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# ANCIENT BETHLEHEM OBSERVES CHRISTMAS

## POPE PIUS UTTERS PASSIONATE PRAYER FOR WORLD'S PEACE

### Holy Father Implores God To Accept His Suffering for Tranquility Among Men

### ASKS UNITY AGAINST COMMUNIST ENEMIES

### Mentions Spain Especially In His Intercession, De- claring Civil War There Is Menace More Threatening Than Anything World Has Faced Before

Vatican City, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Pope Pius XI prayed before the whole world today that God accept his suffering for peace among men, and from his sick bed called for a union of all Christianity against the "evil power" of communism.

His eyes afixe, the stricken pontiff spoke in a throbbing voice through the microphone.

He called "for a union of all men of good will against the propaganda of the enemy," by which he meant communism, and prayed God accept his present suffering "for his own glory, for the conversion of all who have gone astray, for peace and the good of the entire church—and in particular for Spain."

In Spain, the Holy Father cried, "propaganda and evil forces have wished to make the supreme experiment of all the destructive forces scattered throughout the world, which they have at their command."

"Here is a new menace more threatening than ever before for the whole world, and particularly for Europe and its Christian civilization," he said. The Holy Father's voice trembled throughout the whole 29 minutes of his Christmas Eve message. At times he seemed to be forcing himself on.

## New Chief Now Ruler Over Cuba

### Dr. Frederico Bru Succeeds To Office of Deposed Presi- dent Gomez

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 24 (AP)—Cuban officials assembled today to welcome a new president, Dr. Frederico Bru, after the army-controlled Senate ousted Miguel Gomez for his opposition to the \$1,500,000 sugar tax bill.

Gomez, the island republic's ninth president in four years, was forced from his position by the Senate's decision early today he was guilty of "interfering with the free functioning of legislative power" in fighting the tax measure.

Politically, the winner congressional controversy over the proposal to extend army training to rural schools was Colonel Fulgencio Batista, Cuba's military "strong man."

Bru was to be inducted into the chief executive's office in official ceremonies set for noon.

Gomez was ejected by a 22 to 12

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## OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Fair tonight and Friday; slight  
warmer Friday.

## Roosevelt, Garner Abandon Dinners

Washington, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A casual telephone call from Vice-President Garner to President Roosevelt shook the capital's social foundations today.

There are a lot of "must" parties on the official social calendar every winter. For instance, the President gives an annual dinner for the vice-president and the vice president gives one in return.

Looking forward gleefully to night after night of staying up late with a winged collar poking into his neck, Vice President Garner offered to pass up his dinner to Mr. President.

The President quickly agreed and also cancelled the White House banquet for Mr. and Mrs. Garner.

## DEATH, BLOOD AND MISERY CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SPAIN

### War-Torn Nation Counts Its Horror as the Other Christian Nations Celebrate

### RELIGIOUS LEADERS ENTREAT FOR PEACE

### Church Bells Peal All Over The World, But Spain's Only Echo to Their Joy is One of Shot, Shell and Shrapnel; And the Civil War Goes On

(By The Associated Press.)  
Death, blood and nationwide misery were the Christmas presents forced on Spain today by the grim gods of war.

While all other Christian lands throughout the world were thanking God for the blessings of peace, grieving Spain counted her dead, her maimed and her starving inhabitants.

Religious leaders, including Pope Pius XI in Rome, pleaded for an end to the brother against brother slaughter in a land once known for its care-free contentment.

Their pleas were answered by the exhortations of war leaders to kill the enemy and get peace by force.

Church bells all over the world pealed the joy of Christians on the anniversary eve of the greatest pacifist; shot, shell and shrapnel were Spain's echoes.

Peace on earth was not for Madrilenos. Their war leaders issued today commands for the troops on the front to fight off any Christian sentimentalism that might cause them to relax efforts to kill off their countrymen, insisting on a different form of government.

Fascist insurgents shelled the center of Madrid again and in their war planes bombed government positions north and south of the Escorial road northwest of Madrid.

## No Dispatch On Christmas Day

In keeping with custom as old as the paper, the Daily Dispatch will not be published tomorrow—Christmas Day. It is the only workday in the year that a paper is not printed. The entire organization will have the full holiday, but will be back Saturday to issue a paper as usual.

"Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace Toward Men"



"And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger . . . And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.' And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger."

St. Luke 2:7, 15, 16.

A Christmas carol-singer

## U. S. Plans Evacuation Over China

### Move Seen as Indica- tion of Waning Hope for Early End of Civil War

Nanking, China, Dec. 24 (AP)—China's hope for a speedy end to Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang's rebellion waned today as the United States hastened efforts to evacuate Americans from embattled Shensi province.

Worried by growing reports additional provinces had rallied to the standard of Marshal Chang, Colonel Joseph Stillwell, U. S. military attache at Peiping, left for the interior.

He hoped to penetrate as far west as Sianfu, where Chang held Chiang Kai-Shek, premier of China.

With the premier were his wife and her brother, Dr. T. V. Soong, endeavoring to entreat personally for their relatives' release.

Colonel Stillwell planned to go first to Loyang to arrange for rescue of the Americans through the punitive extradition sent to Chiang's aid.

Most concern was felt for the Americans farther in the interior.

## ACCUSED MAN SAYS HE IS NOT GUILTY

### New Yorker Held in Raleigh on White Slave Charge Brought In This State

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Albert Lucke, alias Lucky and Alfred, was arrested several days ago in Robertsonville.

