













**Trouble Lewis Began May Mean Difficulty For All U. S. Unions**

By JAMES MARLOW  
WASHINGTON (AP)—John L. Lewis' troubles are just beginning. But the trouble he started may mean trouble for all organized labor.

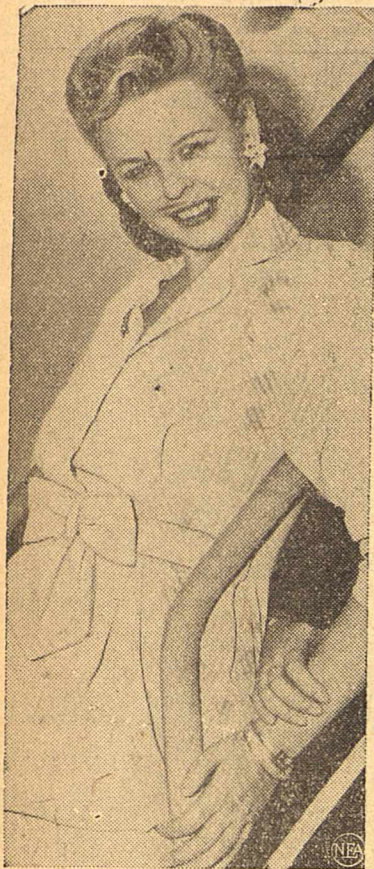
1. If the Supreme Court upholds the lower court in fining Lewis and his union for contempt in letting the strike occur then—  
He and the union will have to pay the fine: Lewis, \$10,000; the union, \$3,500,000.

2. In the past Lewis always had a big stick—the threat of a strike—when he sat down to bargain with the mine owners. And he called strikes to get what he wanted.  
This time—because he's told the miners to work until March 31, 1947—he's given the owners almost four months in which to haggle with him and wear him ragged without fear of a strike. And—  
3. Within those four months Congress may act to cripple Lewis. Congress comes back January 3. Full of talk about curbing labor.  
By telling the miners to work until March 31, Lewis intended to make another strike like this one impossible.

4. In addition to passing on the lower court judge's right to fine Lewis for not obeying the judge's no-strike order, the Supreme Court also may decide whether the judge had a right to issue the order.  
Affected By Court Decision  
All labor might be affected if the high court should decide something like this: That the government can get a court order to prevent a strike which it says might hurt the public interest.  
The high court may not do this. It would be a startling and momentous step for—  
If the government got such an okay, it might think it had the right in the future to stop any kind of strike on the same grounds. Protection of public interest.  
Lewis gave some reasons for ending the strike, but not these, although he may have had them in mind:

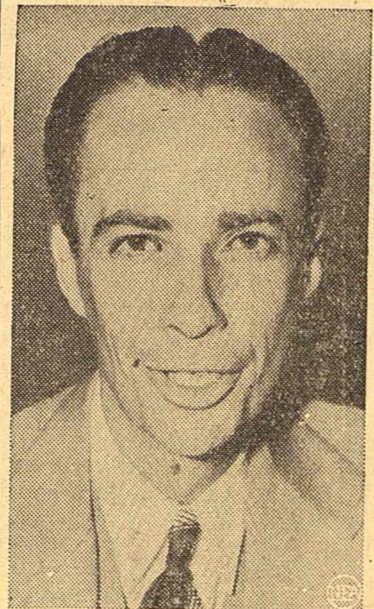
1. If he'd waited longer, he might have been ruined as a leader.  
2. If he'd waited longer, his union might have been wrecked.  
Lewis Left Self Open  
What Lewis told the miners—his reason for sending them back to work—was this: He wanted to leave the Supreme Court, while reaching a decision, free from the pressure of the "Hysteria and frenzy of an economic crisis."  
But Lewis left himself wide open to one question when, in further explaining why he sent them back to work, Lewis told the miners:  
"In addition, public necessity requires the quantitative production of coal during such a period (while the high court was deciding)."  
Why didn't he think of the need for coal before Saturday, before he called the strike in November?

