

Greeks Say Guerrillas Launch Strong Attacks Near Yugoslav Border

2 Towns, One the Gateway to Macedonia, Reported Assaulted; Reinforcements Sent

ATHENS, Dec. 23 (UP)—The Greek government today reported strong guerrilla attacks on two Greek towns near the Yugoslav border.

It was estimated in a Greek army communique that 1200 guerrillas were attacking the important Macedonian town of Edessa and about 800 were attacking nearby Naoussa. The towns are about 50 miles west of Salonika, and about 15 miles from the Yugoslav border.

The government sent reinforcements to the area. Edessa is the gateway to western Macedonia. It is a provincial capital, with a population of about 20,000.

It was the second major Greek town to be attacked in force within 10 days. The other was Kardhista, which the rebels seized temporarily, and looted, killing, wounding and abducting hundreds of persons, according to the government.

Czechoslovakia

THE UNITED STATES embassy has protested to the Czechoslovakian foreign office against the stripping and searching of two embassy employees by customs officials as they left the country. It was reported reliably today.

The Americans are Jon Pazourek, embassy building superintendent of Plzeň, N. Y., and Mrs. Irene Foster Vachek of Chicago. The embassy secretary, reliable sources said, an American note pointed out that no contraband was found and asked if embassy employees were being given special treatment, inasmuch as most travelers are not treated that way.

Mr. Pazourek was accompanied by his wife who also was searched. All three carried "special passports" indicating they were State Department employees. But the passports do not entitle them to diplomatic immunity.

Japan
JAPANESE Premier Shigeru Yoshida dissolved the Diet today after the House of Representatives passed a non-confidence bill against his cabinet by a vote of 277 to 130. Yoshida's action in dissolving the Diet paved the way for general elections. By arrangement with other politicians, it was expected they would be held Jan. 23.

Dissolution of the Diet was agreed upon after a series of scandals involving Diet members. Meanwhile, at Yokohama, two United States Army recruits were sentenced to life imprisonment for the Aug. 4 murder of Akira Nagai, Japanese chauffeur of the Australian mission in Tokyo. The soldiers are Arthur D. Smith, 24, of Baltimore, Md., and Eugene W. Wilson, 18, of Kilgore, Tex.

Germany
THE FIRST snowfall of the year covered the streets of Berlin today. Air officials said it would not interfere with the air-lift flying food and fuel into the city.

West Berlin stores were doing a rushing business today selling model airplanes and British cargo planes, midjet aerodromes, toy trucks and imitation warehouses with which the children imitate "operation Vittles."

At Ludwigsburg, it was announced, Helmut Schacht, finance minister during the Hitler regime, will be tried in absentia as a Nazi offender by a denazification tribunal if he fails to appear Jan. 31.

Schacht has remained in Hamburg, out of the jurisdiction of the Ludwigsburg tribunal, in order to avoid a third denazification trial.

His conviction and sentence of eight years' imprisonment was set aside by an appeals court and then reversed.

China
A CRIMINAL tribunal at Shanghai today sentenced 152 members of a Communist guerrilla unit to prison terms of one to five years. More than 100 then were given suspended sentences when they renounced communism.

Workers Help Former Employee

A former Court House employee with four children and a sick husband will have a bright Christmas, thanks to workers in the Motors Registration Office.

Pooling their resources, the employees collected approximately \$60 worth of groceries for the woman.

The gifts include canned goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, butter, eggs and a live chicken. They were to be delivered this afternoon by David Taylor, deputy registration clerk.

Hunt Window Smashers Of Car in Parking Lot

Police today sought two men in a yellow convertible coupe who shattered the windows of an automobile in the Mallory Parking Lot, 1315 E. Washington St.

Fred Bowers, 28, R. R. 6, Box 3820, told police he saw the men throw bottles through six windows and the windshield of his car this morning. He said he obtained the license number of the coupe.

Rites for Newsman

GREENSBURG, Dec. 23 (UP)—Services will be held today for R. J. Richardson, 82-year-old veteran Indiana newspaperman, who died Monday in New Orleans, La., where he was spending the winter with his son, Paul. Mr. Richardson was editor of a Columbus paper and also was publisher of the Westport Independent and the Elmore Tribune.

Probers Irked Over Interview With Duggan

FBI Challenged to Disclose Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP)—House investigators were embroiled in an angry dispute today over the handling of secret testimony that brought the name of Laurence Duggan into their Communist spy hunt.

The split among members of the House un-American Activities Committee came amid these other developments:

ONE: Acting Chairman Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.), called on the FBI to reveal the nature of its interview with Mr. Duggan a short time before the former State Department official's death plunge from a New York skyscraper. He added, however, that the information should be made public only if Mr. Duggan's family approves.

Secret Hearing Held
TWO: The committee locked its doors for a question-and-answer session with former Assistant Secretary of State Francis A. Bavier and his secretary, Anna Belle Newcomb.

Mr. Bavier at one time was the State Department superior of Alger Hiss, who has been accused by ex-Communist Whittaker Chambers of stealing official secrets for a Red spy ring.

