

TELL TALES

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Jews, to band together in Milwaukee in 1949 and decree to put Christ back into Christmas.

Meanwhile millions of non - Christian homes in scores of non - Christian countries, including Japan and India, have taken unto their own the kindness and charity and cheer of Christmas and proudly display decorated and lit trees on December 25th.

All this proves the true sense of Christmas has not waned -- its just that the Spirit of Christmas has overwhelmed and is about to inundate all humans in the four corners of the earth.

RED CROSS AIDS MGM VICTIMS

In the wake of the recent MGM Grand Hotel fire, the American Red Cross has received over 1,500 inquiries from around the country and outside the United States from persons seeking information on the whereabouts and safety of relatives and friends who were hotel guests and employees.

Specialist in Disaster Welfare Inquiries (DWI) along with local Red Cross volunteers have processed over 500 cases and are continuing their efforts in verifying the location and safety of hotel occupants by cross-checking lists supplied by local hospitals, police and fire departments, social service agencies, and hotels. Concerned relatives and friends are notified by the local Red Cross chapter in their area after verified locations of victims have been made. Over 2,000 persons were treated at the Las Vegas Convention Center over the weekend by an estimated 200 Red Cross volunteer and staff nurses, and 20 doctors from four area hospitals. Victims were treated for smoke inhalation, shock, and minor cuts and bruises. Red Cross nurses have been working closely with the county coroner's office, and area hospitals in compiling accurate lists of hotel victims hospitalized treated,

deceased or considered missing. Nursing personnel have also provided ongoing support to victims' families.

Approximately 2,000 relief workers and victims have been provided mass care at several locations. Also, an estimated 80 local volunteers have manned phone lines and processed DWI cases each day, with the support of local chapter staff and 12 Red Cross disaster specialists flown in from California and the Midwest.

An outpouring of community concern has produced a reserve of over 300 volunteers willing to donate their time at the chapter office. Prospective volunteers and others wishing to learn more about Red Cross Disaster Services should call 384 - 1225 to enroll in ongoing disaster classes offered by the Clark County Red Cross Chapter.

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