

# Millions Pray As Pope Opens 1950 Holy Year

## Kneel at Rome's Basilicas; 125 Reds Arrested at Rally

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Swiss guards, followed by procurators of the College of Cardinals, procurators of the religious orders, preceded by the confessor of the pontifical family and the apostolic preacher. Then followed 27 classifications of ecclesiastical and noble dignitaries.

Eleven other groups moved alongside and behind the papal chair, with the papal guards and Swiss guards bringing up the rear.

### Moves Toward Door

The procession moved down 120 steps of the royal staircase to the door opening onto the portico of St. Peter's.

Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, archpriest of St. Peter's, received the Pope according to custom. At the back of the portico stood trumpeters to herald the arrival of the Pontiff.

The Pope was borne to the special throne erected under a 20-foot high canopy next to the holy door. When the choir finished singing the "Veni Creator," he rose, walked down the five steps before his throne and approached the holy door sealed in 1924 by Pius XI.

From Nicola Cardina Canali the Pope received the special hammer. He mounted the three steps of the holy door and delivered a sure, sound blow to the cross imbedded in its face.

### Response By Chanters

"Open to me the doors of justice," the Pope chanted in Latin.

"Having entered them, I will confess to the Lord," came the response from the chanters.

Again the hammer rose, and the Pope struck, saying "I will enter into thy house, O Lord."

"I will bow down toward the holy temple in reverence before thee," said the chanters.

The Pope raised the hammer a third time, struck again, shouting the marble cross, and sang:

"Open the doors, for God is with us."

"Who did wonders in Israel," came the response.

At a signal from the master of ceremonies, waiting workmen inside the basilica tugged at a rope and the door fell slowly inward, swinging on its base, until four wheels attached to the inner side touched the floor. It was wheeled quickly away.

### Kneels In Silence

After brief ceremonies clearing away broken bits of plaster, the pope knelt on the threshold in silence for a moment, then rose and entered the basilica.

He was followed by the ecclesiastical hierarchy. Inside the pope proceeded to the Gregorian Chapel and seated himself upon his gestatorial chair.

The papal procession formed and accompanied the Pope on the march down the central nave through the waiting throng of 40,000 admitted inside the basilica.

Cardinal Casati pleaded in Latin for the Pope to give his apostolic blessing on all present, and also proclaim for them a plenary indulgence.

The Pope granted the request, extending the plenary indulgence to all who witnessed the ceremonies at any of the four basilicas, all those outside in the squares, and those listening by radio, if they were spiritually prepared to receive it.

# GI Insurance Due to Expire

Notices on expiration of government term insurance policies will be mailed to many Hoosier veterans next summer as their eight-year policies are up, according to the Veterans Administration.

M. D. Cummins, regional VA director, said the ex-service men will have to decide soon whether they will renew term insurance for five years, convert to one of several permanent policies or drop the insurance.

Rates will be higher on any kind of insurance renewed or converted Mr. Cummins said. The premiums, however, will still be considerably below those paid for similar policies issued by private companies.

Sixty days' notice will be given before expiration date, Mr. Cummins said. There is no thirty-day grace period on lapsed government insurance policies. Disabled veterans who have allowed their policies to lapse will have until Dec. 31, 1949, to reinstate them, after which many disabled will be classed non-insurable risks and ineligible for coverage.

### CHRISTMAS IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Dec. 24 (UP)—The American colony of 116 persons will celebrate Christmas with a party at the residence of Ambassador Alan Kirk, where they will dine and sing carols.

# Last-Minute Christmas Shoppers Invade Counters Of Downtown Stores.



Last-minute Christmas shoppers jammed downtown stores yesterday and today. With gift lists flying they invaded counters in record numbers. Here Knoll F. Kutchback, 5260 College Ave., completes his shopping with Mrs. Mildred Gallup, Greenwood, a store clerk.



