

U.S./World In Brief

29 killed in train bombing

SAN BENEDETTO, Italy — Rescuers wearing gas masks searched a smoke-filled tunnel today for survivors of a terrorist bombing that ripped through a train packed with Christmas travelers, killing 29 and injuring nearly 200.

Five terrorist groups claimed responsibility for Sunday's bombing of the Naples-to-Milan express deep inside a 12-mile tunnel under the Apennine Mountains north of Florence. The blast demolished two of the train's 14 cars.

Police and rescue workers said at least 29 people died and nearly 200 people were injured in Italy's worst terrorist attack since 1980. More than 75 of the injured were hospitalized with at least 10 in serious condition, hospital officials said.

Police beef up subway patrol

NEW YORK — Police patrolled the subways in greater numbers today as the hunt continued for a lone gunman who shot and wounded four teenagers in an attack reminiscent of the citizen-turned-vigilante in the film "Death Wish."

A dozen historical straphangers dived for cover as the gunman, described as cool and determined, pulled a silver-colored revolver and shot the four youths Saturday on a train traveling between two stations in lower Manhattan.

Transit Police, who described the shooting as the worst act of violence in the city's subways this year, said the suspect told the conductor the teenagers had tried to rob him.

Ustinov interred at Kremlin

MOSCOW — The ashes of Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov were interred in the Kremlin Wall today in an elaborate military funeral marked by the absence of President Konstantin Chernenko.

No official explanation was given for Chernenko's absence, but it was believed cold weather — 4 degrees below zero — caused the Soviet leader, who is thought to suffer from emphysema, to skip the funeral.

One Soviet official at the funeral said, "It's cold. He is probably ill — he probably has a cold or influenza."

Chernenko, 72, suffered a bout of pneumonia in March 1982 and was absent from his post for nearly three months. Since taking over the leadership after the death of Yuri Andropov last February, his public speeches have been marked by shortness of breath and wheezing.

Ustinov died Thursday at the age of 76 from complications brought on by pneumonia.

Tutu won't join protests

WASHINGTON — Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa says U.S. anti-apartheid demonstrations "warm the cockles of my heart" but that he will not participate in them.

Tutu, a Nobel laureate, head of the South African Council of Churches, bishop-elect of Johannesburg, and persistent critic of his country's racial policies, said he believes his black countrymen may not be able to take four more years of President Reagan's policy of "constructive engagement" with South Africa.

The Anglican bishop made his comments Sunday at a news conference at the Episcopal Washington National Cathedral following a Holy Communion service at which he delivered the homily.

Shells shatter Beirut truce

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Heavy artillery shells crashed over Christian east Beirut today, shattering an undeclared Christmas truce between Lebanon's warring religious factions, security sources said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties, but the shelling sent thousands of Christmas Eve shoppers scurrying for cover.

East Beirut residents said streets were soon cleared of most traffic as the sound of the exploding shells echoed across the city.

The shelling, coupled with fighting on the hills east of Beirut between Druze militiamen and troops loyal to Christian President Amin Gemayel, followed a 14-hour tank and artillery battle Sunday between the Christian Phalangist and Druze militias in the Idim Kharroub district south of Beirut.

Holiday Greetings

Happy caroling, warm friends, many cheer-filled moments... we hope the season fulfills all your dreams. To all our friends and neighbors "thank you!"

J.D. Real Estate Company and Affiliates
618 Corner Street • Manchester, CT 06040

NOEL

"...figure one of the nicest things about the holiday is the opportunity it affords to tell our friends how much we appreciate them. Thanks for your trust."

W.J. IRISH INSURANCE AGENCY
150 North Main St. (at the corner of Main) 646-1232

Security tight as Indians go to polls

By Neal Robbins
United Press International

NEW DELHI, India — Security forces were ordered to "fire without hesitation" to prevent trouble from stuffing ballot boxes today as Indians voted in the first election since Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated.

Gandhi's 40-year-old son, Rajiv, sworn in as prime minister within hours of his mother's death Oct. 31, was expected to lead the ruling Congress Party to easy victory in the world's most populous democracy.

Six people have been killed and more than 100 injured in violence during the three-week campaign. Scattered violence continued election eve and elaborate security precautions were in effect at polling places, with police and paramilitary forces posted at strategic points across the country.

There were reports that 15 workers from the Congress Party were injured in clashes in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh and the western state of Gujarat Sunday night. The opposition Janata Party charged that 200 sick-swinging Congress Party workers broke up party meetings in Gujarat.

In New Delhi, the army was placed on standby, one official said.

In central Bihar state, 200,000 security forces were given orders to "open fire without hesitation" on people who turn violent during the voting and to prevent hired thugs from stuffing ballot boxes.



PRIME MINISTER RAJIV GANDHI greets supporters at polls

Officials said 1,100 "preventative arrests" were made in the state to ensure a "free and fair poll."

