

REPORT UNREST IN N. GREECE

Leftists Take 8 Villages
From E. D. E. S., British
Sources Say.

ATHENS, Dec. 22 (U. P.).—Reports circulated today that the civil war had spread to northern Greece.

Left wing E. L. A. E. forces there are reported to have captured eight villages from the rightist E. D. E. S. followers of Gen. Napoleon Zervas.

Northern Greece was reported seething with unrest. An infiltration of hot-blooded elements from Bulgaria and Albania accentuated the trouble.

Open warfare between the E. L. A. S. and E. D. E. S. factions threatened or already had begun.

Move On Headquarters

Reliable information reaching British sources here said the E. L. A. S. men, clearing eight villages of E. D. E. S. sympathizers, were moving toward the Dhrisiki ridge, a dominating height east of Ioannina, site of E. D. E. S. headquarters.

Other E. L. A. S. forces were reported massing along the border territory. Zervas sources claimed that the E. L. A. S. men had attacked the E. D. E. S. camp near the town of Arta, 40 miles south of Ioannina.

The reports said that 300 Bulgarians who were supposed to be deserters from the Bulgarian army had been counted in the area north-east of Salonika, big port in North-eastern Greece.

Albanians Also on Move

A number of Albanians were reported moving through E. L. A. S. territory toward zones controlled by Zervas followers in Epirus.

Coinciding with the mounting unrest, German broadcasts were reported to have begun a propaganda campaign to "Free Macedonia." The Greek government was described as fearful that Bulgarians and Albanians were planning some kind of coup to split Macedonia from Greece.

On the Athens "front," British troops and tanks crossed Piraeus harbor in assault craft, landed on the northern rim, and drove inland, bringing the entire port under British control.

RENEW PICKETING AT 4 WARD STORES

DETROIT, Dec. 22 (U. P.).—Pickets ringed four Montgomery Ward & Co. retail stores today with renewed vigor after hearing pleas of union leaders who said the stores must be closed by Saturday to force government action in the company's refusal to comply with war labor board directives.

Company officials said the stores opened at their usual time today.

JUDGE SCOUTS 'WAR DIVORCE' THEORIES

The general belief that the heavy increase in divorces here this year was due to hasty war marriages has been discounted by Judge Ralph Hamill of superior court.

Records in more than a score of divorce cases heard in two days this week showed that the average span of married life in the cases was more than 11 years.

"This shows that most of the couples coming into court for divorces were married long before the war started," Judge Hamill said.

The judge also found that the average age of the couples seeking divorces was about 34.

'JUMP TOWN' YOUTHS PLAN DANCE TONIGHT

Jump Town, the newest teen-canteen, will sponsor a dance from 8 to 11 o'clock tonight in the Rhodius community center.

In charge of the program are: Doris Litcomb, chairman, Angeline Lynch and Wilma Maxey, doc. committee, Kathleen Wilham, chairman, Joan Ford and Don Eggers, refreshments committee, Marilyn Kirk, chairman, Jeanne Agnew and Barbara Oliver, projects committee, Ray Browne, chairman, Guy Fish and Charles Ames, floor committee, and Miss Evelyn Hartley, Marjorie Smith, Lillian Geiss, Frances Carter and Forrest Hight, adult sponsors.

Music will be provided by Doc Watson's band. A floor show will be given by Edna Andrews and Jody Noel, vocalists, and Maryland Kirk and Lavina Valent, dancers.

ROBERT L. MCLEAN DIES

LANSDOWNE, Pa., Dec. 22 (U. P.).—Robert Lewis McLean, 77, former secretary-treasurer of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin and uncle of Robert McLean, president of the Evening Bulletin and the Associated Press, died suddenly last night.

Two Patients at Billings Come Home for Holidays

Two soldier patients at Billings hospital are home this year for Christmas with many war stories to tell their folks.

They are Pvt. Francis Bennett, 1046 S. Whitcomb ave., and Pvt. Tilford Coyle, 1967 N. Tacoma st., both wounded in Europe.

Pvt. Coyle, whose wife, May, lives at the Tacoma st. address, had a private war of his own on an outpost near St. Lo, France. Battling a German combat patrol of five men in hand to hand fighting, Pvt. Coyle and his buddy killed three of their assailants.

He was a rifleman with the 90th division and went into Normandy after D-day. He fought through the battle of St. Lo. The purple heart is pinned on his uniform.

Pvt. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bennett, spent last Christmas on guard duty in England. He had turkey dinner and spent the evening in a small town.

Marott Carolers Rehearse for Yuletide



George J. Marott listens to a rehearsal of some of his carolers as they prepare for another Yuletide season of song extolling the birth of Christ. Here they raise their voices in the Marott hotel, 2625 N. Meridian st.

GARFIELD RINK NEAR FREEZING

Surface May Be Safe for
Ice Skaters by
Tomorrow.

