

Today: Mostly sunny; highest temperature 40 to 45 degrees; moderate northwest winds.  
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## U. S. Seeking Steel Scrap in German Zone

Harriman Sending 8-Man Mission to Get Material From Bombed-Out Sites

All Marshall Plan States Face Survey

La Follette and Douglas Considered for Key Jobs in Europe Aid Program

By The United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman today named an eight-man government-industry mission to search the American zone in Germany for iron and steel scrap to relieve the shortage in American steel mills.

The group will sail from New York on Dec. 30 to confer in Berlin with General Lucius Clay, American commander in Germany. Its headquarters will be in Frankfurt-am-Main. The members will seek scrap material in the hands of the Army, and also look into the possibility of getting scrap from bombed-out German industrial sites.

Scrap is the chief bottleneck in the American steel industry, and appointment of the searching party is part of Secretary Harriman's campaign to speed up production to meet both domestic and foreign relief needs.

He first broached the idea at meeting with the top executives of the industry several weeks ago. The steel men pointed out the costs involved may offset extra material, but agreed to cooperate.

Not to go Beyond Germany  
"The mission is another step in the department's program to assist and encourage industry in locating potential sources of scrap at a time when maximum steel production is urgently needed in behalf of our domestic economy and to implement, where possible, the government's foreign recovery plans," Mr. Harriman announced tonight.

The present mission will not go beyond Germany, but Mr. Harriman is considering sending another group from the department to survey the sixteen nations in the Marshall European recovery plan for the material. European mills also are starved for scrap and their needs must be taken into consideration, he explained.

The group will be headed by John L. Haynes, of the Department of Commerce, and other members will be Lieutenant Colonel S. M. Pool Jr., of the Army General Staff; Isaiah Frank, State Department; Joseph B. Andrews, Cincinnati, and C. B. Minnes, Buffalo, American Iron and Steel Inc.

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## French Reds Lose In Vote on '48 Tax

Assembly Defeats Attempt to End the Debate

PARIS, Dec. 21 (AP).—The National Assembly debated a proposed 1948 tax schedule, part of the government's "austerity program," tonight after rebuffing a Communist effort to end the discussion.

The austerity measures, already approved by the Assembly finance committee, are intended to stop inflation. The tax schedule, calling for new income and property levies, is designed to balance the budget next year in line with the Marshall plan. Rene Mayer, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, has estimated it would bring in an additional 150,000,000,000 francs (\$1,263,750,000).

Some observers believed passage of the tax plan by Christmas was overshadowed by defeat of the Communist attempt to stop its discussion. The Communist motion was voted down, 311 to 183, last night. However, the test revealed that Premier Robert Schuman's Assembly majority had lost some of its strength, as followers of General Charles de Gaulle abstained from balloting.

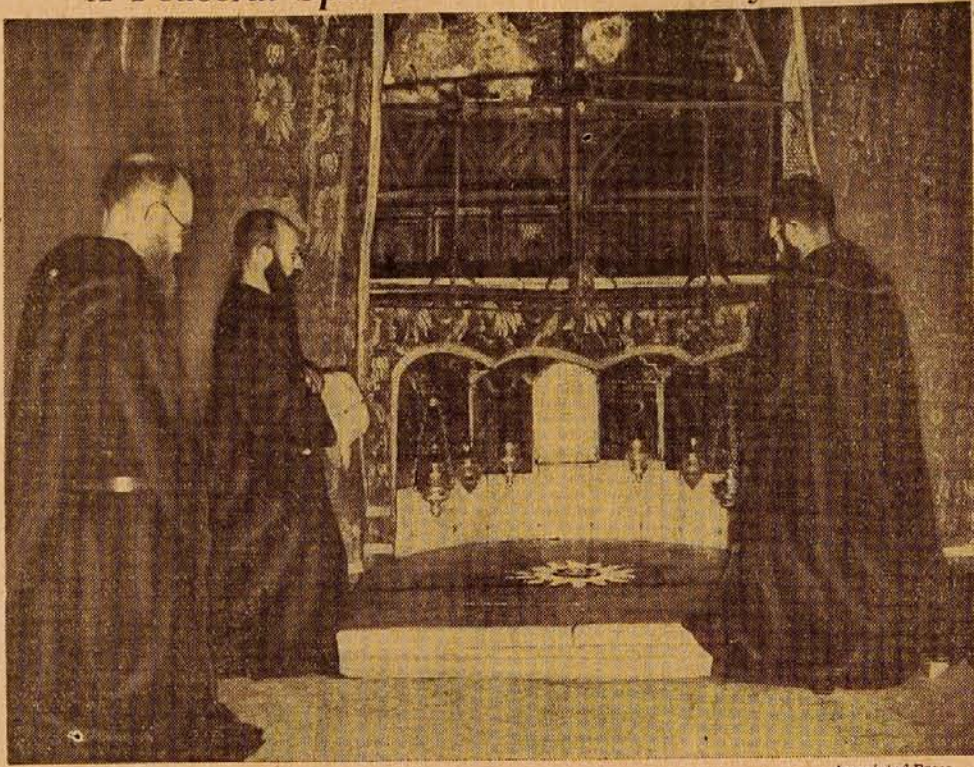
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## A Peaceful Spot in the Troubled Holy Land