The man is charged with impersonating a New Jersey secret service member, Chief William Gray, of the Robertsonville police, saying he flashed a badge on him and told him he could not arrest him.

Asked about charges he had transported girls from New York to Florida for immoral purposes, Lucke only reply was:

"My own wife; I can carry her, can't I?"

He said his wife, Lena, was a former resident of Robertsonville.

## Best CHRISTMAS Wishes

Always at this season of the year one hears the same old jolly greeting. It is a poor soul that cannot say it with a feeling of sincerity. Surely every one has some one to whom the wish may be given. With us here in the Dispatch organization, we are glad we can say it with perhaps even more fervor and wholeheartedness than ever before. We believe we have many friends, and the many have shown their cordiality in many ways and many times during this year and in other years.

So that it is out of a full heart that every member of the Daily Dispatch staff, from the front door to the back door, and from the floor up through the second floor, and those on the outside as well, extend to every one everywhere the old, old greeting

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



## ENFORCING GROUPS HOSTILE TO G-MEN

### Attorney General Cum- mings Denies Complaints Made of His Force

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 24.—Although Attorney General Homer S. Cummings may "poo-poo" charges against his G-men, the fact remains that feeling of considerable hostility to the Justice Department's bureau of investigation exist in the ranks of other police and inquisitorial organizations, municipal, statewide and national.

The attorney general denies, indeed, that he has received complaints concerning the G-men's methods from "any responsible official."

However, he must have noticed a

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## PLAN COURSE IN FLOGGING CASES

### Sheriff and Solicitor in Brunswick County Hold Long Conference

Shalotte, Dec. 24 (AP)—District Solicitor John Burney, of Wilmington, and Sheriff J. A. Russ conferred here this morning for more than three quarters of an hour, discussing the Thanksgiving night flogging of Will Inman and Jesse Cox, Freedland farmers, by a hooded mob of praying night riders dubbing themselves "Christians."

The solicitor said after the conference he had nothing to say, but intimated he will take an active part in the investigation into the flogging in the future.

The solicitor indicated he is con-

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## Program At White House Is Full One

### President Reads Dickens' Christmas Carol to His Assem- bled Household

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—The White House holiday program was so full today President Roosevelt had to advance part of the family's traditional Christmas eve reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

He read an installment of the oft-told story about Tiny Tim and Old Scrooge last night, while children and adults listened carefully.

The gaiety of the big house full of young people was marred by words that Franklin, Jr., III in a Fulton hospital, would be unable to come home for Christmas.

His sister, Anna, Mrs. John Boettiger, will be the only other missing member of the four-generation family. She and her husband have just moved to Seattle.

## Six Die As Engine For Plane Fails

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A failing Wright engine "after interference by two other planes" in an attempted landing was advanced today by Braniff Air Line officials as possible explanation for the crash of their twin-motored ship, which killed six occupants yesterday.

Victims of the test flight were all officials and employees.

"Theory on cause of accident, after preliminary investigation, is that plane approached field for landing, was forced to go around due to interference by two other planes," read a telegram by Braniff officials to the

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## NATIVITY EDIFICE CENTER OF EVENTS OF HOLY OCCASION

### Solemn, Simple Procession Marches to Grotto Where Tradition Says Jesus Was Born

### TERROR BY ARABS REDUCES PILGRIMS

### Much Fewer Than From Europe and America; Looting by Brigands Con- tinues Despite Anniversary Event; Subdued Through Looks on at Ceremony

Bethlehem, Palestine, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Christ's disciples of many creeds worshipped their Savior today in a sacred city strangely drab.

Under sullen skies, through streets where soldiers stood, past shop windows empty of Christmas symbols, the traditional procession from Jerusalem was met at the tomb of Rachel Led by the Latin patriarch, the marchers were taken to the Church of the Nativity by the mayor, the parish priest and by other church and civic officials.

But there were few of the pilgrims in either Bethlehem or Jerusalem that other years have brought.

Six months of terror attendant upon the Arab strike against Jewish settlements had left its mark on the Holy Land. From the smoldering aftermath came continuing eruptions in the form of scattered bandit activities. Only yesterday, near the scene of

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## COLUMBUS MAN DIES OF AUTOMOBILE BURN

### Companion in Hospital in Critical Condition; One Man Held, His Father Also Hurt

Whiteville, Dec. 24 (AP)—Will Dore, 47, Columbus county farmer, died early today of injuries received last night when his car burst into flames after a collision.

A companion, Ed Williamson, 40, was in a hospital with critical burns. Coroner F. V. Richardson ordered Bruce Moody, of Shallotte, alleged driver of the machine that struck Dore, held. Moody's father also was in Columbus county hospital with serious injuries. The coroner said he could not learn the older Moody's full name.

## Threat Of Split With Sea Strike

### Sailors' Union Tells Harry Bridges, Leader, To Keep His Hands Off

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A possible threat to union solidarity overshadowed peace moves today in the Pacific coast maritime strike.

A sailors' publication denounced the leadership of Harry Bridges, sponsor of the "solid front" movement, but a strikers' mass meeting backed him up.

From Washington, Secretary Perkins dispatched word to both sides that public interest demands an early settlement of the 56-day strike, which has affected nearly 40,000 workers, tied up 235 ships and cost \$392,000,000 by some business estimates.

"Great patience has been shown in waiting for such an agreement, but the public interest requires that these negotiations be completed promptly now," the labor secretary declared, "even if some sacrifice is necessary."

"The West Coast Sailor, official local bulletin of the striking sailors' union, told Bridges to 'keep his hands and his nose out of the sailors' business.'"