Ice skaters probably will have an opportunity to try their skill on the Garfield park lagoon tomorrow.

City recreation department officials said today that removal of a large sandbar in the center of the lagoon has been completed and the area flooded.

They estimated that 12 more hours of freezing weather—which appears likely—will provide a safe skating surface.

Adequate Supervision

K. Mark Cowen, city recreation director, said adequate supervision and firewood would be available at Lake Sullivan for "swing shift" skating parties as long as the ice remains. Arrangements are being made to make the facilities available as early as 7 a. m. daily.

All skating areas, however, he said, will be closed on Christmas eve and night at 6 p. m. because of a shortage of supervisors.

CAPTIVE YANKS FACE SAD YULE

But Gift Packages Will
Make Christmas 'Just a
Little Whiter.'

By MELVIN C. KRAMPF
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—They'll have Christmas trees with plenty of ornaments.

They'll have cornucopias filled with candies, Christmas music and books, games and a regular turkey dinner.

But it all adds up to a pretty dismal Christmas nevertheless.

For two of that holiday's priceless ingredients are missing—home and freedom. This is the schedule for Dec. 25 at Stalag Luft III and other prisoner of war camps for American airmen shot down over enemy territory.

It won't be like Christmas, 1941 or even 1942 for some of the lads. But it will be a touch of home, thanks to the National war fund and the American Red Cross.

Plans Made Months Ago

Months ago they made their Christmas plans. Today they have word through neutral sources that their job is done; that the tinsel and the gifts and the food have arrived.

It was almost a year ago when the war prisoners aid decided to make Christmas a little less dreary for American prisoners. They collected and sent via Sweden vast quantities of Christmas tree trimmings and favors, photographs, Christmas records and books, musical instruments and candies. There were candies and even artificial snow.

Red Cross Boxes

The Red Cross prepared special Christmas boxes which include: Turkey, plum pudding, sausage, strawberry jam, nuts, fruit bars, dates, canned cherries, chewing gum, deviled ham, cheddar cheese, bouillon cubes, butter, tea, honey, wash cloths, playing cards, a game and two pictures of an American scene. Also cigarettes and smoking tobacco.

"This should make Christmas just a little whiter for those boys," the Red Cross spokesman said.

Every G. I. and Gob to Have Christmas Turkey, Fixin's

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (U. P.).—The rumble of guns may again blot out the traditional message of "Peace on Earth."

But the nation will do its utmost on this, its fourth consecutive wartime Christmas, to carry the customs and spirit of the holiday to millions of servicemen around the world.

Thousands of tons of turkey have been purchased for holiday dinners. Unless actually pinned down by gunfire, servicemen everywhere are due for a turkey dinner with all the fixings. If they spend Christmas in the front lines they will probably get their turkey as soon as relieved.

Turkey for Prisoners

Even American prisoners of war, at least those in Germany, will also have turkey—canned turkey. The quartermaster corps started canning and shipping the traditional Christmas bird via International Red Cross six months ago.

American home folks have showered G. I. Joe with gifts. At latest count some 50,000,000 holiday packages had been sent to soldiers overseas.

In playing Santa Claus, the army postal service is using every conceivable type of transportation from Arctic dog team, desert camel and parachute to amphibious jeep, duck and weasel.

Reports from overseas indicate that the troops have been buying large quantities of gifts in foreign countries.

No matter where he is the U. S. soldier can be depended upon to improvise a Christmas tree. It may have palm fronds instead of pine needles. But the result can be depended upon to be Christmas-like. Out in the fleet the extent of Christmas observance will depend on the size and location of the ships.

Christmas on Warships

On the bigger war craft, provided they are not in dangerous combat areas, the crews will cluster on the fantail Christmas eve to hear carols. On smaller ships, the only real evidences of Christmas in these days will be the turkey dinner.

At home it is estimated that 25 per cent of the troops will get Christmas furloughs.

For those who must remain in camps, however, there will be complete festivities ranging from

DENY REPORT URGES MERIT SYSTEM AX

The legislative welfare investigating commission today denied charges made by some civic and professional groups that its recent report recommended elimination of the present merit system procedure in the state welfare department.

"The commission has prepared no bills dealing with the merit system nor did we intend to do so," the statement said.

"Our report stated that in our opinion the county welfare director should be placed under the direct control of the local board but that each director should be qualified under a merit system as approved by the personnel board."

"This conclusion was justified in view of the fact that we actually have no workable merit system at the present time. Boards can hire and fire for any reason and no one has the power to question their acts. We are in favor of a merit system but we want it to be a sound and workable plan and not the hit-or-miss system which we now have," the commission's statement said.

181 STUDENTS MAKE HONOR ROLL AT TECH

Grades released for the second period at Technical high school placed 181 students on the top roll. Nineteen scored straight A cards.