Mrs. Donald Snell, 1141 S. Mickley Ave., threads her way through the holiday shopping throngs with an armload of bundles. Despite the crush she was still able to smile prettily.



Eight-year-old Judy Sparks, 1406 N. Leland St., sits patiently in a corner while her mother shops for her present. She hopes to find a doll and doll buggy under her tree tomorrow.

## Rita May Avoid An Operation

### Friends Hint Natural Birth of Baby

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Dec. 24 (UP)—Friends of Princess Aly Kahn, the former Rita Hayworth, speculated today that she might be able to give birth to her expected baby without the necessity of a Caesarean operation.

They noted that there had been no recent comment on the possibility of an operation, previously reported necessary in Rita's case.

One friend said he believed recent examinations by Prof. Rodolphe Rochat, the most recent only last night, may have changed the picture somewhat. He said members of Prince Aly's family were beginning to talk of the possibility of a natural birth.

The prince discouraged all discussion of the subject today when he thanked newspapermen for sending his wife a Christmas bouquet.

He said Rita was genuinely touched by the bouquet of white lilies, which was inscribed to "the most beautiful assignment" of them all.

## Elk, Dear Take Over Property in West

DURANGO, Colo. (UP)—Residents of this section have asked the state legislature to do something about the invasion and seizure of their property by elk and deer.

The animals take shrubbery of all kinds except the hard and prickly blue spruce at its nursery, one man said. He estimated damage at \$1350.

## Dead Cat in Box Gives Thief a Shock

DENVER (UP)—A woman approached a parked car on a downtown street, opened the back door and stole a shoe box. She vanished into the powder room of a nearby department store.

A few moments later there was a loud shriek. The box contained a dead cat, which the driver of the car had taken with her to dispose of.

## Fertilized Ponds Hike Rate of Fish Growth

COLUMBIA, Mo. (UP)—The wildlife research unit, sponsored jointly by the University of Missouri and the state conservation commission, is experimenting with fertilizer in fish ponds.

They have found that fish in fertilized ponds grow faster in the first year than those in unfertilized waters.

## Santa Claus Greets Tyndall Towne

Tyndall Towne youngsters were treated to a show and visit from Santa Claus yesterday at the Towne Theater. Here little Sandra Danforth tells Santa she wants for Christmas while Carl Beck, Linda Gates, Kathryn Hoteller and Robert Locke (left to right) listen in. Mr. Beck, Tyndall Towne Manager, was in charge of the party for some 1200 boys and girls.

## Wedding Guests Injured In Collision of Car and Taxi

### 24 Persons Hurt, Four Seriously, In Pre-Christmas Traffic Accidents

A gay wedding party ended in one of 54 city and county traffic accidents that occurred last night and today.

Twenty-four persons were injured, four seriously. The National Safety Council, in its gloomiest prediction for the three-day yuletide holiday, estimated that 435 persons would lose their lives in traffic mishaps throughout the nation.

From Bloomington, two couples came to Indianapolis to celebrate the wedding of Wylie and Peggy Scraggs. They danced and sang at the Chicken Coop night spot on Keystone Ave.

When they headed home, shortly after midnight, the mishap occurred. A friend, Malcolm E. Taylor, 23, of Stinesville, was driving when a taxicab swerved into their path.

The cars collided, injuring Mr. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Scraggs, both 24, and a companion, Miss Peggy Dillard, 18, of Bloomington.

The taxicab driver, Marcellus R. Tolson, 43, of 931 E. 17th St., was slightly injured. Mr. Taylor was the only one reported in "serious" condition. He was taken to Veterans Hospital on Cold Spring Rd.

Others treated and released at General Hospital were: Bessie Underwood, 37, of 1535 Hiatt St.; Franklin Styer, 17, of 807 E. 16th St.; Bennie Acton, 17, of 1242 S. Tremont St.; and Shield Spoons, 26, of 1034 S. Pershing Ave.