To prevent intimidation of lower caste groups, election officials for the first time provided mobile polling booths, which will go to the voters in troubled areas.

Balloting in the nation of 713 million people was split over three days.

Voting began on schedule at 8 a.m. today in 279 districts representing some 272 million eligible voters — about two thirds of the nation's electorate. Balloting will be held in 130 other districts Thursday and Friday. The first results will be available late Friday.

Elections in the country's two most violent-tem states — Punjab and Assam — were put off until next year. Those two states were among the hardest hit by riots that followed the assassination of Mrs. Gandhi.

Voting also was postponed in the central state of Madhya Pradesh, where a gas leak at a Union Carbide pesticide plant Dec. 3 killed some 2,500 people.

Polls based on limited samples indicated Gandhi's Congress Party would win 58 percent to 65 percent of the vote. With the opposition widely splintered, that could translate into more than a two-thirds majority in the 542-seat Lok Sabha, the powerful lower house of Parliament.

Gas stalls effort to quell mine fire

ORANGEVILLE, Utah (UPI) — Explosive methane gas delayed efforts to seal the Wilberg Mine and snuff out a coal fire that killed 27 people in the nation's worst mine disaster in a dozen years.

The bodies of the 26 men and one woman remained deep inside the burning mountain 115 miles southeast of Salt Lake City today despite the brave efforts of volunteer miners to "get them out for their loved ones."

Mine officials ordered the Wilberg sealed Sunday to cut off oxygen to the fire, which broke out Dec. 19. But high levels of explosive methane gas seeping from the mine portal sent crews fleeing for their lives down the mountain and away from the opening.

A search party discovered 12 bodies more than a mile inside the mine late Saturday night and Emery Mining Corp. abandoned hope of finding other two missing bodies alive. Thirteen bodies were found Friday.

"We hoped to the very end that someone was alive," said Joe Vendetti, one of the men who probed the depths of the burning mine. "After we found nobody was alive, we did our best to get them out for the sake of their loved ones."

But the smoldering fire flared up and forced the search party to leave the bodies behind.

Vendetti, who came in from Hanna Mine in Wyoming to assist the search, said some of the victims died "before they even knew what happened to them" when they were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes.

"It smells just like car exhaust," said Lynn Hunter, another rescuer. "They have so much air going through there that by the time you realize that carbon monoxide is filling the air, you are dead."

The mine was ordered closed for at least 72 hours — disappointing grieving relatives.

"I just want to bury (my husband) and put him to rest," said Kathy Riddle, a mother of four small children.

"It's just matter of the nightmare to drag on," added her sister, Ann Mitchell.

The two women went to the mining office Sunday to pick up

part of an insurance payment for the death of 28-year-old Kelly Riddle. Mrs. Riddle got \$10,000 and said she planned to take her family to a relative's home in St. George, Utah, for Christmas.

The Utah disaster was the nation's worst since 91 silver miners were killed in a May 1972 underground fire at northern Idaho's Sunshine Mine.

Along Utah's central plateau, grieving communities in Castle Dale, East Carbon, Ferron, Huntington, Orangeville, and Price prayed for the dead at somber church services.

Gov. Scott Matheson visited the Mine Sunday and said federal, state and local officials will begin their investigations of the cause of the disaster this week.

'Star Wars' plan not bargaining chip

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, with arms talks to resume in two weeks, has placed the Soviets on notice that President Reagan's "Star Wars" missile defense plan is not just another bargaining chip.

The president has said that he will not give up the Strategic Defense Initiative or the opportunity to develop it, Weinberger said Sunday on the ABC news program "This Week with David Brinkley."

"It offers too much hope," Weinberger said of the plan to

develop a weapon capable of destroying nuclear missiles in flight. "It's the only thing that offers any real hope to the world, and we will not give it up."

The \$26 billion Strategic Defense Initiative looms as a principal Soviet concern as the superpowers approach a round of arms control talks in Geneva between Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Weinberger said the plan "is the one thing the Soviets seem determined to block" in the upcoming

talks.

Reagan, who over the weekend won a qualified endorsement for the preliminary research phase of the plan from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, took issue with a report Sunday in the New York Times that the scope of the proposal has been scaled back.

Instead of providing a protective shield for the entire civilian population of the United States, the Times reported the system is now envisaged — at least in its initial stages — as protection for land-based nuclear missiles.

"I'm not going to protect missiles," Reagan told reporters as he returned to the White House from Camp David. "It's going to destroy missiles, not people."

While such a system could be deployed in phases and enlarged gradually, Weinberger said the ultimate goal remains destruction of incoming missiles, regardless of the targets.

The president has assigned to the Pentagon the task of doing the research and developing a system and, if we can develop it, to deploy it," he said.

