

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Give Santa Claus Back To Kiddies

Should there be a Santa Claus? For many years the image of Santa Claus, with his flowing white beard and his brilliant red suit, was a dream among children which was maintained by the joy parents received from seeing their children happy. However, it appears that in recent years adults, in their continual struggle to retain their youth, have stolen the Santa Claus image from the youth of the nation. And, as usual, that which is meant for the young should have been left to the young to be enjoyed.

It is difficult to keep a child's dream alive in an adult's mind. As a matter of fact, it's hard work. That's probably the reason it's easier to hear people say, "I'll be glad when Christmas is over," rather than "Merry Christmas."

Christmas would probably be much more enjoyable if Santa Claus were once again made a friend of youngsters only, and the adults of the nations would resume observing Christmas for the reason that it was once observed — the Christian world celebrating the birth of a Savior.

The adult's kidnapping of Santa Claus has caused the black ink of advertising to almost blot out the white beard and beautiful snow that everyone once waited to see. Today the red nose we are likely to see will be on a human rather than a mythical reindeer. And probably worst of all, the average citizen is more likely to slip onto a bar stool on Christmas Eve than into a church pew.

If as much thought were given to Christmas with Christ in it, as is given to stretching an already overloaded budget to take on just one more gift; then the people of the world might go to sleep at night without medical assistance.

Driving down to the corner and purchasing the Christmas spirit in a bottle might be good for the economy of our nation — and it even helps fight the population explosion — but it probably in no way helps our spiritual life. It might just be that too many Americans have decided that they don't need the "old fashion Christmas." It's just possible that a reckless few think that we have outgrown the ancient practice.

Christmas is just not what it was once. What's more, Christmas won't be the same until we rid ourselves of the commercial chaos that has infested this once beautiful season like a plague that keeps us on an endless merry-go-round.

Whatever happened to the Christmas message: "Peace on earth. Good will to men!" Could it have been replaced with a single word — Sale!

**Criminology Dept. Wanted At SHSTC**

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — State Rep. David Crews of Conroe, asked Tuesday for public support of a proposed cooperative program between Sam Houston State Teachers College and the Texas Department of Corrections for establishing a department of criminology at the college.

Pointing out that there are only four universities in the nation that offer courses in correc-

tional work, Crews said that a program at Sam Houston where research could be done at the prison would offer unlimited possibilities in the field.

"Should this program be put into effect at Sam Houston State," Crews said, "it would offer a far more comprehensive training to the student because of the research material available through the cooperation of our prison system."

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"This clause in my policy says that I'm covered in any type of accident at any time except when in route home for Christmas! I wonder why that is?"

WRIGHT or WRONG

by John Wright

Chou En-lai needs friends. The latest from Cairo indicates that the visiting Red Chinese Premier hopes to persuade President Nasser to help form a militant African-Asian bloc as a cold war "third force."

We have heard quite a lot about third forces in the past few years. General deGaulle has fond hopes and dreams of creating a third force to break the Soviet-American monopoly on world influence. His reaction to Britain's request to join the Common Market; his insistence on spending billions of France's hard earned wealth on a "force de frappe"; and finally his attitude toward a sensible solution of NATO problems typify the desire to create a third powerful world voice — under, of course, the leadership of le General.

The "third force" that Chou En-lai seeks to create is of course a horse of a slightly different color — namely red. With Soviet Russia giving her the cold shoulder, Red China is looking for fresh friends and support. What could be better hunting ground for such friends than the unsettled Middle-East. Nasser's hopes for the Arab Federation have been dimmed by the loss of Syria and Iraq, and relations with the rest of the Arab world are cool to say the least. He might be willing to listen to China's suggestions.

What could Chou-En-lai expect to get from a relationship with Nasser? Nasser first and fore-

most is a nationalist. His problem of trying to unite the Arab world into one cohesive nation could conceivably be made easier if he received favorable concessions or aid from Red China. For instance Red Chinese arms and military advice might possibly be swapped for oil from the middle East.

This of course is all conjecture. Even if Red China does dangle some tantalizing tidbits in front of Nasser's nose the probability of Arabs such as King Saud consenting to the loss of the ready income from the West for his oil is very remote.

Red China's only apparent staunch ally, and a thorn in Russia's hide, is Albania. But Albania is small and exists courtesy of Russia. If Red China could round up support and alliances in the newly independent Afro-Asian nations however, there could be hell to pay.

