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Crowds Are Jubilant

By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 24.—American soldiers in the Middle East are prepared for the best eating and entertainment available to any of the millions of United States troops abroad—and if they don't take advantage of their opportunity, they have only themselves to blame.

A great proportion of the soldiers in this area have the advantage of being close to relatively large cities in which the war is all but forgotten and all sorts of luxuries are available. But the prices are astronomically high.

Those soldiers who have saved cash for a spending spree certainly will need their savings if they intend to take part in the mad whirl, but the point is that they can whirl, whereas the men in other theatres are either looking at the world from foxholes or, like civilians, are unable to buy anything.

On the other hand, the less provident G.I.'s will have an excellent time provided for them at Army expense.

The cities of Cairo, Alexandria, Jerusalem and Beirut have been ablaze for the past week with the spirit of holiday-makers. Soldiers thronged the sidewalks, crowded the restaurants and packed the movie houses, attesting to the fabulous position of this part of the world, which eight months ago was in danger of being overrun by the enemy.

In the opinion of Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Commander of the British forces in the Middle East, and newly-appointed commander of the Allies' Mediterranean theatre, the men under his command have earned whatever enjoyment they are able to get this Christmas.

GOVERNOR IN PULPIT ROLE

Connecticut's Chief Executive Aids at Service in Stratford

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

STRATFORD, Conn., Dec. 24.—The Chief Executive of Connecticut stepped into a pulpit role to-night when Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin, a licensed lay reader of the Protestant Episcopal Church, assisted in conducting the service in Christ Episcopal Church, of which he is senior warden.

Governor Baldwin read the lesson at the Christmas Eve festival for the children of the parish. This was the 106th consecutive year that the festival has been held. The rector, Maj. Loyal Y. Graham 3d, with the chaplain corps of the Army, now on leave, returned to conduct the services, and the priest in charge, the Rev. Alfred L. Williams, told the Christmas story from St. Luke.

To Push Spending Charge

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (U.P.)—Senator Hugh A. Butler, Republican, of Nebraska, said today that he would present to the Senate after it reconvenes in January a second report on his Latin-American trip, adding that it would "substantiate" his first estimates of United States spending.

On Christmas Day

Remember
The Hundred Neediest.

the almost unattainable. Policies and orders which take no account of the rights of truth or of the human person. What to this science seemed liberty was in fact a humiliating and degrading fetter; and dethroned as it is, it will not resume its primitive dignity unless by a return to the divine word, the source of wisdom so foolishly abandoned and forgotten. To such a return, in fact, the Son of God, who is the way, the truth and the life, invites us. He is the way of happiness, the truth which exalts, the life which gives man eternity.

He invites those deluded ones in a mute but deep language through His very coming into the world. For He does not delude the human soul, but gives it the impetus which carries it on toward Him.

To the Disillusioned

It is tragically sad, dear children, to think that countless men, while in their search for a happiness that will satisfy them on this earth, they feel the bitterness of deceptive illusions and painful disillusionment, have closed the door to all hope; and living, as they do, far from the Christian faith, they cannot retrace their steps toward the crib and toward that consolation which makes the heroes of the faith abound in joy in all their tribulations.

They see dashed to pieces the structure of those beliefs in which they humanly trusted and set up their ideal. But they never achieved that one true faith which would have given them comfort and renewed spirit.

In this intellectual and moral trial they are seized by a depressing uncertainty and live in a state of inertia which weighs down their soul. It is a state which can be deeply understood and commiserated only by those who enjoy the delight of living in the clear, warm atmosphere of a supernatural faith which ascends above the storms of temporal contingency to dwell with the eternal.

Those Who Put Their Faith in the World Expansion of Economic Life

In the ranks of these straying, disillusioned souls it is not hard to find those who placed all their faith in a world expansion of economic life, thinking that this alone would suffice to draw the peoples together in a spirit of brotherhood, and promising themselves from its grandiose organization, perfected and refined to an ever-greater degree, unheard-of and unsuspected increase of prosperity for human society.

