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THE WEATHER

Yesterday's Temperatures
Max. +8°C. Minimum -6°C.
Sun sets today at 4.41 p.m.
Sun rises tomorrow at 7.3 a.m.
Tomorrow's Outlook: Cloudy
—Forecast by Air Authority

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Christians Celebrate Birth Of Christ In Snow, Floods; Leaders Make Annual Talks

LONDON, December 26, (Reuter).—

MUCH of Western Europe had a white Christmas making roads icy in places and giving rise to fears that traffic tolls may rise.

Thousands of West Berliners streamed across the Berlin wall for a Christmas reunion with East German relatives.

In Oslo, three thousand children in Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Ghana, India and Japan, who sent letters to Santa Claus at "Toyland," "the North Pole," "Fairyland" or just "Norway," were answered by a pretty Norwegian blonde.

She is Mrs. Berit Anker who works in the Oslo Tourist Traffic Office. She sends each writer a pamphlet in English headed "from Santa Claus, supplier of Christmas trees."

Moscow's small Roman Catholic and Baptist communities celebrated Christmas, but it was work as usual for all other Soviets. The Russian Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas on January 7, 13 days later.

The few Christians and foreign residents in a sunny and frosty Peking went to church, but the day passed unnoticed by the vast majority of the Chinese population.

Congo

Leopoldville awoke to a calm disturbance free Christmas morning when a predicted 9 a.m. invasion of the city by insurgent forces failed to materialise.

Para commando troops put on guard in the business sections of the city last night were withdrawn. A press communique broadcast by the insurgents over radio Congo in the Congo (Brazzaville) had said Leopoldville would be invaded this morning.

Reuter correspondents reported: West Berlin: More than 50,000 West Berliners had crossed the wall into East Germany by noon yesterday under the current pass system.

Bonn: West Germany had a white Christmas with snow falling steadily in most parts of the country.

Paris

President de Gaulle attended midnight mass at Veirza Church near his country home of Colombey-Les-Deux-Eglises, Eastern France, last night.

Algiers: Algerians were able to go for walks without their coats today after the cold of the past few days.

Saigon: More than 10,000 people attended midnight mass at Saigon's main cathedral held a few hours early because of the state of martial law.

U.S.A.

New York: Unusually warm sunshine bathed an almost snow-free US east coast as floods continued to ravage the Western coast, bringing a dismal Christmas to thousands of displaced families.

Strong winds and rain hit part of northwest Florida causing flooding in Pensacola. Roofs were ripped off buildings in Niceville.

Led by President Johnson and his family at their Texas ranch, most Americans basking in sunshine in the east or enjoying snow in the midwest settled down to traditional Christmas dinners after attending church.

New York City streets were almost deserted at lunchtime in spite of unexpected 57-degree temperature and no snow for the first time in four years.

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British Aden Head Says 'Terrorism Won't Deter Us'

ADEN, Dec. 26, (Reuter).—Lieutenant General Sir Charles Harrington, C-in-C British Middle East Command, said in a Christmas message here today that "no hostile propaganda, threats, violence or acts of terrorism is going to deter us from our purpose."

He told over 20,000 British servicemen and women in South Arabia: "Our role in the Middle East is to carry out tasks dictated by the interests of our country and our friends and no hostile propaganda, threats, violence or acts of terrorism are going to deter us from our purpose. Old and new friends throughout the Middle East may rest assured that we shall do our utmost during the coming year to maintain and strengthen the ties which bind us to them."

Christmas eve in Aden was quiet except for last night's shooting by a British soldier of an Arab who was acting suspiciously near a military depot.

Heavy Rain Causes Flood In Tananarive Low Lands

TANANARIVE, Madagascar, Dec. 26, (Reuter).—Torrential rain caused by a cyclone off Southwest Madagascar flooded low-lying parts of the town of Tulear, the Malagasy radio said yesterday, but no casualties were reported.

The river Fiherenana burst a dam at Tulear causing damage not yet evaluated. Local authorities were organising aid to those flooded out of their homes and arranging to plug the breach in the dam.

