

Season's
Greetings
and best wishes

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Slot-In-Wall Assures Fair Meat Ration at Congo Mine

ELISABETHVILLE, Congo (CP)—A native butcher stands beside a pile of fresh meat in a warehouse along the railyards in the Katanga province mining centre of Kipushi. In the wall next to him is a big slot. At intervals there is a knock on the wall and for each knock the butcher slips a chunk of the raw meat through the slot.

Outside, hundreds of chatting native housewives—wrapped in loin cloths, their children hung on their back—are lined up with buckets. One after the other they get their family meat ration from the slot, one for each knock by a "kapita" foreman. Workers get about 1½ pounds of meat and nearly two pounds of fish a week women and children over 10 slightly less.

This is one of the many functions performed by the Uranium Ore Producing Company, Union Minière du Haut Katanga, for its native workers and their families.

DISTRIBUTION FAIR

Why the slot in the wall? A company official explained:

"If the butcher could see his clients, he would give the best piece of meat to those of his family or to those from his tribe. With the slot system and the neutral Kapita's knock on the wall, distribution is as fair as can be."

No one at the Union Minière pretends this is charity. It's part of the company policy toward better production of uranium, copper, cobalt and zinc.

In 1952 the Union Minière em-

ployed 19,000 natives in its various mines and plants. In its own native quarters, it housed 45,000 women and children.

B. C. Power Takes Over At McBride

VICTORIA (CP)—The railway and agriculture centre of McBride, about half way between Prince George and Jasper is to get improved electrical service.

The B.C. Power Commission, following a request from the village of McBride and with the approval of the government, has agreed to purchase the village-owned distribution system. Sale was approved by a plebiscite.

The commission plans to completely rebuild the system and to construct a new power house to accommodate two 150 kilowatt diesel engines to be transferred from Terrace.

Construction is expected to start early next summer.

Addition of McBride will increase the number of commission power districts throughout the province to 28.



STALKING CAT—Arthur Zieroth of Vancouver discovered he was being stalked by a cougar as he bent over a dead deer near Campbell river on Vancouver Island. The hunter brought down the hungry animal with two shots. He collected a \$20 bounty and sold the cougar's meat for \$20.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The first hospital for children on the American continent was established in Toronto in 1878.

Premier Bennett Sends Christmas Greetings to British Columbia

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett issued the following Christmas greetings to the people of British Columbia:

"I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend warmest Christmas greetings to the citizens of British Columbia, wherever they may be.

"It is my sincere hope that you may enjoy all the good things associated with the festive season in the true spirit of Christmas and I earnestly

hope that the theme of 'Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men' will remain with each and every one throughout the coming year, to bring about a better understanding so that we may be at peace with all men.

"With these thoughts in mind, it is my sincere pleasure to extend to the people of British Columbia the traditional greeting—Merry Christmas and the very best in the New Year."

Jobless Warned No Work Yet On Oil Pipeline

VANCOUVER (CP)—A national employment service report issued here warns job seekers in eastern Canada not to come to British Columbia in the hope of working on the Haines-Fairbanks pipeline project.

The report said many workers have already come to the west coast from as far away as Nova Scotia to find employment on the proposed 280-mile pipeline. The project won't get under way before April, it said.

Rumors have been circulated in the East that work on the line started two weeks ago.

The oil pipeline will run from Haines, Alaska, to Fairbanks through northern B.C.

Violinist Wins Canada Medal In Britain

MONTREAL (CP)—Violinist Arthur Davison of Montreal has been awarded a medal by the British Overseas League which makes awards annually to outstanding representatives of Commonwealth countries in the United Kingdom.

The medal, known as the "Canada Medal" was presented recently to the 34-year-old violinist-conductor by Princess Marie Louise in London for the greatest Canadian contribution to music in the U.K. during last year.

Mr. Davison, at present in Britain, is combining recital work with a job as concertmaster of the Hull, Essex and Peterborough symphony orchestras. On top of that he conducts a series of London youth concerts.

Mr. Davison won his first diploma at the age of six and that year gave his first recital in a Montreal church.

Eager Spacemen

LONDON (CP)—Membership of the British Interplanetary Society has increased by 20 per cent in the last year. There are now 2,419 members of the society devoted to study of space travel.

Merry Christmas

To all our friends we extend our heartiest wishes for gladness and good fortune for Christmas and the New Year.

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STAR'S STYLEWEAR

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That this holiday season be the brightest and happiest ever is our heartfelt wish for all our friends and neighbors.

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Best Wishes

In the true spirit of this most joyous of holidays, we wish all our friends and neighbors a full measure of happiness, health and prosperity.

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MODERN MARINE
STOCKHOLM (CP)—Current figures show the Swedish merchant navy now totals 1,858 ships of 2,617,000 gross tons, including 784 motorships, 473 steamers and 601 sailing ships with auxiliary engines.

QUICK ELECTION
BERN, Switzerland (CP)—The Swiss parliament elected Rodolphe Rubattel to the presidency in just over 10 minutes. As vice-president for the last year, he was by tradition in line for the post.

UNIQUE GARDEN
BRISTOL, England (CP)—A garden built especially for the blind is being laid out here. It is a wall, may be touched, and all carry braille.

Greetings

May the joys of the Season and all its friendly cheer brighten your home at Christmas and abide with you all through the year... This is our warm Holiday wish for you and yours.

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Season's Greetings

May the "Peace that passeth all understanding" enter into your heart at Christmas. In the spirit of Him, whose Natal Day we celebrate, may you find the hope, faith and courage to hold steadfast to the bright promise of a world in which peace and good will shall reign forevermore.

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