With what complacency and pride did they not contemplate the world growth of commerce, the interchange even between continents of all goods and all inventions and products, the triumphal march of widely diffused modern technical perfection, overcoming all limits of time and space exclamation today, what is the reality that they behold?

They see now that this economic life with all its gigantic contacts and wide ramifications, with its superabundant division and multiplication of labor, contributed in a thousand ways to generalize and accentuate the crisis of mankind, while, not having the corrective of any moral control, or any guiding light from beyond this world, it could not but end in the unworthy and humiliating exploitation of the nature and personality of man, in a sad and terrifying want on one side contrasting with a proud

and mastery: they now contemplate with horror the ocean of blood and tears that bathes the world, the tombs and graves full of corpses multiplied and scattered over every region of the earth and through the isles of the sea, the gradual eclipse of civilization, the progressive disappearance of even material prosperity, the destruction of famous monuments and of edifices built with consummate art, which could have been called the common heritage of the civilized world, the sharpening and deepening of hatred which enflames the peoples against one another, and leaves no room for hope in the future.

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To Those Afflicted Without Hope

Besides those who go through life profoundly disconcerted because of the bankruptcy of social and intellectual trends largely followed by political leaders and scientists stands the not less numerous class of those who are in great distress and sorrow because of the collapse of their own personal and private ideal of life.

Those for Whom the End of Life Was Labor

It comprises the immense number of those for whom labor was the end of life, and for whom the goal of their fatigue was a comfortable material existence, but who in the struggle to attain this end had put far from them religious considerations and had neglected to give to their life a healthy moral orientation.

The war has torn them from this customary congenial activity which was the delight and support of their life. It has dragged them from their profession and their tasks, so that they feel within themselves a dreadful void.

And if some can still continue their usual activities, the war has imposed conditions of work in which all personal initiative has been eliminated, orderly family life is made difficult or impossible, and that satisfaction of soul is no longer found which can only be had from work as it was ennobled and ordained by God.

Workers, approach the crib of Jesus! Do not shrink from that cave; shelter of the Son of God. It is not by chance but a deep, ineffable design of God that you find yourselves just simple workers. Mary, the virgin mother of a working family, Joseph the father of a working family, the shepherds guarding flocks, and finally the wise men from the East—they are all workers—manual workers, watchmen by night, students. They bow down and adore the Son of God who by His sympathetic and loving silence, more telling than speech, explains to them all the meaning and the worth of labor.

Labor is not merely the fatigue of body without sense or value; nor is it merely a humiliating servitude. It is a service of God, a gift of God, the vigor and fullness of human life, the gage of eternal rest. Lift up your heads, and hold them up, workers! Look at the Son of God who with His eternal Father created and ordered the universe; becoming man like us, sin alone excepted, and having grown in age, He enters the great community of workers; in His work of salvation He labors, wearing out His earthly life.

It is He, the Redeemer of the world who by His grace which runs through our being and our activity, elevates and ennobles every honest work, be it high or low, great or little, pleasant or tiresome, material or intellectual,

To the Faithful—Consolation From the Faith in the Present Calamities

Come forward now, you Christians, the faithful, linked by an ineffable supernatural bond with the Son of God who made Himself little for us, guided and sanctified by His gospel, nourished by grace, fruit of the passion and death of our Redeemer. You too, feel the sorrow, but with the hope of consolation which comes from your faith. The present miseries are ours too. Destructive war visits and tortures you also, your bodies and your souls, your possessions and your goods, your hearth and your home. Death has broken your heart and has left scars slow to heal.

The thought of graves of dear ones far away and perhaps not even identified, anxiety for those lost or missing, the ungratified desire to greet once more your dear ones who are prisoners or deported, leave you in a state of sorrow which discourages you, while a future full of grave uncertainty weighs on all, parents and children, young and old. At all times, and especially at this hour, our paternal heart is near you, in deep and unchanging affection, dear sons and daughters, in your hour of sorrow and trial.