His Majesty Returns From Nangarhar

KABUL, Dec. 26.—His Majesty the King accompanied by Dr. Abdul Zahir, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health arrived in Jalalabad on Thursday afternoon. His Majesty visited the canal headworks and the hydro-electric plant as well as the lands being brought under irrigation. Dr. Mohammad Yousuf, the Prime Minister and his companions, who are currently on a tour of Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman provinces, were also received in audience by His Majesty the King at Kowkab Gardens in the evening. They reported to His Majesty the progress made by various development projects in Nangarhar province and dined at the Royal table. His Majesty returned to Kabul Friday evening.

Royal Audience

KABUL, Dec. 26.—An announcement from the Department of Royal Protocol says that His Majesty the King granted audience to the following during the week ending December 24th:

Sayed Snamuddin Majrooh, the Minister of Justice, Sayed Kassim Rishtya, Minister of Finance, Nour Ahmad Etemadi, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Mohammad Haider, Minister of Communications, Professor Mohammad Asghar, Mayor of Kabul, Dr. Sultan Ahmad Popal, Deputy Minister of Mines and Industries, Mir Mohammad Siddiq Farhung, Deputy Minister of Planning, Major-General Murad Ali, Chief of the Construction Department in the Ministry of National Defence, Khalil Ahmad Abawi, Governor of Takhar Province, Major-General Khushdil, Chief of the Slaughterhouse, Brigadier-General Mohammad Is-haq, Garrison Commander and Chief Commissioner of Khost, Brigadier-General Shapur, O/C the 8th Division, Abdul Karim Haqqani, President of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema, Mohammad Yasin Nassimi, a graduate in education from the United States, and Engineer Ibrahim Hamidi, a graduate in geology from the Federal Republic of Germany.

Prime Minister Opens New Hospital In Jalalabad City

KABUL, December 26.—

PRIME Minister Dr. Mohammad Yousuf opened a 60 bed hospital in Jalalabad yesterday morning.

In his speech the Prime Minister congratulated the people of Nangarhar on possessing such a new and modern hospital. He said he was particularly pleased at the satisfactory manner in which malaria had been eradicated from

the Province. After congratulating all who had helped make Af. 6,041,000 hospital possible. The Prime Minister toured the four wards—surgical, internal diseases, maternity, and female diseases.

On Thursday the Prime Minister received a number of Pakhtunistans living in Chigha-Seray. He conveyed to them His Majesty the King's greetings and assured them of the sympathies of the people and government.

U Thant To Spend Week In Bahamas

UNITED NATIONS, New York, Dec. 26, (Reuter).—U Thant, U.N. Secretary-General, recuperating from a peptic ulcer, is expected to leave for the Bahamas today to continue his recovery and may be away until after the New Year holiday, a U.N. spokesman said Friday.

There has been speculation that the U.N. Chief might postpone his departure because of the U.N. financial crisis involving Soviet voting rights and the spokesman added that the Secretary-General's plans were subject to last minute changes.

Informed sources said private talks aimed at solving the crisis will not be resumed until Monday. The General Assembly is due to meet on Tuesday. But a U.S. source said the world body might postpone its next meeting as late as New Year's Eve.

Some of the inescapable constitutional matters, which the Assembly must decide before 1965, could require a vote if they were not settled privately by general consent. The Soviet Union has demanded that the Assembly's moratorium on voting be lifted immediately but the U.S. has countered that this would raise a challenge to the Soviet right to vote.

The USSR owes the U.N. 52.6 million dollars and according to the Western contention, is liable to the terms of the Charter which states that a member in arrears with the equivalent of two years dues shall have no vote.

Farewell Luncheon For Peace-Crops Volunteers



KABUL, Dec. 26.—Dr. Mohammad Anas, the Minister of Education gave a farewell luncheon to a 26-man group of Peace Corps Volunteers at the Club of the Ministry of Education on Thursday afternoon. Others present included officials of the Ministry

of Education, the Ambassador of the United States of America, Robert Steiner, Chief of the Peace Corps in Kabul together with their wives.

Dr. Anas in a speech expressed his appreciation of the cooperation extended by the Peace Corps Volunteers

and referred to the friendly ties existing between Afghanistan and the United States of America. The Peace Corps Volunteers now leaving Kabul came two years ago to Afghanistan to help the Ministry of Education as school-teachers.

Central Pakhtunistan Jirga Condemns Pakistan

KABUL, Dec. 26.—A report from Central Pakhtunistan says that a large jirga was recently held under the chairmanship of Mowlvi Gul Munir Khan Storikhal at Matasi. The jirga, which was attended by a large number of Mahmoukhail, Storikhal and Dawar chieftains, divines and tribesmen was addressed by a number of speakers, who demanded the right of self-determination for the people and the territorial integrity of Pakhtunistan.

