

**LAXITY CHARGED**

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journalists or persons holding themselves as such if the circumstances warrant while of course seeking to be as liberal as possible in any cases involving such aliens."

**No Consultation**

A United Nations headquarters site agreement which congress approved Aug. 4 permits foreign communist writers, who would otherwise be barred from the United States, to come to New York to report sessions of the United Nations. It calls for consultation in such cases by the United Nations with this government. The State Department asserted today this was not done in the case of the two men whose deportation has been sought.

They are Nicolas Kyriazides of Greece and Syed S. Hasan of India. Proceedings against them in New York were postponed yesterday. Trygve Lie, UN secretary general, intervened in their behalf in a telegram to Warren R. Austin, U.S. chief delegate to the UN.

Kyriazides, the state department asserted, "ceased being a bona fide journalist at the Unit-

ed Nations on Oct. 18, the date the Greek government closed the two Athens communist newspapers which he represented." Without notifying Washington, a UN clerk gave him new credentials Oct. 24 as correspondent for a weekly newspaper in Cyprus which the state department contended was financially unable to pay more than a small part of the necessary expense of a full time correspondent.

**Student Passport**  
Hasan was given a passport visa to come to the United States as a student, and the state department said that "we learned with surprise this week that the United Nations had accredited him months ago as a correspondent."

"The department considers that the provision in the United Nations headquarters agreement concerning representation of the press relates only to persons who come to this country for bona fide newspaper work and not for those who take up work incidentally," the state department said.

"The department is ready at any time to designate a group of its officials to meet with UN officials to recommend to them a drastic revision of the UN system of accreditation of alien journalists. It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged at the earliest opportunity to discuss various phases of the relationships existing between the United Nations."

If a ship is relatively unstable, that is, relatively capable of being capsized, she will roll in long slow swings which tend to promote passenger comfort.

Heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States, accounted for 30 per cent of all U. S. deaths in 1944.

**DISPATCH QUOTE**

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riegnty of a sister American Republic.

Army spokesmen said the withdrawal would weaken the canal defenses but would not jeopardize the strategic waterway unguarded. There is a heavy defensive perimeter within the 10-mile-wide canal zone and air and radar installations guard the Atlantic and Pacific entrances.

At the same time, Congressional pressure appeared to be building up for consideration of alternative measures to guarantee the United States uninterrupted passage between the two oceans. Sen. William F. Knowland, R., Calif., said he will introduce a bill next month for construction of a sea-level canal across Nicaragua.

Sen. Dennis Chavez, D., N.M., proposed that the United States negotiate with Mexico to build a 190-mile canal across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, between Salina Cruz on the Pacific coast and Puerto Mexico on the Atlantic side.

**POLICEMEN HURT**

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Carter told him he met Duckett and the girl about two months ago in San Francisco and that they came to Reno last week. The gun used in the shooting was purchased in a San Francisco pawn shop, he told the chief.

**GREENSBORO MAN**

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accidentally knocked into a waste paper can. The can was carried to the rear of the store and its contents emptied onto a fire used to incinerate rubbish.

All the brothers have left are ashes which they are preserving in hopes of recovering a part of their loss if they can prove their case with the treasury department.

**OBITUARIES**

**MISS LOUISA STRICKLAND DIES**

Funeral services were held yesterday for Miss Louisa Strickland, 70, who died at the home of her nephew at Cherry Grove Tuesday night. The Rev. L. L. Todd of Bladenboro assisted by the Rev. L. C. Barnes officiated. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Miss Strickland is survived by her brother, Bolley Strickland and several nieces and nephews.

**B. B. SKINNER DIES**

CHADBOURN, Dec. 24. —Funeral services for B. B. Skinner, 54, who died at 7:20 o'clock today, will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Evergreen Baptist church. The Rev. A. T. Peacock will officiate and interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Skinner is survived by his wife, six sons, Carl, Bobby, Bill, Willie, all of Evergreen, Ennis of Coco, Fla., Ralph of Monroe, Coy of the U. S. Army; two daughters, Mrs. John McCall of Bero Beach, Fla., and Mrs. O. W. Green of Oakland Park, Fla.

**FREIGHTER SAFE**

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ly be towed to port here last night or today. Captain William E. Young, New York City, is skipper of the Andrew Moore.

In the earlier report yesterday the Coast Guard said that the Charleston, S. C., Marine operator had failed to contact the tug McAllister or the Moran by radio phone and ground operators at the Coast Guard station did not know what had happened to the two tugs.

Officials at the Wilmington Cape Fear Pilots association were quoted as saying it would be impossible to tow the Andrew Moore in until steam could be piped into her anchor control lines so that the anchor could be weighed.

**NCCS TO OPERATE**

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turned the building over to NCCS to operate a recreation program during 1948. The Navy department was the successful bidder however. The importance of the recreation program to Marines stationed at Camp Lejeune, the worlds largest permanent all purpose training base of the U. S. Marine Corps, is attested by the Navy departments acquisition of the building.

**CROWDS JAM**

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uled extra trains and extra flights as the holiday crush began. The New York Central Railroad reported that traffic volume was 15 per cent greater than last year, one of the nation's biggest observances of Christmas, and the Pennsylvania recorded a 13 per cent increase.

Traffic experts said the clear, sunny weather would boost the volume of traffic in metropolitan areas to the heaviest of any day preceding a holiday. The National Safety Council predicted that 400 persons will be killed from midnight tonight to midnight Sunday.

The Federal Reserve Board said Christmas shopping this year will boost department store sales to a new December record in terms of dollars. The actual "take" in the first two weeks of December was eight per cent above the same period last year.

Hopes of St. Petersburg, Fla., residents for a White Christmas ended today when sunny skies boosted the mercury into the 70's and forced postponement of "Operation Snowflake." Pilot Bob Leon, sponsored by the St. Petersburg Independent and the city publicity department, took off this morning to drop dry ice into clouds to produce snow. The clouds he was aiming at wafted away before he could reach them.

Other sidelights on Christmas eve: Terre Haute, Ind. — Thancey L. Boyll, 74-year-old landlord

and father of eight children, was accused of having broken up a children's Christmas party and threatening to smash their toys. Mrs. Mary Cotrell, mother of seven, charged that Boyll entered her two-room apartment demanding rent, waved a pistol and tried to hit a boy who attempted to stop him. Police charged Boyll with vagrancy.

New York — The towns of Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott, N.Y., invited 176 United Nations workers from foreign nations to spend Christmas in private homes. The plan was sponsored by Rotary Clubs in each town. The best represented country was France, with 75 guests. The guests planned to arrive Christmas eve and stay until Saturday.

Pearl Harbor, T. H. — Men

aboard the Navy Oiler Ashtabula will celebrate two Christmases, both on Dec. 25, 1947. The Ashtabula will cross the International Date line on Christmas en route from Kwajalein to Midway. Thus, there will be two Dec. 25th's. The men will get turkey the first Christmas and steak the second.

Evansville, Ind. — John McFarland, a veteran awaiting approval of a GI loan to build a house, was told by doctors that he could not take his five-week-old triplets from the hospital for a Christmas reunion with his family. Physicians said Christmas at home would be "a little stuffy" for the triplets. The doctors had discovered that McFarland is living with his wife and three other children in one room.

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