Monks kneeling near the star (center) in the Grotto of the Nativity in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The star is on the spot where Christ was born.

## Stalin Marks 68th Birthday, Wins Election

Is Re-elected to Moscow's Regional Soviet; Five Republics Name Deputies

By Joseph Newman

From the Herald Tribune Bureau

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MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—The first post-war election of Deputies to local Soviets (Councils) was held today in five of the republics in the Soviet Union. About 80,000,000 voters will have approved the appointment of 1,150,000 Deputies in the entire country when the election in February.

The five republics which voted today included the two largest in the Soviet Union, the Russian and the Ukrainian Republics. The former named 800,000 new Deputies and the latter 307,000. The other three voting were the Moldavian, Armenian and Karelo-Finnish Republics.

The election coincided with the sixty-eighth birthday of Prime Minister Stalin. The Russian capital was decorated for the occasion with portraits of him, Red flags and electric lights. There was no mention of the birthday in the Soviet press.

Mr. Stalin was able to celebrate his birthday with assurance that he had again been elected to the Moscow regional Soviet by an overwhelming vote. He and others were candidates on a ticket called "a Stalin bloc of Communists and non-party people," the only ticket offered. These single tickets ordinarily are voted into office by 98 or 99 per cent. Whether the vote was 100 per cent this time may be announced tomorrow.

Election day is a holiday and a formality in the Soviet Union. It takes the individual voter but a short time to drop a slip of paper into the collection box but by so doing he demonstrates his patriotism and his confidence in the man

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## U. S. Seizes U. N. Correspondent Of Suppressed Greek Red Papers

Justice Department Assumes U. N. Status Was Lost When Newspapers Became Illegal; Action Was Taken Before Consultation With U. N. Officials

By John Chabot Smith

A Greek newspaper man accredited to the United Nations was arrested Thursday and detained on Ellis Island in \$5,000 bail because the two Communist newspapers he represents were suppressed by the Greek government, it was disclosed today.

The arrest was made by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice. The newspaper man is Nicholas Kyriazides, correspondent for "Rizospastis" and "Eleftheria Ellada" of Athens. They were suppressed Oct. 18.

Though some details of the affair were lacking yesterday it appeared that Immigration officials acted on the assumption that Mr. Kyriazides lost his U. N. status when his newspapers were suppressed. It also appeared that they regarded him as a Communist alien whose presence in this country became illegal as soon as he lost his U. N. status.

Immigration laws exclude alien Communists, but an agreement with the United Nations provides that the United States must allow all persons accredited to the United Nations to go to the U. N. headquarters, regardless of American laws to the contrary.

It was definitely learned that the arrest was made without consulting U. N. officials; that Mr. Kyriazides' U. N. accreditation was still good at the time of his arrest; that the initial reaction of the U. N. was to inform the Immigration Service and the State Department of this fact, and to expect the immediate release of Mr. Kyriazides; and that after a telephone conversation between representatives of the U. N. and the State Department the whole picture changed.

Now, according to the U. N. representative, "consultations" will take place between the U. N. and the State Department.

