazy" as the weekend began.

In many parts of the country there have been campaigns, organized or otherwise, against alcoholic office celebrations.

The trend toward dry parties was most notable in Manitoba where liquor commission chairman Barnard Halstead said the number of permits to serve liquor at office parties was "way down from last year."

Bingo Number

Today's number in the Elks Lodge March of Dimes house-bingo in aid of the Crippled Children's Hospital and drawn by exalted ruler and general chairman of the Elks, Donald Wannamaker is 1-17.

Other numbers drawn so far are:

1-23, B-4, O-64, B-14, O-65, N-31, B-5, I-18, G-57, G-48, I-30, B-3, O-73, N-41, G-59, I-16, O-71, O-67, B-13, B-7, N-40, G-56, B-2, N-45, B-1, N-44, O-61, N-32, I-22, B-11, I-27, and G-55.

Death Toll Already 476

CHICAGO (AP)—The tragic toll of dead and injured mounted steadily across the United States today as the long Christmas holiday slipped past the midway point.

Highway traffic accidents took 405 lives up to 8 a.m., and the total for all accidents climbed to 476. There were 26 persons killed by fire and 45 in miscellaneous accidents with about 40 hours left in the four-day, 102-hour period.

The National Safety Council reported early today that unless drivers used greater caution during the remainder of the period from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Tuesday local time, the forecast of a record 660 killed on the highways will be exceeded.

Fined $50, Costs

A young city motorist, Wilfred Toye of 615 Eighth Avenue East who police stated in city police court this morning, was driving around the streets at 1 a.m. screeching his tires on corners, was fined $50 and costs or in default sentenced to one month in jail when he pleaded guilty before Magistrate W. D. Vance to a charge of driving without due care and attention.

Christmas Celebrations Start Despite Strife

By The Canadian Press

Christmas celebrations began taking shape around the world today despite strife in the Middle East and Hungary and reminders of the war in South Korea.

In Seoul, South Korea, and in revolt-ravaged Budapest, officials lifted curfews for the occasion. Budapest radio said the curfew would be lifted tonight only to permit the holding of midnight Christmas services in predominantly Catholic Hungary.

And in Seoul, the government lifted the curfew tonight and on New Year's Eve for the first time since the Korean war broke out in 1950.

American soldiers and airmen in Berlin spent the last of $7,500 they raised for a Christmas party for 3,000 orphans and refugee children.

In Rome, thousands of tourists began a pilgrimage to the Church of Aracoeli (Altar of Heaven) on the city's Capitol Hill to see Santa Bambino—the life-size wooden figure of the infant Jesus lying in a manger sprinkled with diamonds, amethysts, emeralds and other jewels offered during the last four centuries.

In Bonn, West Germany, children used to seeing Santa arrive by airplane at Cuxtersloh airfield were in for a surprise. Due to gasoline rationing, Santa reverted to sleigh.

Tension reigned over the Holy City of Jerusalem, although Jordan waived its restrictions to allow visitors to enter the Jordanian sector of the city for a tour of holy sites.

To the people of Jordan and Israel—Moslems and Jews—the birthday of Christ, however, is just another day, distinguished tree lights and decorations in only by the colored Christmas the city's few Christian homes.

The best news of all came from the weather forecasters who predicted snow in Brussels, Vienna, and the alpine regions of France, Switzerland, and Italy.

Meanwhile, snow began to fall in Bern, Copenhagen, and Bonn.

The Weather

Cloudy with rain today. Cloudy and continuing mild on Christmas Day with a few showers along the mainland coast. Winds southerly 25 this afternoon and southerly 20 tomorrow. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 40 and 47.

Kinsmen Escort Santa Claus On Miller Bay Hospital Visit

The usually quiet wards of Miller Bay Indian hospital were transformed into scenes of heart-warming gaiety Saturday night when eight members of the Prince Rupert Kinsmen club escorted Santa Claus to the hospital in their ninth annual Christmas visit.

Scarcely had the delegation stepped from its cars when a little boy, self-appointed welcoming host, appeared at the door keeping a watchful eye out for Santa while he cautiously looked around for the matron who would send him back to bed should she find him.

Boxes of oranges, assorted candies and nuts and Christmas presents for the youngsters were piled on hospital wagons to be hauled by Santa's willing assistants.

