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British Spend Their Way Into Record-Bumper Yule

LONDON, Dec. 23 (UPI) — When Christmas Day dawns over the streets of London the church bells will be chiming "this is the happiest Christmas you have known." If the tinkle of cash registers is any guide this is exactly what it will be. To quote Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, Londoners "have never had it so good."

The national press echo this opinion of a bumper Christmas. Store keepers say spending is up five per cent compared with last Christmas. And all the money hasn't come from national savings either. It's money that's been carefully saved.

Carnival

There's a carnival atmosphere here, in spite of the bleak December weather. Swinging chandeliers and colored lights line the main shopping streets of Regent Street, and Oxford Street.

The Post Office expects to deliver 900,000,000 items of Chrisctmas mail. They outnumber the British population at something like 18 to 1.

It's quite a record, but Post Office officials say laconically they were expecting it.

Everyone's celebrating this year, no matter where they are. Even the men and women in jail. They mightn't be eating turkey, but they've got pork or lamb on the menu.

Iran, Iraq

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economy because it provides access to tanker berths at Abadan.

Iranians claim Iraq has been violating the 1948 agreement which, they say, fixed the frontier at midstream, but put maintenance, dredging, and suchlike into Iraqi hands.

In turn Iran is supposed to pay Iraq for shipping which uses the river from the gulf to Abadan.

Iraq is supposed to use these tolls to maintain the river in navigable condition.

Iranians say the Iraqis have done nothing on the upkeep of the river, but have instead spent payments on various domestic projects such as roads and other items unconnected with the river.

The frontier issue vaulted into the headlines last week when an Iraqi patrol fired on Iranian sailors and civilians.

Barrier Removed

The Italian government of Premier Antonio Segni yesterday authorized the use of the German language in all penal and civil legal proceedings in the Alto Adige (Italian South Tyrol).

Red China's 5 U.S. Prisoners Face Lonely Yule

HONG KONG, Dec. 23 (AP) — This will be a lonely and silent Christmas for five American prisoners still in Communist China.

Christmas cards from home may provide the only Yuletide touch to set the day off the thousands of days they have served and have yet to serve.

No Luxuries

The modest Red Cross parcels they receive will concentrate as always on basic necessities. They have no room for Christmas luxuries.

Even gaily colored Christmas wrappings may be suspect, or cause complications or delay.

This will be the eighth Christmas behind Red China's prison bars for John T. Downey of New Britain, Conn. and Richard Fecteau of Lynn, Mass., Army civilian employees sentenced to life imprisonment and 20 years respectively on charges of espionage.

It will be the ninth Christmas in jail for Robert McCann of Altadena, Calif., and Hugh F. Redmond Jr. of Yonkers, N.Y., American businessmen serving terms of 15 years and life imprisonment respectively on similar charges.

Roman Catholic Bishop James E. Walsh of Cumberland, Md. has been held incommunicado since October, 1958, on unspecified charges.

These five Americans will probably spend most of this Christmas Day reading, with one hour out for exercise.

As far as can be ascertained, that is the routine they follow every day, and as far as the Chinese Communists are concerned Christmas Day is just another day.

Shares Cell

Downey shares a cell with two Chinese Communist prisoners and the Chinese Communists do not celebrate Christmas.

Fecteau is in the same Peiping prison as Downey but they rarely meet.

No gay packages from home can penetrate the Bamboo Curtain.

Nehru

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bindranath's Tagore's rural university.

"It is not a temporary matter. If we do not prepare ourselves and (instead) relax we shall prove ourselves unequal to what is epected of us."

The Prime Minister said that the border trouble is "serious." He added that he had received a number of resolutions, some written in blood, from Indian students offering to go to the border to defend India against aggression.

The best thing the students could no now, Nehru said, is to prepare themselves for challenges at the border and make themselves physically fit for duty at altitudes between 10,000 and 18,000 feet.

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TEATRO DELL'OPERA — Opera season: opening with "Un Ballo in Maschera," by Verdi; Gabriele Santini, conductor; Saturday night at 9.

AUDITORIO, 4 Via della Conciliazione — Symphony concert by the Santa Cecilia Academy Orchestra; Sergiu Celibidache, conductor; Dec. 30.

CIRCUS

VIALE TRASTEVERE — Orfei Circus; every day at 4 and 9 p.m.

EXHIBITS

PALAZZO VENEZIA — French Drawing from Fouquet to Toulouse-Lautrec. Through Feb. 14.

PALAZZO BARBERINI, Via Quattro Fontane — Watercolors, drawings and paintings by Oscar Kokoschka. Hours: 10-12, 4:30-8. Through January.

OBELISCO GALLERY, 146 Via Sistina — Works from the Italian collection of Mr and Mrs Laurance P. Roberts. Hours: 11-8.

VIAVENETO 23 GALLERY, 21-23 Via Veneto — Paintings and drawings by Pietro Annigoni.

ODYSSIA GALLERY, 36/c Via Liguria — Sculpture by Francesco Somaini.

APPUNTO GALLERY, 46 Via Gregoriana — Group show of American and Italian artists living in Rome.

LA TARTARUGA, 196 Via del Babuino — Paintings by Mario Mafai. Hours: 12-1, 4:30-8. Through December.

LA MEDUSA, 124 Via del Babuino — Eighteen Italian Artists.

TORO SEDUTO, 169 Via del Babuino — Paintings by American artist Leonard Creo. Through Sunday.

LA FELUCA, 38 Via Frattina — Paintings by Egyptian artist Amal Matouk. Hours: 11-1, 6-8; closed Sundays.

IL SEGNO, 4 Via Capo le Case — Paintings by Emilio Vedova. Last day.

A CASSAPANCA, 107/a Via del Babuino — Paintings by Spartaco Zianna. Through Dec. 28.

GALLERIA RUSSO, 1-a Piazza di Spagna — Paintings by Fausto Pirandello. Last day.

FILMS

In English:

ARCHIMEDE, 71 Via Archimede — "On The Beach," with Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner and Fred Astaire. Today at 4:30, 7:20, 10 p.m.

FIAMMETTA, 3 Via San Nicolò da Tolentino — "The Horse Soldiers," with John Wayne, William Holden. Today at 5:30, 7:45, 10 p.m.

In Italian:

ADRIANO, Piazza Cavour — "Soldati a Cavallo" (also at the Galleria, New York).

ARISTON, 15 Via Cicerone — "They Came to Cordura."

BARBERINI, Piazza Barberini — "Ferdinando I, Re di Napoli."

CAPITOL, Palazzo di Vetro — "The FBI Story."

CORSO, Piazza S. Lorenzo in Lucina — "Audace Colpo dei Soliti Ignoti."

FIAMMA, Via Bissolati — "On the Beach."

In Other Cities

In Bologna:

TEATRO COMUNALE — Opera season: "Andrea Chénier," by Giordano; Angelo Questa, conductor; Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

In Milan:

TEATRO ALLA SCALA — Opera season: "Otello," by Verdi; Antonino Votto, conductor; Saturday afternoon.

In Naples:

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