Mr. Duggan's name was linked with Hiss in a letter, part of the day at the presidential suite of the Muehlebach hotel, in nearby Kansas City, working on routine matters and possibly his forthcoming budget and State of the Union messages. But the "Chief Executive" subsequently denied this.

Called Atrocious
Two committee Democrats, Reps. F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana and John E. Rankin of Mississippi, said release of Levine's testimony was "atrocious" and "unfortunate" and violated committee agreements.

Their comment followed a series of testimonials to Mr. Duggan by his former government superiors, including ex-Secretary of State Cordell Hull. He described Mr. Duggan as an "honest" public servant.

Post Office Hours
Post office window service will close at 2 p. m. tomorrow, George J. Riss, acting postmaster said today. The shorter hours will allow the post office to grant a half holiday to some employees.

St. Paul's Ready For Yule Service

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER

Times Church Editor

St. Paul's Episcopal Church with its religious art treasures and its long history bound up with early Indianapolis will furnish the setting for midnight Christmas Eve services.

The services will open at 10:30 p. m. with a "Carols of All Nations" program given by the choir directed by Jane Burroughs Adams and accompanied by Charlotte Moore, organist. Alfred Aulwurm, violinist with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, will play, as will Ruth Hutchens Thrasher, harpist. Communion will be celebrated at 11:30 p. m. by the Rev. William Burrows and the Rev. John Vruwink.

The opening choir number will be the Fifth Century Gregorian "Hallelujah." Compositions will include German, English, Ukrainian, Flemish, French, Negro, Mexican and Swedish carols. Mrs. Adams will sing "Let Thy Holy Presence" from Tschernieff's "Communion Service in D" at the altar. Following the communion will follow the carols, and the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria" as the offertory solo. The services will close with Burroughs' choral response, "Peace I Leave with You."

At the Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Michigan and North Wallace Sts., the Christmas Eve Festival service will begin at 11 p. m. tomorrow. Mrs. J. E. McAllister will direct the choir and the pastor, Dr. J. S. Albert, will preach on "God's Greatest Gift." Mrs. R. C. Roemer will play Gounod's "Mourning Star" as the organ prelude. Jack Dietz will sing Gounod's "Ave Maria" as a tenor solo. Following various other numbers, the choir will give "Joy to the World" as the recessional.

The Broadway Methodist Church Christmas Eve candle-light service will be held from 11 p. m. to midnight. Willard E. Beck will direct a choir of 60 voices in the Christmas music. Frank Parrish will sing a tenor solo and Miss Mary Jane Jeffrey will tell the Christmas story. Mrs. John English will play the organ.

Misplaced Christmas Bike Gives Boy Lump in Throat

Parked Behind Grocery on Errand, It Naturally Wasn't on Back Porch

Ten-year-old Owen Rexroat Jr. doesn't ride his bicycle very much because it is going to serve as his Christmas present this year.

In fact, he has so seldom used it that he forgot he rode it to a grocery store today and reported it stolen. This caused no little excitement and anguish in the Rexroat home.

Last July his parents bought the bicycle and were to make the last payment on it today.

Since there wasn't enough money to get the gifts the five children in the family wanted for Christmas, it was agreed that the bicycle, with payments completed, would serve as Owen's Christmas present.

After a few rides he locked it up on the back porch to keep it shiny.

Today he had to make a fast trip to the grocery about one block from his home at 1226 Fletcher Ave., so he rode his "bike" and parked it at the rear of the store.

He made the purchases, and forgetting he owned a bicycle, rushed out the front entrance.

At home, he looked on the back porch for his bike. It was gone.

Owen and his father left the house to search, walking four blocks without success.

"Then like a streak of lightning I remembered," Owen said. "I took it to the store."

Sure enough, when he went to look, his Christmas gift was where he left it, parked behind Waldeens Regal store in Shelby St.

\$25 to Keep Some Child Warm



Pete Alexander, 247 S. Noble St., a patient in St. Francis Hospital, hands a \$25 check for The Times-Mile-O-Dimes to Fireman Maynard Byrum. Mr. Alexander read of the annual drive to help needy children and asked for a worker to take his donation.

Truman Toils On His Holiday

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 23 (UP)—President Truman still have plenty of time for the Christmas celebrations.

His house gloved warmly last night with the Christmas spirit with which the town welcomed him yesterday for his first Yuletide at home since 1944.

9 Killed, 71 Hurt In China Bank Run

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23 (UP)—A riot staged by 30,000 Chinese to obtain gold buying permits from the Central Bank of China left nine persons dead and 71 injured today.

The permit holders were to make a quick profit of 800 yuan on an ounce of gold in the black market.

The dead and injured were rammed up against the stone wall of the bank or trampled underfoot.

Ship Movements

By United Press

New York Arrivals—Washington, Southampton; Port Townsend, Halifax; Jutlandia, Copenhagen.

New York Departures—African Grove, Atlantic City; American, New York; Queen, New York; Coronado, New York.