Red China is willing to frantically pursue the distastes of Communist theory and avoid reality. Her ultimate aim is to foment revolutions in underdeveloped nations, even at the risk of war.

Russia, led by realist Khrushchev, is not willing to take the gamble of war for useless political ideologies that have failed. The Russian people are just beginning to accumulate material wealth. Khrushchev is too much a realist to go backwards now. Co-existence is the word.

Red China is determined to carry on with her Marxist theories. To satisfy the demands of her ever growing population she must eventually expand and risk war.

If the U. S. fails to check the Red Chinese drive for support, we could easily find ourselves behind the eightball in the Middle East and Asia.

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Communists Win One Round In U.S. Court Of Appeals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Communist party of the United States won a round Tuesday in its 13-year-old fight against registering as an agent of the Soviet Union.

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia overturned a lower court verdict that the party had wilfully refused to register under terms of the 1950 Subversive Activities Control Act.

The three-judge appellate court ruled unanimously that the

government had failed to prove that there was a volunteer available who would step forward and register for the party.

The decision came a year to the day after a federal court jury convicted the party and Dist. Judge Alexander Holtzoff dealt out the maximum penalty — a \$120,000 fine, or \$10,000 on each of the 12 courts of the indictment.

Before the criminal indictment was returned, the party had challenged constitutionality of

the 1950 law. The Supreme Court declared the law constitutional in June 1961.

A Justice Department spokesman said no decision would be made on the next course of government action until the court ruling has been studied.

Presumably, the government will either appeal the case to the Supreme Court or ask the appeals court for a rehearing. The other alternatives are to drop the case or seek a new trial.

Attorneys for the communist party argued throughout the trial that no officer of the party could register for it without incriminating himself.

Judge Holtzoff told the jury to disregard the self-incrimination plea. The appeals court said this was a mistake.

Red Wall To Open For West Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — The Red wall will open Friday for West Berliners for the first time in more than two years. Then begins a flood of an estimated 700,000 people into the Communist zone to visit their relatives for Christmas.

The visits are made possible by an agreement signed Tuesday between representatives of the West Berlin city government and the Communist regime of East Germany.

While the politicians weighed the possible future implications of the first such deal over the wall, the Berliners in both parts of the city were jubilant.

For the past two Christmas seasons they have been kept apart. Families have been divided. While foreigners and West Germans could pass through the wall, the Berliners could not.

Now, for the limited period until Jan. 5, there is one-way traffic. The East Berliners have to content themselves with

being the hosts to their relatives from the West.

Each permit will be valid only until midnight of a particular day, but many West Berliners are likely to get more than one permit.

"At last, At last," squealed blonde Liselotte Schulz, a typist. "I will see my mother, my sister and my aunt."

As people scrambled for newspaper extras, a fruit seller caught the spirit of the occasion. "Buy bananas," he shouted. "You can take them to your relatives in the East."

Fruit is scarce in East Germany.

An elderly man, Joachim Lindman, smiled and said: "There are grandchildren over there I haven't seen yet. This is going to be a very happy Christmas for me."

In East Berlin there was similar joy. Three out of five people questioned on a street corner said they were joyfully awaiting relatives.

Even the Red guards on the wall seemed pleased.

A reporter told one guard he would have a lot of extra work. "That doesn't matter," he replied. "This is a step in the right direction."

Johnson Sets Date Of Talk In Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson Tuesday set Jan. 8 as the date for delivering in person his State of the Union message to Congress. That will be one day after Congress returns for the new session following the Christmas holidays.

Johnson asked Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill to try and clear all regular departmental money bills to run the government before the legislators end the current session on Friday and Saturday.

The Democratic leaders, telling newsmen of their weekly breakfast session with Johnson at the White House, said the exact date of adjournment will have to be worked out with Republican leaders.

House Speaker John W. McCormack of Massachusetts said the Democratic leaders are still confident that a satisfactory foreign aid appropriation bill ultimately will be approved.

Bulletin Board

WEDNESDAY

Baha'I Faith will sponsor a discussion on "Love and Marriage" at 7:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room of the YMCA Building.

Christian Science Organization will meet in Room 2-A of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

El Paso Hometown Club will meet in the Art Room of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

Pasadena Area Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 308 of the Academic Building.

San Angelo-West Texas will meet in Room 3-B of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

Wichita Falls Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Biological Sciences Building.

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