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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO MY FELLOW WORKERS:

Time after time next week all of us will say and will have said to us, "Merry Christmas."

I would like to go even further and say to you, "Happy Christmas." For merriment is the gaiety and laughter of the moment when with others. Happiness is a joy and contentment of the heart which we feel either in company or alone.

And at this season it may well be a reverent happiness. For within our homes, places of employment and national borders we enjoy a more secure peace and a more neighborly trust and good will than in any other nation of the world.

Frail though we are as humans, I believe Christmas brings to us all in this country a deep consciousness that we are the beneficiaries of the humanities taught by the Master whose birthday we observe. As a nation we are a church-going, God-fearing people. A French historian once wrote, "America is great because she is good." And because in many ways we preserve the Spirit of Christmas in our daily lives we are granted many liberties which are withheld from others.

It is a sobering thought to realize that in countless nations only the state may be worshipped. Men live and die with neither liberty during life nor hope for the future. As creatures of their government they work where ordered and when ordered, and at such pay as officials are pleased to grant. Knowing no Christ or His promises, there are no ideals or faith to which they can cling. Millions have no idea of the meaning of "Merry Christmas."

As we enjoy our Christmas season let us give sympathy to these unfortunates. And in our holiday happiness let us also be humble over the privileges that have been bestowed on us. Now and in com-

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## The Christmas Story

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them:

"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you, you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

## Company Closes For Christmas And Inventory

Christmas holidays have been the chief topic of conversation around the Anvil Brand plants for the past two weeks. Here they are, folks! And the magement, in making the announcement of days off, extends to each and every employee best wishes for a very, very Merry Christmas.

At the Hudson and White divisions all departments will close for Christmas on Tuesday, December 22, at 3:45 p. m. They will resume operations on Monday, January 4, at 7 a. m.

At these divisions inventory will be taken during the time that the plants are closed and those who will be asked to assist have been notified individually.

At the Sherrod division the Christmas holidays also start at the end of the work day on December 22. This plant will open again on the morning of December 28 but shut down for inventory taking at the close of the work day on December 30, not reopening until the morning of January 4.

Any of the departments, in all plants, wishing to have a dinner and exchange of gifts may do so during the lunch hour on the last work day before Christmas. Most departments are planning such events, although a few will have their parties at homes or various other places in the evenings.

Superintendent H. T. Short has announced that vacation checks, company gifts, and regular payroll checks will be distributed at 3:45 p. m. on December 22 in every department at the White and Hudson divisions. Production Manager Jack Rives says that, also, will be the case at the other plants.

The vacation pay, of course, goes to all employees who have completed five or more years of continuous service. There will be company gifts for everyone, from the oldest to the youngest employee in length of service.

Meanwhile, G. K. Hammes, secretary-treasurer, has announced that office employees will work through January 23 before taking

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