The jirga unanimously condemned the attitude adopted by the government of Pakistan towards the people of Pakhtunistan and urged it to concede their legitimate rights and release all Pakhtunistani political prisoners without delay. The jirga also adopted a number of resolutions regarding the freedom movement in Pakhtunistan.

Another report from Kohi-Sur-Kamar in Northern Independent Pakhtunistan says that a large meeting of Khanzadagan tribe was recently held in the region. The jirga, which was attended by a large number of tribesmen and tribal elders, opened with recitation from the Holy Koran.

Tribal leaders then delivered speeches on Pakhtunistan's freedom. They condemned strongly the Pakistan government's intervention in Pakhtunistan and demanded that such tactics should be discontinued without delay.

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Expanding The Arts

The Institute of Fine and Performing Arts has opened its fourth exhibition. What makes us comment on the exhibition is the necessity of further attention to the development of all phases of Arts. True the government has taken the leading role in encouraging and developing arts for many years. For instance, since the establishment of radio 25 years ago, a great deal has been done to develop Afghan music. Right now we can boast of having a corps of singers and musicians and good collection of songs. But we are well aware that all this has been only a drop in the ocean.

Similarly we have had a School of Fine Arts run by the Ministry of Education. It has helped to offer the society graduates in different fields of fine arts. Theatre and stage productions have also been going on in this country for a number of years.

What ought we to do to give a real boost to our arts? By the very nature of the system of society that we have adopted, we should not expect the government to lead the way in this field. Arts are a free method of expression and this freedom must be recognised.

But at the same time it would be folly to urge that the government should in no way direct the development of arts in the country. Again by the very nature of our society governmental guidance and protection is necessary in this connection.

The Institution of Fine and Performing Arts has been well-organised and is functioning as an excellent method of helping, protecting and guiding Afghan artists in developing their talents. It in no way imposes upon them a certain discipline or school of expression. And we hope that in the future no discipline of the kind contrary to the spirit of free expression will be imposed upon the artists associated with the Institute.

But at the same time it is urgently required that we should do a lot more in order to really

Internal, Not External, Forces Will Determine Outcome Of Palestine Conflict

Judging the Western world by its actions I fear that heretofore it has tended to assume that the welfare of the Jews in Israel, and for that matter Jews generally, has to be tied to the existence and the perpetuation of Israel as a state, and in the form dictated by world Zionism. This premise, it seems to me, the Western world has assumed, largely without having ever really critically examining the facts in the case. It is for this reason that I am proposing and recommending that the subject of Arab-Israeli conflict now be objectively re-examined from the standpoint of the welfare of both Arabs and Jews as human beings. In doing this I urge that we be willing to re-examine critically every vital aspect of the problem from both Arab and Israeli viewpoint and without yielding to pressure groups or other obstacles designed to protect vested interests.

Now let us return to the question of the forces which will shape the future of the Middle East. First we must realize that the Middle East is what it is, largely because of its past history. Among the major conditioning factors that exist are the quarter-century of recent domination under Mandate governments which subdivided the region into small units based on expediency, the centuries of rule under the Ottoman Empire; and the fact that Arab nations have had less than two decades yet of experiment, on the art of self-government. Secondly, let us note that today the Middle East region is beset by scores of forces which press in different directions. These forces include social, political, cultural, moral, ethnic, religious and

McNamara Announces U.S. Plans To Build Gigantic New Plane For Military Cargo

The United States will build a huge new transport airplane, described by Secretary of Defence Robert S. McNamara as "the largest plane of any kind in the world". The plane will be built principally for military cargo use. At a meeting with President Johnson Tuesday at the LBJ ranch, McNamara received the President's approval of plans for the plane which will be able to carry 250,000 pounds (112,500 kilograms) of cargo, or 600 troops at speeds of 880 kilometres per hour and at distances of 8,000 kilometres or more. It will carry three times as much cargo as the C-141 U.S. military cargo transport.

The Secretary of Defence also announced: He expects military spending in fiscal 1966 (July 1, 1965, to June 30, 1966) to be about \$500 million less than for fiscal 1965, although the United States will have increased military strength in the coming year.