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## Russia Brands U. S. 'Voice' Liar On Devaluation

Says Broadcasts Distorted Soviet Economic Views; U. S. Shuns Direct Reply

The Soviet government called "The Voice of America" a liar yesterday in a double-barreled attack on State Department broadcasts about the Russian economic situation.

An editorial in "Pravda," Communist party organ, carried by the Moscow radio, said "the patented gangsters of the pen and the prophesying senators" in the United States had "made fools of themselves" by saying that Russia was raising prices.

And, in a special English-language broadcast beamed at North America, an anonymous commentator of the Moscow radio declared that "The Voice of America" was "lying seriously" in saying the recent ten-to-one devaluation of the ruble would lead to a decline in Soviet living standards.

Both Russian broadcasts were monitored by officials here.

Commenting on the Moscow charges, Charles W. Thayer, chief of the New York office of "The Voice of America," said:

"We have expressed American views on the subject in commentaries which seem entirely adequate to the circumstances. We consider it our function to report American editorial comment and the opinion of leading American economists on such subjects. We do not propose to enter into any polemical debate with Moscow radio or any other agency on a question which seems completely clear. We have nothing to add or to change."

The "Pravda" editorial derided (Continued on page 30, column 6)

## 2 Britons Shot By 4 Terrorists In Jerusalem

Attack Seen as Revival of Irgunists' Warfare Against British Troops

Jewish Journalist Slain by Assassins

Several Little Shooting Wars Rage in Palestine, Death Toll Rises to 298

By Fitzhugh Turner

By Cable to the Herald Tribune

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JERUSALEM, Dec. 21.—Four Jewish youths believed to be members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi underground organization shot and wounded two British soldiers in a Jerusalem street this afternoon, reviving Irgun terror against the departing British after a lapse of several weeks and bringing to six the number of separate little shooting wars at present in progress in Palestine.

The soldiers were a lieutenant and a sergeant major of the Life Guards who were walking in King George Avenue, where fashionable Jerusalem promenades. They had just returned from patrol duty on the Arab-molested Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway. The terrorists fired ten shots from the Thompson submachine guns, wounding both soldiers in the stomach.

About 100 shoppers, storekeepers and passersby saw the attack. Police and armed soldiers—Jerusalem was thick with military personnel off duty for Sunday—came running but were unable to prevent the attackers from escaping down a side street. Jewish forces believed that the Irgun was "avenging" the rape of a Jewish girl last week, but there was no suggestion the two victims were involved in that crime.

Journalist Killed

Tonight Robert Clive Stern, thirty-five, British-born free-lance newspaper man, was shot and killed by unknown persons within 200 yards of an armed sentry post at the Public Information Office. He was walking to the government office from his home along a dark street which divides the Jewish and Arab residential quarters in Jerusalem. Mr. Stern, son of a London rabbi, formerly was employed by "The Manchester Guardian" and the London bureau of "The Chicago Tribune." He came here after World War II, during which he worked in the press department of the British Embassy in Moscow.

The rest of the little wars, in which 298 persons (138 Jews, 147 Arabs, nine British and four others) have been killed in the last three weeks, continued here and there throughout Palestine. The wars, in addition to terrorist acts against the British, are these:

1. Arab followers of the Haj Amin el-Husseini, Mufti of Jerusalem, against Jews in general. The Arab Higher Committee, of which the exiled Mufti is chairman, has asked the Arabs to restrain themselves now and prepare for a real fight in the spring against the United Nations Assembly's decision to partition Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states. Jewish sources, however, say personal representatives of the Mufti are nevertheless instigating incidents and even small battles wherever they can to keep the country stirred up.

2. Hagannah against Arab at (Continued on page 8, column 6)

## 300,000 Food Workers in Italy End Strike; Reds Rally Peasants

By The Associated Press

ROME, Dec. 21.—A nation-wide strike of some 300,000 food workers was settled tonight, less than forty-eight hours after it had begun, thereby assuring the Italian people that food stores would be open for Christmas provisioning.

The office of Labor Minister Amintore Fanfani said the workers—in stores, flour mills, spaghetti factories and similar establishments—had agreed to return to work on a promise of wage increases and severance pay. The announcement said the agreement was reached at a conference of Mr. Fanfani with employers and representatives of the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labor (C. G. I. L.).

