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### American Prisoners Spurn Scheduled Press Conference

By GEORGE A. McARTHUR  
PANMUNJOM (AP)—Twenty-two  
Americans who disowned home  
for communism failed to show  
up today for a press conference  
they had requested to explain  
their choice.  
Instead, three Koreans, also

converts to communism, ap-  
peared. They said the Ameri-  
cans had changed their minds  
about talking.  
The Koreans denied reports  
that fear instead of belief in  
communism is holding some of  
the Americans.  
"Look into the matter and  
see," they urged Indian custodian  
troops.  
The Americans packed for a  
Christmas Eve trip back to their  
main prison compound in the  
neutral zone, leaving the area  
where they spent the final days  
of Allied efforts to win them  
home. The explanation period  
ran out last midnight.

#### WILL BE REUNITED

At the main barbed-wire com-  
pound, all the former Allied sol-  
diers who have chosen commu-  
nism will be reunited—22 Ameri-  
cans, one Briton, 327 Koreans.  
They were separated when 250  
Koreans attended Allied explana-  
tions and the others balked.

The prisoners will observe  
Christmas with a special menu  
of beef, chicken, pork, fruit, wine  
and beer furnished by the Com-  
munist. They plan special ath-  
letic events Christmas afternoon  
with Red-supplied equipment—  
skates, footballs, javelins, a dis-  
cus and other gear.

The 22 Americans will spend  
the next 30 days at the main  
compound. They, like all other  
prisoners who have refused re-  
patriation, are due to be released  
Jan. 22 as civilians.

However, their status at that  
time in the eyes of the United  
States government remains un-  
determined.

### George Mallock Caught in U.S.

OTTAWA (CP)—George Mallock,  
one of Canada's most-sought  
criminals, has been arrested in  
New York City by agents of the  
U.S. Narcotics Bureau, RCMP  
said.

Mallock, 38, and his brother  
John, 37, have been sought since  
February 1951 when they disap-  
peared from Vancouver while  
awaiting trial on charges of un-  
lawfully selling narcotics and  
conspiracy to sell narcotics.  
They jumped a total of \$40,000  
bail.



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### Seamen End Strike Over Food, Wages

VANCOUVER (CP)—A last-min-  
ute settlement was reached Wed-  
nesday night in the strike of 19  
seamen protesting food and liv-  
ing conditions aboard the Pana-  
manian freighter Calygeria.

"The strike is over—everything  
is settled," said a Panamanian  
consul Julio A. Ricord.

Mr. Ricord, who earlier Wed-  
nesday announced he was taking  
legal action to prevent the  
freighter leaving British Col-  
umbia waters, said he had re-  
ceived word from the ship's  
owners to grant the seamen's  
request for better conditions.

Fourteen men walked off the  
ship in Vancouver recently in  
protest against conditions aboard  
the vessel. Another five also  
went on strike but were forced  
to remain aboard the vessel be-  
cause of illness. The seamen, all  
Italians, demanded better food,  
improved working conditions and  
payment of back wages and over-  
time.

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### Head-On Collision Ends Life Of Alberta Cabinet Minister

EDMONTON (CP)—Hon. D. A.  
Ure, Alberta's minister of agri-  
culture, was killed Wednesday in  
a head-on collision between a  
truck and a car which claimed  
one other life and sent the truck  
driver to hospital with injuries.

Mr. Ure, 43, was a passenger in  
the car believed driven by James  
Mitchell of Edmonton, also killed  
when the truck and car met  
head-on at the brow of a hill on  
the Edmonton-Jasper highway  
40 miles west of here.

Taken to Edmonton's Univer-  
sity hospital was Robert Fagnan,  
about 30. Hospital authorities  
declined to reveal the extent of  
his injuries.

RCMP reported the Edmonton-  
bound truck apparently swerved  
to the centre of the road because  
of a hole or a similar obstruc-  
tion.

An inquest was ordered and  
RCMP are continuing their in-  
quiries.

Premier Manning personally  
broke the news of Mr. Ure's death  
to his widow. He said the agri-

culture minister's death was a  
"very deep shock." Mr. Ure's  
death was a "tremendous loss"  
to the agricultural interests of  
the province. The farmers lost a  
man keenly conscious of their  
problems.

