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#### December Comes In The Night ECEMBER comes in the night, the long night of

brilliant stars. It comes with a chill crackling of ice in the sloughs and the lonely hoot of the owl in river bottoms. And the north wind, from the far away barren lands, whistles around the chimneys and rattles the window sash. December comes in on a cloud where the new moon rests early.

A late dawn and December is here, the last month of the year, month of the shortening days and of deepening cold. December with its winter solstice and its Nativity and the year's end, a crystal month of contrast. The shortest day, the longest night, the end and the beginning; the white of snow. the cold of winter and the warmth of belief.

It is a dormant world but there are shrubs with colorful branches, trees with berries, the evergreens justifying their name. The wintering birds brave the elements and some, like the waxwings, feed on berries of the mountain ash and wild rose tips. The coyote is abroad while the badger lies dormant in his burrow. Earth's pulse is slow but the beat is still there.

December is the month of stars and The Star, of long nights and The Night, the last five minutes of low twelve passes and the round begins again, with spring and April up ahead. —Brooks Bulletin.



SAD-EYED "mixed-German Shepherd" and her four pups were found abandoned in freezing weather in Ottawa. City's Humane Society sought a home for the family and said the (CP Photo) dogs would be destroyed if not claimed.

## Al Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

What happened to free sam-1 thing had its charms, too. ples? When I was a small boy, almost every page of the popu- marked with those deadly words: magazines had a coupon "Offer good in the United States which the reader was invited to only." But plenty of samples gramourous place. For this token day, I looked forward to the thrill the manufacturer would supply of a spicy-smelling, neatly thought there would be a war ings at the previous meetings. It than any concrete achievements. It as free trial package of oint- wrapped parcel in the mail, con- involving Russia or U.S.A. in is unfortunate that such impancake flour.

might have been lacking in skill of altruism in my sample-col- have run this quiz. and subtlety, but I never not- lecting urge. Once I sent for ammended was the best of its our milkman. kind in the world. I wanted some. So I began clipping cou-

beverages and breakfast cereals chirried a list of the minerals, These were catalogued in such

ill stamps or coin "to cover side the door. costs of packaging and mailing.". I had arguments with my father [ and mother to get backing for parents financed me. At other times they refused,

Pree samples became a hobby. think I pictured myself as bringing in useful goods, contilibuting to the welfare of my And these miniature inexes, tubes and bottles provided a link between the lonely, commonplace world of a boy in the country and the blg factories ! that I knew from pictures.

'Machines and factories fascinalled me. They steed in mysterigus places like Chicago, Racine i and Grand Rapids. They belchrecout smoke, and conjured raw Materials into finished goods. thro idea of something for no-1

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' A few of the coupons were,

There must have been a dash the highest in all the years I

proach the milkman in person and offer him the cardboard it was last year. frilses. I loft them one at a time I frightened by noise or move-

The free sample as a merhealthy and well - nourished long ago; but I can still rememmerely as a result of reading ber my dismay whon I found the treasured offering to the milk-"Certain offers required 10 cents men thrown on the ground out-

## Quiz Champs

TWO residents of B.C. have won my annual 10 difficult questions.

The winners are: Dr. L. M. Greene, 945 Borden St., Prince Rupert, and Mr. Jerry Brda, 70 East 45th Ave., Vancouver 15.

HERE are the quiz questions with correct answers, which on which many hundreds failed. 1. Will East or West win the

Grey Cup? (East). December 1, 1957? (No).

December 1, 1957? (No). | 157 in 1956 and 275,000 till De- | terest—becomes a major object-

catright war in 1957? (No). opened for traffic in 1957? (Yes).

Red army? (No). 8. Will Cyprus be granted self-Rovernment in 1957? (No).

1956? (Higher). 1957, either by clearly authen- views are supposed to take place. ticated sightings of the hither- What actually happens, of to unidentified flying objects, or course, is a succession of set by revelation that those prev- speeches, which usually appear great powers? (Answer no-mystery was not solved).

Most of the answers from B.C. and I am afraid that 'patriotism, or regionalism, go. the better of most quiz entrants. The overwhelming majority predicted that the west would win he Grey Cup.

those who thought that way was

A word of comment on quesised it. Their message convinced some special milk bottle caps tion number 9, about the numwith the idea of giving them to bers of persons holding jobs. That number is higher, although For some reason I did not ap- the number of registered unemployed is also much higher than

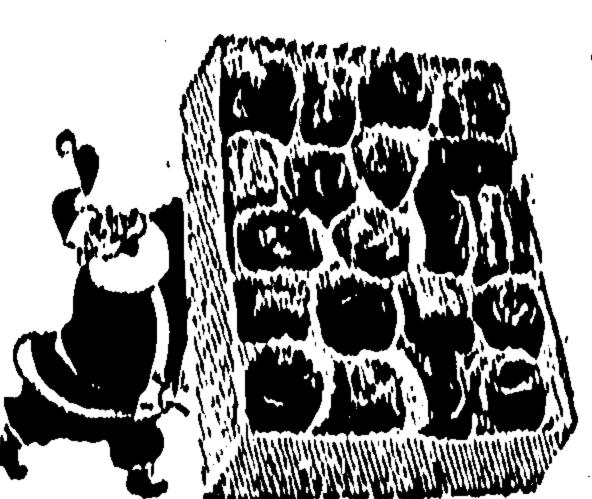
When I put question number "The sample packages of health on the empty bottles, as though 10 in, just for fun, I had no idea creature that would run away if niks whirling round the world. But anyway, the flying saucer mystery is sull with us.

zestful terms that I began to seel chandising device has vanished LOOKING over the letters which came in with the 1957 quiz answers I see a nice one from a

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# Future Developments la Decide Importance Of NATO Decisions

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This has been the first NATO meeting held at the "Summit," surrounded by all the publicity and excitement that goes with meetings between heads of governments—especially in a time of tension and danger.

