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Christmastime Greetings

OUT OF THE EAST THE WISE MEN CAME TO SEEK AND FIND A HOLY CHILD.

In the same spirit of reverence and wonder, joy and gratitude, mankind turns each year to the Christmas story, to seek and find new inspiration and guidance. Let us, this Christmastime, rededicate ourselves to the meaning and message of His birth, that we may achieve "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men."

EDITORIAL

The Christmas Story

Joseph went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Davids town, Bethlehem, in Judea, because he was a direct descendant of David, to be registered with his future wife, Mary, now in the later stages of her pregnancy. So it happened that it was while they were there in Bethlehem that she came to the end of her time. She gave birth to her first child, a son. And as there was no place for them inside the inn, she wrapped him up and laid him in a manger.

There were some shepherds living in the same part of the country, keeping guard throughout the night over their flock in the open fields. Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood by their side, the splendour of the Lord blazed around them, and they were

terror-stricken. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! Listen, I bring you glorious news of great joy which is for every man. This very day, in David's town, a Saviour has been born for you. He is Christ, the Lord. Let this prove it to you: you will find a baby, wrapped up and lying in a manger."

And in a flash there appeared with the angel a vast host of the armies of Heaven, praising God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest Heaven! Peace upon earth to men whom He loves."

When the angels left them and went back into Heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Now let us go straight to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has told us about."

So they came as fast as

they could and they found Mary and Joseph— and the baby lying in the manger. And when they had seen it, they told everybody what they had been told about the little child. And those who heard them were amazed at what the shepherds said. But Mary treasured all these things and turned the matter in her mind. The shepherds went back to work, glorifying and praising God for everything that they had heard and seen, which had happened just as they had been told.

Not long after his birth there arrived from the east a party of astrologers making for Jerusalem and enquiring as they went, "Where is the child born to be King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and we have come to pay homage to him."

When King Herod heard about this he was deeply perturbed, as indeed were all the other people living in Jerusalem. So he got all the Jewish Scribes and Chief Priests together and asked them where "Christ" should be born. Their reply was: "In Bethlehem, in Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote about the matter—

"And thou, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Art in no wise least among the princes of Judah: For out of thee shall come forth a governor, Which shall be shepherd of my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men to meet him privately and questioned them closely as to the exact time when the star appeared. Then he sent them off to Bethlehem saying, "When you get there, search for this little child with the utmost care. And when you have found him some back and tell me — so that I may go and worship him too."

The wise men listened to the King and then went on their way to Bethlehem. And

Plummer Receives Galimore Award

William Plummer, 18, of Delray Beach, Fla., received the Sixth Annual Willie Lee Galimore Scholarship Award during ure-game activities of the 37th Annual Orange Blossom Classic sponsored by the Florida A & M University, December 6, in Miami, Fla.

The \$1,500 scholarship,

presented by the Pesi-Cola Company, went to a scholarly football star who in the opinion of the selection committee was following in the tradition of Galimore, an All-American halfback for the Rattlers and later a star back with the Chicago Bears. Galimore was killed in an automobile accident at the age of 28, in 1964.

Plummer, a freshman majoring in pharmacy, played end for Carver High School in Delray Beach, Fla. He is a 6'2", 208 pound end for the University's football team.

Plummer's parents reside in West Palm Beach, Fla. Previous award winners were: Samuel Anderson, 1964; Bennie Johnson, 1965; James Owens, 1965; Charles Goodrum, 1967 and Christopher Anderson, 1968.

