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Pope Again

Makes Plea

VATICAN CITY (AP)

-Pope Pius today warned

a festive world that mo-

dern technological pre-

progress is blinding men

"to the great light" radi-

ating from the manger at

It was his 15th consecutive

Christmas message since he be-

came Pope in 1939, and as he

has in all of them, the Pone

made an earnest plea for world

But he warned that this peace

The gravity of the hour was

with peace and order in the

continental union of its people

Without directly mentioning

communism, he spoke of many

first and foremost Christian

peaceful union between na-

failure of the contrary policy."

ity," the Pope said:

would not be found through

materialistic, technological pro-

Bethlehem.

For Peace

World's Christians Anticipate

Most Joyous Yuletide In Years



# kes New Post January

MRIS (AP)—France's president, 71-year-Rene Coty, drove trimhantly into Paris to-The weary parliat which elected him thome to a Christmas and prospects of a vear fraught with fe and division.

nown to the public, was of state will take office 17. Premier Laniel's cabinet will resign, and France more will be without

's election, at the Palace ersailles, ended a week's deadlock unprecedente

### THE ENTRY

12th ballot-received the ssary members of the Naal Assembly and Council of Republic. Coty was a mem-

parliamentary divisions reed by the long stalemate, such burning domestic as labor policy, church innce and especially trican-backed plan to rearm many within a European will be repeated in 1954's

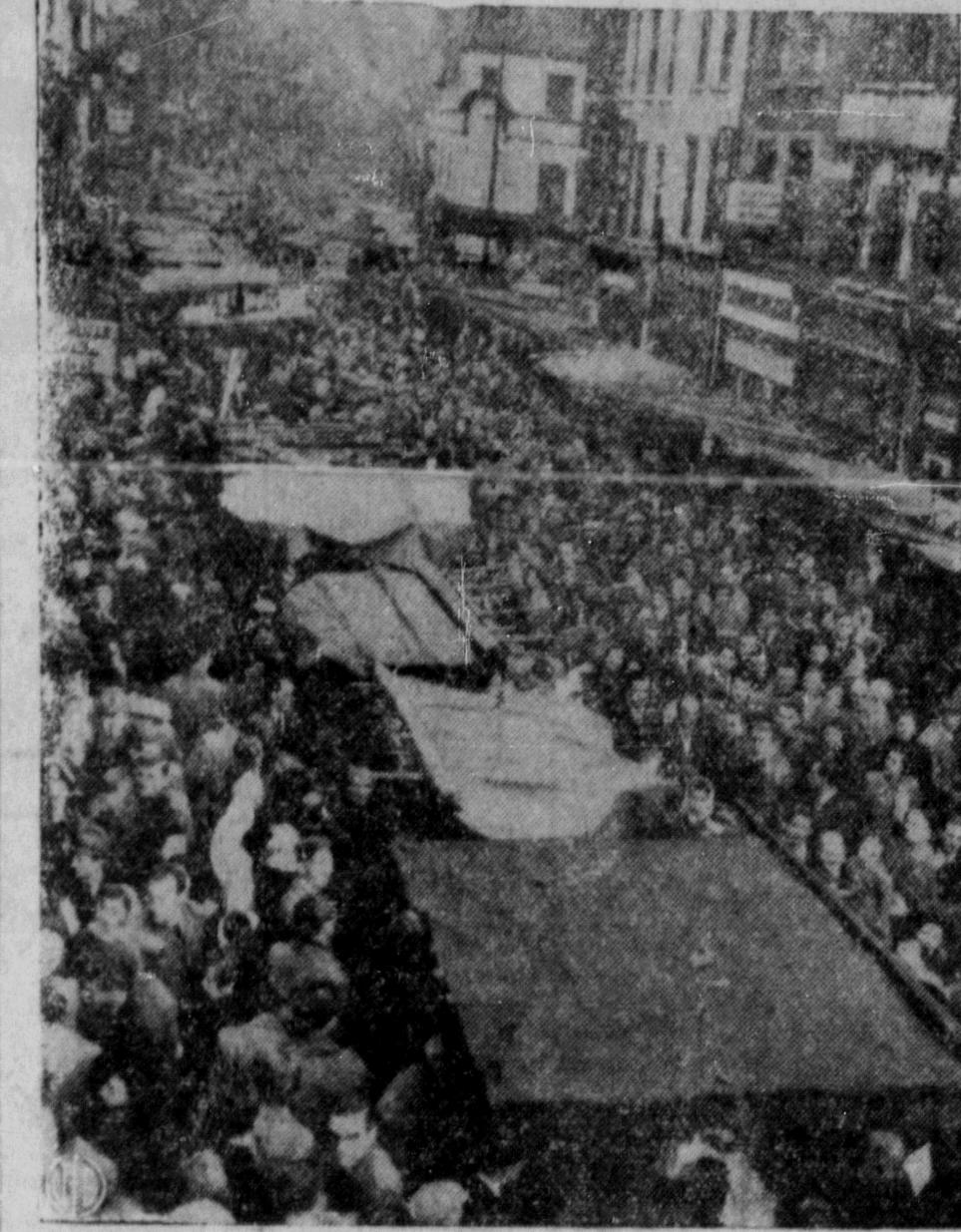
essembly is asked to con Laniel's successor.