An air of expectancy hung over the hospital as the Kinsmen preceded by four strumming guitarists prepared to visit each ward.

Starting at the boy's ward, the Kinsmen showered the youngsters with their gifts. Each child stared in wide-eyed excitement at Santa who went up to each child in turn giving out wrapped presents and a hug.

As he visited each of the wards and individual bedrooms all decorated with Christmas cards, lights and the traditional Christmas tree, Santa left behind him the sound of laughter and merriment as the children explored with their presents.

Most of the presents were telephones and pinball games.

In the girl's ward supervised by Margaret Akerley, the shy youngsters, almost skeptical of the familiar old man in the white beard and red suit, sang the old favorite "Jingle Bells" to the accompaniment of guitarists Charles Stewart, William McLean, Thomas Alec and Steven Louie.

Even the teenagers and adults were not forgotten. As they welcomed Santa they received oranges and nuts. Their faces beamed at the sight of the thrilled children.

After the rounds were completed the hospital still resounded to the jangle of telephones and the crack of the marble as it whizzed around the plastic board.

The delegation was treated to coffee and sandwiches after by matron, Mrs. Helen Edmeston, night supervisor, Mrs. C. M. Smith and assistant matron, Mrs. Catherine Walton.

Nurses and nurses aides and orderlies on duty at the time were: Joanne Mitzkowski, Mrs. Catherine Whitcock, Mrs. Maude Archer, Gordon Stokes, Mabel Hayward, Thelma Walters and Margaret Akerley.

The Kinsmen delegation, headed by chairman Peter Moroz, consisted of president, Frank Defoe, Ernie Shaves, Wilfred Trojan, Ernie Kutski, Art and Cecil Rutherford, and Hugh Waller.

Battle of Jeans Waged at Telkwa As Three Girl Students Suspended

Special to The Daily News

SMITHERS—A battle of blue jeans is being waged in Smithers School District by parents who insist on dressing their daughters in jeans contrary to school ruling that skirts must be worn in the classroom.

Three Grade 7 girls have been suspended from Telkwa Superior School since Dec. 5 because they refused to obey this rule. They are daughters of H. Anderson, M. Culbert, and H. Carnie and were suspended following about three weeks during which jean-clad girls spent school hours in the corridors after being banned from classes by Principal A. G. Flowers.

Court action against Smithers School Board which upholds the ruling is being sought by parents of the three girls. Board Secretary Alex Muhelm says "we have found that this ruling against slacks, ski pants, etc., is general throughout B.C. The Board will go all out to see that these kids go back to school but you cannot make rules and let somebody step out of line."

A. G. Flowers, principal of Telkwa's large, fully modern school hopes to teach his students "something beside arithmetic and reading." He says "we want girls from Grade Seven and up to appear dressed in a feminine fashion in the classroom. There is plenty of room for changing clothes in school—students are welcome to wear what they like to school." The ruling was enforced last year with little trouble.

Telkwa held a public meeting to discuss the issue and voted in favor of the ruling by a large majority. Those who objected felt that it was "not democratic." According to M. L. Culbert "it is a teacher's duty to teach all children regardless of how they are dressed." Another parent, Harry Carnie asked "Do skirts really make ladies?" And enjoined the welfare department to stop "this contemtible treatment of children."

School Board says the provincial department of education is keeping out of controversy, saying it is a local ruling.

DRINKERS URGED TO LEAVE CARS AT HOME OVER HOLIDAY

With the Christmas death toll already steadily mounting in Canada, an appeal was issued today by NCO in charge of the city RCMP detachment, Cpl. J. E. Ruttan, who urged all motorists who intend to drink over the festive season to leave their cars at home.

Cpl. Ruttan said that each year some family's happiness is marred by tragedy just because some driver is inconsiderate, gets drunk and is involved in an accident.

He urged Prince Rupert residents to keep the city free from such tragedy this year.

Pedestrians are also warned to use extreme caution when crossing streets so they will not be in collision with any erring motorists.

Cpl. Ruttan stressed that although this was the festive season, there would be no leniency on the part of the police towards impaired drivers.

He added that arrangements would be made to take drivers home if they felt incapable of driving their cars.

"Make that 'one for the road'—Coffee," he stressed.