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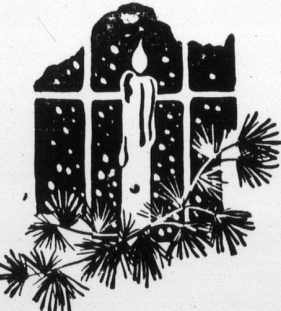
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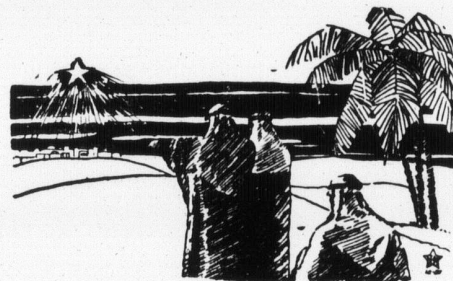
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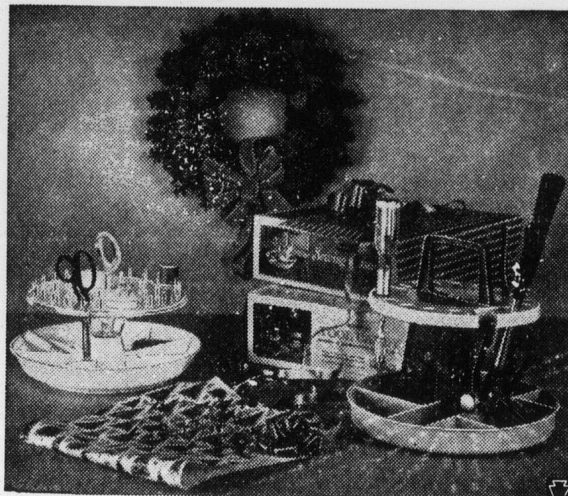
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The Magic of Christmas



The happy anticipation you feel when a friend or relative opens that gift you so carefully chose is part of the magic of Christmas. The pleasure is even greater when you know the gift is just right.

But shopping for something that sets off that "just right" spark can be frustrating and tiring — especially during the busy holiday season.

Shopping early is the best way to beat the "what will I get for so and so" blues. Unfortunately, it's too late for that now, but there are some tips to make it easier.

- Take an hour or so to write out a complete shopping list.
- An estimate of how much you want to spend for each person on the list saves time and trouble of looking over a myriad of products either over or under your price range.
- Scan magazines, catalogs, newspapers and pay attention to radio and TV ads for gift ideas or suggestions that might give you an idea.
- Keep in mind, usually, it's the simple, useful, non-gimmicky gifts suited to the individual, that give the most pleasure.
- Don't spend all your shopping time in the traditional gift sections of stores. A visit to the housewares department, or hardware

store, for example, might prove most worthwhile.

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**Beth Emmanuel
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Annual Service**

Annual service of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Beth Emmanuel Church was held Sunday in the church on Grey Street.

Guest speaker was Lary Johnson of Windsor whose topic was the continued support of the foreign mission. Visitors were present from surrounding churches. Windsor and other out of town centres.

Soloists were Mrs. Priscilla Green and Herbert Simmons.

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According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had bid-den them.



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Burke's Biafran Crusade Said Front for Gun-runners

Hamilton (CP) — Stanley Burke's crusade to aid starving Biafrans is a front for gun-runners, angry Africans charged.

Nigerians, some of them students at McMaster, hit out at the former television newsman when he visited the university on a fun-raising tour.

They said Mr. Burke is well-meaning but misguided. Mr. Burke was speaking at McMaster University.

Mrs. Mary Attah, wife of a

McMaster graduate student and a native of Calabar in the break-away state of Biafra said she did not believe money raised by Mr. Burke's organization was being used to buy food for the people of Biafra.

Themoney is being used to buy guns for the troops of Lt. Col. Odumegwa Ojukwu, the Biafran head of state, claimed Mr. Attah.

Mrs. Attah and her husband Edward, came to Canada three

months ago from England where they lived for almost two years.

The couple left Nigeria before the civil war broke out but have tried to keep close touch with relatives there.

Mrs. Attah, a member of the Etik tribe — one of Nigeria's many tribal units — charged that Col. Ojukwu is starving his own people.

Her remarks were echoed by other Nigerians, including McMaster science student Vincent Kalaiti who claimed his family in Biafra has been wiped out.

Speaking outside the Faculty Club, after Mr. Burke's talk, Mr. Kalaiti said he thought Mr. Burke should know more of the facts from both sides.

He suggested Mr. Burke was well meaning but deceived.

Joseph Zirimenya, a 26 year old McMaster engineering student from Uganda, called Mr. Burke "an agent of Ojukwu."

"The money will be used to buy food for the secessionists or arms for their soldiers" he said.