Seniors making straight A plus cards are Raymond P. Brown, Evelyn Bruck, Joan Conning, Martha Ginger, Lois M. Hammond, Audrey H. Hancock, Jo Ann Hynes, Jean McCoy, Janet McDonnell and Aileen I. Thompson.

Underclassmen who received straight A plus reports are Norma Brenton, Joan Bryant, Betty Jean Dean, Natalie Graham, Mable Love, Alfred Mendez, Doris Townsend and Barbara Watson.

One post graduate received a straight A plus record. He is Willard Wampler.

HEADS RADIO STATION

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 22 (U. P.).—Paul E. Mills, who has been sales manager of Radio Station WOWO for two years, has become general manager of the station, succeeding J. B. Conley, who was transferred by Westinghouse to its new station in Portland, Ore.

DR. KEMPF GETS NEW CITY POST

Hospital Executive to Head
Preventive Medicine
Department.

Mrs. Meredith Nicholson Jr., health board member, today described the appointment of Dr. Gerald F. Kempf as superintendent of preventive medicine as the beginning of an expanded program of public health education.

Appointment to the newly created \$4200-a-year post was announced yesterday following a meeting of the board with Mayor Tyndall.

Dr. Kempf, whose appointment is effective Jan. 1, is head of the communicable disease service at city hospital.

Five Other Applicants

Larry Parsons, city personnel director, said the naming of Dr. Kempf was made in accordance with recently adopted personnel procedures at city hall and followed his referral to the board along with five other applicants.

Dr. Kempf will serve as assistant to Dr. Herman G. Morgan, city health board secretary, Mr. Parsons added.

The 52-year-old physician was graduated from Indiana university in 1916 with a chemistry degree. He taught physiology in the university's school of medicine from 1917-28. He received a degree in medicine in 1928.

His internship was served at City hospital. In 1929 he was appointed a research worker in the Lilly clinic there. He has been with the communicable disease service since 1933.

Dr. Kempf is married and has one son. He lives at 2605 E. Riverside dr. A member of the Indianapolis medical society, as well as the state and national medical groups, Dr. Kempf also is a member of the Central Society for Clinical Research, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi.

DUCE'S SWEETHEART JAILED

ROME, Dec. 22 (U. P.).—Cornelia Tassi, former mistress of Benito Mussolini, was sentenced today to 40 years imprisonment for collaborating with the enemy.

Nazis Drop Girls Behind U. S. Lines To Seduce Yanks

By HELEN KIRKPATRICK
Times Foreign Correspondent

PARIS, Dec. 22.—English-speaking German girls equipped with knives are being dropped by parachute within the American lines, according to reports from an area near the 1st army front.

Seven are said to have been arrested to date and to have confessed that their mission was to seduce G. I.'s and then kill them.

The present German counter-offensive has many new features, including the dropping of saboteurs behind our lines.

And Germans wearing American uniforms and driving American army cars and trucks have been captured.

The United States army yesterday issued a warning that Germans in American and British uniform had been spotted in the Paris area.

Military police were checking all military vehicles throughout the Paris region yesterday.

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MRS. ROSKIN GIVES RECITAL TOMORROW

Mrs. Evelyn Borofsky Roskin, assisted by Mildred Lind, 18-year-old violinist of the Indianapolis Symphony orchestra, will present her fourth organ recital of the season tomorrow at the temple Beth-El Zedeck. The concert is open to the public without charge.

Miss Lind, who is a direct descendant of the late Jenny Lind, famous Swedish singer, is one of the youngest violinists to play with a major symphony orchestra.

To add additional local color to the program, she will give the premiere rendition of "Waltz Caprice," a composition by Janet Roskin. Mr. Roskin is the director of the Beth-El choir, composer of long achievement and the husband of Evelyn Borofsky Roskin.

RITTER HELPS AT CEREMONY

Assists at Consecration of
Bishop Grimmelsman in
Columbus, O.

Times Special

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 22.—The Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, newly installed archbishop of Indianapolis, yesterday assisted at the consecration here of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Grimmelsman as a bishop of the Roman Catholic church.

Bishop Grimmelsman will be installed as the bishop of the new diocese of Evansville Jan. 3 by Archbishop Ritter.

Yesterday's ceremonies were conducted in the Pontifical College Josephinum of which Bishop Grimmelsman has been the rector for 12 years. In assisting, Archbishop Ritter performed one of his first official acts since his installation as archbishop in Indianapolis Tuesday.

Cicognani at Ceremony

The Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani of Washington, D. C., apostolic delegate to the United States, who installed Archbishop Ritter, also officiated at the consecration. The Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, archbishop of Cincinnati, who preached the sermon at Archbishop Ritter's installation, also preached yesterday.