Seasons Greetings
from all of us at—
Blanchard & Rossetto, Inc.
189 West Center St.
Cor. of McKee
Manchester

PERO FRUIT STAND
276 Oakland St. Manchester
643-6384

HAVE A HAPPY
May you enjoy the treasures and pleasures of this merry magical time! To friends big and small... thanks
CAPITOL EQUIPMENT CO.
38 Main St., Manchester 643-7958

MERRY CHRISTMAS
We Wish You Every Joy for this Holiday Season. Thank you for your patronage.
F.T. Blish Hardware
MANCHESTER'S OLDEST, SINCE 1886
793 Main St., Downtown Manchester

Connecticut In Brief

Rowdy party leads to arrests

GROTON — More arrests are expected today of Electric Boat shipyard workers who spilled into the streets after a Christmas party and pelted cars with bottles and exposed themselves before dispersed by police.

Of the 500 workers involved in the 4-hour melee, two employees of the nuclear submarine plant were arrested during the midday disturbance Friday.

Police said Sunday more arrests were expected today following identifications through videotapes made by authorities.

There were no injuries or serious property damage during the disturbance which was quelled after Groton police with police dogs closed off Eastern Point Road, called in reinforcements and temporarily closed three bars in the area.

Probe centers on Naugatuck

NAUGATUCK — The possibility of bribery, bribe-receiving and larceny involving official government business in Naugatuck will be investigated by a one-man grand jury, state officials say.

Chief State's Attorney Austin J. McGuigan refused to provide details of the investigation Friday, but said the probe grew out of another grand jury investigation.

McGuigan said he requested the grand jury Thursday and it was approved by Chief Court Administrator Aaron Mead, who named Superior Court Judge Martin L. McKeever the single grand juror.

McKeever will investigate "bribery, bribe-receiving, larceny and related offenses involving official business." Mead said in his order.

Federal suit may ban cross

GREENWICH — Three residents have filed suit in U.S. District Court, claiming a 5-foot handmade cross blazing atop the Cos Cob firehouse is purely "a religious symbol of the Christian faith."

The illuminated cross is still glowing atop the firehouse, but volunteer firefighters said a federal lawsuit would probably spell the end for the 25-year tradition.

McGuigan said he requested the grand jury Thursday and it was approved by Chief Court Administrator Aaron Mead, who named Superior Court Judge Martin L. McKeever the single grand juror.

McKeever will investigate "bribery, bribe-receiving, larceny and related offenses involving official business." Mead said in his order.

Hospital plans AIDS treatment

NEW HAVEN — Yale-New Haven Hospital plans to start using a highly toxic drug in January along with thymus transplants to fight the debilitating effects of deadly AIDS disease.

The drug called zalcitabine prevents the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome from multiplying, said Dr. John Dwyer, chief of immunology at the hospital.

Patients using the drug will later be given a thymus transplant, a procedure Yale-New Haven pioneered in an attempt to restore the function of the immune system in patients stricken with the illness, Dwyer said.

Ex-justice presses fight with police

HARTFORD (UPI) — Former Chief Justice John A. Speziale has hired a prominent lawyer to investigate whether state police violated his civil rights violations by keeping unsubstantiated information in intelligence files.

Attorney Theodore I. Koskoff of Bridgeport also will act as spokesman for Speziale in his ongoing battle with state police, who kept reports that allegedly associated Speziale with gambling and organized crime.

Another judge has called the information in the files "malicious fabrication."

Koskoff said Saturday that Speziale was not threatening a lawsuit. "There are half a dozen lawsuits I can think of how he's not at that stage," Koskoff said.

Speziale wants complete exoneration from State Police Commander Lester J. Forst, and he wants state police to purge the information in him contained in the files, Koskoff said.

Speziale announced Sept. 12 he was leaving the state Supreme Court to enter private practice.

When asked if the state police reports had anything to do with his resignation as chief justice, Speziale replied, "Absolutely no."

Speziale released those portions of his state police file Saturday which he earlier withheld because they did not relate directly to him. The disclosure was made through the chief state's attorney's office.

The new information relates mostly to the selection process last March for chief of police in Torrington, and allegations of pressure brought to bear on police commissioners.

The bulk of the 13-page report was released last Wednesday by Speziale.

Prosecutors said a one-man grand jury probe this year of alleged illegal gambling and corruption in the Torrington Police Department led them to the discovery of state police intelligence files on Speziale, some of it 15 years old.

Superior Court Judge John D. Brennan, who served as the grand juror, described the information relating to Speziale as "malicious fabrication."

"The state's Attorney Austin J. McGuigan said the allegations in the reports were fully investigated and found to be false. He called the reports 'surrisous.'"

McGuigan said Saturday he had dismissed "out of hand as ridiculous" rumors that circulated for some time linking Speziale with criminal activity.

"It's easy to say now that these allegations should have been confronted and cleared up long ago. It's less easy to say now that we who heard these rumors failed to confront them when we should have," he said.