Schams Ahad, a fourth year chemical engineering student from Pakistan, claimed that food is not being flown into Biafra.

"There is no way they can get food in. Only the gun-runners are getting in," he claimed.

Mr. Ahad said his government has constantly supported Federal Nigeria and added "No Asian government supports the secessionists."

On one point, Stanley Burke and their Nigerians at McMaster were in agreement: the shipment of arms to both sides in the Nigerian civil war should be halted.

Ghana Permit Ruling Starts Alien 'Siege'

Accra (AP) — Immigration officers in Ghana are under virtual siege as streams of aliens, many of whose grandparents came here more than a generation ago, try to get residence permits that will allow them to stay in the country after Dec. 2.

More than 2,500,000 persons, mostly from Nigeria, Mali, Togo and Upper Volta, are affected by a recent government order that they either

get the permits or get out.

Most Ghanalan citizens have supported the directive, saying the 'open door' policy has led to an influx of foreign nationals and has accentuated problems such as unemployment, robbery and smuggling.

But the persons affected by the move are frantic to get their permits. For many, Ghana is the only home they have ever known.

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Sources of some carols are lost in the past, but many can be traced to interesting origins.

"Silent Night" —

A broken organ inspired "Silent Night". So that the people of the parish might have a song at Christmas, Father Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest, wrote the carol, and his organist composed the music. It was sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar accompaniment.

"Deck The Halls" —

Expressing the merriment of Christmas, "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly" is an English carol set to an old Welsh air. It refers to such ancient traditions as the "blazing Yule" log.

"First Nowell" —

First published in English "The First Nowell" is believed to be primarily a French carol. The French word "Noel" comes from the Latin word meaning birth; "Nowell" is the anglicized version. Both mean Christmas or a "shout of joy," for the birth of Christ. Tune is a medieval shepherd song.

"Adeste Fidelis" —

"O Come All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fidelis" may

have been written by the 13th century writer and teacher, Saint Bonaventure, but its exact origin is a mystery. There's no secret about its popularity today. It has been translated into 120 languages and there are more than 40 English versions.

"O Tannenbaum" —

Most familiar of the many

Christmas carols originating in Germany, 'O Tannenbaum' or 'O Christmas Tree,' celebrates the evergreen as an emblem of immortality. It has added familiarity in the U. S., since the tune is used for several college songs and for the state song, 'Maryland, My Maryland.'

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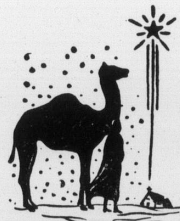
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Negro Wouldn't Take White Girl To Harlem

New York — The girl was slim and blonde, and she said her name was Rainbow. The boy at her side was Shadow, and they laughed easily together as they strolled hand-in-hand over the grassy, sun-drenched minihills of Central Park.

They stood for awhile around Bethesda fountain, grooving to the music of the flutes and guitars and the African drums. They looked like hundreds of other young couples of the Aquarian Generation who had gathered in the park—she in an orange Paraphernalia T-shirt and blue jeans; he in a blue cowboy shirt and brown suede pants. One thing, however, set them apart, Rainbow is white and Shadow is black.

They are part of what ap-

CHRISTMAS

The minstrels played their Christmas tune.
Tonight beneath my cottage eaves;
While, smitten by a lofty moon,
The encircling laurels, thick with leaves,
Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen,
That overpowered their natural green.

Through hill and valley every breeze
Had sunk to rest with folded wings;
Keen was the air, but could not freeze,
Nor check the music of the strings;
So stout and hardy were the band
That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.

And who but listened? till was paid
Respect to every inmate's claim;
The greeting given, the music play
In honor of each household name,
Duly pronounced with lusty call,
And "Merry Christmas" wished to all!

— William Wordsworth

pears to be a growing number of black and white young people throughout the country who are dating across racial lines. The powerful "Black is Beautiful" movement stressing racial pride among Negroes does not seem to have halted it. If anything, it has increased it as the black man — projecting a new image of aggressiveness, self-respect and more attractive to white women.

And it is usually the black man-white woman combination that is seen together in Manhattan, most often in such places as Central Park, or in Washington Square Park, or standing in line at the Third Avenue movie houses.