Besides his widow, Mr. Ure is  
survived by five children.

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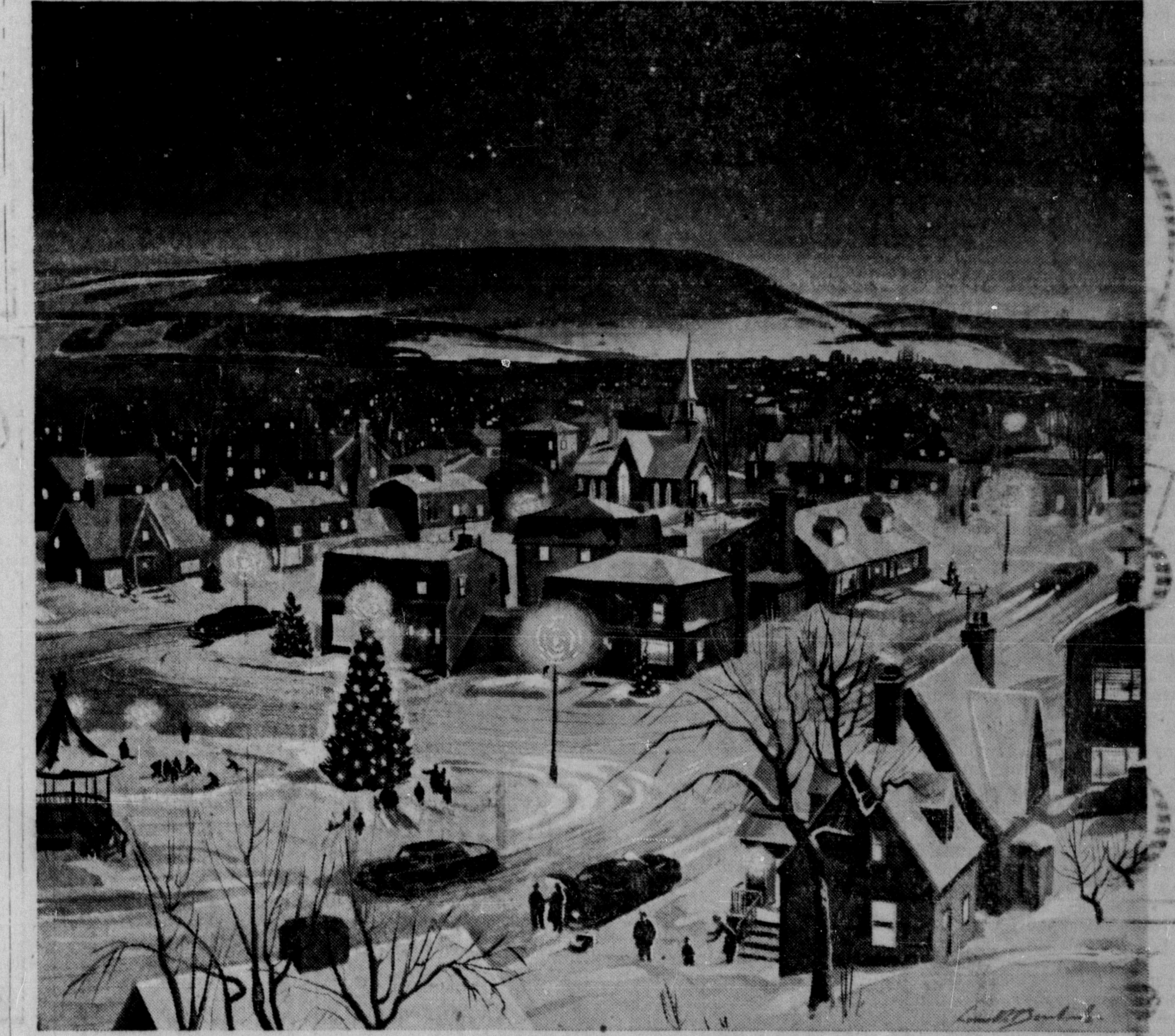
The Yuletide season is a wonderful time.  
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