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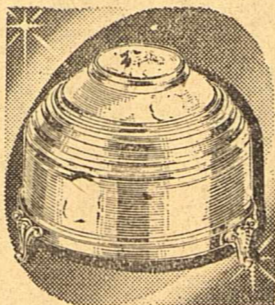


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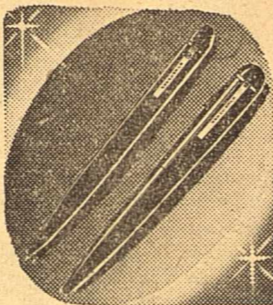
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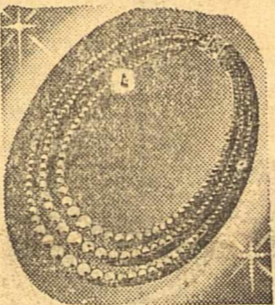
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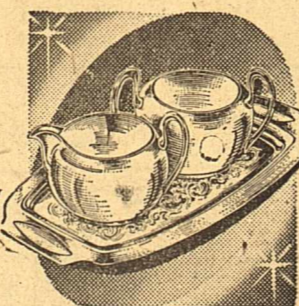
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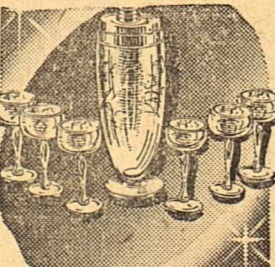
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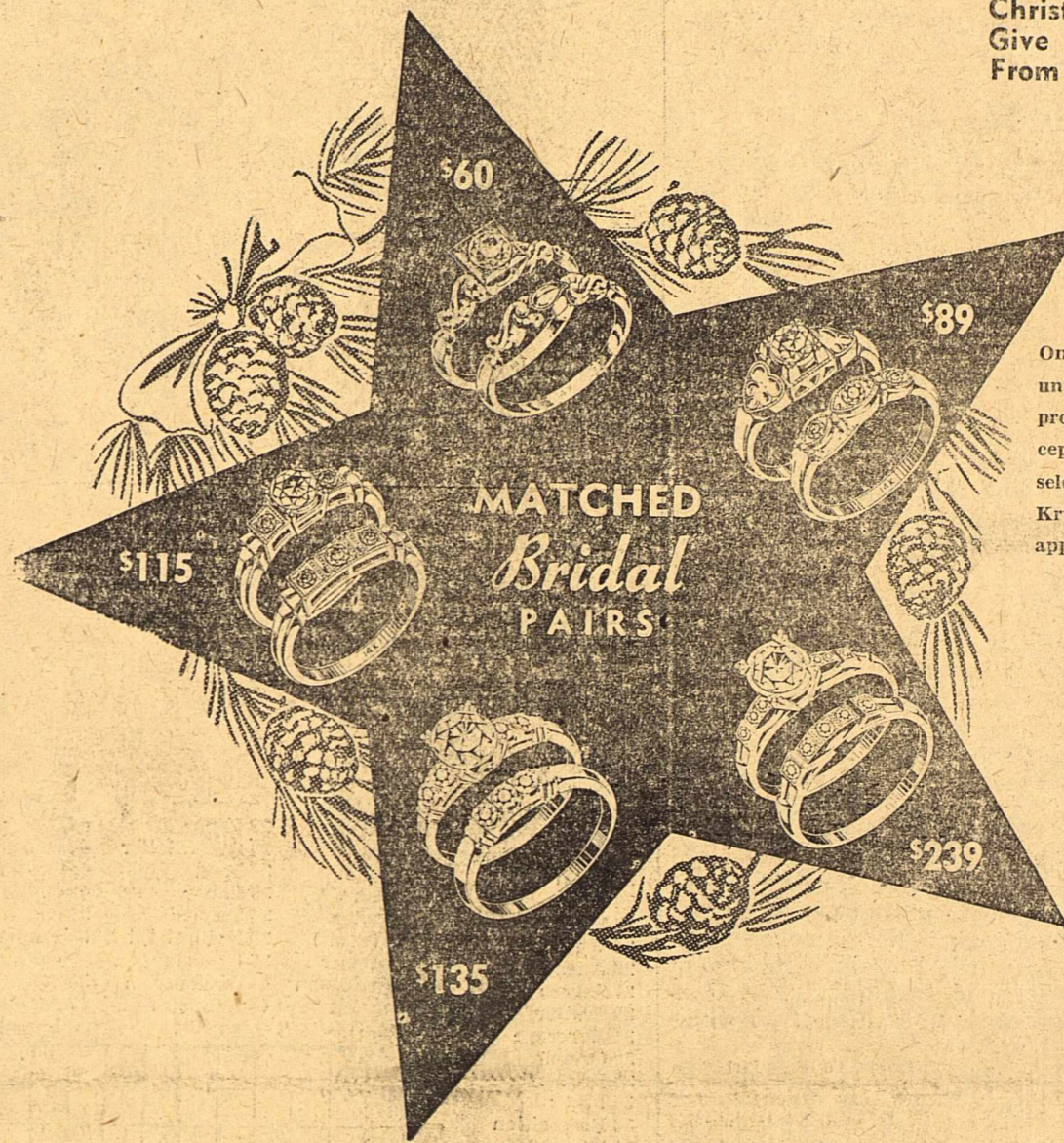
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# America's Longest Vehicular Tunnel Is Being Built 100 Feet Beneath East River

