

Big AF Cargo Plane Is Used By Santa To Reach Alaskan Village In Arctic

ARCTIC VILLAGE, Alaska (AP) — The C130 Air Force cargo plane — its drone echoing off a long-barren, snow-capped mountain ridge — made three rumbling passes over a nearby frozen lake.

Below, parka-clad old women and red-cheeked children, giggling with excitement, huddled close to a roaring bonfire to keep warm.

On the third pass, a handful of paratroopers — clad in red jump suits, one of them wearing a white beard — dropped from the belly of the big plane.

On the way down, the airmen shouted, "Merry Christmas," but their voices were lost in the 40-below-zero temperatures that gripped this isolated corner of Alaska where caribou outnumber the Astabascan Indian inhabitants.

Christmas had come to Arctic Village, 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle and 75 miles from the nearest community.

Santa Claus came five days early, forsaking his sleigh for a C130. It was the shortest day of the year, when the moon shines brightly at noon and daylight comes and goes in a few hours.

The occasion was the eighth Christmas mission to the village by members of the 17th Tactical Air Lift Squadron from Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage.

The plane lumbered in for a landing on the frozen lake, where airmen were greeted by nearly all of the 103 villagers as they unloaded 7,300 pounds of toys, clothes and food donated by Anchorage merchants. When the presents had been passed out, the entourage traveled by snow machine and dog sleds the mile to the village for a buffet lunch in the community hall.

Despite his heavy arctic gear, Santa Claus suffered a frostbitten ear, but the kids didn't seem to notice.

TODAY In History

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, Dec. 27, the 362nd day of 1972. There are four days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1949, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed an act granting sovereignty to Indonesia after nearly 350 years of Dutch rule.

On this date: In 1571, the pioneer German astronomer, Johannes Kepler, was born in Wurttemberg.

In 1822, the scientist known as the founder of preventive medicine, Louis Pasteur, was born in the French city of Dole.

In 1900, Prohibitionist Carrie Nation staged her first raid on a saloon, smashing bottles at a bar in Wichita, Kan.

In 1944, in World War II, an American tank column smashed across the German bulge in Belgium and relieved U.S. troops who had been under siege at Bastogne.

In 1945, after World War II, the U.S. Britain and the Soviet Union announced they would govern Korea as joint trustees for five years, then grant independence.

In 1966, a rally of 100,000 Red Guards in Peking denounced China's President Liu Shao-chi.

Ten years ago The Pentagon said it had decided to go ahead with development of the Pluto nuclear weapon despite budgetary problems.

Five years ago: Officials in Thailand said Communist troops in Laos were a threat to Thailand and sent troops to areas along the Laotian border.

One year ago: It was announced that there would be no U.S. military draft call in January.

Today's birthdays: Marlene Dietrich is 68 years old. Former Marine Commandant Wallace M. Greene Jr. is 65. Singer Anna Russell is 59.

Thought for today: You must be poor to know the luxury of giving — George Eliot, English novelist, 1819-1880.

BOYLE'S Grab Bag

NEW YORK (AP) — Memory is not a doom but a beckoning. Through memory we can live as many times as we wish to, or at least repeat portions of our lives.

Your own past has many enduring lives in it if you can look back and remember when —

You were careful not to step on a sidewalk crack for fear you'd break your mother's back.

Santa Claus believed in you.

The worse a medicine tasted, the better you felt it must be for you.

The days seemed so short and the years so long. Now some days seem to last a lifetime but the years go by so swiftly you hardly can get used to one before it is gone.

LOTS OF FANS It always sounded so funny, formal and distant for you to hear a married woman speak of her husband as "Mr." — and a husband to speak of his wife as "Mrs." — when talking about one another to others.

Fans kept more people cool in the summer than air-conditioning did.

Everybody had an icebox in his kitchen — but nobody had a refrigerator.

One of the biggest thrills of childhood was to go to a department store with your mother and get to ride up an escalator.

LIFETIME WATCHES If you went to a railway station, half the people cried when a train came in and the other half cried when a train left.

When you got a watch, it was expected to last you a lifetime — unless it was a dollar Ingersoll.

There were more kids in America who knew the name of the horse film cowboy star Tom Mix rode than knew the names of the mounts that carried Gen. Robert E. Lee or Gen. George Custer into real war fame. The

answers: Tony, Traveler and — I've forgotten.

