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PARIS (AP)—France's president, 71-year-old Rene Coty, drove triumphantly into Paris today. The weary parliament which elected him returned home to a Christmas and prospects of a year fraught with peace and division.

A Conservative generally unpopular with the public, was elected Wednesday night for a second term to succeed General Vincent Auriol. The new state will take office with Premier Laniel's cabinet will remain, and France's government will be without a change.

His election, at the Palace of Versailles, ended a week's deadlock unprecedented in French history.

WAGE ENTRY

Previously no more than two had been required to be a chief of state. Thirteen held a two-a-day pace. Coty—first pro-posed on 12th ballot—received the 529 members of the National Assembly and Council of Republic. Coty was a member of the latter.

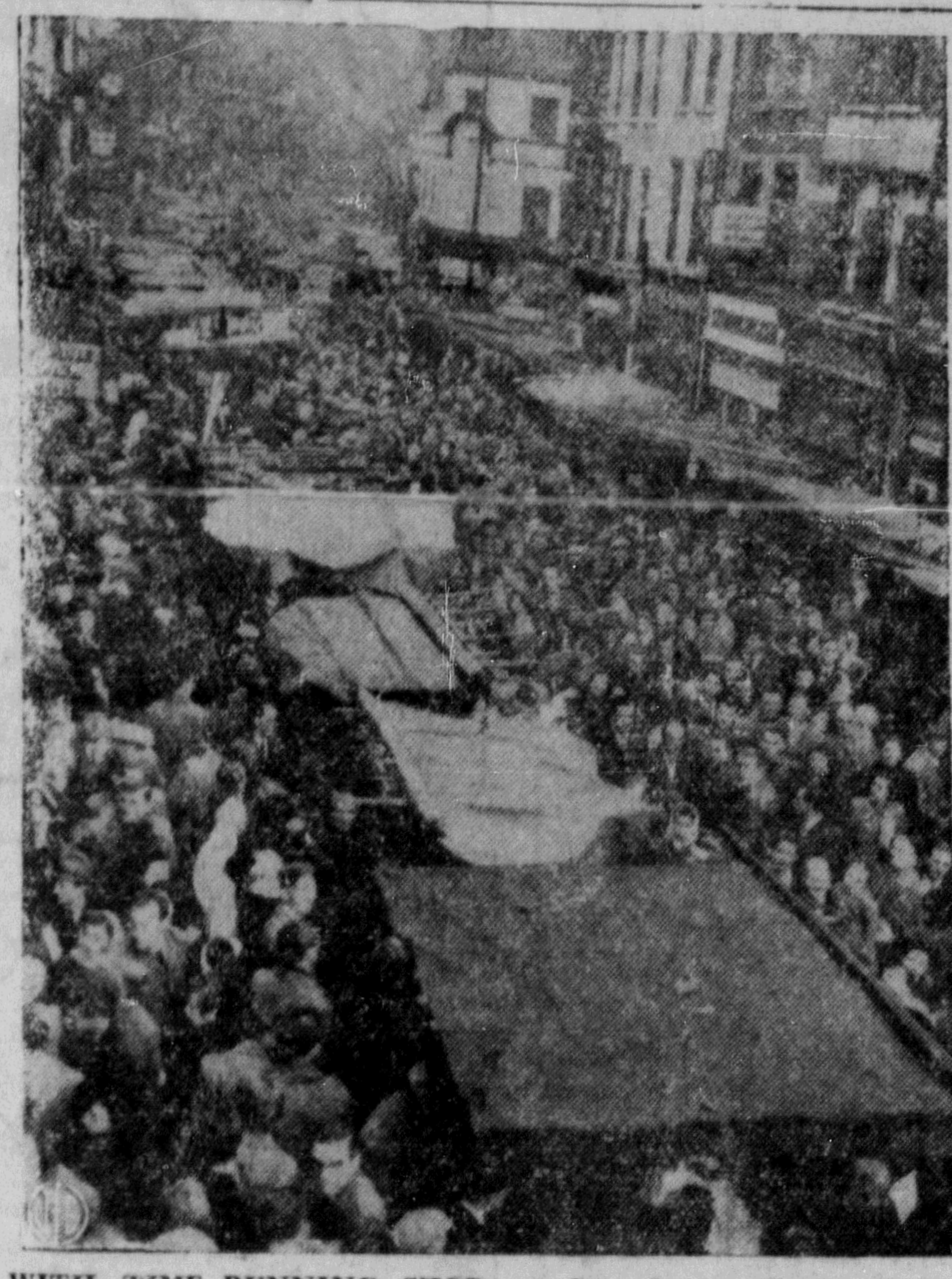
Observers are certain that the parliamentary divisions created by the long stalemate, such burning domestic issues as labor policy, church income and especially the African-backed plan to rearm many within a European pact, will be repeated in 1954's legislative wrangling over those issues.