By BERT BRANDT  
NEA Staff Correspondent  
NEW YORK (NEA)—Almost 100 feet beneath New York's murky East River, a crew of courageous workmen are drilling, hallowing and blasting. Their goal is the completion in 1947 or early 1948 of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel—the longest underground highway in America.

Two years from now the 9,117-foot, two-way tunnel will be pack-

ed with a yearly traffic of 16,000,000 cars; but today the 24-high passageway is a mysterious cavern lit by naked, mist-shrouded light bulbs and populated by human moles. What tomorrow will be a paved, two-lane highway today is only a swamp-like, muddy trail down which a narrow-gauge railroad carries crushed stone and debris.

After three years of Europe and war, I thought I was prepared for anything. But I had not reckoned

on the eerie, sub-surface world where men fight grim battles against nature, to which I was taken by Chief Inspector John McTernan, a veteran of 31 years of tunnel digging.

**80 Feet Underground**  
From the crisp November morning, we dropped 80 feet in an open mine-cage elevator to the damp quiet of the tunnel mouth. There we walked through a cast-iron decompression chamber—used when the diggers work under pressure—into the dimly-lit tunnel. An electric railroad was dumping mud and rock, excavated 2,000 feet away, to be hauled to the surface.

In a heavy raincoat, a bakelite helmet to protect my head from falling rock, and rubber boots, I followed McTernan down the track, my feet squishing and squashing in the muck. A chain of overhead light bulbs dotted the length of the cavern until they disappeared in the heavy fog and mist.

Our words, muffled and dull, died away abruptly after we spoke. There was no echo in the almost mile-long tunnel. To make conversation, I nervously asked McTernan if there had been any dangerous incidents in this subterranean world. "Oh, no," he replied. "Only once or twice we had cave-ins or a fire. But we always got out O. K."

Just then a stream of water gushed down through a tiny fissure in the rough stone ceiling, and we jumped aside. I realized then that not so far above us was the roaring river, cutting against its bed.

At the "face" of the tunnel, a



Human moles: Sandhogs at work make this eerie picture as they shovel rock and muck, which has been blasted from the face of the Brooklyn-Battery tunnel, into "mucking machine".

wooden scaffolding held two drillers who were boring into the solid rock. The drill made an explosive clattering as it bit into the stone. Drillers, I was told, earned \$1.75 per hour, while their helpers got \$1.50. Ordinary laborers receive \$1.40, electricians \$2.00 and trainmen \$1.87.

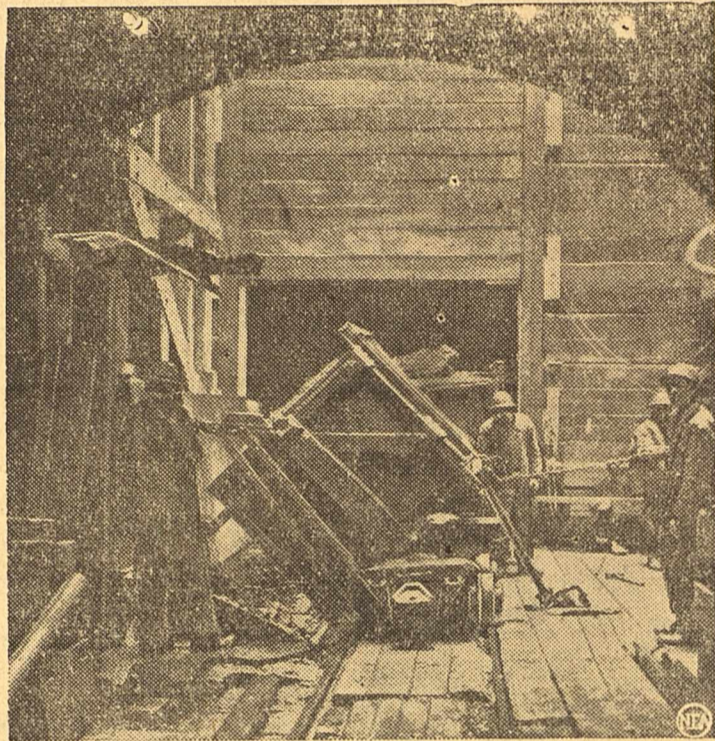
But when they hit muck and mud, the air pressure is turned

