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CHRISTMAS IN BRITAIN

Plum Stone Kernels for Nuts and Lots of Other Substitutes— Usual Trimmings Scarce

By FOSTER BARCLAY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 17 (CP) — Santa Claus for once isn't going to be able to fill everybody's stocking in Britain this year. No matter how hard he tries it just can't be done. Uncompromising austerity has struck a mortal blow at St. Nick's bagful of toys, candy and good cheer.

It's another Christmas with shortages of food and drink, exhortations not to travel, not to smoke too much not not to heap too much fuel on fireplaces. You just don't walk into a shop in Britain and order a big box of candy and a pair of stockings for the wife or girl friend.

Girls take note: There are no cigarette lighters, cigarette cases or fancy-wrapped packages of smokes for the boy friend.

Candy is rationed at three ounces weekly, hardly enough to fill the cavity in a sweet tooth. No girl is going to thank anybody for a pair of heavy cotton and wool things that pass as stockings. Big red scooters and baby-blue doll's carriages, too, are rarer than lemons.

All the old Christmas gift standbys, socks, handkerchiefs, pullovers, scarves, gloves, shirts and lingerie take precious clothing coupons. The way things stand now most persons are hoarding their coupons in case the government decides not to issue any more for a long time to come.

Family Reunions

Don't get the idea, however, that Christmas and goodwill are a thing of the past. There'll be thousands of family reunions, parties and get-togethers — without help from the government. It's every man and woman for themselves in the rush for available food supplies, such as they are.

For weeks past housewives, equipped with suitcases or big handbags, have been mooching from store to store hunting little luxuries to brighten Christmas dinner. They were assured of a better supply of turkeys this year, mostly because hotels and restaurants have been forbidden to serve any between Dec. 20-31 — except on Christmas Day. Orders had to be in weeks ago to ensure delivery. But what's turkey without trimmings—and plum duff without rum and brandy flavoring? The government declined to allocate sugar to jelly manufacturers and mincemeat supplies are only about two per cent. Anybody who made fruit had to use dried fruits, dried eggs, dried milk and a conglomeration of other dried products.

Persons who failed to bag a turkey while the going was good, joined the mad scramble to get chickens and ducks despite the high prices or used precious "points" coupons for tinned meat from Canada and the United States. Still others only had their weekly 25 cents worth of meat, supplemented perhaps by a rabbit or grouse.

Gaily-lit trees, decorations, nuts, crackers, oranges, apples, grapes and Christmas are mostly memories. Areas formerly devoted to the cultivation of evergreens have been plowed to grow more food and transportation difficulties did not permit anybody to go far afield for a tree. Hats, crackers, tinsel and other novelties simply did not exist. But holly and mistletoe are plentiful.

Available Christmas stockings for youngsters are filled with trinkets of wood and cloth and come without candy or nuts. Only a few far-sighted individuals stocked away home grown nuts or adopted the ingenious method of saving the kernels of plum stones during the preserving season. Shopkeepers and green grocers have plenty of apples and oranges for the children, but grapes are going begging at $5 a bunch. Even flowers are scarce and expensive because the government curtailed transportation from grower to buyer.

The Board of Trade made one big concession to Father Christmas as British children prefer to call Santa. A goodly supply of rag and wood toys were released and prices pegged to eliminate black marketeering.

No Metal Toys

Gone are the days of metal trains, mechanical toys and talking mama dolls. There were a few to be had, but people had a long search to find a shop with any leftovers from last year. Some of the available better class toys sold at high prices. Black stuffed mama dolls, for instance, ranged from the equivalent of $4 to $9, toy tea sets averaged about $3 each and wooden toys—horses, tanks, doll's beds and trucks—hit as high as $5 each.

Thousands of soldiers, airmen, civil defence workers rushed to Santa's help as his job became tough. They set aside spare time to gather and make toys from bomb debris and odds and ends for war orphans, needy boys and girls and children still in evacuated areas. Timely arrival of parcels—knitted comforts, warm jackets and ski pants—from Canada and the United States also came in mighty handy.

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6:05 p.m.—Accordeon Antics
6:15 p.m.—Gospel Interlude
6:30 p.m.—Marek Weber's Salon Orchestra
6:45 p.m.—A Western Voice
7:00 p.m.—Your Evening Concert
7:30 p.m.—Henry King's Piano and Orchestra
8:00 p.m.—Front Line Family
8:15 p.m.—Glahe Musette
8:30 p.m.—Drama from Winnipeg
9:00 p.m.—Stag Party
9:30 p.m.—Songs of Empire
10:00 p.m.—CBC News, Rebroadcast
10:05 p.m.—Interlude in March Time
10:15 p.m.—A.R.P. Broadcast
10:30 p.m.—Silent

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m.—Strictly Informal
7:45 a.m.—CBC News
7:50 a.m.—Strictly Informal
8:00 a.m.—Musical Minutes
8:30 a.m.—Morning Meditations
8:45 a.m.—Composers' Corner
9:00 a.m.—Kenny Baker
9:15 a.m.—Studies in Black and White
9:30 a.m.—Glen Miller's Orchestra
10:00 a.m.—A Morning Visit
10:15 a.m.—Musical Americana
10:30 a.m.—Barnabas Von Geczy's Music
10:45 a.m.—They Tell Me
11:00 a.m.—London Palladium Orchestra
11:15 a.m.—Broadcast of Messages
11:17 a.m.—Violinist Fritz Kriesler
11:30 a.m.—Let's Go Modern
12:00 noon—Mid-Day Melodies
12:50 p.m.—CBC News
12:55 p.m.—Tpday's Highlights
1:00 p.m.—One O'clock Musicale
1:30 p.m.—B.C. School Broadcast
2:00 p.m.—Silent

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