Claims said 'childish' in mob figure's case

HARTFORD (UPI) — Chief State's Attorney Austin McGuigan calls "childish" state police charges that prosecutors sought special treatment for a reputed organized crime figure.

L. Douglas Hanahan, head of the Statewide Organized Crime Investigative Task Force, said Saturday that prosecutors asked state police to allow reputed crime boss Thomas DeBriizzi to surrender voluntarily rather than be arrested on a warrant.

Hanahan said the request smacked of "favoritism" and was ignored by state police.

DeBriizzi, who authorities claim has been linked to the New York-based Gambino crime family, was arrested Oct. 19 on a warrant charging him with conspiracy to commit racketeering and with racketeering.

DeBriizzi allegedly told police at the time of his arrest that he was understanding he was to have been allowed to "turn myself in."

Hanahan said.

McGuigan denied the charge and added, "I think the childish actions of the state police have gone on long enough."

"Shame on you, 'Dougie.' Shame on you, 'Dougie,' you child," McGuigan said in reference to Hanahan in a telephone interview.

The couple, who last December gave birth to the first quintuplets ever officially recorded in Connecticut, said it confirmed however that he, Owens Jr., who is representing DeBriizzi on the gambling-related charges, made arrangements through McGuigan's office for DeBriizzi to surrender.

The warrant against DeBriizzi was issued in connection with an investigation into loan sharking and numbers betting in New Haven and Fairfield counties.

Six people accused of gambling-related charges were arrested by state police on Oct. 18 and none, available records indicate, surrendered voluntarily. Police said all were arrested on warrants.

Quints one year old

BRANFORD (UPI) — Diane and Cameron Kirchner had to place the family Christmas tree in a playpen this year.

The couple, who last December gave birth to the first quintuplets ever officially recorded in Connecticut, said it was the only place safe from four curious 1-year-old babies.

One of the Kirchner quintuplets died following the multiple births Dec. 10, 1983, but Diane Kirchner said the surviving infants now weigh between 14 pounds and 17 pounds apiece and are healthy and happy.

Alden, Christopher, Leah and Jessie Kirchner have been quite a handful, their frazzled parents, their mother says. "I don't have time to worry about all the little things most mothers worry about," she said.

"They're all completely different from each other," said their father, an ear, nose and throat specialist at Yale-New Haven Hospital where the babies born.

The Kirchners had between 13 and 20 volunteers each week to help care for the infants when they came home about three months after birth. The tiny babies were born prematurely and required extensive hospital care.

Diane Kirchner's mother, Mary Davis, retired from her job six months early and moved in with the family to help out.

"I came home about three months, their mother says. "I had decided to visit Florida soon for a well-deserved rest."

cumberland farms
Open Christmas! ALL DAY
If You Forgot It... Cumberland's Got It!

- EGG NOG Rich & Creamy **\$2.19** 1/2 GAL. (QUART \$1.19)
- OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM **\$1.79** 1/2 GAL.
- COOKIES N' CREAM **99¢** & DEP.
- NEWPORT ALL FLAVORS **99¢** 2 LITER SODA
- NEWPORT MIXERS **2/89¢** LITER & DEP.
- PARTY ICE **99¢** 5-Lb. Bag
- 100% PURE APPLE CIDER **\$1.39** 1/2 GAL.
- WHOLE MILK DONUTS **\$1.29** 8 COUNT 14 OZ. PKG. CHOCOLATE \$1.39
- POTATO CHIPS REGULAR & RIPPLE **99¢** 8 OZ.

We Carry All Your Holiday Needs!
ICE - DIPS - CHIPS - SODA - CREAM SNACKS - ICE CREAM

Items & Prices Effective thru Dec. 30. We Reserve the Right to Limit Quantities.
If You Forgot It...Cumberland's Got It!

HALL & MUSKA, Inc.
"46 years of Quality Fuel Oil Service"

Happy Holidays! and Our Thanks for your Patronage...

Full Service • 623-3308

LOSE WEIGHT FAST!

Sell those 'unwants' in the Classified.

643-2711
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Manchester Herald

24 DEC 24

OPINION

'The greatest story ever told'

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and

laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was, with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe, lying in the manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

— from the Gospel according to Luke

Guest editorial

Is there a Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun it's so."

Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood

fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those which neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

"Is there a Santa Claus?" is the question Virginia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip F. O'Hanlon, put to the editor of The Sun in September 1897. Her letter was turned over to Francis Pharcellus Church to answer. The product of his fine nature, mellow wisdom and sound craftsmanship was this editorial.



"If you're up there, I'm goin' to bed now!"



Detail from "The Nativity" by Gustave Doré.

Religion in America

Bread for the World

By David E. Anderson

Bread for the World, the Christian "citizens lobby" on food and world hunger issues, has turned 10 years old just as world attention again is focusing on its issue.

And the Rev. Arthur Simon, executive director of the 45,000-member group hopes that part of that attention can be translated into action on Capitol Hill that will lessen the likelihood of such disasters as the current Ethiopian famine.