Police charged Robert Haycock, 32, of Brownburg, with leaving the scene of an accident after a woman, Ethel S. Smith, 53, of 2919 Boulevard Pl., was hit by a car at 30th and Delaware Sts. He was picked up near the Crown Hill Cemetery.

The accident occurred at 4:54 p. m. yesterday.

## Bells Peal Out Glad Tidings—World's Pilgrims Worship Anew at Shrine of Christ

### Judean Hills Where Angels Sang of Peace And Good Will Have Touch of Sadness

By GEORGE BITAR, United Press Staff Correspondent

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24—Black clad nuns kept vigil at the scene of Christ's birth and pilgrims trickled in from time to time to worship at the holiest shrine of Christendom today.

For many of the pilgrims the journey to Bethlehem, brought to life many scenes they had known only as passages from the Bible. The main lure of the journey to Bethlehem was the Christmas service at midnight in the Church of the Nativity.

This Judean village where the angels sang of peace and good will had its sadness on this Christmas eve, and much poverty and desolation. It was rife among the 55,000 refugees from the Palestinian war who have flocked to Bethlehem, some 30,000 of them Arab Christians.

On the bleak slopes of the Samaritan and Hebrew hills, tents were thrown up to accommodate many of the refugees. Many of the Christians found refuge in churches and hospices, but the rooms are crowded and sanitation is bad.

As the bells of Bethlehem's churches pealed out this Christmas Eve, they knelt in prayer, asking for bread, for homes, for work.

## Gifts for Truman Flood Into Blair House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—Although President Truman is spending Christmas at his Independence, Mo., home, he will have about 100 presents to open when he gets back to Blair House.

The gifts, which have been arriving from all sections of the nation, include turkeys, bacon, cakes and fruit. In the past most of the food sent to Mr. Truman during the holidays has been distributed among hospitals and other institutions.

The President also has received between 10,000 and 12,000 Christmas cards from his well-wishers.

## Japanese Girls Grow Younger

### Age-Counting System Turns Back Clock

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Dec. 24 (UP)—Japanese girls are more than usually happy this Christmas because Gen. Douglas MacArthur is making them all one year younger during 1950.

Under occupation tutelage, the Japanese legislature recently passed a law changing the age-old system of age counting in Japan. The effect will be to turn back the clock 12 months for everyone beginning in 1950.

Hitherto a baby born in Japan on Dec. 31 would automatically become 2 years old on New Year's Day because of the system under which everybody is 1 upon his birth and becomes a year older the following New Year's Day.

This has been abolished under the American occupation as illogical.

## FALLS FROM BRIDGE

Paul Bright of Fairmount was in critical condition in General Hospital today after he fell from the 16th St. bridge yesterday. He was working on the bridge for Smith & Johnson Construction Co.

## Angus Ward's Own Story—Details of Chinese 'Beating' Described in Wage Dispute

### Former Consular Employee Demands More Pay; Case 'Cooked Up' in Courtroom

U. S. Consul General Angus Ward today disclosed the details of the "beating" of a Chinese employee for which he stood trial in a "people's court."

As told to CLYDE FARNSWORTH, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer TOKYO, Dec. 24—The Chi Yu-heng "beating" incident occurred—or should I say was staged?—Oct. 11 in the consular office building.

Chi was our 50-year-old Chinese messenger. On Sept. 27 he was helping us tear down a garage which was in danger of collapsing. He worked for a couple of hours and said, "I quit."

Chi went away, but came back the next morning. I called him to the office and told him I had to let him go. I offered him nine days' pay, which he had coming, plus 60 days' pay for leave he had accumulated. He refused to take the money, saying it was not enough.

### Ready to Pay Him

I told him that whenever he wanted his money to send word and we would send it to him. I did not want him to come back and told him so.

But 12 days later he entered the office and concealed himself in a supply room on the second floor where I found him on the morning of Oct. 11 while Frank Cigogna (our Italian radio technician) and I were looking for some coal stoves.

I told Chi he had been ordered to stay away. I said: "Come on outside," and led him out of the storeroom. He told me he wanted his money.

