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CHRISTMAS INVASION ATTEMPT FEARED

Tydings Suggests U. S. Ask Peace Terms

'Just' Peace Proposals Suggested

Senator Does Not Speak of "Peace of Appeasement", He Says, In Suggesting United States Ask Powers For Terms.

Washington, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Senator Tydings, Democrat, Maryland, suggested today that the United States ask Great Britain and the axis powers for a statement of the conditions under which they would agree to end the European war.

When such a statement, Tydings said, this country could determine itself whether there appears to be any basis for negotiating a "just" peace. If there was, the United States could work toward that end, he added, while if there was not it would know what country stood in the way and could shape its policy accordingly.

"I do not speak of a peace of appeasement but a peace of justice," Tydings said.

It was his opinion that a "just" peace would involve the restoration of the political sovereignty of Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium and France with the possible creation of wholly Polish and Czechoslovakian states. It must be accompanied, he said, by a measure of disarmament as well as promised disarmament.

"I do not have a clear and accurate idea of the conditions under which both Britain and the axis powers would agree to peace we would know better just what steps our nation should take," Tydings said.

"Certainly America would not look with favor upon a peace based upon appeasement but a peace of justice.

"We should work for such a peace, and the alternatives are continued slaughter of men, women and children in all belligerent countries, complete destruction of property, the expenditure of hundreds of billions of dollars to prosecute the war and for rehabilitation and readjustments which will come thereafter, and the departure from democratic methods of government."

Fair Weather Is Promised For Holiday

(By the Associated Press) The weather bureau offered its Christmas gift to the nation today: generally mild conditions for the holidays.

Forecaster H. A. Downs of Chicago summarized latest forecasts for the own north central district and those from other forecast centers in the manner:

"The only white Christmas—new snow—in the nation along the western slope of the Rockies. A "green Christmas" from the Rockies eastward to the Atlantic coast but with snow moving up from Florida through the South Atlantic states.

Generally fair and mild weather throughout the north central and southern states.

Downs said there was no indication of a sudden turn to severely cold weather or heavy snows.

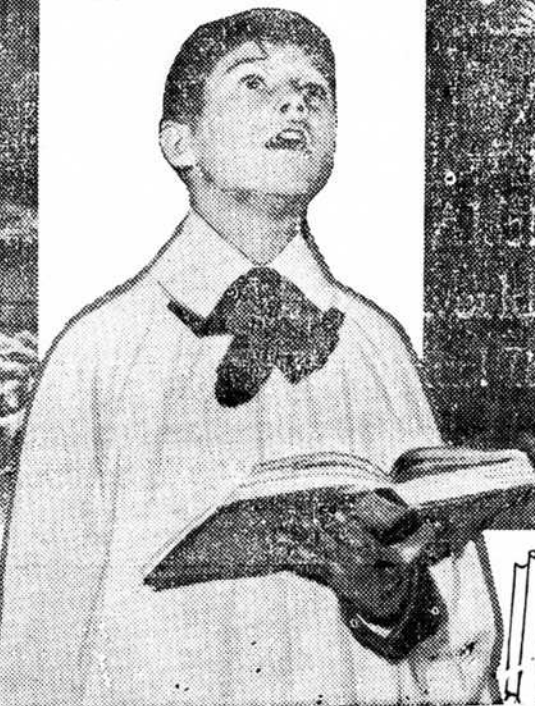
No Dispatch On Christmas

As has been the custom since it began business nearly twenty-seven years ago, the Daily Dispatch will take full holiday for Christmas day tomorrow. It is the only holiday of the year the paper observes. Publication will, of course, be resumed on Thursday.



And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.—Luke, 2:9-10.

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



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.—Luke, 2:11-12.



Nazi Chief Gives Hint In Address

London Alive With Speculation That Hitler Plans Attempt to Invade Britain; Axis Powers Ridicule Winston Churchill.

(By The Associated Press.) Field Marshal General Walter von Brauchitsch, commander in chief of the German army, told Germany's armed forces today he knew they were "just burning up with the desire at last to meet the English."

As he spoke in a radio broadcast from a Nazi long-range gun emplacement on the English channel coast, London was alive with speculation that Adolf Hitler might be planning a Christmas attempt to invade England.

"I know you are merely awaiting the fuhrer's command," von Brauchitsch said.

Only a few hours earlier in a pre-dawn raid, English warplanes had battered anew at Nazi "invasion" ports across the channel and Berlin had served notice of "no truce" with Britain over the Yuletide holiday.

Increased activity on the German-held channel coast was reported in London.

"The ocean can protect England only so long as it suits us," von Brauchitsch said, adding that he had visited all sections of the German army in recent days and convinced himself of "the excellent spirit and ever growing strength of our army."

Churchill Ridiculed. Both Rome and Berlin officially ridiculed Prime Minister Winston Churchill's broadcast appeal yesterday to King Victorio Emmanuel and the Italian people to turn against Mussolini and the German alliance.

Premier Mussolini's government flatly rejected the plea, declaring "Italy will continue the war on all fronts until victory."

Bardia Founded. The British army of the Nile intensified its eight-day old siege of Bardia, bringing up more troops and pouring the defense lines with an artillery preparation which indicated that the final assault on the Italian stronghold may be at hand.

"The concentration of our troops and artillery preparation in the Bardia area are proceeding," the British command announced tersely. On other fronts in North Africa, it reported "no change in the situation."

A critical water shortage was reported facing the 20,000 Italian defenders of Bardia and the fascist air force which heretofore had not offered stiff competition suddenly came to life in a desperate effort to save the threatened east Libyan base.