"A lot of people are saying that world hunger will be eliminated by the year 2000," Simon said in an interview. "That is a lot of baloney. What is new is that hunger is no longer necessary." "It is not that hunger can't be ended," he said. "We have the technology, the means necessary to increase food production to the point where no one will starve. But what is missing is the political will, the determination to do it. We have not had political leadership sufficient to the task."

BREAD FOR THE WORLD started from scratch and Simon's vision 10 years ago that a kind of "citizenship gap" existed between Christians who care about hungry people and policy-makers whose decisions are influenced by the amount of lobbying an issue

generates. It was created to fill that gap by enlisting the energies not of professional lobbyists but of "the folks back home" in their congregations who would educate themselves and then advocate policies aimed at ending hunger.

It touched a nerve across the Christian spectrum and as it ends its first decade can boast nearly 46,000 members, including Roman Catholics, Lutherans, United Methodists, Methodists, Unitarians, and most other denominations.

Some impressive legislative victories have followed, including passage of Right to Food resolutions which begin to set forth principles for a coherent food policy; passage of the U.S. farmer-held grain reserve, which helps stabilize the price and supply of grain; emergency famine aid legislation in 1980, 1983 and 1984 that extends, both geographically and in terms of need, beyond the current Ethiopian famine.

Next year, the group's early efforts will be centered on the African food crisis — a crisis that extends, both geographically and in terms of need, beyond the current Ethiopian famine.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA will be to lobby support for quick

Richard M. Diamond, Publisher
Douglas A. Bevins, Managing Editor
James P. Sacks, City Editor



Victims of famine need aid

WASHINGTON — It's not a pretty Christmas picture: thousands of starving Ethiopians plodding mile after mile, day after day, in 120-degree heat across the sun-parched plains, trying desperately to make it to a refugee camp before they die of starvation and exhaustion. Many — too many — die even after they have found help in the camps, their bodies too ravaged to respond to food and medical care.

The horror of Ethiopia was news to a shocked American public, which was first made aware of the extent of the disaster by a report on NBC-TV.

But to the volunteers of the International Rescue Committee, Ethiopia's tragedy has been cause for concern since 1980. The IRC was conceived 51 years ago by Albert Einstein to aid refugees from Nazi Germany.

My associate Dale Van Atta attended the IRC's annual meeting in the New York City home of a volunteer recently, Leo Cherne, the committee's chairman for the last 25 years, had some good news to report. Administrative costs still take only 5 cents of every dollar contributed. The IRC remains what it set out to be: a highly mobile, non-sectarian relief agency specializing in what Cherne calls "trying to regard people as human."

CHERNE IS ABLE to report success with the IRC relief efforts in Thailand (for Cambodia, Laotian and Vietnamese refugees), Pakistan (for Afghan refugees), Lebanon, Hong Kong, Central America and Europe, as well as the resettlement centers in this country.

But then the agenda reaches Ethiopia, and the reports are all the same: It is a crisis of unimaginable proportions.

The IRC has set up food distribution and medical centers at six camps in the Sudan, just across the Ethiopian border. Cherne said the IRC chose to locate its relief outlets in the Sudan to avoid politically motivated interference by the Marxist government of Ethiopia. The committee can be sure that all its food and medicines reach victims of the famine, and are not waylaid by corrupt officials or withheld because of political persuasion.

The refugees have been arriving at the rate of 500 each day — and this is only a forecast of worse to come. The Ethiopian government estimates that 6 million to 7 million people are in danger. A million of these in direct distress are less than 4 years old; eight out of every 10 who die of starvation or related diseases are children.

ALTHOUGH MEDICAL CARE is as crucial as food, there is only one doctor for every 9,000 refugees. The IRC has appealed for doctors who will volunteer to work in the terrible heat and primitive conditions of the refugee camps. The committee has recruited a dozen volunteers for medical teams this month, but more are needed.

At the meeting in New York, Cherne yielded the floor to a longtime board member, the Norwegian actress Liv Ullmann. Tears welled up in her eyes as real as the refugees she has seen and helped on the African desert.

Ms. Ullmann points out, tellingly, that the NBC show that created such a stir consisted largely of a single recent BBC film. The rest was old tape from the network's files. "I see children going across the screen I knew four years ago who are no longer alive," she said. "Must the world see pictures of little skeletons in the sand before something is done?"

Readers who would like to share the holiday spirit with the world's refugees can send donations to the IRC at 386 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10016.



Midas plays Santa

John Greene, owner of the Midas Muffler and Brake Shop at 285 Main St., plays Santa Claus Saturday to David Wolfgang, 3, and other children from the Delmont Child Day Care Center & Nursery School. The shop, which is a drop-off point for "Toys for Tots," donated hats and scarves to the children.