The President has chosen General John Paul McConnell to be the new Chief of Staff of the air force when General Curtis E. LeMay retires at the end of next month. General McConnell, 56, is presently Vice-Chief of Staff of the Air Force. General McConnell was recommended to the President by Secretary McNamara and the Joint

popularise arts of all kind among our people. The Institute of Fine and Performing Arts should expand its activities and embrace and guide artists not only in Kabul but throughout Afghanistan.

PART IV BY DR. JOHN H. DAVIS

security elements—each of which stems not only from local origins but is affected by regional and international influence as well. For the present at least, the interplay of this array of forces is such as to bring about a boiling motion as well as a forward thrust towards constructive progress. This is true because, in the short run at least, the forces often have been so numerous and so diverse as to checkmate one another. A further fact to note is that Zionist nationalism, with its purpose of creating a Jewish state in the Holy Land, began to seriously penetrate the Middle East at almost the exact same instance in time that Arab-Nationalism was gaining significance just following World War I; with the result that these two movements came immediately into conflict and have remained in conflict ever since.

These numerous factors taken together account for much of the instability which has characterized the region of the Middle East in recent years and even to the present time. Correspondingly, with such an array of forces at work almost nothing in the Middle East can really stand still. For this reason the forecast and predication of Western experts about the future of the region have as often as not turned out to be wrong. I am certain that through time the Middle East will move towards greater unity, faster development and a position of increased importance in world affairs. This will happen as the forces which are shaping the future merge and move more and more in parallel directions.

Iranian Anis again condemned resort to flattery as a means of climbing up the social and official ladder.

Yesterday's Anis again condemned resort to flattery as a means of climbing up the social and official ladder. This is a habit which unfortunately still exists in developing countries, but as time goes on, it is encouraging to note, the editorial said that in Afghanistan hard work, personal ability and honesty are becoming the criterion for personal progress and promotion. The same issue of the paper carried an article by Nabi Kohzad on palmistry. The article which was illustrated dealt with some of the simple line formations on the palm and how they should be related with the persons character and fate.

Thursday's Anis editorially fired at the growing attachment especially by the younger generation to the philosophy of 'live well today, tomorrow you might die.' This, said the editorial, is an escapist philosophy and not at all in keeping with responsible and mature thinking. Our present day problems and commitments as a nation oblige us to assume a responsible attitude towards life no matter where we are and in what capacity we are contributing towards the progress of our country.

The paper also carried a letter by Mohammad Sabir Sahim, supporting an editorial suggestion of Anis for the establishment of a union of writers. Sahim said perhaps one of the immediate advantages of such a union would be to establish a more liberal and reasonable fee for articles and essays. The present rates are not very much different from those paid to writers before the salaries were raised making it difficult for them to make a living.

PRESS At a Glance

Yesterday's Islah carried an editorial entitled 'Snow and the Telephone'. These two words seem to be associated as far as the winter and the automatic telephone system in Kabul are concerned.

As soon as the weather gets bad and the snow starts to fall telephone communication becomes defective causing havoc (cross talk, wrong number, no dial tones etc.). The maintenance department of the telephone exchange has to work for a week or more before putting things right, the editorial said.

It appears, therefore, that while snow is a blessing to the farmer, it means hard work and anxiety for the field technicians of the Communication Ministry. Giving reasons for this state of affairs the editorial said, it was mainly due to bad cabling and distribution system. Telephone cables are brought out to distribution boxes (join boxes) on poles and from there telephone lines to individual subscribers run overhead, over distances varying from a few metres to a few thousand metres. This is where the trouble begins.

Telephone subscribers far away from these distribution boxes suffer the most during the rainy season. Their lines are often cut off. Rejoining their lines is not the only problem of the field technician, because in most cases a segment of the wire is stolen. This means a lot of delay and headache all round.

The editorial, while drawing attention to the difficulties to prevent the repetition of such mistakes in the process of extending the telephone network emphatically stated that stealing a few yards of telephone wire is not becoming responsible citizens. It urged everyone to fight against such incidents whenever they come across them.

