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BIRTHS
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ECONOMIC AID FOR ASIAN PEOPLES

FOR good reasons, the Federal Government's decision to contribute £31,250,000 in economic aid to south-east Asian countries during the next six years, in addition to taking part in a programme of technical assistance, merits general approval.

Appointed To Seek A Truce



PEACE COMMITTEES—Three men named to a United Nations Assembly Committee to seek a truce in the Korean fighting were photographed in New York. Seen here, they are (L. to R.): Mr. Lester Pearson (Canada), Nasrallah Entezam, of Iran, and Sir Benegal Rau, of India. They were named after the Assembly voted to approve an Asian-Arab plan for a cease fire.

Does China Want Peace? General Wu's Behaviour at United Nations

When General Wu Hsiu-chuan, the Chinese Communist delegate to the United Nations boarded his aircraft on his return to Peking this week, he left behind the impression that he had no intention of giving strong personal support to any peace recommendations when reporting to his chief—Mao Tse-tung.

ANY DELEGATES believed that the only real objective of the Chinese delegate and his assistants in coming to Lake Success was to advance the cause of Communism, to frustrate the United Nations and to take back over a ton of radio electronic devices, gadgets, and technical atomic literature which is obviously in short supply in Peking.

Defiant Voice
During the entire 25 days of his stay at the United Nations Council table, delivered in a shrill, defiant voice, disclosed any sincerity in his close to Western nations which honored their proposals.

Wu Unbending
The unrelenting attitude of General Wu and his comrades whenever the Korean crisis came up for discussion had, in effect, galvanised the Assembly into action.

Acheson Plan
The Assembly, during its session, had carried out the United Nations several steps further along the road towards being an effective international organization.

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MARRIAGES

Ruby Weddings
Mrs. F. J. Brown, 74 Campbell-street, Melbourne, celebrated the ruby anniversary of her marriage to Mr. J. Brown, 74 Campbell-street, Melbourne, on December 22, 1910.

DEATHS

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HOLIDAY DIFFICULTIES FOR HOUSEHOLDERS

AS the Christmas and New Year holiday season approaches, a curious trend, not in accord with the spirit of the occasion, becomes intensified.

There appears an extraordinary lack of the sense of obligation toward their customers on the part of many people who depend for their livelihood upon the services they normally provide during the rest of the year.

To the housewife Christmas time is becoming a period in which an effort must be made to provide good fare at a time of stunted supplies and services.

Although large numbers of people will be going to beach and hillside, Christmas and New Year, happily, are still for many occasions for family reunions in the home.

At this time of the year there is always an exodus, but there remains a substantial body of people whose duties, even over the holiday period, take them into the city.

Of course, it is desirable that as many people as reasonably can should have the Christmas break. There comes a point, however, where those who supply social services should consider the community needs even at the cost of some little personal inconvenience.

400 Happy Children at Holiday Camp
Four hundred boys and girls are enjoying a holiday at a great, happy family at the Lord Mayor's Camp for country children at Portsea.

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Letters to the Editor Publishing Songs of Australia
Sir,—Music lovers were enthusiastic over the programme presented by the composers and song writers' group of the Bread and Cheese Club in the Assembly Hall recently.

Accidents on the Highway
IT SEEMS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE to type of motor driver to avoid accidents. It is a problem throughout the world, and in Australia it is no exception.

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