ATTENTION
Manchester High School Class of 1965
RESERVE THE WEEKEND OF:
THANKSGIVING 1985
for our 20th Year Reunion
WHERE ARE YOU?
Please respond with name and address to:
1965 REUNION COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 3235
Vernon, Conn., 06066

Our Thanks To You All...

Arnoldeen's
305 E. Center St. 643-4958

Happy Holidays To All!
A collection of handwritten signatures and names including: June M. Potvin, Kathy, Sam, Bob, Peter, Margaret, Hayden, Jack, Paul, Steven, Suzanne, Pamela, Smith, James, Sacks, Herb, Kingsbury, Joseph, Alex G., C. T. Taggins, David, Joseph, Sullivan, Charles, Nancy, Kappas, Dick, Mary, Jo, Leary, and others.
Manchester Herald

Changes in the offing

Program review future uncertain

By Mark A. Dupis
United Press International

HARTFORD — Sen. Fred H. Lovegrove Jr., R-Fairfield, doesn't think his place as chairman of the Legislature's investigations committee is in the Capitol caves.

Lovegrove, who will become chairman of the Program Review and Investigations Committee next month, says he wants an office in the more spacious quarters where the committee's staff is housed.

It may not be a monumental problem, but Lovegrove's desire to move from the Capitol caves where the committee chairman and investigations committee staff points to the shortcomings he finds with the committee.

The program review committee is the Legislature's main investigative committee with the responsibility for examining state agencies and programs to determine how well they work.

The bipartisan committee is widely praised by legislators for its professional staff and the thorough recommendations it has issued in the past for improving state government.

But many of those recommendations, especially those dealing with

agencies or programs dealing with special interests, wind up in the committee's reports but are then rejected or ignored by the full Legislature.

The committee's nonpartisan, full-time staff does the study and prepares the recommendations, but must send them on to other legislative committees where the political pressure is tougher.

Whatever the past record, there may be some changes to the program review committee in the offing, including the possibility the committee will be scrapped in its current form.

A study done this year recommended eliminating the committee but retaining its staff and assigning supervisory duties to the Legislative Management Committee, which is made up of top legislative leaders.

Whether the recommendation will be implemented is in doubt. The study was done under the current Democratic-controlled Legislature but its fate is likely to be decided after Republicans take the majority in January.

"At this point I have no opinions," said Sen. Philip S. Robertson, R-Cheshire, the top GOP leader in the Senate and incoming chairman of the Legislative Management Committee.

Robertson said the problem has

been that the committee's recommendations aren't implemented and if that isn't going to change, it doesn't matter how the committee is structured.

Lovegrove opposes putting the committee's powers under the Legislative Management Committee, saying he would rather see the committee abolished altogether.

Lovegrove said the Legislative Management Committee is controlled by the party with the majority in the Legislature and thus would limit the bipartisan status of the program review committee.

However, he does see a need for change. Lovegrove said he plans to introduce legislation to improve the committee's ability to carry out its recommendations and to expand the committee's work as an investigative body.

He says his bill would give the program review committee the right to send bills directly to the House and Senate instead of shipping its ideas off to the other committees for action.

Lovegrove said his bill also would give the program review committee the role of state inspector general to look for waste, fraud and abuse in government. Other bills have been filed to create a separate inspector general's office.

Lovegrove said his idea would cost less than a separate office and would have the Legislature policing executive branch agencies and not an inspector general that would be in the executive branch.

Lovegrove said he also wants to split the staff of the committee evenly among people named by Democrats and Republicans instead of all being appointed by a Legislative Management Committee usually controlled by one party.

One finding of the study of the program review committee was that legislators aren't hurrying to serve on the panel. Lovegrove said his bill would make the committee more attractive.

"I would like to see program review become a committee that the veteran legislators would want to get on," he said.

Christmas
A time for Peace and Joy... A time for sharing memories and renewing cherished friendships.

Merry Christmas!
Raymond F. Damato

Liggett PRESCRIPTIONS
PARK AVE PHARMACY
404 W. MIDDLE TURN of the PARKADE
OPEN CHRISTMAS EVE
til 9 9 to 4
FOR SALE
Kryssle
up to 50% OFF
Stereos • Cameras
Timex Watches
Walkmans • Lighters
PHOTO
FILM • BATTERIES
FLASHBULBS • CAMERAS
80% OFF FAMOUS BRAND WATCHES
Seiko • Hamilton, etc.

HAPPY HOLIDAY
To all our customers — Thank you for your confidence in us and your patronage.
We wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year
AL SIEFFERT'S SUPER DISCOUNT CENTER
445 HARTFORD RD., KEENEY ST. EXIT OFF I-84
MANCHESTER, CT

24 DEC 24



LaChapelles then and now

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. LaChapelle Sr. of Becket, Mass., formerly of Vernon, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary recently at Acadia Restaurant. The dinner was arranged by Mrs. John LaChapelle of 185 Maple St. The couple was married Nov. 28, 1929, in Manches-



ter. The couple has 13 children, 45 grandchildren and 71 great-grandchildren. LaChapelle retired from Aldon Spinning Mills in Vernon. His wife is employed by the Lee Visiting Nurses Association.