Earlier, Italian Leftists, having demonstrated their control over partisans and industrial workers, sponsored a meeting of peasants and farm workers' associations at Bologna to show Premier Alcide

## 4 Southerners Assail Proposal To End Segregation in Schools

Dissenters See Progress Slowed by Declaration of Truman Commission; \$120,000,000 Aid for Needy Students Urged in Board's 2d Report

By Carl Levin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Four Southern members of President Truman's Commission on Higher Education bitterly criticized today the commission's recommendation made last week that racial segregation in educational institutions be discontinued.

At the same time, the commission published additional recommendations, including one that the Federal government spend \$120,000,000 during the next school year (1948-49) to grant scholarships of up to \$800 to 300,000 needy college students.

The dissenters, Douglas Southall Freeman, historian and editor of "The Richmond (Va.) News Leader"; Arthur H. Compton, chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis; Lewis W. Jones, president of the University of Arkansas, and Goodrich C. White, president of Emory University, Atlanta, opposed the anti-segregation proposal in a caustic comment published today in the second volume of the commission's report, which is being made public as the successive volumes are completed.

Their statement revealed not only an ideological disagreement within the twenty-eight-member commission but also an unresolved fight over the majority's insistence

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## Ferguson Bids Pauley End Delay On Details of His Grain Trading

Letter Reminds Official of Promise to Give Data to Senate Inquiry; Department of Agriculture May Name 500 to 600 Traders This Week

By Raymond J. Blair

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Homer Ferguson, Republican, of Michigan, has written to Edwin W. Pauley prodding him on his failure thus far to submit to Congress the records and books he promised on his commodity exchange transactions, it was disclosed today.

Senator Ferguson asked that the data be provided so that the professional staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee can study them "without further delay." He reminded Mr. Pauley, who is special assistant to the Secretary of the Army, that at an Appropriations Committee hearing on Dec. 10, he agreed to make the records available.

The Michigan Senator told the Senate last week that Mr. Pauley had not produced the data and charged that the committee was encountering the "regular slowing-up tactics."

J. M. Mehl, chief of the Department of Agriculture Commodity Exchange Authority, revealed today that the agency may be able to furnish to the Appropriations Committee this week an advance list of 500 to 600 traders on commodity markets, to aid the committee's inquiry into whether government "insiders" profited from confidential information on government commodity purchases.

He said the 500 to 600 names would be those of traders whose holdings are sufficiently large to require daily reports on them to the C. E. A. This "reporting status" varies with each commodity. For example, traders who hold 200,000 bushels of grain in any one future on any one exchange are required to report. Those who hold 5,000 bales of cotton also come under this requirement.

The 500 to 600 names will be taken from some "sample" day or days in the last two years. The full list of large and small traders whose market operations have been recorded by the government

during 1946 and 1947 runs to some 12,000 to 15,000 names. Mr. Mehl said his small staff probably could not finish compiling this list this week, but that it ought to be able to furnish the selected list of 500 or 600 traders in that time. This, he pointed out, would give the Senate investigators something to work on while the complete list is in preparation.

Mr. Pauley agreed to turn over his records for inspection provided other government officials, including members of Congress, were required to do likewise. Subsequently, Congress passed a resolution, which President Truman signed, authorizing Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson to make public the names of all big traders on commodity exchanges and information on their activities.

"I have attempted to reach you by telephone and I have been informed by your office that you are not expected to return here until some time after the first of January," Senator Ferguson wrote Mr. Pauley.

"I wish to call to your attention (Continued on page 30, column 8)

## Western Union Strike Is Off: Panel Set Up

A. F. L. Unions, Company Will Submit Wage Issue to Fact-Finding Board

Size of Pay Raise To Be Negotiated

C. I. O. Talks Here Stalled Over 26-Cent Increase; Impasse in Cable Parley

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A threatened nation-wide Western Union telegraph strike was called off tonight for at least sixty days so that a fact-finding board may pass on the issues.

Cyrus S. Ching, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, told a news conference that agreement had been reached at 10:20 p. m. between negotiators for the company and three American Federation of Labor unions.

The board, to be appointed by Mr. Ching, will determine the wage-profit relationship, as a term is used in the company-contract made last April. The board also will decide whether the contract provided for re-opening on the wage question on Nov. 1 or Oct. 1. The unions involved contending that the earlier date is correct, asked for a 15-cent hourly wage increase at that time.

