

Doll Factory Error To Startle Some Girl Christmas Day

ATLANTA, (UP) — A toyshop mixup threatened today to ruin some little girl's Christmas because a dainty doll that is supposed to say a goodnight prayer will instead growl a fire pre-

vention rhyme in a bear-voice.

The mixup occurred in a toy factory commissioned to manufacture talking models of Smokey, the bear used on posters by the U. S. Forestry Service in its fire prevention campaign.

The same factory also makes a petite little doll equipped with a voicebox that says gently:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
God bless Mommy. God bless
Daddy. Amen."

The prayer and the voice are

much different from the sounds created for Smokey, the forest service teddy bear.

It growls in a gruff voice:

"I'm Smokey the Bear, I'm Smokey the Bear.

"Running and looking for smoke in the air.

"I warn careless people and tell them 'take care.'

"Please prevent forest fires, says Smokey the Bear."

The South Carolina Forestry Commission ordered 96 of the stuffed bears for use in its fire

prevention campaign. The first of the 96 Smokey Bears to arrive in the commission office was immediately tested. It created pandemonium by uttering in a childish voice:

"Now I lay me down . . .

Regional employees speculated that the toyshop mixed the voice boxes earmarked for the Smokey Bear and the dolls.

One of the bearlike voice boxes was sure to end up in one of the dainty "praying" dolls, they calculated.

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