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Radio Afghanistan Programme

SATURDAY
I English Programme: 3.00-3.30 p.m. AST 15 225 Kcs= 19 m band
II English Programme: 3.30-4.00 p.m. AST 15 125 Kcs= 19 m band
Urdu Programme: 6.00-6.00 p.m. AST 4 775 Kcs= 62 m band
III English Programme: 6.30-7.00 p.m. AST 4 775 Kcs= 62 m band
Russian Programme: 10.00-10.30 p.m. AST 4 775 Kcs= 62 m band
Arabic Programme: 25 m band
French Programme: 11.00-12.00 midnight 9 635 Kcs= 31 m band
German Programme: 11.00-30 p.m. AST 9 635 Kcs= 31 m band

WESTERN MUSIC
Daily except Fridays 5.00-5.30 p.m. AST popular music
Friday 1.00-1.45 p.m. AST mixed programme.
Sunday 9.00-10.00 p.m. AST classical and light music alternating.
Besides these daily except Fridays 8.00-9.00 am-programme contains international tunes including western light music.

Air Services

SUNDAY
ARIANA AFGHAN AIRLINES
Kandahar-Kabul
Arrival-0930
Mazar, Kunduz, Kabul
Arrival-1305
New Delhi-Kabul
Arrival-1615
Kabul-Kunduz-Mazar.
Departure-0745
Kabul-New Delhi
Departure-0800
IRAN AIRLINES
Tehran-Kabul
Arrival-1000
Kabul-Tehran
Departure-1100
AEROFLOT
Moscow, Tashkent
Arrival-0955
C S A
Prague, Sofia, Athens, Kabul
Arrival-1040
T M A
Beirut-Kabul
Arrival-1100

Important Telephones

Fire Brigade 70121-20179
Police 20807-21122
Traffic 20189-24041
Ariana Booking Office 24731-24732
Radio Afghanistan New Clinic 20482, 24272, 24278
D'Afghanistan Bank 20045
Bakhtar News Agency 20413
Afghan National Bank 21771
Airport 22318

Pharmacies

Iqbal Afghan 22743
Mortaza Inayat 22919
Aziz 20583
Faryabi 23908
Carte-Char Pashtoonistan 20413, 20887, 23829, 20528

Mayor Discusses City Problems



In a press interview Thursday afternoon Mayor Asghar (facing camera) of Kabul shed light on some of the problems with which the municipal corporation is confronted. He said a group of economic experts are studying problems of price instability of food items to advise the corporation on effective measures.

These measures will be announced to the public he said. Although the corporation issues fortnightly price lists yet the Mayor complained, due to lack of sufficient personnel it is unable to see that these prices are followed.

He pointed out that the financial problems of the corporation are due to the fact that quite a number of landlords are in the arrears in paying duties on the rents they get. He promised more sanitation for Kabul City during the coming year.

Maulana Becomes Devoted Follower Of Shams In Spite Of Friends' Opposition

There are some controversies as to the immediate cause of the conversion, but all agree that the change was sudden and unexpected. The result in all the versions appears to be the same. The learned and respected professor gave up lecturing and became a rapturous devotee of Shams. This naturally aroused the hatred and jealousy of Maulana's townsmen, students and admirers, who were now deprived of the teaching and advice of such an eminent scholar. They were also shocked to see their leader flouting religious dogmas and conventions, which he had hitherto fervently preached and adhered to.

BY PROF. MOHAMMAD ALI PART III
Maulana's disciples, who were responsible for driving out Shams in the vain hope of curing their teacher, now repenting their folly, assured him of their wholehearted loyalty and co-operation. They said: "We repent our folly, forgive us. If we repeat it, then curse us." But shortly afterwards the fickle-minded people, forgetting their pledges, grew jealous of Shams once more. It hurt the people to see their respected teacher going mad under the charms of Shams, so they conspired against him. Maulana's own son, Alaud-din, was one of the conspirators. The result was that Shams disappeared mysteriously from the scene (1249). Some think that he was stabbed to death.

For a long time Maulana would not believe that his great master was dead, and he consoled his afflicted heart by writing odes, expressing his sentiments thus: "Who says that ever-lasting man has passed away? Who says that the Sun of my hope was eclipsed? That enemy of the Sun appeared on the roof. Shutting his two eyes, he exclaimed: 'The Sun has set!'" This state of unrest and worry lasted some two years, after which Maulana was able to write his great works. It is related that one day when Maulana was dancing in one of the streets of Konya, his attention was suddenly arrested by the rhythmical sound of a goldsmith's hammer. Salaud-din Zarkob was busy making silver leaves. Maulana was completely enthralled by this musical sound. The goldsmith, seeing this, continued using his hammer with greater activity. This was the beginning of friendship between Salah and Maulana which lasted for nine years.

