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Christmas Spirit

#HE bright glory of the Christmas Star penetrates the mass of tradition and custom that 19 centuries have built up around the great festival of the church. Its meaning may sometimes seem to be obscured, but it continues to reach and be enshrined in human

Christmas today is very different from that first one when shepherds on the Judean hills heard the angels sing. Yet, not so different. The world still crowds in and leaves little room for the Christ Child, but there are always places ready to receive

Throughout the years, Christmas has come to be associated with tinseled trees, lighted candles, mistle-10e, holly, Yule logs and red-clad Santas. These things, grafted on to the celebration of the central eyent in history, merely form a framing for its light.

Christmas today is many things. It is throngs of shoppers jostling one another in the streets; it is altattered waif peering wistfully into a shop window; it is street decorations, bright windows; it is family gatherings, feastings, ringing of bells, carolings, exchange of friendly greetings; it is reverent worship, giving of thanks, contemplation of the goodness and mercy of God.

Of all the customs that have become identified with Christmas, the most significant is the giving of

Yet it is in the Christmas tradition that the gift without the giver is bare. The true spirit of Christmas is expressed in giving that is inspired and transfigured by love.

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By G. E. MORTIMORE

Caught in the pre-Christmas stampede, a man begins to think that Scrooge was right the first time.

He sees normally thrifty womenfolk in the grip of a herd impulse, rushing like lemmings to drown themselves in a sea of debt; or like a great undisciplined army, massing at bus stops and store counters, to attack and destroy every man's peace of mind.

When they hear the command to "Charge" (and pay later) they gallop into battle with elbows and shopping bags swinging.

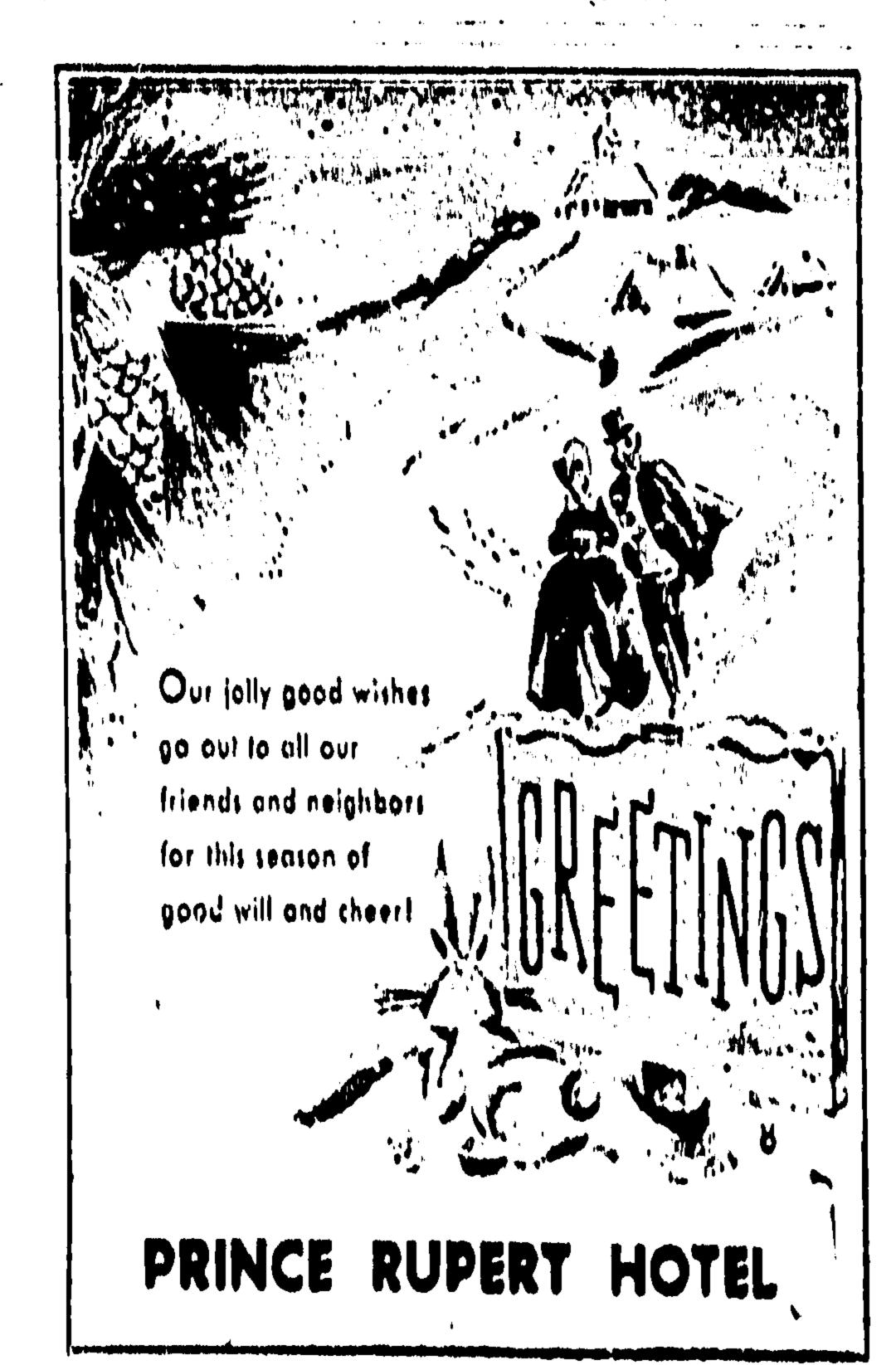
Soon the field is littered with the corpses of cheque-books and mortally-wounded bank accounts breathing their last. The women march home, carrying their trophies.