GREEN TURNED DOWN

Coty got 477 votes—438 were cast to elect—on the decisive vote. Marcel-Edmond Naegel-Socialist, polled 329.

Naegel had been runner up in all of the previous votes and in two of them. But the 100 middle-of-the-road legislators, who held the elective balance of power between right and left, refused to vote for Coty because his opposition to European army won him leftist support.

Coty's views on the European pact are not publicly known. He was ill when the Senate decided the project, and has never taken a stand. He has been a parliamentarian nearly 30 years and is known as a member of the conservative, “free inter-party” Independent Republican



WITH TIME RUNNING SHORT before Santa Claus invades London town, bargain hunters crowd stalls and shops along Middlesex Street. Practically everything from A to Z is available in the British capital's famous shopping district, popularly known as “Petticoat Lane.”

Outnumbered Police Hurt In Royal City Cafe Brawl

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP)—Two policemen were injured late Wednesday night in a fight that began in a New Westminster cafe and spilled out into the street.

Police said about 15 persons battled with four policemen sent to the Honey Dew on Columbia Street in downtown New Westminster after a waitress had complained about patrons drinking liquor.

Firemen restored order by soaking the mob with streams from a fire hose.

Three men and a woman were arrested in connection with the disturbance.

Police Sgt. Joe Makepiece suffered a broken nose and Constable Doug Sandford a broken wrist.

Police said that at the height of the brawl, four policemen aided by several bystanders fought about 15 rioters. They said some members of the mob wielded liquor bottles.

WAGE DISCUSSIONS Underway Today

Conciliation board hearings on wage discussions between Prince Rupert General Hospital board and the Civic Employees Federal Union No. 5 got underway at 9:30 this morning. Chairman of the board is W. H. Brett. Representing the hospital board is F. E. Anfield and John Dyck is the union nominee.

WEATHER

North Coast Region: Cloudy with showers today and Christmas day remaining mild.

Southerly winds 15 reaching southwesterly 25 in exposed areas.

Low tonight and high tomorrow at Fort Hardy. Sandspit and Prince Rupert 38 and 45.

World's Christians Anticipate Most Joyous Yuletide In Years

Pope Again Makes Plea For Peace

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius today warned a festive world that modern technological progress is blinding men “to the great light” radiating from the manger at Bethlehem.

It was his 15th consecutive Christmas message since he became Pope in 1939, and as he has in all of them, the Pope made an earnest plea for world peace.

But he warned that this peace would not be found through materialistic, technological progress.

The gravity of the hour was especially great for Europe. There “the materialism of which we have spoken, instead of solving, only aggravates its fundamental problems. These problems are intimately connected with peace and order in the whole world.”

For Europe he suggested a continental union of its people to eliminate differences in standards of living and production.

The 77-year-old Pope spoke for 25 minutes.

Without directly mentioning communism, he spoke of many “persecuted for their loyalty to Christ and his church.”

As his eyes scan the horizon, the Pope said, he sees “the grey vision of a still unsettled Europe.”

Declaring that the time “seems mature” for the idea of European union to “become a reality,” the Pope said:

“Hence we exhort to action first and foremost Christian statesmen, deeming it sufficient to recall to them that Christianity always considered its task to promote every sort of peaceful union between nations.”

A strong encouragement to such a union was the “manifest failure of the contrary policy.”



“SUDS” pedigree unknown, is doing better than many a doggie in the window. When he's behind glass, it's not permanent. The puppy would be quite content to have a beer glass as a “room,” but he has a better deal than that. This pose is just for laughs. Found in a park during a cold December night, Suds was taken to Fort Worth police headquarters by a passer-by. Soon after, another sympathetic citizen adopted him.

Beria Pays Supreme Price For Losing Power Contest

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Lavrenty P. Beria up to a few months ago was Russia's super-policeman and the most dreaded man in the U.S.S.R. Now he is dead, labelled by the Soviet government as a traitor and foreign spy.

The Soviet Union closed the books on Beria and six of his henchmen before a firing squad Wednesday after a secret five-day trial.

The simple truth is that Beria lost in the race for power following Stalin's death. He has paid the price for his failure.

Beria until his downfall had immense power.

