

Coming in to dock at the oil refinery at Fawley in Hampshire is the largest oil tanker ever to carry a cargo to Britain; seven hundred and eighty-nine feet in length.

Commanded by Captain Smith, she has brought fifty-two thousands tons of crude oil from Kuwait. Originally intended for America, this precious fuel was diverted to Britain.

The importance of the oil situation gives added point to this opening of what has been called "Little Suez", in Venezuela..... a twenty-two-mile channel which enables the big seagoing tankers to load up at the wells of Lake Maracaibo. The channel is part of a multi-million-dollar series of new developments, for speeding up the world flow of oil.

From Austria, the news highlights bring us a visit by Senator Nixon, to Government camps set up for refugees from Hungary. After visiting the Austrian Federal President, the Vice-President of the United States talked to old and young who have found temporary homes in these village camps near Vienna.

From Amsterdam; a ceremony in which the royal family of the Netherlands received from Hungarian refugees a token of their appreciation. As a mark of gratitude for Dutch help, a flag was presented to Queen Juliana.

At the end of the ceremony, the flag was escorted to the royal Palace.

From Florida --- a news story in a lighter vein to round off the story of Christmas. In Cypress Gardens --- famous for aquatic racing and water carnivals --- Santa Claus arrived on a kite.

In his business, he's more accustomed to snow and sledges; so this sun-kissed welcome left him somewhat hot and bothered.

And now --- Munich in Germany....where an Italian invention for parking cars has been tried out with resounding success. Motorists pick the parking space they like best --- and pushing a button does the rest. The makers claim that the maximum time you have to wait is one and a half minutes.

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It is also claimed that it enables any given parking space to accommodate three times the number of cars.

From Hastings --- the thirty-second annual international Chess Congress, was opened by Sir Clarence Sadd, Deputy President of the British Chess Federation. And play began for ~~some~~ some of the world's finest players of this game that makes slow motion seem fast. Out of some hundred and thirty entries, were representatives of Belgium, ~~Germany~~ Germany, ~~and~~ Iceland and many other countries.

From Italy --- a ceremony of the Roman Catholic Church was this ordination, at the North American College in Rome, of fifty-one young Americans into the priesthood. The College was inaugurated in 1953 by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. For this occasion, a hundred and seventy relatives of the new priests — had travelled from the United States.