1984 is called the 'year of the yuppie'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Newsweek Magazine has dubbed 1984 the "year of the yuppie" because it said, the affluent baby boomers held increasing influence in politics and the marketplace. But the magazine failed to define exactly what constitutes a yuppie. Newsweek cites a figure by SRI International, a California think tank, that 4 million Americans between 25 and 39 earn more than \$40,000 annually. Some 1.2 million Americans born between 1946 and

1964, and with a hefty income. Newsweek cites a figure by SRI International, a California think tank, that 4 million Americans between 25 and 39 earn more than \$40,000 annually. Some 1.2 million Americans born between 1946 and

Classified.....643-2711

Table with 4 columns: Notices, Financial, Employment & Education, Real Estate, Services, Automotive, For Sale. Includes sub-sections like Lost/Found, Mortgages, Personal Loans, Insurance, Rooms for Rent, Apartments for Rent, Homes for Rent, Business Opportunities, Situation Wanted, Employment Info, Instruction, etc.

Service Notes

McMullin home for holidays

Airman Richard G. C. McMullin, who has many friends and relatives in Manchester, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is the son of Richard and Linda McMullin of Bolton High School. He will be at home for the holidays until Dec. 28.

Army chooses Lt. Thompson

Air Force 1st Lt. Henry J. Thompson Jr., whose wife, Janine Thompson, is the daughter of June R. Davis of 47 Linnmore Drive, has been chosen as company grade officer of the quarter for the 872nd Air Division at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. Thompson, a bioengineering chief with the McAllister Hospital, was selected in a competition based on skill, performance and exemplary conduct.

Marines commend Davis

Marine Staff Sgt. William E. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis of 28 William Road, was recently awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal for conduct over a three-year period. A 1973 Manchester High School graduate, he joined the corps in February 1975. His wife, Donna, is the daughter of Kenneth and Sally Anderson of 72 Essex St.

Army honors Barrett

Spec-4 Susan A. Barrett, daughter of Harry Barrett Jr. of 33 Deerfield Drive and Joyce Griffin of East Hartford, has been named outstanding soldier in the quarter for Headquarters, U.S. Army Support Command. She is a personnel specialist at Fort Belvoir, Ill.

Phelps finishes gun class

Army Pvt. Matthew E. Phelps, son of James E. Phelps of 222 St. James St. and Christine M. Phelps of 149 Brantford St., has completed a Vulcan crewman course at U.S. Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Texas. The Vulcan is six-barrel gun mounted on an armored personnel carrier and is designed for anti-aircraft defense.

Navy promotes Gantner

Marine Lance Col. Amy Gantner, daughter of Holly G. Hunt of 138 High St., Coventry, has been promoted to her present rank while serving with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Futenma, on Okinawa. The 1983 East Catholic High School graduate joined the Marines in November 1983.

MacDonald commissioned

Navy Lt. J. Stephen E. MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. MacDonald of 138 McKee St., was commissioned to this rank while serving aboard the ammunition ship USS Butte, based in Earle, N.H. MacDonald graduated from East Catholic High School in 1972 and from Plymouth State College, Plymouth, N.H., in 1979. He joined the Navy in July 1982.

Bray at Guantanamo Bay

Marine Cpl. Stephen T. Bray, son of Pauline Frederick of 135 Pond Lane, has been granted to his present rank while serving at Marine Barracks, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. A 1981 graduate of Manchester High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1982.

Templeton gets award

Marine Lance Cpl. Scott J. Templeton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Templeton of 45 S. Alton St., has been awarded a Meritorious Most while serving with 3rd Force Support Group on Okinawa. His official recognition for superior performance is issued in the form of a bulletin published throughout the command. The 1981 Howell Cheney High School graduate joined the Marine Corps in July 1981.

Table with 2 columns: Rates, Read Your Ad. Includes sub-sections: Minimum Charge, Per Word, Happy Ads, Deadlines. Also includes 'Read Your Ad' section with instructions for classified advertisements.

NOTICES: LOST AND FOUND. FOUND - Hudson and Main Streets. Black and white cat, white paws and tummy, black nose. Very friendly, but I know belongs to someone. Please call 643-4251 after 5pm.

CELEBRITY CIPHER. "FN 80XV FK KMYCKOP LC HO KC DCCP NCM JCM, ECS ICAO LEQJ EGO LC YGJ JCM LC PC FL3 AFVO KCJVC." PREVIOUS SOLUTION: Journalism consists largely in saying, "Lord Jones died" to people who never knew Lord Jones was alive.

MEOW! Advertisement for a cat. Includes a cartoon illustration of a cat and a person.