### GELEN TURNED DOWN

My got 477 votes-436 were ernment. ded to elect—on the decisive t. Marcel-Edmong Naegel-Socialist, polled 329.

legelen had been runner up the federal government. O of the previous votes and because his opposition to European army won him

my's views on the European as ill when the Senate dethe project, and has never



WITH TIME RUNNING SHOR? 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

-Two policemen were injured battled with four policemen sent There "the materialism of which late Wednesday night in a fight to the Honey Dew on Columbia we have spoken, instead of solvthat began in a New Westminster Street in downtown New West- ing, only aggravates its fundacafe and spilled out into the minster after a waitress had mental problems. These prob-

## PGE Extension Starts in 54

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP)\_A start will be made on the extension of the government-owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway in 1954, Premier Bennett said here today.

He declined to go into details but said he expects "full cooveration" from the federal gov-

During his recent visit to Ottawa Mr. Bennett placed the rail extension proposal before

It would add 311 miles to the on two of them. But the 100 PGE, extending it from Squamiddle of-the-road legis- mish to Vancouver, 40 miles, and is, who held the elective from Prince George to the Peace ace of power between right River, 271 miles. The estimated left, refused to vote for cost was placed at \$75,000,000.

### Wage Discussions Underway Today

Conciliation board hearings on sales tax revenue. The cheques wage discussions between Prince Rupert General Hospital board and the Civic Employees Federal \$54,407; Prince George \$51,a stand. He has been a Union No. 5 got underway at 9:30 mentarian nearly 30 years this morning. Chairman of the is known as a member of board is W. H. Brett. Representonservative, "free inter- ing the hospital board is F. E. Independent Republican Anfield and John Dyck is the union nominee.



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

# NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) Police said about 15 persons especially great for Europe.

soaking the mob with streams For Europe he suggested

Three men and a woman were to eliminate differences in arrested in connection with the standards of living and producdisturbance.

Police Sgt. Joe Makepiece suf- The 77-year-old Pope spoke fered a broken nose and Con- for 25 minutes. stable Doug Sandford a broken

of the brawl, four policemen aid- Christ and his church.' ed by several bystanders fought / As his eyes scan the horizon, about 15 rioters. They said some the Pope said, he sees "the grey liquor bottles.

## City To Get \$54,000 From

VICTORIA (CP)-Officials of B.C. cities and districts are awaiting the arrival of totailing \$5,750,000 from the provincial government for their share of the are due before the new year.

007.. Other grants include.

Districts: Kitimat \$11.470. \$1,560; McBride \$2,622; Pouce Coupe \$2,461: Quesnel \$8,617; Smithers \$6,455; Terrace

### Taxi Drivers Face Liquor Charge Here

One taxi driver and the coowner of another taxi firm were arrested here within 15 minutes of each other late yesterday and charged with supplying liquor to an Indian, William Stevens of Kincolith.