Balkan Front. Dispatches from the Balkan war front said the Greek army was advancing farther along the Adriatic coast beyond Chimara with the main

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Europe Has Christmas Despite War

(By The Associated Press.) There were blackouts and debris, the roar of guns and the screaming of air raid warnings, but Europe's warring nations also have for their Christmas the traditional decorations, the carol singing and exchanges of gifts.

Pope Pius' plea for a Christmas truce was rejected and there was no sign of one on any front.

Greek forces battled Italians in Albania in bitter winter weather.

In Libya, British forces pushed ahead in desert sands against Premier Mussolini's north African army.

But through it all the spirit of Christmas marches on. From besieged Britain, King George VI tomorrow will broadcast his usual Christmas message to his empire. Descriptions of the wartime

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Farm Relief Change Seen

Shrinking Foreign Markets Will Force Major Changes, Committee Members Say.

Washington, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Predictions that the war and shrinking foreign markets would force Congress to make major changes in farm benefits came today from Chairman Fulmer and Representative Hope, of the House agriculture committee.

"They said in interviews that continually increasing surpluses and rising wages for industry would compel a compensating adjustment for the producers of all crops, particularly those exported.

"We've got to do something to get away from these annual appropriations for parity and give the farmer some base for his income such as the certificate plan," Fulmer said.

"I intend to put the whole problem before the committee as soon as possible after the new Congress convenes and hope that we solve it." Hope said that he expected Congress to be asked to consider aid at least for cotton, wheat and tobacco, three major export crops, "if for no other reason than the surpluses."

"The certificate plan seems to be the next best plan that has been offered that would give the farmer a basic price and at the same time would permit surpluses to move into

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BILLY HILL DEAD Boston, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Billy Hill, 42, New York and Hollywood song writer whose best known work probably was his "Last Round Up", was found dead today in a hotel room. A doctor said he died of natural causes.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA Increasingly cloudiness probably followed by rain in south and east portions Wednesday and near coast tonight; slowly rising temperatures in interior Wednesday and in east and central portions tonight.

Mrs. Roosevelt Adds Warning To Greetings

Washington, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt carried "Merry Christmas" greetings to hundreds of delighted youngsters today and added this solemn warning to adults: "This is a Christmas on which a great many children are not going to be able to be happy. We older people should do much to make our children in this country happy and also to make the world a happier place."

The President's wife spoke at the 24th annual Christmas party of the Central Union Mission. Some 1,600 boys and girls were in the crowd, which sang out "Merry Christmas, Mrs. Roosevelt."

Mrs. Roosevelt then watched the start of the distribution of gifts.

Next on the schedule was a sim-

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Pope Pius' Christmas Message

Vatican City, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII told the College of Cardinals today that the "new world order" proposed by warring nations should be based on five moral virtues.

These virtues, he said, were: 1. Over hatred. 2. Over mistrust. Here the pontiff called for "return to that fidelity in observance of pacts without which pure neighborliness of peoples and particularly the co-existence of powerful and weak peoples could not possibly succeed."

3. Over the idea that "might makes right."

4. Over economic maladjustment.

5. Over "the spirit of cold egoism which, fearless in its might, easily leads to violation not only of honor and sovereignty of a state but of the

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Mull Claims Votes To Assure Victory

Earthquake Shakes New England

Boston, Dec. 24.—(AP)—An earthquake, the second in five days, shook northeastern United States and portions of Canada as far west as Ontario today.

Despite the great area in which he shocks were felt, running westward hundreds of miles from the New England coast, southwestward into New York and Pennsylvania and northward into Quebec, no serious damage was indicated.

The tremors, beginning at 8:43 a. m., knocked Christmas trees, ornaments and household articles to the floor in some places, rattled dishes

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Mother And Five Children Burn To Death

Washington, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Dorothy Heinbuck, 34, and her five children were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed their home near Oxon Hill, Md. The children ranged in age from six to 15.

Prince Georges county police said the children and their mother apparently were asleep when the fire broke out around 6 a. m. The father, Alton M. Heinbuck, 36, is a food warehouse manager and had been working at night.

Police said Heinbuck did not reach his home, a bungalow about six miles from Washington, until 8:20 o'clock. The house was almost burned to the ground at that time.

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Odus M. Mull of Shelby says he has the speakership of the 1941 North Carolina House of Representatives clinched yet George Uzzell of Salisbury refused to concede him a thing today.

Admittedly the Senate race for president proved is closer, with John D. Larkins, Jr., of Trenton, claiming 28 votes, and Archie Gay of Jackson asserting he has 27.

Mull, veteran legislator, former state Democratic chairman and a close friend and counselor of Governor Hoey and Former Governor O. Max Gardner, has claimed a majority in the speakership race for weeks and today estimated his pledged votes as high as 95 of the 120 house members.

"I am predicting that less than 20 votes will be cast against me in the Democratic caucus the night of January 7," Mull told the Associated Press.

Young Uzzell, who will be serving his fifth term in the House though he is only 37 years old, said that he would be in the race "until the vote is counted" and said that he had received assurances that he would get the vote of at least 61 House members.

"It will only take 57 votes to elect me," Uzzell said. "I am receiving encouragement from unexpected sources."

During the last week or ten days Uzzell has held numerous conferences with small groups of his supporters, he said, and invariably they said a canvass showed he had enough votes to win.

Veteran political observers here, however, give Uzzell little more than an outside chance. They concede his popularity and hedge with statements that they may be mistaken but they also believe that Mull's close associations with Governor Hoey and Former Governor Gardner will be to his advantage.

JOY Peace and Happiness
To one and all a hearty sincere wish for peace and happiness at Christmas, and for a New Year filled with all the good things one could desire for himself.
This is the greeting from the entire organization of this newspaper.

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