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U. S. CELEBRATES TRADITIONAL XMAS

The first peacetime Christmas in many years was a merry one in the United States. Churches throughout the nation were reported crowded. The thousands of soldiers and sailors stranded in East and West coast ports and camps accepted their lot cheerfully and, whether on board ship or in a camp, had hearty meals complete with turkey. To add to already overcrowded conditions, 15,000 more troops arrived yesterday from the ETO and Africa in New York harbor.

Flying under hazardous conditions which caused anxiety throughout the country, President Truman arrived at Independence, Missouri, Christmas Eve and spent the holiday with his 93-year-old mother. His plane, the Sacred Cow, flew under leaden skies and weather conditions which grounded a plane-load of correspondents scheduled to accompany the President on his flight.

EARLY END TO CHINESE STRIFE SEEN

In China on Christmas Day there was hope for an early truce in the undeclared civil war between Government and Communist forces. The new American Ambassador, General George C. Marshall, in Chungking had preliminary talks with members of both sides in order to ascertain the points of difference. Meanwhile, the Communist delegation, headed by Chou En Lai, had handed the Nationalist leaders a proposal for immediate unconditional cessation of hostilities in which both sides would retain territory they now hold. Ambassador Marshall was the guest of Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai Shek yesterday for Christmas dinner. A U. P. report from North China reported that the tempo of Nationalist penetration into Manchuria was being stepped up and occupation of Mukden and Harbin before New Year's was expected.

UAW PROTESTS CHRYSLER XMAS BONUSES

Following adjournment of the Christmas holiday, talks between the CIO United Auto Workers and the General Motors Corporation were resumed yesterday. The 36-day-old strike, in which 200,000 men are idle, seemed no nearer solution today than when it began. President Truman's fact-finding board will be recessed until tomorrow to enable both factions to try trashing the dispute out by themselves. Meanwhile relations between the Union and the Chrysler Corporation seemed no better following the protest on Monday against the Xmas bonuses granted by Chrysler to its employees. The large bonuses were declared by Corporation officials to be in lieu of vacations, which their employees had foregone this year. The talks with Ford will be resumed on January 8, but a counterdemand is expected from the Kaiser-Frazer company, following Union attempts to have the Company set forth its wage scales 30% above those now in force throughout the industry.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT DEVALUES FRANC

The French Government announced Tuesday night the devaluation of the franc to the rate of 119.1 to the U. S. dollar and 480 to the pound sterling. U. S. Army officials in Paris said that they had a plan to prevent the value of French money now in the possession of American soldiers from shrinking in relation to the dollar. The plan would apply, however, only to amounts listed in the

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WORLD AWAITES BIG THREE COMMUNIQUE AS MOSCOW MEETING ENDS

The meeting of the Big Three foreign ministers, Bevin of Britain, Byrnes of the United States and Molotov of the Soviet Union, ended yesterday, the 11th day of the talks. A communique was expected momentarily, setting forth the results of the talks, especially regarding the extent of Russian influence in the Balkans, joint control of Japan and the atomic bomb, withdrawal of foreign troops from Iran, and drawing up of peace treaties for the German satellite countries and Italy and Japan.

On Monday a statement was made regarding procedure regarding the peace treaties. The roles of China and France, heretofore not clearly defined, were set forth and the extent of their participation in the treaty-signing was made clear. The Chinese Ambassador in Moscow has already informed the conference of his country's satisfaction with the arrangements made. A reply from France is expected soon.

The strictest secrecy has shrouded the talks and none of the delegations has given any hint as to what was under discussion. It is believed that decisions regarding the peace treaties were among the most important made. Authoritative sources described Secretary Byrnes as being very much satisfied with the talks.

NEW ZEALAND PREMIER FAVORS U. S. RULE IN JAPAN

Prime Minister Peter Fraser, of New Zealand, in Washington enroute to the UNO general assembly meeting in London January 10, called upon President Truman and Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson early this week.

The New Zealand premier asserted he is strongly opposed to the four-power council proposal, declaring that New Zealand would be willing to leave the actual administration of Japan to the U. S. (A four-power council for the administration of Japan by the U. S., Russia, Britain and China is the proposal reported backed by Russia.)

71st GAINS 15th CONSECUTIVE WIN BY DOWNING THUNDER- BOLTS 51-45 IN CHRISTMAS EVE GAME

Gaining an early lead which they held throughout, the 71st Division cagers won their 15th consecutive contest with a 51-45 victory over

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Army's currency control book balance. It was expected that this move would speed reconstruction and facilitate foreign trade. The next important legislation before the national assembly will be ratification of the Bretton Woods Agreement.