Arrested first was Richard be released later today. Sylvester hospital. before Magistrate W. D. Vance cees. this afternoon.

### WEATHER

with showers today and Christ- the patients. mas day remaining mild.

and Prince Rupert 38 and 45.

complained about patrons drink- lems are intimately connected ing liquor. Firemen restored order by whole world." from a fire hose.

Police said that at the height prersecuted for their loyalty to members of the mob wielded vision of a still unsettled Eur-

## Government

Prince Rupert will receive over an international hook-up. During the next two days the Villages: Fort St. James radio will broadcast in 25 languages, including Russian and

### \$1 Million Blaze In Calgary

Chinese.

base in southwest Calgary today. development.

## In JC Light-Up Contest

Sylvester, driver for 70 Taxi, Shouts of "Merry Christmas" youngsters were still hoarding and death. Taxi was taken into custody. members of the Junior Chamber men Sunday.

and later Anthony Klamit of 99 from cheerful patients greeted the treats given out by the Kins-

and Klamit were released last The hospital, as cheerful look- tion of the Jaycee light-up connight on \$300.00 cash bail each. ing as the patients, was awarded test were Robert Eby, 400 Fourth Kremlin banquet he once said: The formal charge was sched- honorable mention in the light- Avenue East, Bob Meighen, 1961 uled to be read in police court up contest by the visiting Jay- Graham Avenue, Victor Grant, trained executives who decide 630 Fifth Avenue East, and Hans everything."

The committee found a decor- Pettersen, 801 Borden Street. ated tree in every room at the Major winners in the Jaycee sia. As Stalin's hatchet man he hospital and learned that all contest, announced yesterday, won the hate of millions. Now North Coast Region: Cloudy decorations had been made by included Wrathall's Photo Fin- his name is being erased from ishing and Fashion Footwear, Soviet history books and he is Indicating that Santa had al- placing first and second respec- consigned like so many Soviet Southerly winds 15 reaching ready visited the hospital were tively in the business category, leaders before him to oblivion. southwesterly 25 in exposed the piles of gifts under most of and Alex Mitchell, 232 Fourth But much of the Soviet Union the pretty trees, and the electric Avenue West, and Norman today-its military might as well Low tonight and high tomor- trains in each boys' ward, pre- Moorehouse, 673 Fourth Avenue as its dismal oppression-is what row at Port Hardy, Sandspit sented by the Kinsmen Club of East, first and second in the re- he made it. Re-writing of history Prince Rupert. Some of the sidential section.



"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

By TOM WHITNEY Associated Press Staff Writer

Lavrenty P. Beria up to a few months ago was Russia's super-Declaring that the time "seems policeman and the most dreaded mature" for the idea of Euro- man in the U.S.S.R. Now he is pean union to "become a real- dead, labelled by the Soviet government as a traitor and foreign "Hence we exhort to action spy.

The Soviet Union closed the statesmen, deeming it sufficient books on Beria and six of his to recall to them that Chris- henchmen before a firing squad tianity always considered its Wednesday after a secret fivetask to promote every sort of day trial.

lost in the race for power follow- never to be heard from again. A strong encouragement to ing Stalin's death. He has paid such a union was the "manifest the price for his failure.

The Pope spoke in reply to immense power.

His words were carried around 112 days later, he was No. 2 man the globe by the Vatican radio 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 forcprojects in the U.S.S.R., all CALGARY-Damage was esti- highways, and vast areas of the mated at \$1,000,000 in a flash country including most of Sifire which swept through the beria and the Soviet Far East.

main aircraft stores building at From the end of the war he the RCAF's No. 24 air material ran all Soviet atomic weapons

### Beria spoke Russian with a marked Georgian accent, similar sters could remember. to that of Stalin. A short, bald man, he was distinguished by whitest but it is one of his pince-nez. He disdained any uniform, wearing instead dark Canada in many years. blue or grey business suits which tended to be a bit baggy.

Beria was brought to Moscow by Stalin in 1938.