Hurt, defeated and bankrupt, a man wishes he ing that way. could turn Mohammedan, since the chief Christian festival has become too expensive for his limited means,

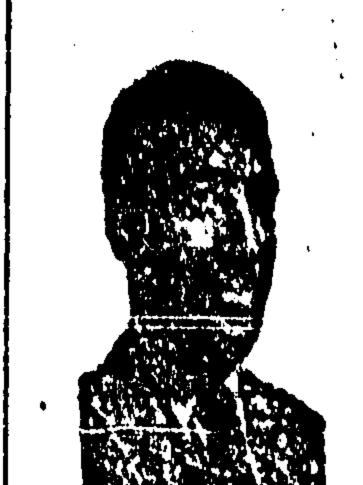
That's how he feels during the long pre-Christmas campaign, which drags on for six weeks of noise and worry until the blessed day.

Then the clamor stops. Carols ring out clear and sweet. A little boy laughs under the shining tree. He rides his new trieyele until a playmate arrives to show him what Santa brought, and the two of them plunge into a mound of colored paper.

Some of the grown-ups return from church. Grandfather sits by the fire, with the cat at his elbow. Friends come in, stamping snow from their boots. The house smells turkey and pudding and cigar smoke. Christmas is itself again.



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As I See It

Elmore Philputt

UN's Absurd Vote

THE UN has been tied up all autumn in a long deadlock in the election for the Security Council.

The reason for this deadlock is that the UN Charter requires a in operation. You might keep two thirds vote for the election the convention in session for of a new member. This require- days on end without reaching ment is both a mathematical the required result. absurdity and a political mon-

powerful blocs, you just can't al- wealth countries, including Canways get a two thirds majority, ada, have consistently voted with But if you run your election on the Soviet, for Yugoslavia, and truly democratic lines, you can not with the USA. always get the election of one or The reason is quite simple. In another candidate.

applicable slop-over from the from the British Commonwealth. American system, which requires The Commonwealth countries portant decisions, such as "gentlemens' agreement" was to changes in the Constitution.

32 or more of the 48 U.S. states held that it was only to be a OTTAWA DIARY have to ratify any proposed deal for one year. change in the U.S. constitution. That is the sort of argument The Senate too has some such which can never be decided. rule on some such things as the But the UN can change the these sensible and good proce- into the simple majority system. dures are very different from the which always works. election of single candidates to keenly contested offices.