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HE ENJOYS A GOOD SMOKE

Pipes, 1.50 to 25.00

Imported briars by Kaywoodie, Custombilt, Lee and Londonaire.

Lighters, 3.00 to 15.00

Varied styles by A-S-R, Evans, Beattie, Zippo and Dunhill Rogers Tobacco Pouches, 2.00 to 15.00 Bean-Bag Ash Trays, 1.00

"SOMETHING HE DOESN'T HAVE"

Rolls Razor, 15.00

Gives a custom-made shave every time.

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Protects his luggage and clothing.

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Initial Buckles, 1.50 to 7.00 plus tax

HIS PET PEEVE IS SHAVING

Electric Razors

Schick, 16.50 and 21.00

Sunbeam Shavemaster, 23.50

Remington, 17.50 and 23.50

Toiletries, from 1.00 plus tax

Shaving lotions, talcs, and sets by Seaforth, Kings Men and Sportsman

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9:00 to 5:25
CLOSED MONDAYS

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See Gen. Smith Trying to Quit Moscow Post

Envoy's Ill Health Prompts Decision

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP)—President Truman may be looking around for a new ambassador to Russia early next year.

Li Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, the present envoy, is coming home next week and administration sources believe he will try to retire after nearly three years in Moscow.

These sources said only the strongest pressure by Mr. Truman and Secretary of State Marshall might prompt the 53-year-old soldier-diplomat to continue in his present job. Because of Gen. Smith's health, they doubted he could be drafted for another long assignment.

Persuaded to Stay On

Gen. Smith sought to resign several months ago because of a long standing ulcer condition. He was persuaded to continue because of the important and critical three-p-power negotiations then underway with Soviet leaders over the Berlin blockade.

The State Department declined to speculate on whether Gen. Smith would resign. But officials acknowledged he was planning to leave Moscow this week-end for "routine consultations" here. Moscow reports said a farewell party would be given for him.

Gen. Smith and his wife by the American mission which he heads. Administration sources thought Gen. Smith might return to Moscow to wind up his affairs if his resignation is accepted by the President.

'Meanest' Thief Steals Yule Gifts From Under Tree

MUCH OF the cheer was taken out of Christmas at the Clarence Hammel home, 2389 S. Harlan St., last night when a burglar entered the residence and stole 20 presents from under the Christmas tree.

Mr. Harlan said entrance had been gained by breaking the front door glass. Most of the packages had come from relatives in Florida and their contents was not known. Other packages contained clothing, a carton of cigarettes and a bottle of shaving lotion.

A SHORT while before, Mrs. Geraldine Conover, 40, of 1720 E. Taber St., slammed her front door in the face of a man who tried to enter under the guise of Santa Claus.

The man, wearing a dirty Santa suit under a top coat, knocked at her door last yesterday afternoon and announced, "Here I am."

The slamming of the door drove the man from the porch.

AFL Sailors to Vote On West Coast Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 (UP)—Maritime peace on the Pacific Coast was threatened anew today as AFL sailors, who held up the sailing of six ships, prepared to take a strike vote next Monday.

The Sailors Union of the Pacific called a surprise "special meeting" yesterday to hear a report from their negotiating committee.

The committee said the Pacific Coast Maritime Union had offered wage increases of from \$16 to \$35 a month. The union demands increases of from \$20 to \$60 a month. On Dec. 13, they filed a 60-day strike notice with the National Labor Relations Board.



"NICE NECESSITIES PLEASE HIM MOST"

Wool scarfs, 2.00 to 5.00

Silk and rayon scarfs, 2.50 to 15.00

Wool gloves, 1.50 to 3.50

Textron rayon shorts, 2.00

Rayon Shorts by Mr. Skoff, 2.50

"Sitting on top of the world" pattern.

Harwood Conformer Shorts, 95c

Gold Toe Hose

Rayon and nylon twist, 75c

63 ribbed hosi, 75c

Flat knit cotton, 65c or 2 for 1.25

Imported Argyles, 3.50 and 5.00

Belts, 1.50 to 10.00

Handkerchiefs, 59c to 2.50

Ties, plain and fancy, 1.00 to 15.00

Military Brush Sets, 5.00

Fine cocobolo or satinwood

Billfolds, 4.00 to 75.00 plus tax

Fine leathers including some alligator and ostrich.

Swank Jewelry, 2.50 to 35.00 plus tax

Key chains, tie clips, cuff links and sets.

Tie Racks, 2.00 to 15.00

Ayres' Men's Store, Street Floor, South Building

Auto-A Crash 10 Inj

Car Victim From Y

Air National Guard investigation yesterday showed one woman and injuries to nine others.

Mrs. Louise Oliver Ave. today from injuries to the car she was in and Kerr Rd.

Three other children were injured. Albrecht's son, minor injuries.

The pilot, mangled in the crash of the St. Louis field, Kelly of 30.

Others in the plane were: W. Regent St. Judah, W. and Frankie I.

Mrs. Harline 1901 S. Lawrence children, Thor and Maxine 6.

They were taken to the hospital. The crash occurred on the 10th of the year.

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