

Excise taxes also were higher, climbing to \$74,128,600 from \$66,850,000 for the month and \$575,789,000 from \$394,115,000 for the eight months.

Cardinal Spellman Greeted Canadians In Korea: With The Canadians In Korea, December 25, (CP) -- Francis Cardinal Spellman had an enthusiastic greeting Monday for Brig. J.M. Rockingham at the Commonwealth Division airstrip, where nearly 100 Canadians were among 400 Commonwealth soldiers to meet the churchman.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York told the Canadian commander: "I am delighted to meet you. Everywhere I've been between New York and Korea I've been told the most wonderful things about Canadians. In the United States, in Japan and in Korea it seems that no one can talk too much about Canadians."

Troops Give Christmas Party For German Children: Hanover, Germany, December 23 (CP) -- More than 100 German youngsters -- orphans and children of needy families -- were guests Saturday at a Christmas party given by non-commissioned officers of the 1st Highland Battalion of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

The party for the German children came in the midst of the brigade's preparations for a home-style Christmas. The brigade is part of the Western World's contribution to defence of Europe against possible Soviet aggression.

Brigade pipers welcomed the happy faced children, aged between three and nine. The youngsters were served a lunch of turkey, cocoa, cake, candy, fruits and ice cream.

About 50 sergeants and warrant officers adopted the children for the afternoon. It was the first of a series of kids' parties to be given in the next few days by Canadian troops.

Seek \$300,000 More Fees From Radio Stations: Ottawa, December 21 (CP) -- Canadian radio stations would be asked to pay almost \$300,000 more in copyright fees next year under a proposal outlined today to the Copyright Appeal Board.

H.E. Manning of Toronto, counsel for the Composers, Authors and Publishers Association of Canada, outlined the plan as the three-man appeal board continued hearings on copyright fees proposed for 1952. The board is headed by Mr. Justice J.T. Thorson, president of the Exchequer Court.

Mr. Manning said it was proposed to charge radio stations \$602,420 in 1952, compared with \$304,802 this year, for use of works in the repertoire of CAPAC. However, if the stations took advantage of a discount, they would pay \$548,160.

The increase sought by CAPAC is opposed by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, whose membership includes most of the privately-owned stations in Canada. The CBC has indicated that it will not offer any major objection to the proposed increase.

Across Canada: Most of Canada's political leaders and members of the Cabinet spent Christmas in Ottawa. The Prime Minister and Mrs. St. Laurent spent the holiday in Quebec....Post Office spokesmen said this year's Christmas mail appeared to be the biggest volume ever. Regular staffs of about 46,000 were augmented by 27,000 temporary helpers....The R.C.A.F. has made available a North Star plane to return 16 members of Parliament from the West to the resumed session of Parliament on Thursday.