It is normal but usually unwise to expect too much from be done in such difficult condi-; U.S. will make available missiles; level. The Summit, in fact, is complished, but so much. award for giving 100 per often a precarious place for a cent correct predictions to and cold there. Before such con-

ferences, therefore, there should always be a lot of preparatory work in the valley where it is more comfortable, warmer, and less exposed; where it is perhaps easier to discuss and agree.

"Summit" meetings in an alliance should not be convened unonly two contestants gave, and reached below. Otherwise there 2. Will Sir Anthony Eden still thermore, the "leaders" always sile bases ited correspondents at this NATO 4. Will there be more or fewer | meeting. As a result, a search There were many more—164,- tify all this concentration of inive. This can cause harm by puteither Russia or the ting the results actually achieved in out of all proportion, either of success or failure, to what has

Having been at the earlier and less dramatic NATO meetings, I drawn from any country in east- | don't see how the Palais de ern Europe now occupied by the Chaillot stood the strain—physically and politically — of this army of publicists, as well as of four or five hundred delegates, advisors, advisors to advisors

been written or said about them.

crammed into the council cham-'flying saucers" be solved in formal, and frank exchange of in the press, sometimes even before they are given. The essential work of discussion and argument is confined to dinners, smaller groups. Working behind the scenes, we call it, which in its turn requires those imporwho have to contrive, prepare and to shift the scenes behind

which the work is done. minister of Canada. Don't be subjects that there is not enough downhearted, good folks, the time to deal adequately with highly paid Gallup pollsters all them. The necessity of catching made the same mistake even a plane at 4 p.m. on the third A surprisingly high number nate—or almost so—the proceed-

meetings of this kind merely tions. Perhaps the miracle is not to any member government that because they are on the highest that sometimes so little is ac- wishes them. 'It seems also clear, however;

that some of the members do not

want them or bases for using

them at this time, and that in

Greater scientific co-operation

between the membership is an-

other useful, but not novel recom-

mendation. This time Sputnik

may cause something to be done

bers, the U.K., the U.S., France

and Canada, to approach Rus-.

disarmament discussion. If these

discussions are restricted to the

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See — LESTER PEARSON

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SUNDAY

DECEMBER 22nd

2:00 p.m. PST

Then a mandate seems to have

with a view to re-opening

ready for delivery until 1959.

Though the present meeting. meeting. The winds blow hard not over-as I write this-it is any event they would not be been somewhat different from its predecessors in emphasis and approach. An inclination by the strengthening the military side of the alliance has been met by It can indeed be argued that resistance on the part of some of the smaller members, particularly Norway and Denmark, who been given to four NATO memtil agreement has already been are worried about the establishmay be disillusionment over the sile bases. I heard a good deal inadequacy of the results from about this when I was in Nordeliberations at the top. Fur- way. Worries about atomic misbe prime minister of Britain on attract the maximum press and were, of course, increased by the publicity attention. That is in- realization that, at least at pres-3. Will Louis St. Laurent still evitable. For instance, there ent, any such weapons would be prime minister of Canada on have been two thousand accred have to be under U.S. control because of American legislation.

> There seems to have been a strong feeling among several members of the NATO council at this session that before agreeing to any changes in military policy or weapons, the examination of the present defence picture now USSR on certain outstanding problems, notably disarmament.

I think that this attitude is a sound one. It implies that NATO without diminishing its strength, should use that strength as a even though we may suspect their timing and even their design, should be taken seriously, analyzed and answered. I'm not enamoured of this practice of diplomacy through public correspondence or through pronouncements at cocktail parties. But, if the Soviet leaders insist NATO countries should occawritten interrogations by send-

ing a few letters of their own. There are lots of pertinent questions to be addressed to Moscow, which might get some revealing replies. In any event, it would mean that the West would not lalways be on the defensive, or in the position of saying

Though I have not had a chance yet to study the communique it seems clear from Paris reports that the intangible i on the very eve of the election, day of the session used to domi- purpose and unity of the alliance may be more important;

### ment, mouthwash, toothpaste or taining Goof-nuts or Undulan- 1957—in fact the percentage of portant diplomatic work has to agreement in principle that the Important Meeting.

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- Our representations in this current situation have been in Ottawa in complete detail for some time, and Ottawa has been equally well informed for a number" of years that the passenger services to coastal points were becoming increasingly costly to operate.
- We are informed by Ottawa that subsity sufficient to cover costs is not possible at this time and we are therefore regratfully forced to make this decision.
- The matter of Union Steamships' subsidy is public knowledge as the subject has been critically brought to the floor of the House of Commons by a B.C. Member! on several occasions.
- We are informed that another coastal shipping company is propared to carry on the passenger services to the B.C. Coast and we sincerely hope there will not be too long a service dislocation.
- Union Steamships' cargo floot will, without interruption, operate on regular schoolules to all maoir and most other coastal points.
- We are very sorry that we are forced to make this decision as we are well aware of the inconveniences it will create for our friends in the isolated communities of the Coast.

J. A. MACDONELL,

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