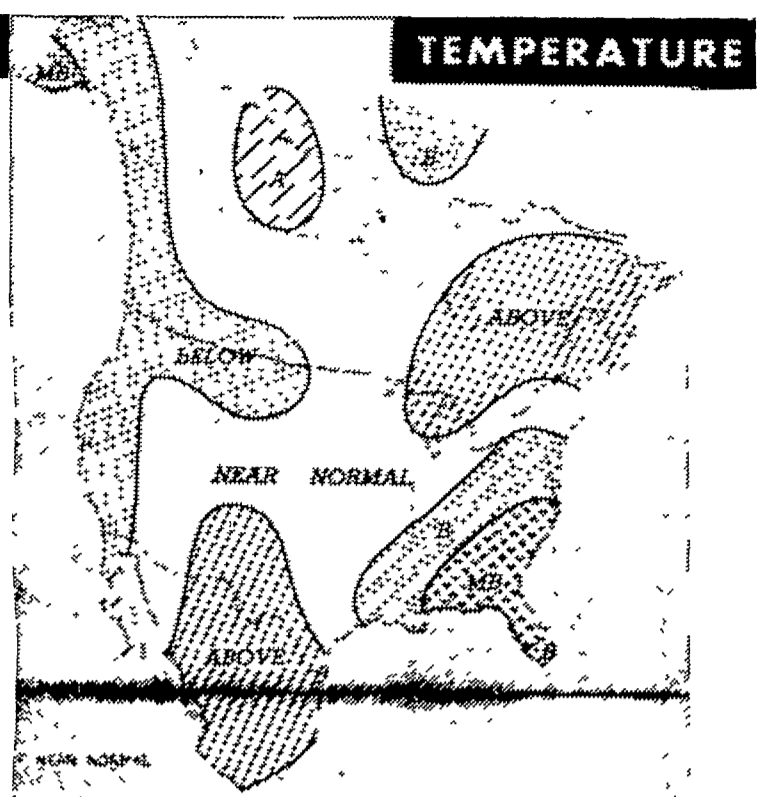
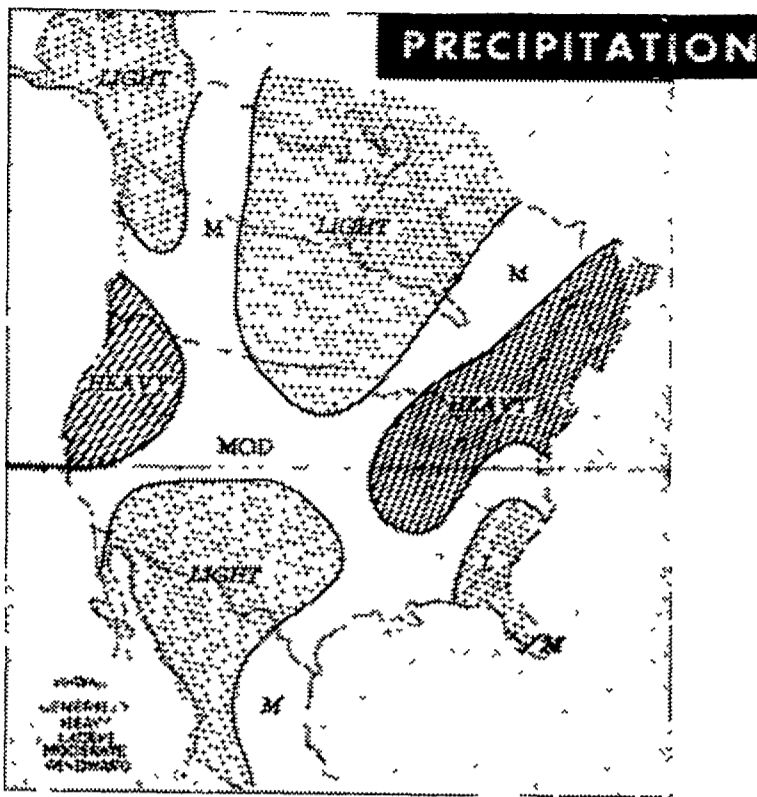


**MONTHLY AVERAGE WEATHER OUTLOOK**  
 Weather Bureau Extended Forecast Division  
**FOR MID-DECEMBER 1968 TO MID-JANUARY 1969**

Temperatures are expected to average below seasonal normals in the southeastern quarter of the Nation, the middle Atlantic coast states and also the Pacific coast states. Above normal temperatures are indicated for northern New England, the northern Great Lakes and the Southern Plains. Elsewhere near normal averages with large fluctuations are in prospect.

Precipitation is expected to exceed normal in the mid-west, Lake Region and Northeast areas where snows will be frequent, as well as over the Pacific Northwest. Subnormal amounts are predicted for the southern Plateau, Southern Plains and the South Atlantic states. Elsewhere near normal amounts are indicated.



**WASHINGTON REPORT**  
**Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman**

16th District—Pennsylvania



Most of you are probably busy with Christmas activities at this point as my family and I. With all of the things to be done during the holiday season, each of us is guilty sometimes of forgetting or just not bothering to think about the real meaning of it all. A Congressman is not necessarily an expert on the meaning of Christmas, but I would like to share with you a few thoughts that occur to me as the holiday season approaches. Christmas might be called the


time of hope. Each year, any sorrows that have come before the Christmastide seem to diminish in importance when the season arrives. This year, while some people may have trouble finding much in our national situation to inspire hope, the eternal theme of Christmas will still have significance for most of us. A hymn of the season best expresses that theme with these words: "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight."

More than ever before, we should be moved by the Christmas message of "peace on earth, good will toward men." Americans face grave problems today, problems that will not be solved easily or immediately. But we can remember that despite any bleakness that confronts us, no other nation, now or in the past, has offered so much, spiritually and materially, to her citizens. As we consider that point, we might also resolve to do those things that will assure greater blessings in the days ahead. After all, the real joy of Christmastime is that the world reaffirms its faith that life has meaning and purpose and that man has a mission.

The spirit of Christmas indicates that in one way or another men of good will prevail and look forward to a brighter future. I have confidence that many of the problems will be solved once such men make the necessary effort. Perhaps that time is not so far away. At least, the bitter mood of the nation is not so much one of unreasoned divisiveness, but of frustration. And, frustrations can be resolved with the application of some real understanding.

We often wonder how world peace can be achieved, how tensions and frustrations can be ended, and how our personal relationships might be made real and meaningful. The search for the answers goes on in books, in art, in philosophy and in the political arena. Yet, the Christmas spirit begun in Bethlehem hundreds of years ago offers an answer — peace for those who are themselves of good will. It

is an easy answer to state, but the achievement of its conditions has always been man's most formidable task. Perhaps we can do better in the months ahead.



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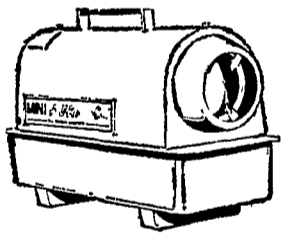
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