"We would never go to Harlem," said Shadow, a 24-year-old record producer, echoing a sentiment that most black-white couples share. "It's dangerous for us up there. You get all those black power people who don't appreciate the interracial thing. I mean, I like some parts of the black power movement—but I just don't dig the 'hate whitey' thing."

Shadow and Rainbow have been dating for a year but have no plans for marriage.

"It's just a very personal thing with us," Shadow said softly. "We don't do it for a cause or to further integration. We just like each other."

He said so far the couple had not encountered any hostility when they were together ("We usually go to places where our friends are," Rainbow, a 21-year-old folk singer from Houston, said).

Interracial dating appears to be easier in a situation such as that of Rainbow and Shadow, where the girl's parents live far away from New York. But when they live in the same area, a result is often sneak-dating.

This is the case of Denise M., 18, a gamin-faced Jewish girl from Queens who usually meets her black boyfriend in Central Park — where they fell in love at first sight a year ago while watching a Puerto Rican festival.

"You always hear about

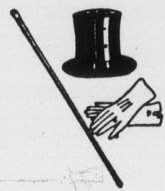
these bigoted parents, and you never think yours will be that way," Denise said as she sat on a blanket on a hill in Central Park with her boyfriend, Audley Haffenden, 25, of Brooklyn.

"My mother would die if she knew I was dating a black man," she went on. "She doesn't think black people are persons. She once told me that going out with a black man is like going out with no one at all."

Audley, a Well Street clerk who plans to go back to college to get a degree in business administration, said he believed the main reason there was not dating between Negro women and white men was because black women have not yet been elevated to the status where they are considered glamorous and desirable.

"White boys just don't look on the mas beautiful," he said, chewing on a blade of grass. "The blue-eyed chick with long blonde hair is the one you see in all the ads, the one who is the symbol of beauty in America. The black woman — despite all the songs and slogans — just doesn't measure up to this standard of beauty."

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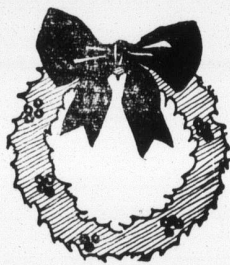
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Washington—The Supreme Court ruled Monday that a swimming pool and park owned by the residents of a suburban community could not exclude a Negro family that had moved into the neighborhood.

The court based its ruling against a Fairfax County, Va. recreational facility on the ground that the Negro applicant whom it excluded from membership had obtained a share in the facility with the lease of his house. According to the majority in the 5-3 decision, this violated an 1866 civil rights statute that outlaws racial discrimination against those who buy and lease real estate.

This left undecided the broader question of whether "private" clubs that admit white applicants without selectivity may legally exclude Negroes when no lease is involved.

Dissenting members of the court objected that the decision could serve to raise such "grave constitutional issues" unnecessarily. They asserted that the fair housing provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which will go fully into effect on Dec. 31, would have provided the same relief without reliance on the vaguely worded 103-year-old law.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger joined the dissent, his first in a civil rights case since he was appointed to the Supreme Court. It was written by Justice John M. Harlan and joined by Justice Byron R. White.

The decision concerned the lease of a house by Dr. T. R. Freeman Jr., a Negro and an official of the United States department of agriculture, from Paul E. Sullivan, a defence department intelligence specialist.

Under the lease, the Freeman family obtained Sullivan's share in Little Hunting Park Inc., a no-profit corporation that operates a swimming pool and park in the community outside Washington, D.C.

The board of directors re-

fused to admit Freeman as a member, allegedly because he is a Negro, and later expelled Sullivan from membership when he protested the action. Both sued for damages and Freeman asked for a court order to admit him to membership.

Growing Old . . .

This Christmas, Pete is fourteen and he has told us, "No toys, please, this Christmas I'm too old."

This year, I just want clothes or money." And

We know he is too old. We understand.

But what will Christmas be like without toys?

I tell his mother, "It will mean less noise."

But will it still be Christmas not to see.

His eyes light up at whit's beneath the tree

Or hear him shout, "My bike! I got my bike!"