Any subsequent wage boost granted as a result of negotiations which will be resumed after the board reports its findings, will be made retroactive either to Nov. 1 or Oct. 1, depending upon the board's decision.

Findings To Be Binding

The board will make no recommendation as to the amount of a wage increase, but its findings on the two principal questions will "final and binding on the parties. None of the provisions of the current contract can be altered or modified by the board."

Mr. Ching said that the workers' strike vote, completed a week ago and the notice of intention to strike would be withdrawn at once. Union officials said word of the settlement would reach their 50,000 members in 3,000 offices over the nation through press and radio. They had planned to go on by Tuesday, cutting off Christmas telegraph service in support of demand for a raise of 15 cents an hour.

Company's Statement

After the agreement was announced, T. F. McMeans, vice president of the company, said a statement:

"Conscious of its service obligations to the public as well as obligations to its employees and owners, the company has agreed to this proposal. The proposal specifically excludes from consideration of the fact-finding board the dispute as to what, if any, wage increase should be granted. It leaves that issue to further collective bargaining following the board's determination of the factors involved."

Adolph Brungs, president of the Western Union Division of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, an American Federation of Labor affiliate, said the union considered the solution "an impressive victory."

"This is what the union agreed to accept at the request of the conciliation service early in November and the victory was achieved only because of the determination of the employees to get a living wage," he told newsmen. "We are determined that the company will negotiate with the union in good faith on the basis of findings of fact by this board."

The unions affected are the Western Union division of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, Telegraph Workers Union and the Telegraph Employees Union.

A. C. A. Committee to Meet

The American Communications Association, a Congress of Industrial Organizations affiliate which represents the 7,000 operating workers employed by Western Union in New York, announced that its strategy committee will meet at noon today at A. C. A. headquarters, 5 Beekman Street. The meeting will consider the A. C. A.'s next step in its dispute with Western Union over its demand for a 26-cents-an-hour increase.

The A. C. A., whose strategy committee has been empowered to call for a strike vote, had offered to join the A. F. of L. unions in their strike on "an all-for-one and one-for-all" basis.

The A. C. A. reported that its (Continued on page 32, column 6)

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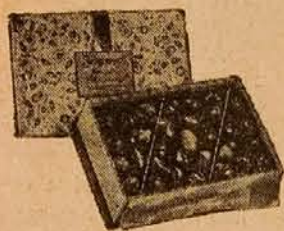
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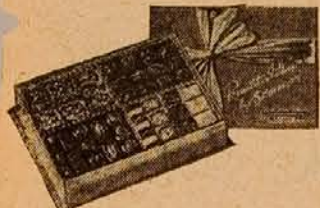
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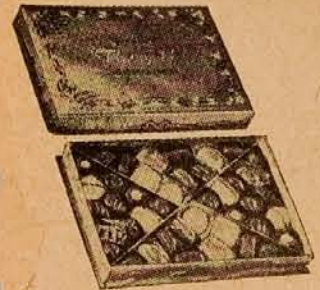
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## U.N. Diplomats Slow to Claim Tax Exemption

Only 11 Delegations File; May Get Scotch, Furs and Jewelry Tax-Free

Only a handful of the eligible United Nations diplomats have taken advantage of the tax-free Christmas shopping which has been hurriedly prepared for their benefit, it was revealed yesterday. Despite the fact they have long been urging equal rights under international protocol, only eleven of the thirty-nine permanent U. N. delegations in New York have filed the necessary papers which will permit their chiefs and their immediate families to make purchases without crossing the palms of the tax collectors.

Under the special privileges recently extended to them, ambassadors and ministers accredited to the United Nations can, for example, buy a \$1,000 fur coat for \$1,000, instead of \$1,200, and they don't have to know anybody to do it. Or they can take home a case of imported Scotch whisky for about half of what it would cost the man in the street—or for that matter even Ambassador Warren R. Austin, chief American representative to the U. N.

Although they were told to get ready for the tax exemption privileges by filing preliminary papers more than a month ago, only seventeen diplomats have so far signed up out of sixty-five who are eligible, an official of the American delegation said. So far, the privileges extend only to those of ambassadorial and ministerial rank, but eventually they will reach down to permanent delegation officials as well. The U. N. delegates have been clamoring ever since the world organization first came to New York for the same exemptions that V. I. P.'s (very important persons) from foreign governments receive in Washington.