I went with him to the courtyard and explained he could have it at 9 o'clock, as soon as the accounting clerk came to the office. Chi then grabbed the lapel of my jacket with both hands and tried to tear it. Mr. Cigogna helped to take his hands off.

I asked him to sit down and he sat down. Later, Shiro Tatum, an American-born Japanese mechanic, and Mr. Cigogna were accused of throwing him to the ground there and kicking and beating him.

Guards Outside Walls Soldier-guards were outside the compound walls, and there was no one else there at the time, although witnesses were produced in court who told in great detail how I hit Chi and how we all kicked him.

When the accounting officer opened, Administrative Officer Ralph Rehberg, of Rochester, N. Y., took Chi upstairs and offered to pay him as we had specified. He refused to accept and said it was not enough. He wanted his retirement pay.

I explained to him we would have to get that from the pension bureau. I could not offer it to him. I asked him to leave the building.

I went back into my office. Chi stayed. He was still here half an hour later, just outside the accounting office. I finally took him by the hand to lead him downstairs. He was trespassing.

### Brother Appears

Chi's brother then appeared. He had been among various Chinese who happened to be inside our compound, when we were placed under house arrest.

We hired most of those people caught with us and used them as day laborers. The brother pounced on me and pounded my back and shoulders. I let go of Chi's hand whereupon he went down on the floor and seized a radiator with both hands. Meanwhile, Mr. Rehberg grabbed the brother and shoved him out and closed the door.

A moment later I saw the brother starting upstairs with a stick of lumber. Mr. Rehberg went down and intercepted him.

## Germ War Plot Charged to Japs

### 12 Accused of Waging Bacteriological Fight

LONDON, Dec. 24 (UP)—Radio Moscow announced today that 12 Japanese had been indicted for planning germ warfare against the Soviet Union in the last war.

The announcement was believed to be in answer to recent American inquiries about the fate of 376,000 missing Japanese war prisoners.

Moscow said the 12 Japanese had been indicted for "partly" waging bacteriological warfare and for making "disease experiments on living human beings."

The broadcast did not say where or when the trial would be held or where the alleged germ warfare had been waged against Soviet troops.

The broadcast said two Japanese units were organized in 1935 and 1936 "with the aim of preparing bacteriological warfare primarily against the USSR, Mongolia and China."

The units were identified as No. 100, headed by Maj. Gen. Wakamatsu, and No. 731, under Lt. Gen. Shiro Ishii.

## Charge U. S. Official

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 24 (UP)—The Hungarian government today charged Robert C. Vogeler, American executive of the International Telephone and Telegraph Co., with espionage, economic sabotage, and "criminal activities."

Mr. Vogeler was charged with having been in Hungary since the outbreak of the war, and with having been in contact with German and Japanese officials.

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At 10 o'clock tonight the barriers dividing the Jewish and Arab parts of Jerusalem will be raised for five hours to allow diplomatic, consular and United Nations personnel to travel the main road to Bethlehem for the midnight service.

Those of the pilgrims who wanted to see Bethlehem by day came over a bumpy 16-mile alternate road which, unlike the main highway, traverses only Arab territory from the old city of Jerusalem.

The principal Catholic services in Bethlehem tonight will be held at the Church of St. Katherine, adjoining the Church of the Nativity, which stands over and around the rock grotto in which The Christ Child was born.

The Greek Orthodox Church, which celebrates the Nativity Jan. 6, is custodian of the Church of the Nativity. But the grotto below is common property of all Christian sects, and the Catholic ceremony tonight will conclude when a figure of the Christ Child down to the manger in the grotto.

Begins at 10 P. M.  
The ceremony begins at 10 p. m. when a procession headed by Monsignor Gustav Testa, aging Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, files through the Basilica of the Nativity and then proceeds to St. Katherine's for the chanting of vespers.

Then follows a second entrance into St. Katherine's. This time

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