But all our efforts cannot cause this horrible war to cease of a sudden. We cannot give back life to your dear dead; cannot reconstruct your wrecked home; cannot free you wholly from your anxiety. Much less is it in our power to open to you the future, of which God holds the keys—God who governs the course of events and has fixed the time for their peaceful conclusion. Two things, however, we can and will do.

The first is that we have used and shall use all our resources, material and spiritual, to lessen the sad consequences of the war for prisoners, wounded, missing, straying, needy—for all those in suffering and trouble of every language and nation.

The second is that in the course of sad time of war we want you above all to remember the great consolation with which our faith inspires us when it teaches that death and the sufferings of this life lose their bitter sorrow for those who can with calm and serene conscience make their own that prayer of the church in the mass of the dead: "Unto Thy faithful, O Lord, life is changed, not taken away; and the abode of this earthly sojourn being dissolved, an eternal dwelling is prepared in heaven." (Preface of the mass of the dead.)

While others, who have no hope, find themselves faced with a fearful abyss and their hands groping for some support, close on the emptiness, not of their immortal souls but of a happiness of this world which has escaped them, you instead, by the grace and liberality of a merciful God, have, beyond "the certainty of

when sorrows and delusions of every kind show to so many souls the vanity and deception of the roads hitherto followed in public and private life? A great number of minds are searching for new ideals in politics and social life, in private and public, in training and education, and feel a deep yearning to satisfy the needs of their hearts.

May the example of your Christian life guide them and your burning words stir them. As the form of this world passes away, show them that true life means that they "may know Thee, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent." (John 17:3.)

Through your words let there be regenerated in your fellowmen the knowledge of our Heavenly Father, who, even in times of terrible misery, rules that world with a wise and provident goodness. Let them feel the tranquil happiness which comes from a life aflame with the love of God.

The love of God renders the mind responsive to the needs of one's brethren, ready to give spiritual and material aid, disposed to make every sacrifice in order that fervent and practical love may flourish again in the hearts of all.

Power of the charity of Christ! We feel it pulsating with all tenderness in our paternal heart, which, open and loving toward all alike, makes us give utterance to an appeal for works of mercy and of generous charity. How often have we not had to repeat with a throbbing heart the exclamation of our Divine Master: "I have pity on the multitude," and how often, too, have we not had to add: "They have nothing to eat" (Mark 8:2), especially as we behold so many places devastated and desolated by the war!

And there never was a moment or a period when we did not feel the contrast between the scantiness of our resources, which are insufficient for the work of relief, and the gigantic increase in the need of many, who raise to us their suppliant cry and sorrowful groans, at first from regions far away, and now also from those near by, in ever increasing numbers.

In the face of such want, growing every day, growing every day, we raise to the Christian world an insistent cry of fatherly appeal for help and pity: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock" (Apocalypse 3:20).

And we do not hesitate to turn, in the confidence with which God inspires us, to the humane and Christian sentiments of those peoples and those nations which Providence has up to now preserved from the direct impact of the horrors of war, or which although at war, still live in conditions which allow them to give generous expression to their charitable intentions, and to offer help and support to those who, surrounded by the hardships of the conflict and bereft of outside aid are already in want of necessities and will be in greater need in the future.

For such an appeal we are inspired and sustained by the hope that it will meet with genuine sympathy in the hearts of the faithful and of all who are endowed with a lively sense of humanity.

Amid the animosity which the world conflict has aroused and intensified there appears in ever clearer light a consoling development of plans and purpose—we mean the reawakening of the sense of common responsibility in the face of the problems arising

So our Lord did not refuse to come into the midst of your poverty He who once preferred Bethlehem to Jerusalem, the stable and the crib to the magnificence of His Father's temple. Poverty and misery are bitter; but they become sweet if one keeps within oneself God, Jesus Christ the Son of God, and His grace and truth. He remains with you as long as your faith, your hope, your charity, your obedience and devotion remain alive in your heart.

In union with you, dear sons and daughters, we place our prayers at the feet of the Child Jesus and we beg Him that this may be the last war Christmas and that humanity may be able, in the coming year, to celebrate the recurrence of the Christmas feast in the brilliant light and joy of a truly Christian peace.

