

News Spotlight

by The Canadian Press

India ordered a complete ceasefire in the war with Pakistan after seizing Dacca, the capital of East Pakistan where rebellion broke out last spring and the movement for a separate, sovereign state of Bangladesh started.

The bitter warfare over the status of the Bengalis in East Pakistan lasted 14 days.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India said: "It is pointless in our view to continue the present conflict."

President Yahya Khan of Pakistan accepted the Indian ceasefire order. Independent observers said Pakistan had grave supply problems: a shortage of fuels and ammunition.

Ship Seized

Some tension appeared in the Caribbean when a Cuban gunboat seized a Panamanian-registered ship off the Bahamas.

There was some shooting and the ship and its captain, Jose Villa, were taken into custody by the Cubans.

The Cuban side of the story is that the ship was engaged in counter-revolutionary activities.

Although the ship, the Johnny Express, was registered in Panama, it was operated by Cuban refugees living in the United States.

But the U.S. was unable to do anything except make representations through the Swiss embassy in Havana for the release of Capt. Villa, who lives in Miami, Fla.

Violence continues. Even as Christmas approached, violence

continued in strife-torn Ulster. While political leaders agreed to plan talks in the New Year aimed at ending the strife and settling the Irish crisis, guerrilla snipers struck near the end of the week.

They opened fire with

NEW PROGRAM
THUNDER BAY, Ont. (CP) - The Thunder Bay Medical Society, in co-operation with McMaster University of Hamilton, has launched a special program designed to encourage students from northwestern Ontario to train in medicine at McMaster. To sustain the students' interest in the region and to prepare them for the problems of practice which are special to this, it is expected the students will spend a portion of their undergraduate and post-graduate experience in clinical training centres here and in small under-served northern areas.

rifles and machine-guns on three British Army patrols in a Roman Catholic section of Belfast. One soldier was hit and two more bullets struck an ambulance taking him to hospital.

The possibility of New Year talks on settlement loomed after a meeting in London of Prime Minister Heath of Britain,

Opposition Leader Wilson and other political leaders. Slow Christmas Travel
A work-to-rule campaign by dissatisfied Air Canada employees posed a threat to Christmas travel plans of many Canadians. The 2,000 non-flight members of the Canadian Air Line Employees Association embarked on the campaign

following a breakdown in wage negotiations in Montreal. First result of the campaign was a slow-up in Toronto International Airport, aggravated by a late-week spell of bad weather. Some of the congestion cleared up as the weather improved.

What If There Were No Christmas

by Canon E. A. Brooks
What if there had been no Christmas? What if there had been no Spring? What if the Ice Age had never been, and the white snow never ceased to fall? What if the world had never emerged out of that long, dark, cold era of its history? But God decreed otherwise. What if Christ had not been born to share with man his nature? But God so loved the world that He decreed otherwise.

The instinct that made Christians keep the Festival of Christ's Birth on a winter day was the result of the vivid experience that the coming of Christ into the world had been like the return of the sun - warm and bright. The center of the world's soul

was over and the Spring had come - the Day-Spring from on high had visited us to save the world from devility, from sinister, callous, cold-blooded and cruel wickedness; from the foul, filthy, cruel things men have believed and from the ghastly deeds that have been done because of those beliefs.

Christ came to make the world a better place where people are no longer afraid. Christianity is common sense.

The battle is not yet over: for if men cast Christ aside and come to believe the world is a vast, soulless, unreasoning thing, murderous wars are inevitable and peace impossible. The ancient evil is not dead. The devils in the soul of man are subject

to, but have not been slain by Christ. Out of the night we came, and back to the night we return if we lose our vision of The Light of the World.

If there had been no

Christmas 1943 While In Holland

by Father G. Wubbles

Act I - I always had the impression that several of my just ordained classmates got jealous when they heard of my first appointment: to become the chaplain of 140 girls, 14 to 21 years of age, in a correctional institution. Anyhow, I accepted and survived, maybe because the school was supervised by Sisters!

I have to tell you first that one wing of the building was occupied by officers of the German Navy. Those men lived in an abundance of food and luxuries while we had to fight for each potato.

I got the information that the officers would have a big Weihnachten (Christmas) party with a lot of "Schnapps", food, etc. and I found one of the sailors, who had to serve them, to leave the door open after the party would be finished.

Act II - Our celebration in the chapel started at midnight with a lot of incense (one of the few things the Germans didn't want) candles, singing and expectations. I have to confess that my mind often wandered to what I was planning to do after the Mass. Every time we heard the celebrating officers from the other wing, the girls started giggling and lost their connection with the "Silent Night" or "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." It must have recalled happy (or unhappy) memories in their mind.

I stretched the ceremony out to one hour and a half, because the German party was supposed to be over around one o'clock.

Act III - After Mass I got three girls from Mother

Christmas, this world would now be a different place; the night of evil superstition might still be on the earth, and the ancient devils might be Kings not captives bound with chains.

Superior to help me bring a surprise to the whole community. Very innocently I said to the already suspicious Superior: "You go ahead with the girls to the diningroom, we will follow after a minute."

"We peeked through the 'promised' open door into the hall with tables still covered with the leftovers and here and there a drunken man who hadn't quite made it to his bed. Very quietly in order not to wake up those peaceful sleepers, we filled our boxes with everything we found: bottles, meat, cake, cigarettes and so on.

The girls were even handier and faster than I was, and quite understandable, because didn't they have more experience in forbidden matters? The only leftovers, we didn't take, were those unconscious officers at and under the tables!

Mother Superior must have thought of a miracle on that Christmas Night when we stormed into the diningroom and emptied our loot. The girls didn't even look anymore at the Christmas cookies, so carefully made by the Sisters, and it took a whole hour before she was able to open her lips to announce: "Reverend Father, Sisters and girls, we better go to bed now!"

After thought - The angels must have smiled during that Silent Night with that variety of tired sleeping people, with the door still open between the German Wing and the Correctional Institution, all of us filled with the same food and drinks! After all, isn't Christmas a time of joy for all mankind?

THE WEEKLIES SAY ...

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

It is rather disappointing to read about the new services which the Canadian Post Office is introducing at the present time. Nearly every day, The Times receives complaints from subscribers about the slow delivery and even the non-delivery of the paper. One would almost think that Postmaster-General Jean-Pierre Cote would improve the services he already has before embarking upon new ones. -Fort Frances (Ont.) Times

DEAL BACKFIRED

The government deserves little sympathy in (the Prairie Grain Stabilization Act affair). It tried to work a little deal that would have made it appear far more generous than it really is and the deal backfired. -Swift Current (Sask.) Sun

TRAVEL BY ELECTRICITY

In motoring's early days steam and electricity rivalled gasoline as automobiles' power source. Electric cars never completely vanished from use and in electricity is the logical motive power for automobiles, that only the vested interest of the oil industry keeps the gasoline car from joining the steam locomotive in museums of antiquated transport. -Picton (Ont.) Gazette

CANADIAN PROTEST

Why is it that, all of a sudden, the citizens of the United States are the big bad guys? Why are so many Canadians ready to jump against the United States, the nation that lives next door to us, yes just south of us? No matter what the Yanks do, Canadians are quick to protest, criticize, denounce and call out foul. Why? It is odd all this came about during the last few years. The Americans make a move, bomb a country, fly over territorial waters, make a shift in their economy and we Canadians are on the ready to shout out in protest. Canadians even invade the country to make their voices heard. -Geraldton (Ont.) Times Star

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