Maulana not only gave him his confidence, but loved him to the extent of adoration. After meeting this man, the clouds of worry and disappointment disappeared, and Maulana once more took to writing. We hear him bursting into lyrics the Dewan, which he dedicated to his lost teacher, Shams-i-Tabrizi.

All these remonstrances and requests were of no avail, and Shams decided to leave and take refuge in flight. For some time his whereabouts were not known to Maulana, then Rumi, received a letter from his master in Damascus. Maulana wrote several letters and odes requesting Shams to come back to Konya. When these were of no avail he sent Sultan Walad, his son, to Syria to prevail upon Shams to return. Sultan Walad was successful in his mission and in 1241 Shams came back to Konya.

Soviet Professor Sheds New Light On Life Of Jami

SAMARKAND, Dec. 24. (Tass) —Uzbek scientists have been able to establish a number of facts shedding light on the little-known period of Abdur Rahman Jami's life. The 50th anniversary of the birth of the classic Afghan poet is now being widely observed in Central Asia. It was established that Jami thrice visited Samarkand, one of the ancient cities in the orient. After studying in Herat Jami attended lectures at the Madrasah of the outstanding Astronomer Ulughbek. On coming back to Samarkand at the age of 50, Jami began lecturing in the same curriculum featured theology, astronomy, mathematics and medicine. At the beginning of 1479, the writer again visited Samarkand.

These conclusions about the Samarkand period of Jami's life and work were by Professor Bakhid Abdullayev, Rector of Samarkand University after a comparative study of Jami's works and those of contemporary writers who intimately knew him, as well as archaeological finds.

There is an inscription on the wall of a Madrasah cell reading: "Jami lived in this cell." Another similar inscription and verses written by the same hand were discovered recently beneath the fourth layer of plaster on the Madrasah corridor wall. Information about Jami's literary work in Samarkand has been systematised too. This is shown, for instance, by the novella of an anonymous author which is kept at the University.

Police Arrest Liston For Drunken Driving

DENVER, COLORADO, Dec. 26. (Reuter).—Solly Liston, former world heavyweight boxing champion, was arrested yesterday and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Police said Liston was picked up in a car with another man. He insisted that he was not driving, but police charged the boxer and held him for investigation after he was given a breath test.

Liston is to meet Cassius Clay, the man who dethroned him as champion in Miami last February, in a return bout in Boston early next year.

Liston, taken to a police station in a patrol car, sat for several minutes with his head in his hands before getting out and walking into the station. He was arrested earlier in the year for driving offenses in Denver that included speeding charges. Cultural production to be increased 8 per cent next year, and industrial production to be increased 9.4 per cent.

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Police Inspector Killed In Aden

ADEN, Dec. 26. (Reuter).—Unknown assailants armed with machine-guns killed an Adeni chief inspector of police here last night. The police officer was standing beside his parked car in a busy market area of Aden's oldest settlement, Crater, when he was sprayed by machine-gun fire.

The assailants, who were in a car, escaped. Royal marine commandos joined the local police force and road blocks were set up immediately, vehicles entering and leaving the area were inspected. It is understood the dead man, police officer Fadhle Ahmed Khalil, who belonged to the special branch, was investigating the National Front for the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen (Aden and protectorates).

A federal minister said early this week that UAR intelligence, paid, armed, and trained members of the Front which is based in Taiz, Yemen's twin capital, bordering the South Arabian federation.

In the past month authorities said more than 40 suspected members of the front have been detained here.

Today's shooting came two days after a 16-year-old British schoolgirl, Gillian Sidey, daughter of Air Commodore E.S. Sidey senior RAF medical officer here, was killed when a grenade was thrown through an open window at a teenage party.

Maiwand Says Statistics Centre To Be Set Up Here

KABUL, Dec. 26.—Sayed Mohammad Maiwand, Director of Statistics and National Income in the Ministry of Planning returned home on Thursday after attending the Conference of Statistics of the ECAFE Area in Bangkok.

He said at the airport that the Afghan delegate's proposal asking for the establishment of a Training Centre for the ECAFE Area statisticians in Afghanistan was agreed to by the Executive Secretary of ECAFE provided accommodation is procured in Afghanistan.