That's what they got—no more and no less—when the immunities and privileges agreement between the United States and the U. N., governing the temporary headquarters at Lake Success and Flushing Meadow Park, went into effect last week.

It amounts to quite a bit. What it means, in part, is that the ambassadors don't have to pay the consumer and retail taxes, nor the import duties, that bear down on the average citizen. On a \$70 case of Scotch for example, they escape \$21.60 in excise levies, \$7.20 in import duties, \$4.50 state taxes, and the 2 per cent city sales tax. Liquor purchased abroad for about \$15 a case can be brought in completely tax free for just the cost of freight.

The diplomats also are excused from paying the stiff 20 per cent excise tax on luxury items such as furs and jewelry, and the Federal taxes on telephone and telegraph bills, train, plane and theater tickets.

The exemptions do not as yet extend to items governed by taxes on the manufacturer, such as domestic liquor and cigarettes.

Although they are technically included in the agreement, the American representatives, including Mr. Austin, Herschel V. John-



son and Francis B. Sayre, actually are not benefited by the tax exemptions because of legal complications.

The countries which have filed their official lists with the United States delegation—namely, France (alone among the Big Five), Mexico, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Denmark, Turkey, Australia, Belgium, Argentina and Yugoslavia—have received letters of instruction, enclosing the

plan to convene a Children's Assembly, composed of youngsters from the fifty-seven U. N. countries, at Lake Success, L. I., in February to launch the U. N. Appeal for Children will be discussed today by a special committee of the U. N. Economic and Social Council.

**LATIN AMERICA.** A plan for a U. N. Economic Commission for Latin America is scheduled for almost certain approval by the Economic and Social Council early in the new year. The plan has the backing of all twenty of the South American republics. Story on page 7.

**CHRISTMAS.** Two hundred members of the U. N. Secretariat—a group representing thirty-five countries, including Russia and China—will spend Christmas in the homes of American families in the three upstate New York cities of Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott on the invitation of the Rotary Clubs of the area. The party will leave U. N. head-

## United Nations Events Scheduled for Today

At Lake Success, L. I.  
2:30 p. m.—Special Committee of Economic and Social Council on United Nations Appeal for Children (open to press and radio only).  
All reservations for public seating at open meetings should be obtained a day in advance by telephoning Fieldstone 7-1100, Extension 2126 or 2156, after 8:30 a. m.

The government is examining the problem of granting tax exemptions to the diplomats on purchases of gasoline.

The United States mission, which handles the details of the transactions under the agreement, has been busy setting up the machinery to get the privileges into effect during the Christmas shopping season, it was explained. However, once in effect, they remain indefinitely.

**Zionists Hold Shekel Rally**  
Self-restraint as well as self-defense is an imperative necessity to Jewry in the Palestine emergency, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, national director of the Hillel Foundation and vice-chairman of the Committee on Unity for Palestine, said yesterday. Rabbi Lelyveld spoke at a shekel rally of Zionist leaders sponsored by the Manhattan region of the Zionist Organization of America at the Park Royal Hotel, 23 West Seventy-third Street.

## The U. N. Agenda

Monday, Dec. 22, 1947

### Year-End Work to Keep Secretariat and Delegates Busy During Holidays; Java Report Awaited

**YEAR'S END.**—Despite a slowdown of official U. N. activities this week and next because of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, top officials and delegation members will continue on the job completing 1947's unfinished business and carrying on preparations for the tasks that lie ahead for 1948.

**SECURITY COUNCIL.**—The Security Council is not scheduled to meet again until Dec. 30, but may be called into emergency session at any time should the need arise. This week—probably today—the council expects to receive for study the full report of the U. N. Committee of Good Offices, now in the Far East trying to help settle the Dutch-Indonesian dispute.

**CHILDREN.**—The tentative plan to convene a Children's Assembly, composed of youngsters from the fifty-seven U. N. countries, at Lake Success, L. I., in February to launch the U. N. Appeal for Children will be discussed today by a special committee of the U. N. Economic and Social Council.