You were startled and slightly shocked to meet someone who had been married and then gotten a divorce. Divorce still had a kind of legendary quality. Everybody had heard of it, of course, but you had an unspoken feeling that if you ever came across a divorced person he would look strange or do something odd.

Those were the days, the innocent days — remember?

The tiniest mammal is the European pigmy shrew that weighs less than a dime, while the Blue Whale is the largest, weighing up to 125 tons.

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Prices for December 28-30

Vacuum Packed Boscul Coffee	1-lb can 83¢	2-lb can \$1.59
O&C Potato Sticks	7-oz can 35¢	
Gulf Belle Small Shrimp	4 1/2-oz can 69¢	
Shurline Sweet/Dill Pickle Strips	1-pint 59¢	
Contadina Tomato Sauce	4 8-oz cans 49¢	
Silver Floss SAUERKRAUT	1-lb 11-oz can 29¢	
Hanover PORK & BEANS	2 1/2-lb. can 35¢	
Kleenex TERI TOWELS	2 jumbo rolls 69¢	
For Bathrooms Dow Cleaner	1 1/2 pint 79¢	
Twelve Snack Varieties Nabisco Crackers	2 pkgs 8-oz min. 89¢	
Pretzel Thins, Sticks, B's or Cheese Twists	3 pkgs \$1.00	
Bachman Snacks	3 pkgs \$1.00	
All Varieties Keebler Toasts	2 pkgs 10-oz min. 85¢	
Ritter's Tomato Catsup	1-lb 10-oz bottle 39¢	
Assorted Flavors Musselman's Jelly	2-lb jar 49¢	
Fleischmann's Corn Oil	1-lb 45¢	
Margarine	1-lb pkg 45¢	
Green Onions	2 bunches 29¢	
Shurline Tea Bags	box of 48 39¢	
Town House or Club Keebler Crackers	1-lb pkg 39¢	
Stauffer's Thin Pretzels	9 1/2-oz pkg 37¢	
Four Varieties General Mills Snacks	4-oz min 43¢	
Tomatoes	4's 35¢	
Bananas	1-lb 10¢	
Oranges	doz. 39¢	
Prepared Cope's Corn	3 1 1/2-oz cans 89¢	
Shurline Smooth, Rich Mayonnaise	Qt. 59¢	
Shurline Salad Dressing	Qt. 49¢	
Penn Dale Dark Red Kidney Beans	2 1-lb. cans 35¢	
Musselman's APPLE SAUCE	3 1-lb 9-oz jars \$1.00	
Tri Our Bartlett Variety SALAD PEARS	1-lb. 13-oz. can 39¢	
Fruit Flavored Hi-C DRINKS	3 Qt. & 14-oz cans 95¢	
Shurline Choice Quality Cut Green Beans	2 1-lb cans 45¢	
Koonly Kist Cut Asparagus	3 10 1/2-oz cans \$1.00	
King Cole Old Fashioned Mixed Vegetables	4 1-lb cans 49¢	
California Yellow Cling Hunt's Peaches	1-lb. 13-oz. cans 39¢	

Geo. Washington Crosses Delaware

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa. (AP) — More than 12,000 spectators turned out on a grey, chilly Christmas day to watch George Washington, alias St. John Terrell, clamber into a 40-foot boat with a cadre of buckskinned soldiers and reenact the first President's famous trip across the Delaware River.

It was the 20th annual re-run of Washington's surprise crossing of the Delaware to attack British mercenaries in Trenton, N.J. at 2 a.m. on Dec. 26, 1776—a move that revitalized America's war for independence.

"For those who have gone before and those who will go before this cause is won, I salute," intoned Terrell into something Washington never enjoyed—a microphone.

"The time is near at hand to determine whether Americans can be free men or slaves."

After the brief speech, it took Terrell—owner of the nearby Lambertville, N.J. Music Circus—and about 40 businessmen and government officials costumed as continental soldiers 10 minutes to reach the New Jersey side of the river.

STATE PARK LAND WASHINGTON (AP) — Two federal properties in Pennsylvania have been turned over by President Nixon to the state for use as park land.

They are Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, 1,171 acres, estimated value \$143,000, and New Cumberland Army Depot New Cumberland, seven acres, estimated value \$13,000.

Nixon announced the transfer over the weekend.

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