Similarly, decisions were passed to assist Afghanistan in compiling basic statistics on national income, commerce, agriculture and employment, he said.

Maiwand, also took part in the Labour Group meetings of ECAFE.

Floods Smash Towns, Kill 37 In Five Western U.S. States

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26. (Reuter).—RAGING floods that smashed towns to matchwood and swept away roads and bridges in U.S. Western states have killed at least 37 people, according to latest counts.

Helicopters hovering above the torrents have hauled up hundreds of men, women and children from rooftop perches.

The aircraft carrier Bennington, with 15 helicopters on board, is bound for Eureka, California, to drop clothing, pumps, generators and medical supplies.

But the torrential rains that caused the devastation are easing today, although more rain is forecast.

More than 275 people living along the Willamette River in Oregon have been flown to safety.

Both California and Oregon have been designated disaster areas by President Johnson, entitling them to federal government aid. The damage in the Eureka area alone is estimated at 150 million dollars.

Further north, in Roosevelt, Washington state, 300 train passengers stranded for two days were rescued by a fleet of buses from Portland.

Damage through the five states

British Break Up Indonesian Landing On Malaysian Coast

KUALA LUMPUR, December 26, (Reuter).—THE British Frigate Ajax went into action on Christmas eve to break up an Indonesian "invasion attempt", and captured 22 armed men aboard seven sampans in the Malacca Straits, the Malaysian government announced yesterday.

A communique said the Indonesian commandos were close to, and heading for, the coast of Kuala Selagor district about 30 miles northwest of Kuala Lumpur.

A spokesman for the British Far Eastern Command in Singapore said the incident took place in international waters.

Military sources here said last night the sampans were spotted by a helicopter carried by the frigate. They were accompanied by an Indonesian patrol vessel which stood by while the Ajax intercepted and picked up the landing party. This is the second time in less than a fortnight that Ajax has been in action against Indonesian forces. On December 13 she opened fire with her 5-inch main armament on six apparently hostile craft approaching at speed through the Malacca straits.

Although no official report on this incident was made public, at least one of the vessels fired on is believed to have been sunk.

The spokesman in Singapore said the sampans had been seen heading towards Malaya for a considerable time and Ajax had followed accepted maritime procedures to check their identity and purpose.

The boats and crews, equipped with explosives, arms and ammunition, were handed over the police, yesterday's government communique said.

It quoted their leader, named as sergeant Marimba Nana, as saying 28 other Indonesians were about to transfer to the sampans from a patrol boat when the frigate was sighted.

They were part of a force intending to land on the Malaysian coast that night, he said.

At least nine Indonesian raiders were captured in mangrove swamps near Pontian, about 15 miles south of here, according to unconfirmed reports reaching here.

A government communique last night said they were captured after a brief exchange of fire. Sixteen guns, two rifles and a large quantity of explosives were taken.

Three Indonesians were killed in a clash with Malaysian forces Thursday. A party of about 28 landed near Pontian two days ago.

Prisoners Hold Hunger Strike In Aden Prison

CAIRO, Dec. 26. (Tass).—The political prisoners in Aden jailed by British authorities called a hunger strike on December 21. MEN Agency reports. The prisoners refused to take food until they are free or their cases heard at court.

The representation of the "National Liberation Front of the Arabian Peninsula" says in its statement issued in Cairo that the prisoners are in very difficult conditions, tortured and beaten.

The statement calls upon the Arab League and all freedom and peace-loving countries to use all their influence to compel the British authorities in that area to abandon their policy of suppressing the fighting people of the South of the Arabian Peninsula.

Christmas

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In Philadelphia, the temperature soared to 63 degrees, giving the warmest Christmas day in 75 years.

Jerusalem

Roman Catholic Patriarch Alberto Gadi of Jerusalem celebrated the midnight mass in Bethlehem.

After the service the Patriarch, followed by the governor of Jerusalem and diplomatic representatives of Christian countries, went in procession to the grotto where Christ was born nearly 2,000 years ago.

The 4,400 Arab Christians living in Israel who were allowed throughout the Mandelbaum gate yesterday from the Israeli sector of Jerusalem to the Jordan sector to attend the celebrations are due to return on Sunday. They are allowed to stay four days this year instead of the 36 hours in previous years.

