

Jesus was born in a manger. With the angels looking at him. Mary was his mother. Joseph was his father. And that was a bright bright star way way up in the sky. It was over the roof rite abuv baby Jesus in the east the wisemen saw the star. They followed the star to bethlehem. There they found baby Jesus in the manger. They brot him gifts. And that were shepherds looking after that sheep. All at wons that was an angle. The shepherds were afraid. But the angle said do not be afraid for I bring you good titeings of great joye in the sitty of David. That is a Savyar who is Christ the lord. and then that was a maltutond of the hevenly hostes prasing God and Saing glory to God on hiye and to erth pees good will to mene. The shepherds went to Bethlehem.

CHILD'S VERSION OF CHRISTMAS STORY - Lori Stertz, 8, a second grader in her school at Berlin, Wis., may be a wee bit weak on spelling, but her story-telling ability rates a passing grade. She turned in this account of Christmas to her teacher, Mrs. Inez Teske. (AP Wirephoto)

Christmas - - A Time Apart

By JAN VINSON Press Staff Writer As the shadows of this particular day lengthen into evening, a peculiar transformation is likely to occur, a temporary alteration in the chemistry of many men's souls. An aura of goodwill is apt to settle over us like a gentle snowfall and surely there will be extra warmth in the parting handclasp. In a few hours, the shimmering fairyland of lights that has glowed amidst the noisy throngs of holiday shoppers will twinkle over a silent market place as thinning crowds hurry through a cold December night to the warmth of home and hearth. It has always been a time apart... this eve of Christmas. Doubtless, people again will struggle to turn aside for a time the numbing effects of a cold, impersonal age of technology as they happily give themselves over to the comfort of tradition and the opiate of Yuletide joviality. For some, it will be difficult to reconcile the sentiments of the season with the nature of man, who continues to stumble through history with his virtues crumbling and his vices ever intact. The evils and injustices tolerated from one generation to the next forge the links in an awesome chain, which like Marley, we seem eternally destined to bear upon our collective conscience. And so, pessimistic and unable to perceive any profound meaning in Christmas, many people will party themselves into oblivion and others, less pessimistic but equally blind, will

turn from the imperfection of men, look into the innocent expectant faces of the young and pronounce... "Christmas is for children." But that is only partially true. It is natural for the world-weary aged to look upon the eager, untarnished countenance of youth as the embodiment of all that is good and as the best hope for a new and better future. Yet in time, these same children must mourn the passing of their own innocence and join the rest of mankind in pondering the sanity of an annual Christmas spirit in the midst of everlasting strife and chaos. While the problem remains from one generation to the next, so does the probable answer. Some claim that the answer can be found by pausing once a year to look with special gratitude - beyond men's folly, beyond the centuries of accumulated holiday trappings - to that extraordinary night nearly 2,000 years ago when the Creator of the Infinite Universe became man to show us the ultimate answer... how to love, and live. Without that particular child at its core, Christmas is reduced to another bacchanalia. Perhaps one year, Christians will stop grumbling about the state of the human race, start putting Christ back into Christmas and help illuminate a dark world all the year by living His lessons in love. It would make a great gift for us all... and tonight would be a fine beginning. Shalom.

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Even the apartment house inhabitant in Milwaukee finds himself among the nation's most heavily taxed individuals, the Institute of Real Estate Management calculated Wednesday. A study conducted for Congress by the District of Columbia estimated last week that Milwaukee residents pay more state and local taxes than residents of any of the nation's 25 other largest cities. Persons who rent rooms and apartments in Milwaukee might think they escape this fate. But it isn't so, said the institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. The institute said its studies show 23.3 per cent of gross income from low-rise Milwaukee rental apartments, having 12-25 units, helps pay property tax. The statistic in the report was compared with 13.7 per cent in Indianapolis, 11.9 per cent in Cincinnati, 27.4 per cent in Minneapolis-St. Paul, 23.6 per cent in Boston and 20.9 per cent in Chicago. The national average was listed as 18.2 per cent with northern cities averaging 19.8 per cent. The report involves 1,852 buildings in 125 U.S. and Canadian cities. Last year's report, geared to 1968 data, ranked Milwaukee No. 2 behind Boston's 23 per cent. John Ogdon, the Milwaukee spokesman for the reporting committee, said the current report is based on 1969 figures, and that the 1970 "apartment building income-expense analysis" prepared by the institute indicates Milwaukee is even closer to being No. 1. Milwaukee officials have complained for years about what they call a deaf state legislative ear toward their appeals for more state and federal assistance to meet increased municipal costs which property taxes have to support. The Washington, D.C., report declared a typical Milwaukee taxpayer with an unemployed wife, with two children, an annual income of \$10,000 and a home worth \$25,000 shells out \$1,586 a year in non-federal taxes compared with \$1,341 in Boston, \$756 in Los Angeles or only \$425 in Dallas. Now the institute's report delves even into garden apartments, saying 23 per cent of Milwaukee average rentals in that category go for real estate tax compared with 13.6 per cent in Kansas City, 16.2 per cent in

Increased Tax On Insurance Premiums OK'd

MADISON (AP) - The Legislative Joint Finance Committee endorsed Wednesday a tax increase on insurance premiums that could bring the state an additional \$2 million per year. The proposal levies a tax of 1/2 per cent on premiums that currently escape the 2 per cent tax paid by some firms. Mostly affected would be firms that place no profits on the policies they write - such as "fraternal" and "blue" plans. The endorsement, which will now be forwarded to the Legislative Council, would bring in about \$1.1 million from health and annuity plans, \$711,000 from mutual insurance policies, and \$96,000 from the fraternal.