THE simple majority system which is commonly used in all nomination conventions (including those in USA) is the fairest system yet devised.

Suppose Smith, Jones and Brown are nominated in a convention which has 200 delegates. On the first ballot the vote may be as follows

Smith 90 Jones 80 Brown 30.

third majority requirement were

RAY REFLECTS

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catrote more time to their chil- mounted atop the Church (n):concessions to a people in revolt, edren. But the average mother Nazareth and as we cast our They withdrew their troops, but

Edwin Crankshaw. It burns low, seed us. but it burns. Geneva, we are "Salaam Alaikum," we said to Those who want to see their told, is today in disgrace. We are him and he replied "Alaikum country independent cannot alback where we were before. The Salaam," "Peace be with you, ', low this." spirit of Geneval is dead

Chinese captivity, an American friends. And so I hope it will be from the enslaved peoples of woman missionary was never at for all of my friends in Terrace, Asia and African countries now loved to look out of a window. Peace be with you not only at tremble because they are aware Communism in a nutchell -

IN THE long drawn out struggle In a tight race, between two in 1955 the British Common-

the first years of the UN, Rus-That means, of course, that sia, the British Commonwealth you must use the simple major- and USA made a "horse-trade" 🤳 ör "gentleman's agreement"

about the elections to the six I CANNOT find in print, and I non-permanent seats con the do not remember, the back- Security Council. The general ground of how this ridiculous idea was that each would use all UN two thirds rule came to be its influence to support one candidate from Lutin America, one It seems to me to be an in-strom eastern Europe, and one

a two thirds majority for im- and Russia understood that the be permanent. But in recent That means, for example, that years the U.S. government has

Terrace Views and Comments.

REFLECTIONS

By Frank Heeley

"low man drops out" Brown is alem and some miles from Naz- weeks after the date of their de- diplomacy these days. thereby eliminated. On the sec- areth, As a matter of fact from lively, the objectionable speeches and ballot either Smith or Jones the little Arab town of Jenin one of both Bulkanin and Krashchov. MUST win by a clear majority, could look across the plains of Ottawa diplomatic circles are for no other outcome is possible. Armageddon and at night see left to make what they will at

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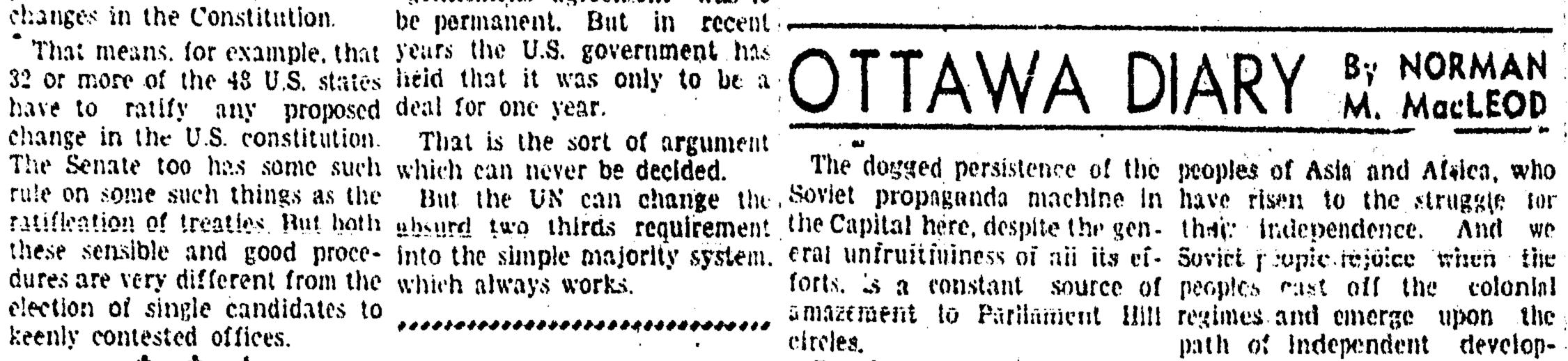
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And so it was that peace weak.

