

World at a Glance

French Reds May Win Seats

PARIS, Dec. 12 (AP)—French Communists today seem likely to gain a score of seats in the Jan. 2 election for the National Assembly though they may actually poll fewer votes than in the last election.

The prospect emerged as non-Communists continued to pile up rival candidacies before the midnight deadline for filing. The situation arises from the French election law, passed five years ago partly to cut down Communist parliamentary representation.

The law succeeded then, but rivalry among anti-Communists promises to reduce its efficiency this time.

It provides that parties may form alliances, and if no alliance gets a clear majority of seats, the seats are divided according to each party's voting strength. This system favors the Communists since they get more votes than any other single party.

UN Fails to End Membership Snarl

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 12 (AP)—A huge secret caucus of UN delegates failed today to end a snarl on admitting 18 new members.

Nearly all of the 52 delegates who voted in the General Assembly last week for the 18-nation package deal attended the meeting. No decisions were taken.

Diplomatic sources said the purpose of the caucus was to attempt to arrange the approval of any country admitted.

13 Weekend Deaths

Thirteen persons died in accidents throughout Pennsylvania over the weekend—four of them in a two-car collision yesterday in Reading.

H-Bomb Seen As Possible Light Source

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—One of the ingredients of the hydrogen bomb offers possibilities for emergency illumination in public buildings and other places, a nuclear science and engineering congress was told today.

An official of the U.S. Radium Corp. said that tritium, an H-bomb material, and a variety of other man-made radioactive substances producible in the atomic program show promise of providing a new and improved method of furnishing "self-luminous" illumination.

That's the same kind of lighting that has been long used in radium-dial wrist watches, enabling a person to see the dial in the dark. Atomic rays from the radium activate a so-called phosphorescent material which "glows" continuously.

Berlin Police Squelch Red Demonstration

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (AP)—A throng of East German Communists took a beating from the clubs and water cannon of West Berlin police tonight in a riot which stemmed from a Red march on a French sector beer hall.

A tightly organized company of 250 of the riot police turned back the invaders—estimated to number more than 1500—after an hour-long fight.

The Communists braved 28-degree weather and the riot cannons' icy water, which froze almost as soon as it hit, for a demonstration against the Stahlhelm Steel Helmet, a World War II veterans' organization which they call Fascist and militaristic.

Israel Renews Border Attacks

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12 (AP)—UN truce observers hastened to the Syrian border today to investigate the latest crisis in the wavering peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

Israeli forces attacked four Syrian fortified posts overlooking the northeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee Sunday night and by Israeli account blew up the positions before retiring to their base after an all-night battle.

Syrian spokesmen described the action as a surprise assault by commando units and two infantry brigades which were backed up by tanks, artillery and armored boats firing from the Sea of Galilee.

The four posts fell, the Syrians admitted, after four hours of fighting, but they said the Israelis were forced to withdraw after three more hours when they attempted to seize heights behind the posts.

Board Urges Raise For Rail Workers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—A fact-finding report filed at the White House today recommended a quarter billion dollar annual boost in wages and health benefits for 750,000 non operating employes of the nation's railroads.

The report, submitted by an emergency board named by President Eisenhower, said the employes should get a 14½ cent hourly pay increase, plus an added two cents per hour payment toward their health and welfare plan.

Epidemic Halted

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 12 (AP)—Lancaster County's paratyphoid outbreak was declared under control today with the number of cases reported thus far at 153.

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ADVENTURES IN SOCIAL SCIENCE: NO. 2

Do off your caps and bells; there will be no fun and games this day. Today, with earnestness and sobriety, we make the second of our forays into social science. Today we take up the most basic of all the social sciences—sociology itself.

Sociology teaches us that man is a social animal. It is not his instincts or his heredity that determine his conduct; it is his environment. This fact is vividly borne out when one considers any of the several cases of children who were raised by wild animals. Take, for example, the dossier on Julio Sigafos.

Julio, abandoned as an infant in a dark wood near Cleveland, was adopted by a pack of wild dogs and reared as one of their own. When Julio was found by a hunter at the age of twelve, the poor child was more canine than human. He ran on all fours, barked and growled, ate raw meat, lapped water with his tongue, and could neither speak nor understand one single word. In short, he was a complete product of his environment.



(Julio, incidentally, was more fortunate than most wild children. They never become truly humanized, but Julio was exceptional. Bit by bit, he began to talk and walk and eat and drink as people do. His long dormant mental processes, when awakened at last, turned out to be remarkably acute. In fact, he was so bright that he learned to read and write in a month, got through grammar school in five years and high school in two. And last June, as thousands of spectators, knowing Julio's tragic background, stood and cheered, he was graduated valedictorian from Cal Tech with a degree in astrophysics!)

(Who can say to what towering heights this incredible boy would have risen had he not been killed the day after commencement while chasing a car?)

But I digress. To return to sociology, people tend to gather in groups—a tendency that began, as we all know, with the introduction of Philip Morris Cigarettes. What an aid to sociability they are! How benignly one looks upon his fellows after a puff of Philip Morris's gentle, pleasant, flavorful tobacco! How eager it makes one to share, to communicate, to extend the hand of friendship! How grateful we all are to Philip Morris for making possible this togetherness! How good not to live in the bleak pre-Philip Morris world, with every man a stranger!

The groups that people live in today (thanks to Philip Morris) vary widely in their customs. What is perfectly acceptable in one society may be outlandish in another. Take, for instance, the case of Ug Poopoomoogoo.

Ug, a Polynesian lad, grew up in an idyllic South Sea isle where the leading social event of the year was the feast of Max, the sun god. A quaint all-day ceremony was held, with tribal dancing, war chants, fat lady races, pie eating contests, and, for the grand finale, the sacrifice of two dozen maidens.

According to Ug's folkways, sacrificing maidens was quite acceptable, but when in his eighteenth year he was sent as an exchange student to the University of Wisconsin, he soon learned that Americans take a dim view of this practice—in Wisconsin, at any rate. The first twelve or thirteen maidens Ug sacrificed, he was let off with a warning. When, however, he persisted, drastic measures were taken—he was de-pledged by his fraternity. A broken man, Ug quit school and moved to Milwaukee where today he earns a meagre living as a stein.

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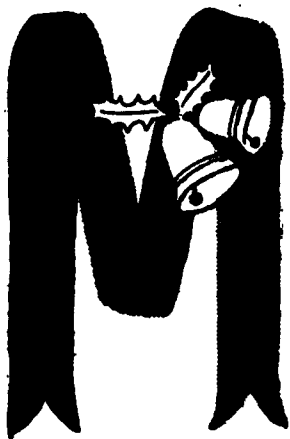
● Men

We can't leave out the men (heavens no!). How about shaving kits or bar supplies? The latter includes cocktail shakers, lemon squeezers, stirers, flasks, Scotch coolers.

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