\$1.3 Billion For All-Volunteer Force In 1971 Defense Budget

By FRED S. HOFFMAN WASHINGTON (AP) - Next year's defense budget will include about \$1.3 billion to move toward a hoped-for all-volunteer armed force by mid-1973, Pentagon sources say. While austerity will be applied in many areas of the military establishment, the Pentagon leadership is inclined to be liberal in supporting measures designed to lure young men to military life. About \$500 million in the new budget would finance a 20 per cent salary increase for the lowest ranked enlisted men. Another \$800 million would be spent on a variety of plans ranging from revitalizing recruiting to providing special pay for service in the combat arms, sources said. The money requested will be bound up in the budget President Nixon will send to the new Congress early in 1971. The Army faces the most demanding job in planning for the switch to an all-volunteer force

because it is largely draft based. The Air Force, Navy and Marines draw their strength from volunteer enlistees. An inkling of the problem facing the Pentagon can be found in recent statistics showing reenlistment and ROTC enrollment have fallen to their lowest levels in decades. Army planners hope to be able to spend as much as \$125 million next year in trying out a new approach to persuading young men to enlist specifically in the infantry, artillery and armor branches. Experience has shown, officers said, that only about 4 per cent of the young men who enlist ask to be assigned to the combat arms. The Army is considering offering a \$150 a month special allotment to men who enlist in the infantry and successfully pass through training. Volunteer artillery men and tankers would draw \$100 a month in special pay. Army authorities intend also to put on an intensive expansion of their recruiting effort, including outlays of perhaps \$20 million a year to buy prime TV and radio time recruiting commercials. Right now, the services get public service recruiting spots, but most of these are shown in odd hours. Army officials also are planning to increase the size of their recruiting force and to train recruiting sergeants to go out into the high schools and before citizens groups to stimulate youth interest in regular military service. Business losses from voluntarism are estimated at more than 800 million dollars a year.

Earthquake At Sea: A Highlight Of A 'Relaxing' Pacific Cruise

By JIM DYKSTRA Press Staff Writer Elmer Tagge has a lot of souvenirs and a lot of memories from the 59-day Pacific cruise he completed last week. He's got a Mayan rug made of alpaca, stone from an Inca temple, dresses and hats made by natives of Pacific islands, a hula skirt worn during a ceremonial dance - and recollections of being aboard ship in the middle of earth tremors which tossed the ship into the air and killed one man. All in all, it was an exciting trip for the retired heavy construction-contractor whose doctor prescribed the excursion, for relaxation following his wife's death. Tagge, along with 338 other passengers and 335 crew members, left New York on Oct. 20 aboard the Norwegian-American Line's "Bergensfjord" with plans of visiting 17 ports. They docked first at the Everglades, then went through the Panama Canal and as far as New Zealand, stopping at a number of island groups. Some of the islands hadn't been visited in two years or more, Tagge said, and the simplicity of the natives' lives was appealing. "If I could do it again, I'd hire a boat and live there with them," he said. "It is a wonderful life they're leading." On one island he met a girl about 19 for whom he secured some clothes from women aboard ship. There were tears in her eyes at the extension of friendship of an American, he said. Another girl Tagge met in Peru may have saved him from being tossed into jail. Arrest In Peru It was after he'd broken a chunk of adobe clay from an Inca temple. He was arrested by Communist guards for the of

generators on the ship ceased to function and lights went out. "It was terrible - everybody yelling and that - and with no more engine noise," Tagge said. "And the water was just boiling up - there were no more waves." Then came a massive tidal wave which tipped the ship and nearly submerged it before it finally began to right itself. During the course of the 11 minute tremors, the ship was turned completely around. In the wake of the quake, big red SOS flares indicated that other ships in the area were in similar distress. One ship sank because of the tumult. The big diesels and generator plant on the Bergensfjord were dead, and it wasn't until 2 a.m. that the first engine was again started. "Then all of a sudden in one passageway, a string of lights went on," Tagge said. "It really made you feel good." Green Bay Casualty At 4 a.m. hot coffee was provided for everyone and by eight the other diesel was working and contact was made with other ships and the Bergensfjord's agent. Those aboard considered themselves fortunate at having survived the night. A man from Green Bay was the only casualty. The ship was listing and held at eight knots an hour before finally limping into Panama. The slow speed was required because of damage to the ship's stabilizers. There was then a 13-hour trip through the Panama Canal and



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