on, forcing the moisture back into the ground and making drilling easier. Then men can work a few hours without rest, constantly gulping hot coffee to maintain their body temperatures. At the peak of pressure, laborers work 1 1/2 hours with 4 1/2 hours off. And with every pound of pressure increase, the workman's wages increase.

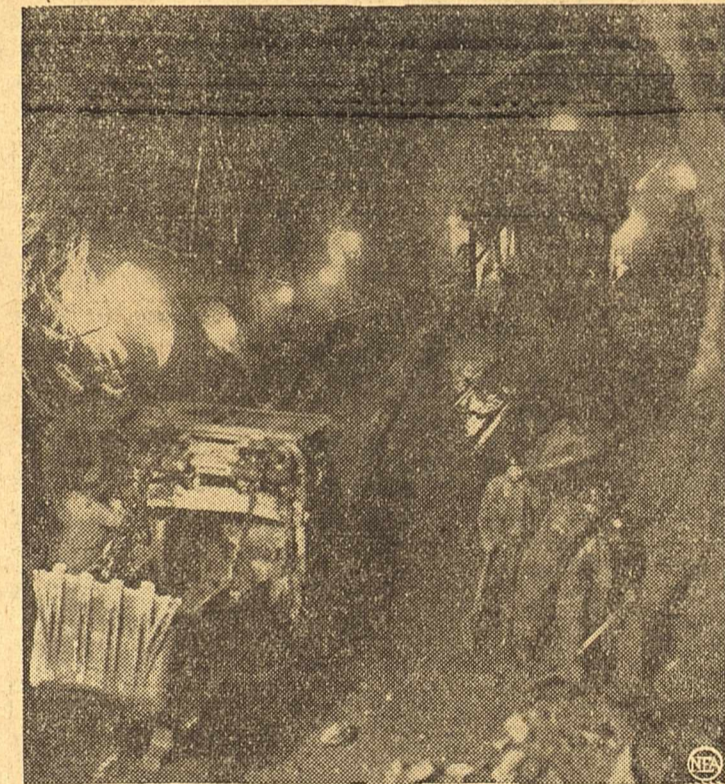
The fog was so thick I had to wipe off both sides of my lens. My camera is still rusty. To get my pictures, I used three flash bulbs at a time, angling the lights from

the sides to pierce the gloom, and set the lens opening at f5.6. Exposures time ran from 1/50th of a second to 3 seconds.

There are still 1300 feet of rock unboried, but drillers are moving ahead at the daily rate of 20 feet. The "pilot tunnel," the rough channel itself, is 24x24 feet, and it will later be enlarged to the final tunnel dimensions of 32x32 feet. A cast-iron shield will hold back the rocks and the river. A cement coating will cover the shield. Then the tunnel will be ready for traffic.



Underground railroad: A carload of excavated rock is dumped at the shaft bottom on the Manhattan end of the New York-Brooklyn tunnel. Conveyor belts carry the rubble to street 80 feet above.



Muck and gloom: Naked electric lights barely pierce fog of the tunnel. "Mucking machine" in foreground loads conveyor cars; big machine in background lifts one car over another, leap-frog fashion, so they can pass on single-track, narrow-gauge railroad.



