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EDITORIAL

And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
Luke 2:13, 14.

Whatever one's religion and beliefs, Christmas bridges that gap which makes him different than others. Christmas is not only a specific Christian festival. Christmas is a spirit, an undefinable kindred feeling for the person jammed into the tram car beside you or the Christmas caroler on the snowy streets.

You can't escape the Christmas feeling. It pervades the atmosphere, making all the world seem fine, and good but our life and right. But our world isn't good or fine or right.

On earth we have no peace. No peace among the great powers, world powers, no peace among the great racial factions, no peace among the great religious groups.

We have no peace in little things either. No peace among neighbours or business associates. No peace at all.

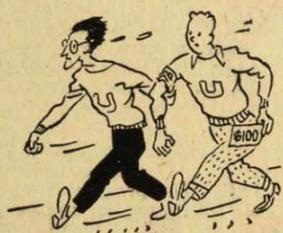
We shrug our shoulders and say "What can I do" and throw the blame as well as the cure on other shoulders.

Yet there is something we all can do to keep the Christmas spirit of "good will towards men" with us longer than the few brief festival days. We can all respect our fellowmen and his beliefs. We can guard an open mind towards those different from us. We can remember that whether uttered in Hebrew, English or Latin our prayers are direct to One God.

The star that shone on Bethlehem almost 2000 years ago foretold the time when

Peace shall cover all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the son
Which now the angels sing.

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Xmas Spirit Thru The World

This is the season of the year, when Salvation Army Santa Clauses begin to appear on street corners, carols resound from record stores, a voice over the radio announces "Only a few more shopping days left until Christmas", and children make calendars on which to mark off the days 'til Santa arrives. Even the "Scroogiest" people act human, moved by that intangible phenomenon, the Christmas Spirit. The spirit that makes you smile at the last-minute shopping crowds even though your arms are crammed with parcels and your feet are literally killing you.

In this "neck of the woods" we evince the holiday mood with traditional carols, decorated trees, turkey and plum pudding. However these customs would seem strange to people of other lands although they feel the same gladness of heart.

In England for instance, the most important ceremony is the dragging in of the yule log, along with wassailing and mistletoe. Wierdly clad "mummers" are a familiar sight during Yuletide, and children speak of "Father Christmas." Incidentally, the ceremony of the yule log is carried out with great pomp and circumstance every 25th of December at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, B.C., that stronghold of the Empire.

In Sweden, everybody puts out Christmas sheaves for the birds, drinks a traditional beverage known as "glogg", and they call their custom of gift distributing "Jultomte". The French don't exchange gifts at Christmas, but after Midnight Mass there is a fabulous Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. Paraguayans attend the Rooster's Mass, so-called because it lasts from midnight of Christmas Eve until cock crow time Christmas morning, and pray in seven churches during the great day, postponing gift giving to Twelfth Night. In Mexico a wonderful custom prevails, for nine nights preceding Christmas the people pray, carol and hang a pinata (a huge pot covered in crepe paper and filled with candy, fruit and gifts) each night at a different friend's house, while the favoured friend is blindfolded and instructed to break the pinata with a cane.

But whichever way we express our Christmas Spirit, the fact remains that it is a universal feeling, peculiar to the time of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

C.U.P. Clippings

Kidnappings were the order of the term at the University of British Columbia. On Hallowe'en members of the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority were kidnapped by the Sigma Alpha Nu Fraternity. The girls, captured individually on the campus, were taken to previously arranged locations, and once moved on to avoid being rescued. They resisted both actively and passively but the greatest damage reported by the Ubysey was a pair of torn nylons. Two nights later a Ubysey columnist, Al Fotheringham was forced to leave a party and accompany five members of the Engineers Undergraduate Society to a bay some distance from the campus. His money and his coat were removed and he was left stranded in the bush at one o'clock Saturday morning.

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All through the world
Hatreds are stirring
Hell is unfurled.

Mothers and babies cower in fear,
Hope is immersed in the depths of their tears.

The fate of the world is placed on the balance,
A stroke of the pen will destroy an alliance,
Truth and falsehood are weighing their chances;
Who will come into our sight?
Who doth enter the world tonight?
Who prevails the scales to right?

Live life fully,
Fulfill the day,
Help balance the scale,
Then together pray:
"Peace on earth,
Goodwill to men."

—MEN.

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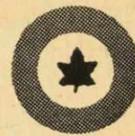


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