ALLIES TO OBSERVE GREEK ELECTIONS

It was revealed Tuesday in Washington by State Department sources that 600 Americans, an equal number of Britons and 400 Frenchmen will be sent to Greece to observe the Greek elections. The Soviet Union has declined to send a delegation. The Americans will be organized into 100 teams and will travel through Greece in jeeps. The work of the Allied mission is under the sanction of the decision of the Big Three Conference at Yalta, where it was agreed that the Allies would assure that liberated countries shall have an opportunity to freely choose their postwar governments. Each group will operate independently in its prescribed areas.

INDONESIAN PREMIER SHOT AT, UNHURT

The Premier of the unrecognized Indonesian Republic, Sultan Sjahrir, was safe today following a narrow escape yesterday when an unidentified Eurasian fired at close range at the car in which the Premier was riding through the streets of Batavia. Police made several arrests. The military situation was quiet over the holiday, except for small-scale skirmishes in Bandoeng.

The Dutch Minister Schermerhorn and the lieutenant governor-general of the Indies, Van Moock, were in London yesterday for talks with Prime Minister Attlee. The Dutch delegation said that out of the talks they hoped for a fixed program for the handling of Indonesia. The same quarters said that they will strive for a settlement with the Indonesians which will enable both the natives and the Dutch Government to take part in the rebuilding of the East Indies.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

Two soldiers of the 78th U. S. Infantry Division were shot and killed on Dec. 23 in Berlin near the Templehof by unknown assailants. Both American and Russian military police conducted an immediate search of the area but no suspects were found An American Military Commission on Kwajalein Island in the Pacific sentenced a Japanese rear admiral, in charge of the garrison on Wake Island, and ten others to death for their part in the mass murder of 97 civilian employees of Pan-American Airways in 1943 In Tokyo General MacArthur directed 11 agencies of the Japanese Government to supply him with weekly statistics concerning major aspects of industry, finance and economy

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a fighting Thunderbolt five in a Christmas Eve clash at the Linz Gymnasium before a packed house.

The Thunderbolts sank as many field goals as the winners, both dropping 20, but the Red Circle five made good 11 out of 13 free throw attempts while the 83rd quintet could only score on five of their 13 attempts.

The 83rd team gained a 3-0 lead on a push shot from the circle by Jack Faber and a free throw by Lennie Alterman before Bill Towery counted with a foul shot and a field goal to knot the count at 3-3. Playing coach Norm Carey sank a crisp shot to give the Thunderbolts a 5-3 lead, but another free throw by Towery and two fielders by Dale Barnstable put the visitors in front, 8-5. Towery, Bill Osborne and Milt Ticco outscored Bob Beck and Arden McKillop during the rest of the first half to give the Red circle team a 25-18 halftime margin.

INCREASE LEAD

Ticco and Towery increased the lead to 29-18 before Lennie Alterman countered five points with the assistance of Arden McKillop who was playing stellar backboard ball. At this point McKillop injured his knee and had to be removed from the game. The game rocked back and forth with the visitors holding seven- and nine-point leads most of the period. Barnstable drove around Faber, who replaced McKillop, for three field goals at crucial points and the Red Circle five went on to a six-point win.

McKillop was the outstanding player for the 83rd and Lennie Alterman regained some of his shooting form to pace the Thunderbolt scorers. Coach Carey also played a good game for the losers. Towery, Ticco and Barnstable starred for the visitors and it was the steady play of Towery that was the deciding factor in the game. Taking many a Thunderbolt ball off the backboard, Towery held Bob Beck to only one field goal in the second half.

Individual scoring:

71st: Barnstable 15, Ticco 13, Towery 18, Osborne 4, Brown 0, Murphy 0, Mattingly 1.

83rd: Alterman 14, Faber 5, Beck 9, Gilliat 3, Carey 10, McKillop 4.

LINZ LEAGUE RESULTS

735 ROB 24	25th Reg Sta 21
83rd Hq Co 35	83rd Brig 28 (overtime)
117 Evac 36	83rd Sig 33
Atnang RTO 61	465 Gp 30
83rd QM 48	83rd Hq Co 15
83rd QM 55	1347 Eng. 35
735 ROB 56	465 Gp. 25
117 Evac. 42	83rd Brig. 39

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

1915 Atnang RTO — 25 Reg. Sta.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

Central — 1310, 1815, 2015 — "Dangerous Partners," with James Craig and Signe Hasso (Thu. and Fri.).

Cleveland — 1315, 1815, 2015 — "My Reputation," with George Brent and Barbara Stanwyck (last day today).

Volks — "Kiss and Tell," with Shirley Temple and Walter Able (last day today).

Hollywood — "Bedside Manner," with John Carroll and Ruth Hussey (last day today).

Chattanooga — "Bewitched," with Edmund Gween and Phylis Thaxter (last day today).

Music Hall — "Twice Blessed," with Preston Foster and Gail Patrick (last day today).

Varga — "Hollywood," with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello (last day today).