**LATIN AMERICA.** A plan for a U. N. Economic Commission for Latin America is scheduled for almost certain approval by the Economic and Social Council early in the new year. The plan has the backing of all twenty of the South American republics. Story on page 7.

**CHRISTMAS.** Two hundred members of the U. N. Secretariat—a group representing thirty-five countries, including Russia and China—will spend Christmas in the homes of American families in the three upstate New York cities of Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott on the invitation of the Rotary Clubs of the area. The party will leave U. N. head-

quarters at Lake Success at noon Wednesday, and after a round of entertainment planned by Verne C. Braddon's Rotary International Service Committee, will return to New York on Saturday.

**VEGETABLE OIL.**—The Food and Agriculture Organization will send a mission to Venezuela on Jan. 5 to investigate vegetable oil resources and study the possibility of exploiting industrially various oil-bearing plants. The mission will also survey methods and equipment used in processing oil seeds in existing factories and recommend improvements where necessary.

**REFUGEES.**—Although some 800,000 refugees remain in European refugee camps waiting repatriation or resettlement, the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization reported that since the end of the war more than 107,000 displaced persons have started life anew under the P. C. I. R. O. resettlement programs.

**POLAND.**—The food production of Poland—before the war one of the main agricultural countries of Europe—could be raised 50 per cent above pre-war levels within a few years, according to ten agricultural experts of the Food and Agriculture Organization, if present Polish food distribution methods were overhauled, the tax burden on farmers were reduced and an emergency service were established to help build up dairy cattle herds and increase lumber production.

**GREETINGS.**—Belgian members of the U. N. Secretariat staff have been interviewed by Roger Minne, a Belgian journalist, as a special New Year's surprise for their families at home. Recordings of the interviews have been flown to Belgium and will be broadcast over a Belgian national radio hookup on Jan. 1.

necessary blanks which have to be filled out and submitted with each purchase.

The government is examining the problem of granting tax exemptions to the diplomats on purchases of gasoline.

The United States mission, which handles the details of the transactions under the agreement, has been busy setting up the machinery to get the privileges into effect during the Christmas shopping season, it was explained. However, once in effect, they remain indefinitely.

**Zionists Hold Shekel Rally**  
Self-restraint as well as self-defense is an imperative necessity to Jewry in the Palestine emergency, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, national director of the Hillel Foundation and vice-chairman of the Committee on Unity for Palestine, said yesterday. Rabbi Lelyveld spoke at a shekel rally of Zionist leaders sponsored by the Manhattan region of the Zionist Organization of America at the Park Royal Hotel, 23 West Seventy-third Street.

## 2 Britons Shot

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tackers. Haganah, the illegal Jewish militia and army in the making, adopted a policy three weeks ago of limiting itself to the defense of Jews against Arab attacks, but lately it has taken to retaliation against Arab communities from which attacks have come.

3. Free-lance Arabs, including individual patriots, town and country hoodlums and ordinary brigands, against whatever Jews they can find, and, in fewer cases, unorganized Jews acting against Arabs who happen to venture among them.

4. Irgun Zvai Leumi against Arabs. The Irgun, which condemns the quasi-official Haganah as weak, stages its own retaliatory raids on occasion.

5. Individual British policemen against Jews. While higher British policy is to treat Jews and Arabs alike, certain British police appear to be taking advantage of the disorder to settle scores marked up during the last two years of Jewish terror. Most often the attitude of these police is to look the other way while Arabs prepare attacks against Jews but to act promptly to arrest Jews with firearms.

**Arabs Slay Two Jews**  
On the Arab side today, residents of Yaffa, a village southeast of the Arab port of Jaffa, dragged two Jews from a passing kerosene tank truck which they set afire after beating and stabbing both men to death.

There were other incidents for which the Arabs were blamed, but none on so large a scale as a Jewish assault on Deir Agoub Village before daylight. Deir Agoub lies near the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway, near where several fatal sniping attacks on Jewish traffic have occurred. Haganah blamed the village for the sniping. Twenty-five armed men made the attack, damaging three houses with bombs.

Unlike last Thursday's Haganah attack on Khisas, a village near the northern border of Palestine, the occupants of the Deir Agoub houses were warned by Haganah and there were no casualties. The deaths of five children and a woman, in addition to four men in the Khisas incident, acted to inflame the Arabs. A spokesman for the Jewish Agency for Palestine said today that Haganah had been instructed to avoid such casualties in the future.