Principles for a Peace Program

And now do you all, who have responsibility, all of you who by the disposition and permission of God hold in your hand the destiny of your own and other peoples, hear the suppliant "Erudimini" (Be ye enlightened) which reaches in your ears from out the

POPE MAKES PLEA FOR A JUST PEACE

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needs the support of a normal measure of power. But the real function of this force, if it is to be morally correct, should consist in protecting and defending, and not in lessening or suppressing rights."

Peace programs, he continued, "should have as their supreme purpose nothing less than the task of securing agreement and concord between the warring nations—an achievement which may leave with every nation, in the consciousness of its duty to unite with the rest of the family of States, the possibility of cooperating with dignity, without renouncing or destroying itself, in the great future task of recuperation and reconstruction."

"Naturally the achievement of such a peace would not imply in any way the abandonment of necessary guarantees and sanctions in the event of any attempt to use force against right," the Pontiff said, but he added:

"Give mankind, thirsting for it, a peace that shall reinstate the human race in its own esteem and in that of history—a peace over whose cradle the vengeful lightning of hate and the instincts of unchecked desire for vengeance do not flash, but rather the resplendent dawn of a new spirit of world union."

Directing his voice to leaders to "rise above yourselves, above every narrow calculating judgment" in an hour "so gloomy and threatening" that the Pope said he feared for the existence of each and every people, the Pontiff pictured horrors for both sides if his word was not heeded.

He addressed what he said was a trumpet call for the principles of "far-seeing and even-minded justice and brotherhood."

The peace must not be stained by repaying injustice with injustice or greater injustice, he added. Calling for urgent plans for reconstruction and relief to meet im-

in appreciation of the aid she is giving men of America's ally. Tomorrow presents from interested friends.

tives "at home" will be opened. At noon they will partake of Christmas dinner and listen to a radio rendition of "Little Town of Bethlehem," dedicated to Dr. North and her "boys."

In the group are Philip Last, telegrapher, of Derby; Bernard Greene, engineer, of Leeds; Reginald Neale, cook, of Dorset, and Ernest Reid, seaman gunner, of Lancashire, all of England, and James Henderson, gunner, of Glasgow.

BALDWIN HAILS TROOPS

Connecticut Sends Greeting to Its Men and Women in Service

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 24.—Governor Baldwin sent official greetings today to Connecticut men and women in the armed forces throughout the world. In a message to Secretary Stimson and Secretary Knox the Governor requested that the following greeting be transmitted through the customary channels:

"On behalf of the folks back home, I send greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to Connecticut men and women in the armed forces everywhere. We are proud of every one of you, for your proven courage and ability in places of danger and difficulty. We are grateful to you for your sacrifice of service in a glorious cause.

"Our love and friendship go out to you especially during this season as it does throughout the entire year. Upon you rest our fondest hopes that through you, with God's help, the world may achieve, before another New Year comes, peace and a greater measure of happiness and good-will to all men."

GIFTS TO ATOLLS WOUNDED

Men From Tarawa, Makin Remembered in Hawaii Christmas

By Telephone to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HONOLULU, Dec. 24.—Soldiers and marines wounded at Makin and Tarawa will have Christmas parties in their hospital wards here tomorrow with real Christmas trees especially imported for them from the States. The Red Cross will see that every man receives a present, the gifts having been provided by Honolulu civic organizations and schools.

The Army Special Service Office, the chaplains, the Red Cross, Gray Ladies and United Service Organizations have joined together in an extensive Christmas program that will reach every man in the huge Army and Navy establishments throughout the Hawaiian Islands, including many of the marines and infantrymen who fought in the Gilbert atolls.

Cuban Gifts for Our Fighters

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 24 (P)—Nine tons of cigars and candy, the gift of the Rotary and Lions Club of Havana, to United States fighting men, arrived here by air today. The Army's Transport Corps will send them to overseas posts. Arriving inhaled, the gifts were described as a gesture of good-will from the citizens of one friendly nation to another.