Or, "Gosh, Dad, an erector set just like

The one we looked at last week in the store.

Gee, thanks!" No more of this? Not ever more,

No baseballs to be thrown through window panes,

No kites to catch in trees, no model planes

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A father ever stuck the wrong things to,

No chemistry sets to ruin his mother's sink

Or blow the basement up or make a stink.

No roller skates to mar the floors—and yet

The toyless prospect only brings regret.

I hope our friends won't think we're both insane;

I've asked his mother for an electric train,

And I am giving her a game of darts —

For Christmas is a small boy in our hearts.

— James Dillet Freeman

Copper, the oldest metal known to man, was used by Neolithic man 10,000 years ago.

The opinion, written by Justice William O. Douglas, held that both are entitled to damages if they can prove their allegations, but that Freeman's claim for membership is moot because he has taken a government post in Pakistan.

The Virginia trial court had ruled against both holding that the facility is a private social club that could legally discriminate as it wished in its memberships.

Douglas' opinion said it is not a club because "there was no plan or purpose of exclusiveness. It is open to every whitet person within the geographic area, there being no selective element other than race."

The opinion was joined by Justices Black, William J. Brennan Jr., Thurgood Marshall and Potter Stewart.

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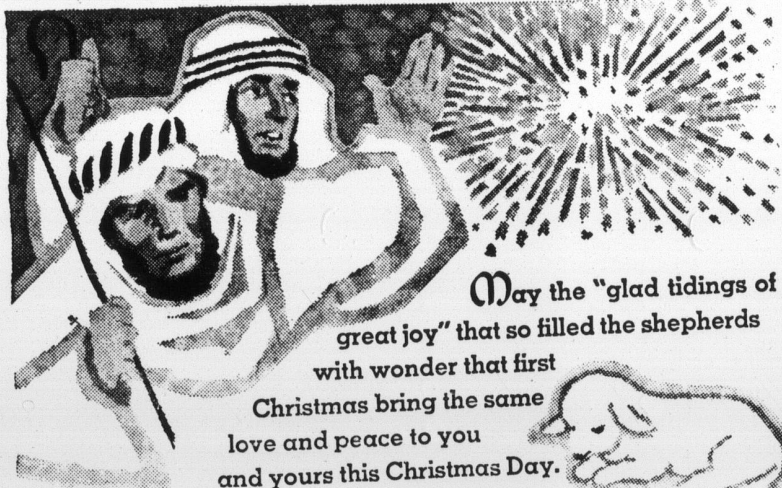
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Police And Panthers In Undeclared War

The lethal undeclared war between the police and the Black Panthers flared up again, leaving still another key Panther leader dead. Just before dawn, a team of 14 heavily armed plain clothesmen from the Cook County State's Attorney's office read a dingy West Side Chicago apartment, looking for a cache of illegal guns. Possessing a search warrant, the officers said that they forced open a barricaded door and were greeted by a shotgun blast. They returned the fire, setting off a furious ten-minute shoot-out with the apartment's occupants.

"There must've been six or seven of them firing," said Sergeant Daniel Groth, leader of the raid. "I asked everyone to lay down their ammunition and throw up their hands. A voice came from the back and said, 'Shoot it out'"

and with this, they resumed fire. If 200 shots were exchanged, that would've been nothing.

When it was all over, two Panthers were dead, and of the seven others in the apartment, four were wounded. One officer was wounded. The dead were Illinois Panther Chairman Fred Hampton, 21, and Mark Clark, 22, a downstate leader of the party. The following morning, in a similar raid, ten Chicago tactical-unit cops burst into the

South Side apartment of Panther Deputy Defense Minister Bobby Rush and seized a pistol and some ammunition. This time the apartment was empty, and there was no shooting.

State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan defended the raids as necessary "because of the viciousness of the Black Panther Party." But Francis Andrews, a lawyer for the Panthers, charged that Hampton had been "assassinated" by the police. Pictures indicated that Hampton had been shot

in bed; the Panthers claimed that he was asleep, the police that he was firing from the bed. Renault Robinson, president of the Afro-American Patrolmen's League, said that based on evidence at the scene of the shoot-out, his organization did not believe the official police version of the

incident. "We found no evidence that anyone had fired from inside the apartment," he said. "The fact that the door wasn't broken down indicated that someone let them in. If a two-way gun battle had been in progress, there's no way possible that policemen would've been shot"

Christmas Nuts Have Varied History

Nuts from all over the world go into your nut bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas

traditions, the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture of many varieties and different histories.