His first act in his new job was to liquidate his predecessor as minister of internal affairs, Nikolai Yezhov, widely thought in Russia to be insane. Yezhov The simple truth is that Beria simply disappeared early in 1939,

Beria was born in 1899 in the village of Merkeuli near Sukhu-Beria until his downfall had mi on the Black Sea coast. Dur- set tonight in all Roman Cathing the immediate pre-revolu- olic churches throughout the Christmas greetings brought to In the period from Stalin's tionary and civil war period he continent, on both sides of the him by the College of Cardinals death till his arrest last June, was an engineering student in Iron Curtain. Baku, the oil centre of the Caspian Sea. He joined his lot with CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

the Bolsheviks. responsible assignments in the secret police. He rose rapidly to head all secret police activities in the trans-Caucasus Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia. In 1931 he was directed by Moscow ed labor, the largest construction to take over leadership of the Communist party in the trans-

### EXALTED STALIN

Beria assured his position with Stalin by writing in 1935 a work on the history of the Bolsheviks in the trans-Caucasus. This was one of Stalin's major weapons in his campaign for rewriting Soviet history.

Few men have ever held as much power as did Beria during the years 1938-53. Few men have ever sent so many men to exile

Beria was beyond any doubt an able organizer, a clever in-Cars of both firms were im- of Commerce light-up committee Others receiving honorable triguer, though in the end not pounded by the police but may when they visited Miller Bay mention in the residential sec- clever enough, and a deep

> To a western diplomat at a "The people are sheep. It is

Beria goes unlamented in Ruswill not remove his imprint.

## End of Korean War Brings Hope of Peace

Christians the world around looked forward to day 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

Although officials were skep- cast the message in 25 languages tical, millions in Europe fel and beamed them around the the threat of war had ebbed world. with the signing of the Korean Britain's festivities will be truce and indications that the highlighted by the Queen's an-Soviet government is paying nual broadcast on Christmas more attention to its people at morning, which will be heard home than to spreading the here at 7 a.m. and will be re-Communist gospel abroad.

The end this year of the CBC news. 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 Kerea, a special airlift flew tons of last-minute Christmas mail to the thousands of United Nations troops still stationed in that war-torn country. Spe- train wreck here is mounting cial services marked Christmas and probers fear the total may Eve observances on the now- exceed 100. Some 172 persons are

In line with the general prosperity and relaxation throughout the world, pflgrims poured into the little town of Bethle- 275 passengers, going

hem, the birthplace of Christ. Carol singers spread their traditional messages of cheer in trapping passengers in the cars cities, towns and villages under muddy water, throughout the world.

Britain and Western Europe prepared for their best Christnas since before the war. More food and consumer goods most countries promised a happier yuletide than many young-

brightest Yuletide seasons in

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

To celebrate the holiday, all Christmas businesses will be closed tomorrow and most offices will re- Story Ends main shut for a three-day per-

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

Special midnight masses were

Pope Pius touched off world- venture.

of the cold war. world. Vatican radio rebroad-

broadcast at 7 p.m. after the

### Over 100 Die In New Zealand Train Wreck

WELLINGTON N.Z. (CP) Death toll from a Christmas Day still unaccounted for.

Thirty-one persons have been taken to hospital.

An express train, loaded with for Christmas, crashed into a river from a flooded-out bridge,

The train, en route from Wellington to Auckland, thundered straight into the river from the

broken bridge near Tangiwae. A cloudburst caused a mountain lake to burst its banks. flooding the river and carrying Christmas may not be the away the bridge. The scene of the the tragedy is about 250 miles from here.

> The rail disaster marred what was to be one of New Zealand's

Little readers will be thrilled with the climax of Wes Sullivan's delightful Christmas story, "Steve and Nancy Santa Claus," which ends in today's paper.

Children who have followed the story of Steve and Nancy, working at the North Pole to give Santa a well-earned rest. will find out today how the two children returned home and what they thought of their ad-

From the very first he received wide spiritual observances this Was it all a dream? You'll morning with his 15th annual find out when you read the last Christmas broadcast to the chapter of the story today.



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.

Miller Bay Wins Mention