At about daylight today a party of fifteen or twenty Jews fired rifles and submachine guns into an Arab bus not far from Deir Agoub, killing the driver and two passengers.

In Galilee, at the town of Safad, which has a Jewish minority, there was sniping between Jewish and Arab quarters for about three hours, each side firing from sand-bagged windows or other makeshift fortifications. Soldiers restored quiet at 3 p. m. and the Army imposed a curfew. An Arab group leader was killed and two

## Guards at Bethlehem To Bar Yule Violence

By Cable to the Herald Tribune

BETHLEHEM, Palestine, Dec. 21.—Defense leaders at Bethlehem will have armed men on duty, they said today, to prevent violence on Christmas in or around the town in which the Prince of Peace was born. Christians and Moslems of Bethlehem's new Arabic Civic Guard will patrol the town and the road from Jerusalem.

The Christmas service at the Church of the Nativity will start at midnight Wednesday, and services will continue until 4:30 p. m. Christmas Day. Despite the unsettled conditions here, the usual crowd is expected.

Jews, two Arabs and a British soldier were wounded.

**Ibn Saud Calls U. S. Oil Men**  
CAIRO, Dec. 21 (AP).—The newspaper "Al Assas" said today in a dispatch from Jidda, Saudi Arabia, that King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia had summoned officials of the Trans-Arabian Pipeline Company to his capital at Riyadh.

[The Trans-Arabian Pipeline Company and a companion corporation, the Arabian-American Oil Company, are owned jointly by four American companies—the Texas Company, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Standard Oil of California and Socony-Vacuum.]

"It is understood," Al Assas said, "the King will tell them that owing to Arab public feeling (concerning the partition of Palestine), he is compelled to reconsider oil concessions and that one cannot sell his religion and the Holy Land for American dollars."

The newspaper said W. S. S. Rodgers, of New York, chairman of the Texas Company and vice-president of Trans-Arabian, and other officials were "now in Riyadh on their way to see the King."

**Greek Liner to Dock at Pier 54**

The Greek Line's passenger ship Nea Hellas, inbound from Greece, Italy and Portugal with 1,100 pas-

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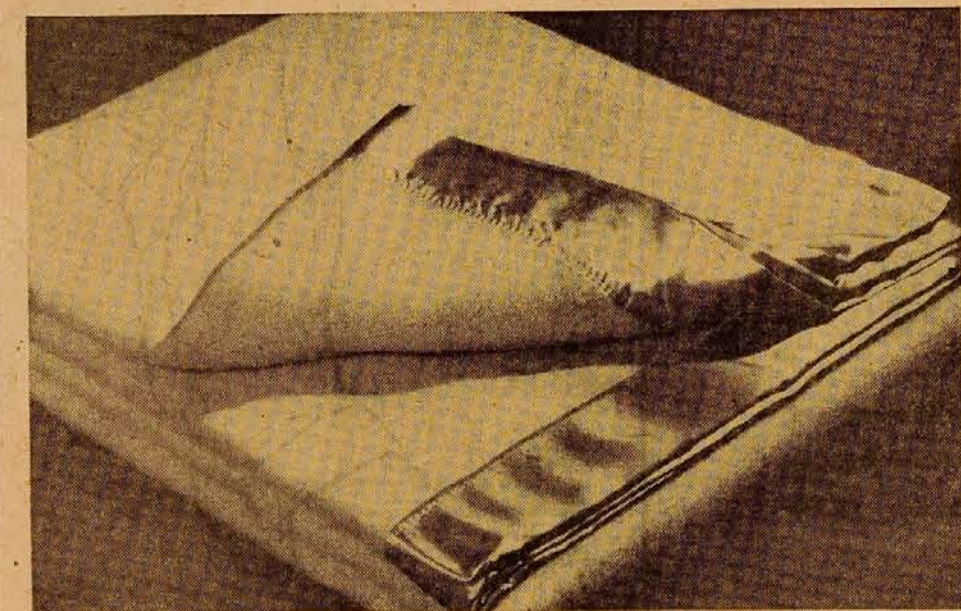
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