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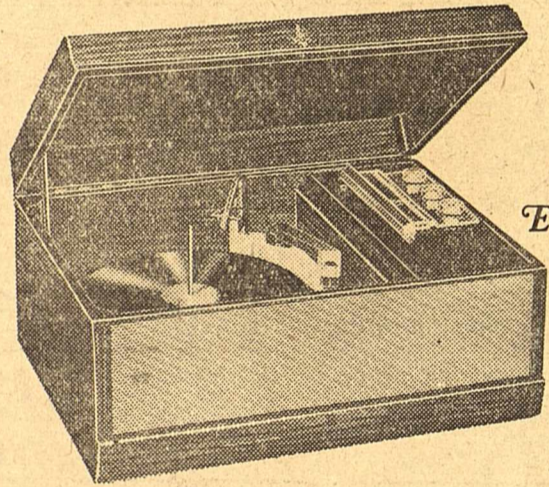
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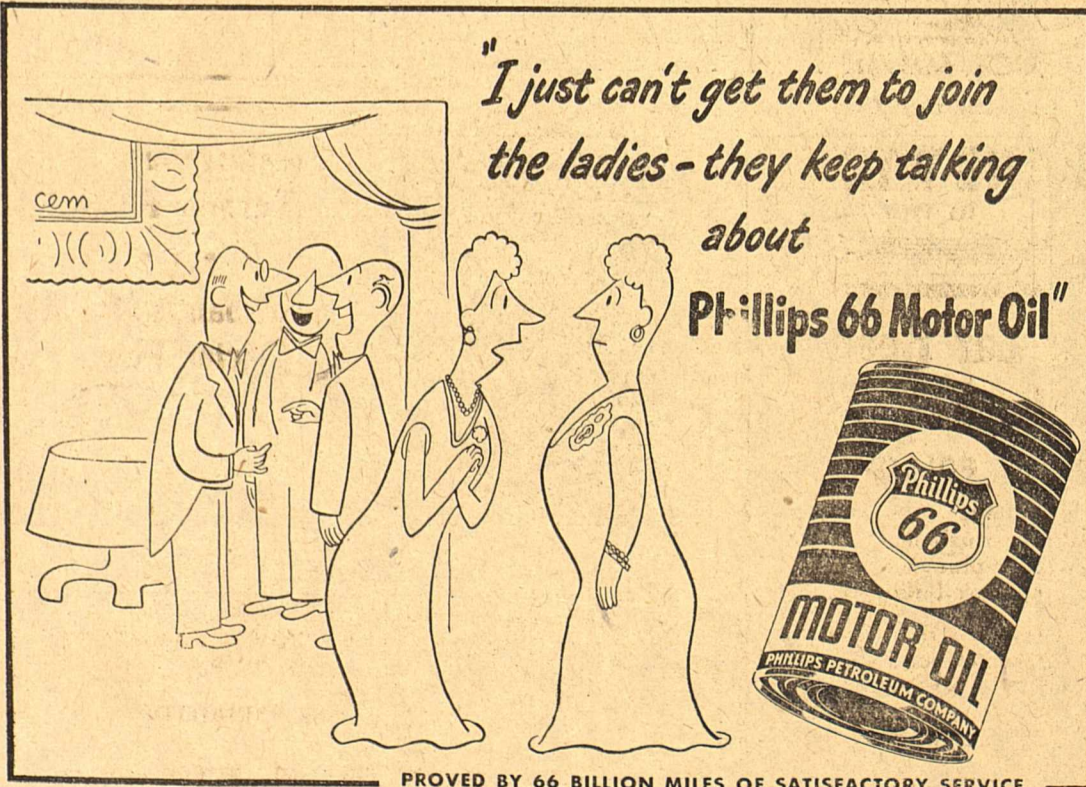
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**ELECTED ZIONIST PRESIDENT**  
BASEL, SWITZERLAND —(P)— Doctor Chaim Weizmann of London was elected chairman of the 22nd World Zionist Congress Tuesday. Weizmann received 191 votes. Forty-eight votes were cast against Weizmann and 60 did not vote. Weizmann was the only nominee.

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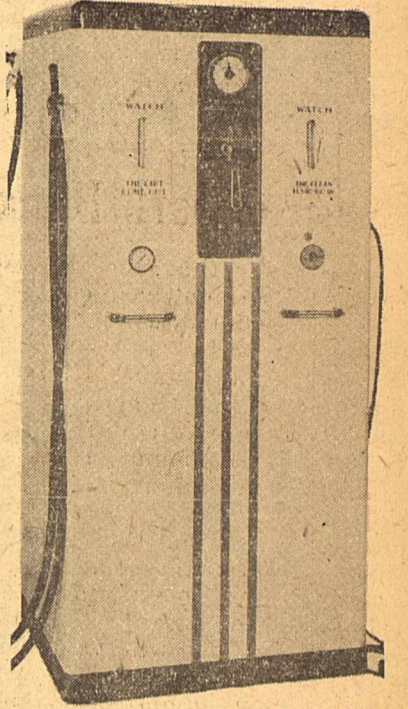
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## Second Tryouts For Radio Play Parts Scheduled

The second tryouts for parts in the Community Theater's radio play, to be broadcast from the stage of the City-County Auditorium Sunday, December 22, will be held in the auditorium at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

The presentation of Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol" will be the feature of an hour-long broadcast over KCRS from 4 to 5 p. m. on the Sunday before Christmas.

