

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 ecclesiastic and noble dignitaries.

Eleven other groups moved alongside and behind the papal chair, with the palatine 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.

Pedrofero 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 born 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 Plus XI.

From Nicola Canali, 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 the 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, shattered the marble cross, and sang: "Open the doors, for God is within 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 kneeled 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 papal 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 Canali pleaded in Latin for the Pope to proclaim 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.

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CHRISTMAS IN MOSCOW

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Beauty Softens Sorrow

Express love and sympathy in an understandale way

ALLIED FLORISTS

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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.

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. Roland 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 ate shrubbery of all kinds except the hard and prickly blue spruce at his 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.

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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.

Cola truck operated by Raymond F. Shaddy, 26, of 842 S. Tremont Ave., and a Brighton trolley collided at the intersection of Howard St. and Sheffield Ave.

The trackless trolley jumped the curb, injuring the passengers.

Only one rider, James Wilson, 60, of 1327 S. Pershing Ave., required hospitalization. He was reported in "fair" condition at General Hospital.

Charged in Wreck

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

Police charged Robert Haycox, 32, of Brownsburg, with leaving the scene of an accident after a woman, Ethel S. Smith, 53, of 1929 Boulevard Pl., was hit by a car at 30th and Delaware Sts. He was picked up near the Crown Hill Cemetery.

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.

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 in time to the scene of Christ's birth and pilgrims trickled in from all over the world 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.

Monsignor Testa will wear pontifical vestments for the signing of the midnight office of Matins.

A 9-year-old boy, Donald Duncan, 632 S. Senate Ave., yesterday afternoon ran into the rear end of a car driven by Joe Haines, 44, of 531 Mill St. He was reported in "fair" condition at General Hospital.

As the bells of Bethlehem's

churches pealed out this Christmas Eve, they knelt in prayer just in front of the church. Many of the visiting Americans will join the choir of St. George's Anglican Cathedral in familiar Christmas songs.

Raise Barriers Tonight

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 colorful procession carries a figure of the Christ Child down to the manger in the grotto.

The President has also received

between 10,000 and 12,000 Christmas cards from his well-wishers.

Gifts for Truman Flood Into Blair House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP) — Although President Truman is spending Christmas at his Independence, Mo., home, he will be welcomed by 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.

Arnold Ransdell, 50, of 621½ N. Illinois St., was in air condition

in Methodist Hospital today after his clothing caught fire from a gas tank explosion yesterday in Chon Brothers Auto Parts Co., 608 N. Capitol Ave. Police said Mr. Ransdell was welding when a spark jumped into the tank.

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

Begins at 10 P. M.

The ceremony begins at 10 P. M. when a procession headed by

Monsignor Gustav Testa, acting 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



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.

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 — 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 "quit."

Chi went away, but came back and started wrestling with him. As I went to help Mr. Rehberg

Chi took hold of the iron stair railing and bumped his head time on it and threw his arms around my left leg.

Then I heard a commotion at the foot of the stairs where a large group of Chinese had gathered. Mr. Rehberg was there with Alfred Kristian, German technician on our staff, and the Chinese were beating Mr. Kristian.

When they saw me coming down they stopped fighting. That was really the end of the immediate trouble so far as any Americans were concerned.

Mr. Kristian went out to the courtyard. The Chinese followed. They knocked him around badly. Then they came upstairs after Mr. Cigogna.

Mr. Cigogna had left Chi lying on the landing, but soon he was up walking around. Another Chinese employee came to him and whispered something. Then Chi went back to the landing and lay down again in the same position I had left him.

Later the same man spoke to Chi again and he started moaning.

That was the whole Chi Yu-heng incident.

I sent out immediately for the police. They came an hour later with a doctor who examined Chi.

Only marks he found was on his forehead, about one-eighth of an inch square.

That was from banging his head on the railing. In court it was testified I had hit Chi six times in the left eye with my fist.

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