

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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LUDHANAN—On December 24, at St. George's, New, to Irene, wife of George...

THE AGE

SPENDING CAN BE OVER-LAVISH

BY all measures Christmas spending and trading have been at unprecedented levels, suggesting that never before was so much money in so many hands...

Christmas in Friendly Land



THESE CHILDREN spent their first Christmas in the land of their adoption. They were photographed yesterday at the Somers holding centre of the Department of Immigration.

IN THE CHURCHES

Christmas Services: Big Attendances

Christmas services were held in all churches yesterday, and beautiful decorations were a feature in many buildings. In the grounds of Wesley Church stood a large decorated Christmas tree illuminated with colored lights.

A T T E N D A N C E S were large at several of the city churches. Among the worshippers at St. Paul's Cathedral were the Governor (Sir Dallas Brooks), Miss Jeanette Brooks and Mrs. M. Turner-Laing.

Victorious Living Archbishop Booth preaching at St. Paul's Cathedral, gave greetings and good wishes to everyone present...

Christ Shut Out THE CHRIST CHILD was born in a cave by the roadside, and the only protection he had from the biting cold was his mother's arms...

Christmas Perils THE PERIL of Christmas, as of all the great events of life, is that we tend to take it for granted. Every custom is in danger of losing its soul...

Christ Shut Out Nations continued to reject Christ by unreasoning hate and the tyrannical orders which were erected to shut Him out...

Glory to God GLORY TO GOD in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men, was the golden text used in the lesson-sermon at all Christmas Science churches yesterday.

Service TO USE CHRISTMAS in helping others find their freedom and happiness was the joyous commemoration of the greatest of God's many works, Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, minister at Cairns Memorial Church.

Two New Groups Curiously, in Burma, too, Communist groups seem to be alive fairly amicably together; certainly they fight on the same front, but do not believe that they would forget to be allowed to forget—their ideological differences if one group were Stalinist and the other anti-Stalinist.

A New Resistance There is indeed, some evidence to suggest that a new Communist influence may eventually emerge from this part of the world. For some time, for instance, there has been a strong Trotskyist movement in Ceylon.

Holidays Result in Rapid Film Changes Another week of rapid changes marks the new film offerings. Even Maugham's Quartet, worthy of a better fate, was unable to withstand the distraction of the holiday rush, and has disappeared untimely.

Clowning With the return of the pantomime season people readily recall clowns they have known on stage and under the 'big top' and realise that all the world responds to their comical and grotesque antics.

Blame Alotted The Government, like Shakespeare's king, must bear all the blame for the day ultimately must rest the responsibility for food, fuel, and shelter.

Legislation Contentious legislation in the program of the Federal Labour-Country party Government is likely to be among the first to be submitted to the House of Representatives.

Blame Alotted In support is BADGER GREEN, a mildly amusing comedy with a cricketing background. However, the feature film.

Blame Alotted A complete departure from established film practice is screened at the SAVOY in Republic's full-length film in color BILL AND COO. All the host of characters are either birds or small animals.

On the other hand, some may reflect that getting and spending money is not the true measure of Christmas. For an authentic expression of its real meaning...

A Little thought may suggest that the pleasures and joys of Christmas are not, and never have been, in proportion to the amount of money spent, and that the 'eat, drink and be merry' outlook may be short-sighted when...

Fantastic sums have been paid, or are due to be paid, for many dolls and mechanical toys. How much of this spending springs from over-indulgence and over-generosity when a suitable gift could have been bought without straining the giver's resources...

Allowance must be made for the all-pervasive influence of inflation and the desire to give pleasure. But sooner or later the evils of inflation must be resisted. Boys and girls could still get delight, and parents would not be crippling themselves for weeks or months...

Just as a little baby transformed the wildest and woolliest to the quietest camp in the Wild West, so a little child can change the old world from the 'roaring camp' it was at that time, he said.

Transformation of "Roaring Camps"

Rev. Dr. F. W. Boreham, giving his annual Christmas message at Wesley church Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, told Bret Harte's story of "The Luck of Roaring Camp."

Big Crowd at Convention

Ideal weather yesterday spent the 2300 persons who gathered at the annual Uper Convention.

Overseas Call Arrangements

Special facilities for overseas telephone services have been provided by the M.O. to cope with very heavy Christmas and New Year bookings on the United Kingdom, New Zealand and United States channels.

Advertising Tenders Sought

Tenders have been invited for the sale of right to supply advertisements in the official telephone directories of New South Wales and Victoria for a term of three or five years.

OBITUARY ABOUT PEOPLE

Mr. A. E. Cooper Mr. Arthur Ernest Cooper, chairman of the Mt. St. Mary's, Cooper and Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., director of Davis Gelatine Pty. Ltd., and a number of other companies, died at his Mt. Macedon home at the week end...

A Frank Conference

All Cards on the Table for Ceylon Talks

By The Political Correspondent of the "Observer" (London) Mr. Ernest Bevin, who once asked the Russians to put their cards on the table at a famous Moscow conference, will find the Foreign Ministers of the British Commonwealth more than ready to acquiesce to this gesture at the Ceylon conference which opens in Colombo on January 9.

All cards will be on the table for the talks promise to be among the frankest yet held by any group of Commonwealth statesmen outside of London.

WHILE problems in South-east Asia and the Far East will dominate the discussions, one important subject likely to come up for review is Great Britain's attitude to Western union, and what is likely to be the extent of her participation in any such European coalition.

It is believed that at Colombo Mr. Bevin will under Mr. Percy Spender, emphasize for the benefit of Australia and New Zealand that such fears are unfounded.

The British Government has already indicated as much through Sir Stafford Cripps' statements in Parliament, as well as other leading Europeans, that Britain does not intend to free her economy into United Europe economy in any way which would prejudice her responsibility to the Commonwealth and the sterling area.

Australia's Role The Australian delegation, under Mr. Percy Spender, will play a leading role in the conference discussions. The danger of Communist expansion in South-east Asia will form an important aspect of the talks, for it is generally held that the Communist victory of the Communists in China and the establishment of a Communist regime there will be a new vital struggle to come to begin in the East which will embrace countries in the Pacific area.

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News of the Day

PARADISE

Pointing ahead, the arrow bore the inscription "Paradise". Its origin unknown—officially—it symbolised the sentiments of members of the ship's complement to whom arrival in Australia meant reunion with wives and sweethearts.

Ballarat Charity

Ballarat Charity Sunday Fund committee for its total collection of £466 this year has given £30 to the Ballarat base hospital, Ballarat orphanage and Queen Elizabeth Benevolent Home, and £25 to St. Joseph's Home and Nazareth House.

Lord Stalbridge

Lord Stalbridge, the distinguished sportsman and motorist, died yesterday at his home in London. He was 69. He was one of the first English women to fly in an aeroplane.

Clowning

Charles Lindbergh, who recently received the Wright Brothers' memorial trophy for his service to aviation, will be in Australia to give a series of lectures on his flight.

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