In the period from Stalin's death till his arrest last June, 112 days later, he was No. 2 man in the U.S.S.R. He was Premier Malenkov's first deputy.

He also was minister of internal affairs, controlling all secret police and intelligence, all normal police, private armies of the ministry of the interior, border guards, the vast system of concentration camps and their forced labor, the largest construction projects in the U.S.S.R., all highways and vast areas of the country including most of Siberia and the Soviet Far East.

From the end of the war he ran all Soviet atomic weapons development.

End of Korean War Brings Hope of Peace

Christians the world around looked forward today to one of the most joyous observances in years of the birth of Jesus. They were buoyed by the greatest hopes for peace—justified or not—since the start of the cold war.

Although officials were skeptical, millions in Europe felt the threat of war had ebbed with the signing of the Korean truce and indicated that the Soviet government is paying more attention to its people at home than to spreading the Communist gospel abroad.

The end this year of the fighting in Korea and the release of thousands of Communist-held prisoners also brightened homes throughout the United States. There, as in other lands, traditional Christmas Eve festivities and ceremonies were the order of the day.

In Korea, a special airlift flew tons of last-minute Christmas mail to the thousands of United Nations troops still stationed in that war-torn country. Special services marked Christmas Eve observances on the now-quiet front.

In line with the general prosperity and relaxation throughout the world, pilgrims poured into the little town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ.

Carol singers spread their traditional messages of cheer in cities, towns and villages throughout the world.

Britain and Western Europe prepared for their best Christmas since before the war. More food and consumer goods in most countries promised a happier Yuletide than many youngsters could remember.

Christmas may not be the whitest but it is one of the brightest Yuletide seasons in Canada in many years.

Stores, homes and streets throughout the Dominion are decked with millions of lights and gay decorations.

To celebrate the holiday, all businesses will be closed tomorrow and most offices will remain shut for a three-day period.

There will be no edition of the Daily News on Saturday. Next regular edition will appear on Monday.

Special midnight masses were set tonight in all Roman Catholic churches throughout the continent, on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Pope Pius touched off worldwide spiritual observances this morning with his 15th annual Christmas broadcast to the world. Vatican radio rebroadcast the message in 25 languages and beamed them around the world.

Britain's festivities will be highlighted by the Queen's annual broadcast on Christmas morning, which will be heard here at 7 a.m. and will be rebroadcast at 7 p.m. after the CBC news.

\$1. Million Blaze In Calgary

CALGARY—Damage was estimated at \$1,000,000 in a flash fire which swept through the main aircraft stores building at the RCAF's No. 24 air material base in southwest Calgary today.

Miller Bay Wins Mention In JC Light-Up Contest

Shouts of “Merry Christmas” from cheerful patients greeted members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce light-up committee when they visited Miller Bay hospital.

The hospital, as cheerful looking as the patients, was awarded honorable mention in the light-up contest by the visiting Jaycees.

The committee found a decorated tree in every room at the hospital and learned that all decorations had been made by the patients.

Indicating that Santa had already visited the hospital were the piles of gifts under most of the pretty trees, and the electric trains in each boys' ward, presented by the Kinsmen Club of Prince Rupert. Some of the youngsters were still hoarding the treats given out by the Kinsmen Sunday.

Others receiving honorable mention in the residential section of the Jaycee light-up contest were Robert Eby, 400 Fourth Avenue East, Bob Meighen, 1961 Graham Avenue, Victor Grant, 630 Fifth Avenue East, and Hans Pettersen, 801 Borden Street.

Major winners in the Jaycee contest, announced yesterday, included Wrathall's Photo Finishing and Fashion Footwear, placing first and second respectively in the business category, and Alex Mitchell, 232 Fourth Avenue West, and Norman Moorehouse, 673 Fourth Avenue East, first and second in the residential section.



ON CHRISTMAS DAY Canadian troops in Korea will be having turkey. The 25th Infantry Brigade is on the same rations as United States forces in Korea and, along with their American neighbors, enjoyed turkey on the American Thanksgiving late in November. Cooks Pte. Rene Viau (left) of Ste. Therese de Blainville, Que., and Pte. George Lewis of Port Wallis, N.S., do the carving.

10 CANADIAN SOLDIERS decorate the Christmas tree at the Beaver Club in Germany with help from Marlie Freedman of the British Women's Volunteer Service. The Beaver Club is a leave centre for junior ranks of the Canadian Army near the historic Lake. Left to right: Pte. Jim Cohen, Hepworth, Ont., Don Henderson, London, Ont., and Miss Freedman.