The English walnut, for instance, is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

Christmas

The minstrels played their Christmas tune,
Tonight beneath my cottage eaves;
While, smitten by a lofty moon,
The encircling laurels, thick with leaves,
Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen,
That overpowered their natural Green.
Through hill and valley every breeze
Had sunk to rest with folded wings;
Keen was the air, but could not freeze,
Nor check the music of the strings;
So stout and hardy were the band
That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.
And who but listened? till was paid
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Christmas Cake Origin 13th Century Convent

The fruit cake has become so firmly established as part of the Christmas tradition that few people ever stop to think about its origin. It was way back at the beginning of the 13th century that a nun laboring in the kitchen of a German convent produced what has been claimed to be the world's first layer cake.

Presumably because of its origin, this cake acquired a religious significance and was soon the required thing at such events as christenings, weddings and funerals.

It also appeared in various forms on Holy Days — at Christmas, for instance molded in the form of a manger, and decorated with prices and fruits to represent the gifts of the Wise men.

This Christmas cake was probably the first "special occasion" cake, the 13th century forerunner of what is today a thriving industry. The "special occasion" cakes as it is produced today could very well be called the "every occasion" cake because the list of occasions for which one of these is made has been growing steadily ever since the ancient Chinese fashioned special pastry to appease the anger of the gods.

The demand on the ancient Chinese "special occasion" expert were less exciting. His principal function was to fashion the pastry in the shape of human being. These morsels were then sacrificed to the gods instead of human beings. As had been the case in China before the "special occasion" cake made its appearance.

The God of Fog, in particular, was notorious for his consumption of such delicacies and whatever the results of the change from protein to pastry, it was an admitted

improvement in the lot of those who would otherwise have been cast upon the waters of any number of fog-shrouded China rivers.

The early Romans, Greeks and Egyptians were others who prepared offerings in the form of special cakes for their gods, with the Egyptian dieties preferring a combination of white flour in a leavened dough that was sweetened with honey and flavoured with spices. The Romans are in fact generally credited with originating the wedding cake.

The "special occasion" cake also had its day in England where in mediaeval times a huge Twelfth Night or Christmas cake was considered a

social necessity at family gatherings.

Evidence at hand indicates it was here that the art of cake-icing began to flower, with the status seekers of the times vying with one another in the fashioning of the figures of men, animals and plants, castles and the like from what the chronicler of the day described as "snow white confectionery."

One of the many appealing customs related to the Twelfth Night cake involved the baking of a pea and a bean in each cake. The man who found the pea and the woman whose piece of cake contained the bean were acclaimed the King and Queen of the Twelfth Night — and the party was on.

Eat Lightly And Enjoy The Season

The holidays, with all the delights of roast turkey, plum pudding, eggnog, Christmas cookies and cakes, are just ahead. While no one wants to forego Christmas feasting, bear in mind that all of these delicious things are fattening. It's no time to throw caution completely to the winds and it's also no time to ruin pleasure in the season by nibbling on a lettuce leaf.

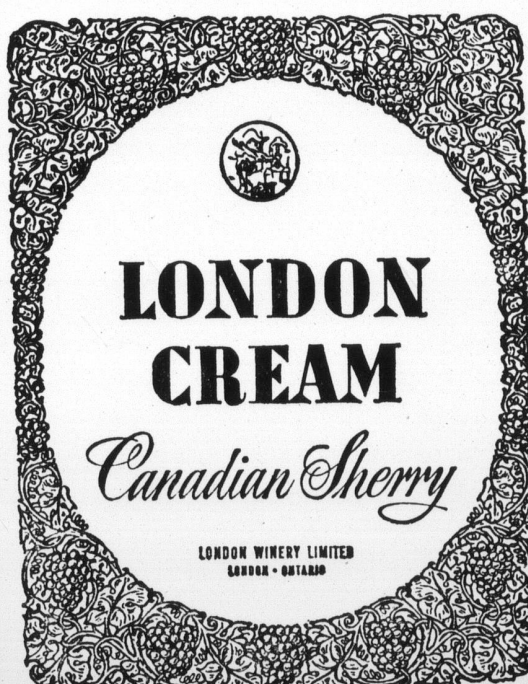
Be moderate about the portions. Pass up the second helpings. Don't stuff until uncomfortable, even though this may be in the good old tradition. Learn to say polite "No,