Christmas but for all time,



ample, Ottawa newspapers have ive to the Western powers.

INTRIGUING TREE -- A living Christmas tree has this little

girl intrigued at Yonkers., N.Y. Pretty Doreen Austin dressed

up like a yule tree to help open Christmas City at a shopping

But suppose the absurd two- the lights of Nazareth. . this gurious tenetition of uster-On this Christmas Eve in Pai- ances which on their original. wine, the mecen of thousands publication aroused so great teand Reminisces small Arab village. There were that the repetition of them is to

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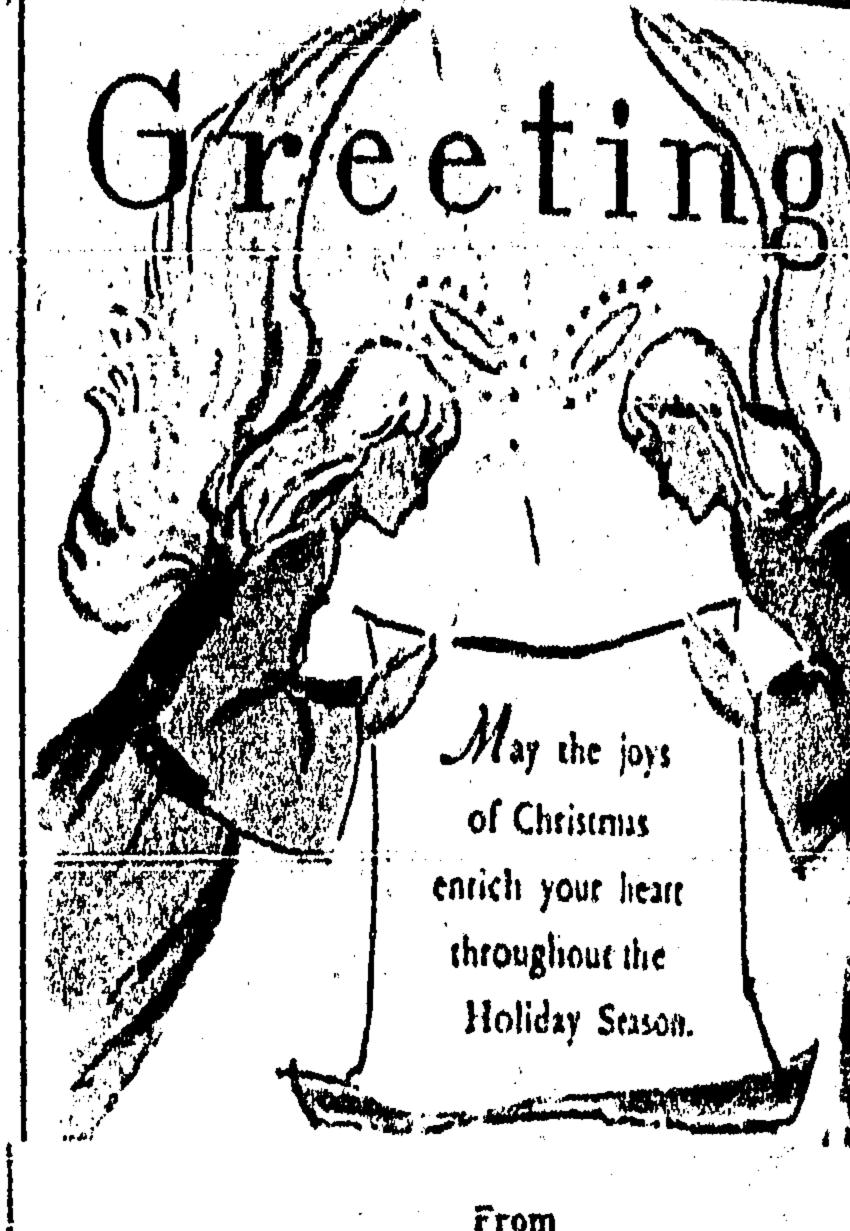
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