Rome

Pope Paul wished everyone a "pious, holy, good, peaceful and happy Christmas" in giving his solemn blessing *urbis et orbis* (to the City of Rome and to the world) from a balcony high up on the facade of Saint Peter's basilica.

The crowd in Saint Peter's Square was thinner than expected because of rain.

Afterwards the Pontiff personally placed a statue of the infant Jesus in a Christmas crib laid out in the chapel of his official apartment on the second floor of the Vatican Palace.

Britain

Queen Elizabeth tried a new television technique in her Christmas broadcast Friday and put some new life into the Sovereign's annual message with an almost blunt caution that freedom and democracy also mean self-discipline.

The Commonwealth was the theme of the speech, reflecting the new Labour government's policy of strengthening Commonwealth ties. The speech itself, written with the government's advice, was unusually plain-spoken and straightforward.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, said there should be more emphasis on Christmas, not on the "cosiness" of the period, but on our duty towards poverty and hunger in the world.

President Kwame Nkrumah told the Ghanaian people last night that they must tighten their belts. He said in a Christmas broadcast that Ghanaians must accept for the time being the necessity to curtail the volume of consumer goods imported from abroad for

China Protests Barazil's Charges Of Subversion

PEKING, Dec. 26. (Hsinhua).—Following are excerpts from a statement issued last week by the government of the People's Republic of China on the sentence passed on Chinese personnel by the Brazilian authorities:

On December 22, 1964, the second military tribunal of the first military region of Brazil unscrupulously sentenced Wang Yao-Ting, Hou fa-Tseng, Wang wei-Chen and six other innocent Chinese personnel to ten years imprisonment on the charge of "subversion."

This is a grave political persecution of the Chinese personnel by the Brazilian authorities. This is a further development of the anti-China plot deliberately engineered by U.S. imperialism in Brazil. The Chinese government and people are extremely indignant at this illegal verdict and lodge a vigorous protest with the Brazilian authorities.

Ever since the nine Chinese personnel were unlawfully detained, the relevant quarters in China have repeatedly made solemn appeals to and lodged stern protests with the Brazilian authorities, demanding that freedom be speedily restored to the Chinese personnel.

Fair-minded public opinion and personages upholding justice throughout the world have all come forward to give their support and condemn in one voice the Brazilian authorities' act in breach of international good faith. However, the Brazilian authorities have turned a deaf ear to all the voices of justice, persisted in their perverted action and insisted on bringing the Chinese personnel to trial before a military tribunal by hurling on them the frame-up charge of "subversion." Through out the trial, the Brazilian authorities were unable to produce any witness or material evidence to prove that the Chinese personnel had committed any of the crimes with which they were falsely charged.

It must be pointed out that this shocking frame-up of the Chinese personnel was entirely engineered by U.S. imperialism from the beginning to the end. In making the false charge against the Chinese personnel by taking advantage of the opportunity of its creating a military coup d'etat in Brazil, U.S. imperialism, which has stopped at nothing in showing hostility to and committing aggression against China, was obviously attempting thereby to impair China's international prestige and undermine China's growing relations of friendship with Brazil and other Latin American peoples.

Delegate Returns From Medicinal Plants Seminar

KABUL, Dec. 26.—The Afghan delegate to the Medicinal Plants Conference at Kandy, in Ceylon, is reported to have given explanations regarding medicinal herbs found in Afghanistan.

Dr. Habib Dil, a member of the teaching staff of the Medical College in Kabul University, who represented Afghanistan at the Conference, returned home on Thursday. He said that he described at the Conference the research carried out about this subject in Afghanistan and also visited, at the end of the Conference, plantations for medicinal herbs in Ceylon and also the Medical Training Centre in Delhi.

The Conference at Kandy, which lasted from December 14th to 20th, was attended by delegates from 12 countries of South-East Asia.



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Work On Western Road Progresses Rapidly

HERAT, Dec. 26.—Work on the Western highway is progressing rapidly and this important project is expected to be completed by next September.

Lt. Col. Khwazak, Chief of the Project said in a Press interview in Herat that spectacular progress has been made on the Torghundy-Herat-Kandahar highway.

The targets set under the plan, he declared, have been attained long before the stipulated dates, 504 culverts, 1866 metres of concrete dips and 599.6 kilometres of the highway have already been completed.