Recordings will be made of the voices of those trying out for parts Wednesday night. Twenty persons tried out last week, but no castings will be made until after Wednesday's meeting.

Director Art Cole pointed out that a number of additional male voices are needed.

Organizations wishing to present choral numbers, skits or readings on the program are asked to attend the meeting.

The presentation will be the Community Theater's last major production of the year.

The program will be free and the public will be invited to watch the broadcast.

The plateau at the South Pole is 8,500 feet above sea level.

## 'Flea Market': Inflation Comes Even To Paris Second-Hand Mecca



Scarcities have made a seller's market of the famed Parisian "Flea Market," but the buyers still are finicky about what they hope will be bargains, whether it's a gun, a painting, or an old fiddle.

By ROSETTE HARGROVE PARIS (NEA)—The days of Paris' picturesque "Flea Market" are numbered. No longer is it a place where dealers and collectors can rummage among the incredible bric-a-brac dumped into packing-box stalls and turn up rare antiques, or an occasional genuine Rembrandt or a Rembrandt for a song.

The world's shortages have made the "Flea Market" a seller's market. Dealers refuse to bargain; they fix their prices and are content to wait because they know that eventually a customer will pay what they ask. They have learned to evaluate their "junk." Prices are high, sometimes even higher than those asked in regular shops.

Syndicates control most of the dealers. Rentals for the "stands" run as high as 15,000 francs a month—nearly \$125.

Seventy years ago the area where the Flea Market now stands was a wasteland within the city, inhabited only by rag-pickers living in miserable hovels. These scavengers sorted the odds and ends of the city's trash cans and eked out a bare existence selling the pieces of junk they retrieved to the poor. A few second-hand dealers began coming to the district to buy. Finally a Parisian named Robert Ver-

naison built some wooden shacks that he rented to the more prosperous dealers.

Today the Flea Market operates only over the three-day weekend. During the rest of the week the dealers comb the provinces for attractive remnants which are the market's stock in trade. Once all they found was sold in the market's stands. Today any item of value finds its way directly into the more swank antique shops.

"With the present scarcity of household goods—old and new—and the tremendous rise in values, many of the dealers have stocks valued at thousands of dollars," says Rene Antoine, assistant to the mayor of the district.

Demand for stands has increased a thousand-fold. Since the liberation the municipality has received more than 2,500 requests for stands that it has been unable to fill. Antoine says. Fortunate possessors of the stands available sometimes sublet three or four feet of their holdings to smaller dealers.

Despite municipal supervision, the Flea Market even today is a hangout for thieves and fences, card-sharps and black market dealers.

That is probably the reason why the city has decided, despite the

tourist attraction of the market, to reduce its size and purge it of the undesirable. By next year bulldozers will sweep most of the area clean. Over the old market Paris will build a school, a playground and more respectable covered stalls.

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## Midland Churches Set Up Decorations To Carry Out Story Of Christmas

Several Midland churches have set up Christmas decorations, and others have planned elaborate outdoor pictorials and scenes for the Christmas season.

Already in operation are Christmas lights decorating the steeple and front of the First Methodist Church, Main and Illinois Streets.

The First Christian Church, 215 North Lorraine Street, has lighted a scene showing the Ascension of Christ following the crucifixion. The children's department will be decorated with a Christmas tree.

**Scene On Church Roof**  
The First Baptist Church, Main and Illinois Streets, will build an outdoor screen on which slides of the masterpieces of art depicting the story of Christmas will be shown. Beginning Friday at 6:30 p. m., 40 pictures will be flashed upon the screen, each one about two minutes. The complete set of pictures will be shown twice each night until Christmas.

The First Presbyterian Church, West Texas and A Streets, will

erect on the roof of the church, a scene showing the city of Bethlehem and the star which led the wise men to the city. The pictorial will be lighted with appropriate illumination beginning the night of December 18.

The Assembly of God Church, 510 South Baird Street, will set up a Christmas tree indoors and the altar will be decorated with the lettering "Peace on Earth, Good Will To Men." Evergreen branches and lights will form chains across the church.

The Trinity Episcopal Church, H and Illinois Streets, will decorate with greenery and special lights for a midnight service on Christmas Eve.

St. George's Catholic Church, East Texas Street, will display the scene of the Christ in his crib with the three wise men, the shepherds, Joseph and Mary.

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