HELP WANTED: EASY ASSEMBLY WORK. TRUCK MECHANIC WANTED. BABYSITTER NEEDED. XTRA MART CONVENIENCE STORE. CLERK - Process shipping and invoice documents.

HELP WANTED: HEAD CUSTODIAN WANTED FOR Windham High School. NEWSPAPER DEALER NEEDED in Manchester.

SALESPEROPLE WANTED. To work evenings 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with Herald carriers. Excellent income for the right people. Please contact Jeanne at 647-9946. Manchester Herald.

HELP WANTED: NURSE PRACTITIONER. PART TIME AND FULL TIME. HELP WANTED - Emergency Medical Technician. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

HELP WANTED: WAITRESS. GAS STATION ATTENDANT WANTED. RECEPTIONIST/TYPIST.

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS NEEDED in Manchester Area. List of streets: Main St, Lilac St, Judith St, Wetherall St, Woodland St, Joseph St, Keaney St, Hilliard St, Niles Dr, N. Main St, Frances St, McCabe St, Diana Dr, Stack St, Horace St, Hackmatack St, Trumbull St.

RENTALS: 41 ROOMS FOR RENT. CENTRAL LOCATION. 42 APARTMENTS FOR RENT. MANCHESTER - Available immediately.

RENTALS: TWO, THREE AND FIVE ROOM APARTMENTS. MANCHESTER VICINITY - Four room apartments.

Century 21 advertisement. Includes logo and contact information for real estate services.

LOOK FOR THE STARS... Look for the CLASSIFIED ADS with STARS; stars help you get better results. Put a star on your ad and see what a difference it makes. Telephone 643-2711, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

42 APARTMENTS FOR RENT. MANCHESTER - Lovely four room apartment, first floor, great location. USED REFRIGERATORS, WASHERS, RANGES - clean, guaranteed, parts and service.

66 MUSICAL ITEMS. ELECTRIC GUITAR - Gibson ES-335, 12 years old. EXCELLENT CONDITION. 1976 BUICK CENTURY 90 - Good condition. 1976 VEGA WAGON - No body rot, good tread, really clean.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MANCHESTER. NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF REVENUE. The second installment of taxes due on the Grand List of October 1, 1983 is due and payable during the month of January, 1984.

Tough to Beat! Local Manchester Sports. Daily in the Herald. Subscribe Today Call 647-9946.

51 SERVICES OFFERED. ODD JOBS. BRICKS, BLOCKS, STONE. MEN'S LIGHT BLUE SUIT - Concise fit. Like new. \$45. Call 649-4479.

67 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE. ANTIQUE BUREAU, Bed room vanity and cool rack. 1974 FIAT 128 SPORT. TIRE YOU WAITING FOR YOUR NEW HONDA?

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER. NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF REVENUE. The second installment of taxes due on the Grand List of October 1, 1983 is due and payable during the month of January, 1984.

67 MISCELLANEOUS AUTOMOTIVE. 1974 FIAT 128 SPORT. TIRE YOU WAITING FOR YOUR NEW HONDA?

62 PAINTING/PAPERING. PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING. CEILING REPAIR OR REPLACED WITH drywall.

63 BUILDING/CONTRACTING. FARRAND REMODELING - Cabinets, repairs, gutters, room additions, decks, all types of remodeling and repairs.

64 HOME AND GARDEN. LEON CIESZYNSKI BUILDER - New homes, additions, remodeling, rec rooms, garages, kitchens remodeled.

65 PETS. MANCHESTER DOG OBEEDIENCE CLASS - Starting a new beginner class January 7th.

66 FREE KITTENS - One all gray, one all white, Great Christmas gifts. COLLIE - Affectionate one year old female with papers for sale.

67 FREE RABBITS - One adult male, one adult female, 3 bunnies. AKC REGISTERED BLACK LABRADOR PUPPIES FOR SALE.

68 FREE RABBITS - One adult male, one adult female, 3 bunnies. AKC REGISTERED BLACK LABRADOR PUPPIES FOR SALE.

69 FREE RABBITS - One adult male, one adult female, 3 bunnies. AKC REGISTERED BLACK LABRADOR PUPPIES FOR SALE.

69 HEATING/PLUMBING. FOGARTY BROTHERS - Bathroom remodeling, installation water heaters, garbage disposals.

70 HEATING/PLUMBING. FOGARTY BROTHERS - Bathroom remodeling, installation water heaters, garbage disposals.

71 HEATING/PLUMBING. FOGARTY BROTHERS - Bathroom remodeling, installation water heaters, garbage disposals.

72 HEATING/PLUMBING. FOGARTY BROTHERS - Bathroom remodeling, installation water heaters, garbage disposals.

Manchester Herald advertisement. "Your Homeown Community Newspaper". Put the Herald Advertising To Work For You! CALL DISPLAY ADVERTISING 643-2711.