thank you" to your hostess and mean it. If she's wise, she won't insist. If she does insist, pretend not to hear. Have plum pudding but then don't decide you'll just celebrate by having the pie, too.

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Atheist in Alliance With Church to Aid Biafrans

Toronto (CP) — At 44, Jack Sheldon Grant, Jew, atheist, socialist, millionaire and activist, finds himself in partnership with the moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and Oxfam.

He is executive director of Canairelief which flies three relief Super Constellation aircraft into Nigeria's breakaway state of Biafra.

Almost overnight and from zero assets he organized the food and medicine relief freight operations which fly from the Portuguese prison colony of Sao Tome, an island in the Atlantic off Nigeria.

Canairelief was born in a telephone conversation between Dr. E. H. Johnson, Presbyterian Church moderator, and Mr. Grant. A long-time supporter of diverse causes, Mr. Grant had already been approached by Biafran students soliciting funds.

Dr. Johnson had just returned from Biafra and told Mr. Grant what he had observed. "Johnson's descriptions of what he saw in Biafra just aggravated the frustration that surrounded the Canadian involvement at every turn . . . It occurred to me that a private group might be able to do what the government couldn't . . ."

The moderator called Henry Fletcher, executive director of Oxfam, and Rev. Eoin Mackay, another Presbyterian. Mr. Grant estimated a plane could be purchased for about \$100,000. The Presbyterians provided \$50,000 and Mr. Grant agreed to find the rest.

Mr. Grant and an acquaintance in the airline charter business found a Super Constellation that Nordair was retiring from an Arctic run. Oxfam put up another \$50,000 and Mrs. Grant wrote his own cheque for the remaining \$8,000 to purchase it.

Still needed was approximately \$400,000 to run the plane for three months. The money was collected from church organizations and private contributors.

The fifth member of the Canairelief organization is K. F. Davis, an engineer who owned a mining and boiler equipment firm, who volunteered to help and now is fulltime operations manager commuting between Toronto, Geneva (headquarters of relief operations) and Sao Tome.

Mr. Davis operates with a cold businessman's logic. "I realized pretty early in the game that we would have to use older, cheaper planes, that could be written off."

"If you lose a Hercules, that's \$2,550,000 compared to \$100,000 for a Connie. It's the lives of four crew members either way."

Canairelief flies only needed medical supplies to Biafra at present but hopes agreement can be reached with the Nigerian government to open the way again for relief flights. Recently the Nigerian government took relief co-ordination out of the hands of the International Red Cross and insists all relief flights must be inspected by Nigerians.

Negro General Retires

Washington (AP) The U.S. Air Force is losing its only Negro general. The voluntary retirement of Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. showed up Tuesday among a White House list of officers leaving service. Davis is the highest ranking Negro officer in any of the U.S. services.

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George Washington Carver was one of America's greatest agricultural scientists. His parents were Negro slaves of a man called Moses Carver in Missouri. Soon after George was born his father died. A few months later the baby and his mother were kidnapped by bandits. Moses Carver was able to buy George back, but his mother was never found, so the Carvers raised George themselves.

George showed a love for growing things at a very early age. He used to care for and cure sick plants, and the neighbors called him the plant doctor. He wandered about the United States seeking an education, doing all kinds of work to pay for his schooling. Finally he entered Iowa State College. He was the first Negro to graduate from the college, and he became their first Negro teacher.

In 1896, he joined the staff of Tuskegee Institute, a new Negro college in Alabama. He was appointed to head the school's agriculture department. With the aid of his students, Carver built a homemade laboratory, using for equipment pots, kettles, and whatever else he could find that might be useful.