Bishop Grimmelsman, as the first Episcopal head of the diocese of Evansville, will have jurisdiction over churches in 12 counties in southwestern Indiana, an area formerly included in the diocese of Indianapolis. He will be installed as bishop in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Evansville.

The newly consecrated bishop is a native of Cincinnati and has served as assistant at St. Lawrence church, Cincinnati, and as chaplain at Mt. St. Joseph's college, Cincinnati.

INITIATE NEW MEMBERS

Prospect chapter, O. E. S., will initiate new members tonight. Cletus Bennett, worthy matron, will preside.

BANDITS TAKE \$126 FROM LIQUOR STORE

Two bandits, escaped with \$126 at the Terminal Liquor store, 127 W. Market st., last night. They forced the clerk, Anthony Pettrich, 315 N. Hamilton ave., to lie on the floor at the point of a gun.

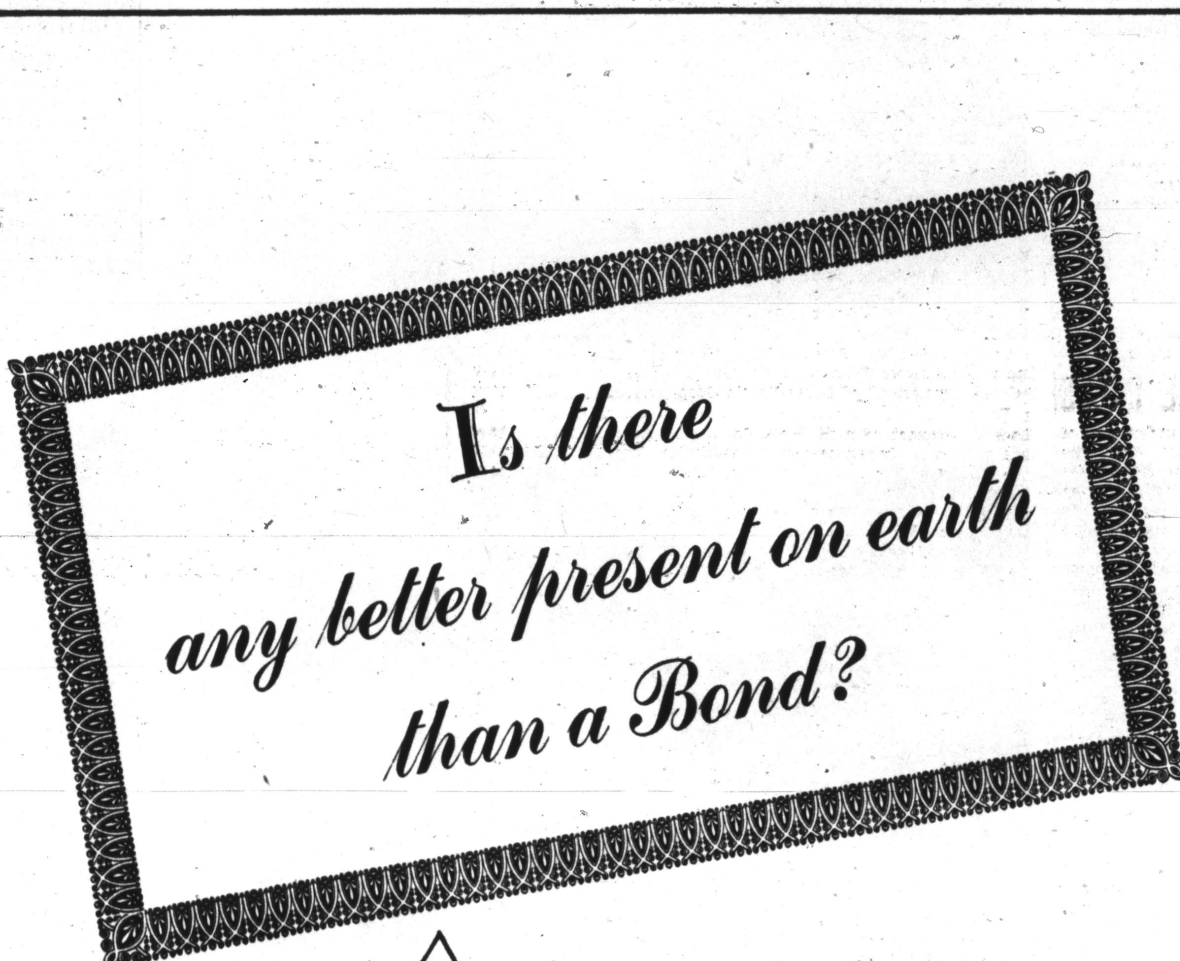
The store is owned by Charles Bassier, 3631 N. Illinois st. Yeggs broke into the Polar Ice & Fuel Co., 1902 S. East st., last night and took an undetermined amount of cash from a safe.



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