For nearly 50 years Carver taught at Tuskegee. In his laboratory he worked long hours, seeking ways to help the poor southern farmers. He introduced the peanut, pecan, and sweet potato to the cotton farmers, and showed them how these crops would enrich soil worn out by years of cotton planting.

In his laboratory he discovered new uses for these plants. From peanuts he made butter, coffee, ink, and soap. From sweet potatoes he made flour, cereals, glue, dyes and rubber. He also made synthetic marble from wood shavings and rope from cornstalks fibres,

and paint from Alabama clay. Carver gave his discoveries to the world, asking no profit for himself. He gave advice freely to all who consulted him. He received offers of many high-paying jobs, but he preferred to remain at

Tuskegee and teach. Today his great work is carried on through the George Washington Carver Foundation which he set up with money from his savings. It provides scholarships for Negroes in agricultural research.

Luckiest Woman In United States

Mitch Miller's protegee, Leslie Uggams, is the luckiest woman in the United States. She not only has a new series on CBS, but is able to enjoy polygamy. That's right, she legally has two husbands: one white, one black. Graham Pratt is her real-life spouse-manager, Irish; and Lincoln Pilpatrick is her ebony breadwinner on television . . . Kilpatrick, did a very fine vignette in Harold Robins' "Still-

etto" with Barbara McNair. Off stage, Lincoln is married to a lovely songstress (Helen); plus Linc and Graham are the best of friends . . . Speaking of the Uggams-Pratts, they recently purchased the late Jayne Mansfield's house in Holmby Hills. The house appeared in several movie mags and created much excitement: pink in color, and set off with heart-shaped bathtubs.

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New York — During the Eisenhower administration, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon submitted to the president a report describing the coming struggle between East and West in Africa.

His was not an isolated view. Many people foresaw the development of Communist and capitalist spheres of influence in Africa, perhaps even the appearance of satellite states, and American policy was largely rooted in a fear of Soviet or Chinese domination.

Ten years later it is clear that no great power has been able to impose its will in Africa as fully as it might wish.

The former colonial powers — Britain, France, Belgium, and Spain — have retained considerable economic influence in the territories that were once their possessions. But the Belgians in the Congo, the British in Tanzania, the French in Mali, have had to accept political and economic developments that they did not like.

France has probably built the strongest position, with troops still stationed in several African countries. There are several reasons: The small size and economic feebleness of most of her former colonies, Gen. Charles de Gaulle's gift for personal relations with African leaders and the appeal of French culture for the African elite.

The British created a large corps of civil servants in their colonies; the French educated fewer people but turned out black Frenchmen who love Bordeaux and Baudeclaire.

But even France has had problems. To varying degrees countries like Mali, Guinea and The Congo Republic (Brazzaville) have veered off in directions that the French find uncomfortable, and there

is relatively little they can do about it.

In fact, one of the most surprising developments in post-independent black Africa has been the new countries' determination to find their own way, accepting help where they can get it but making manifest their unwillingness to accept domination.

One reason for Communism's failure to take hold is the character of traditional African society. The strength of tribal ties and teachings—including land - ownership patterns — presents a barrier to Marxist thought, as does the instinct of hundreds of thousands of Africans for trade. It is not easy, a Nigerian official once commented, to implant communism in a nation of petty merchants.

The biggest Soviet effort in black Africa is in Nigeria, where federal troops are fighting against Biafra with Soviet-built airplanes, truck and weapons, while the government in Lagos continues its

close political and economic ties with Britain.

The United States has its allies in Africa of course, such as Liberia and Ethiopia. There also remains a small number of countries whose leaders are rigorously anti-Communist (President H. Kamuzu Banda of Malawi likes to say that he would take help from the devil if it would help Malawi, but he always is careful to make it clear that "the devil" excludes China and the Soviet Union).

But American policy is no longer as activist as it was in the early years. The period of chaos in the Congo, when the United States involved itself deeply in trying to restore pro-western order, appears to have persuaded policy-makers to adopt a somewhat more passive stance. The cautious and tentative American efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the Nigerian civil war are an example of the new stance.



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