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WEATHER
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82 Persons Feared Killed In U.S. Airliner Explosion

RCMP RECEPTION HELD HERE

Four of the dignitaries at the Charlottetown Hotel Saturday for a special Royal Canadian Mounted Police reception are shown here. They are from left to right, Lieutenant-governor W.J. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald, and Superintendent A.S. McNeil, commanding officer "L" Division RCMP and Mrs. McNeil.

Three Canadians Included In 21 Bolivian Hostages

LA PAZ (AP)—The Bolivian government concentrated 1,000 troops Sunday in an area where Communist-led tin miners held four Americans, three Canadians and 14 others hostage to bargain for the return of two arrested red leaders.

The presence of the Canadians among those held became known Sunday when British Ambassador Gibson Holliday requested they be set free.

The captive Canadians are technicians employed by the National Mining Commission, which runs Bolivia's mines. They were identified as Raymond Brousseau and Aurele Falardeaux, of Heap and Sherwood Diamond Drilling Company in Ontario, and James McNames of Prospection Limited, Montreal.

The government of President Victor Paz Estenssoro called a cabinet meeting for today to consider emergency measures with which to meet the crisis posed by the seizure of the hostages and the anti-government agitation of Vice-president Juan Lechin.

Lechin, a leftist, also heads the tin miners union.

One of the hostage Americans, Thomas Martin, 27, of New York, a U.S. information officer, was again in touch with the embassy by radio-telephone Sunday and said he and his three companions were well. He added that they were under "strong militia guard." He did not elaborate. Martin made a similar call Saturday.

OFFER AID

In Washington, the White House called the seizure of the hostages an indefensible act and President Johnson offered full assistance by the United States in seeking their release.

Interior Minister Jose Antonio Arze said the Bolivian government would not give in to the miners' demands.

Bolivian press dispatches reported, meanwhile, that violence broke out in the mining district of Huanuni. A mob was said to have attacked the local police commander, his wife and children.

The four Americans, who were last reported unharmed, were said to have been taken to a miners' radio station at Catavi, near Lake Poopo about 30 miles south of Oruro. Oruro is about 150 miles southeast of La Paz.

TO DELIVER CHEQUE

The Americans went into the Catavi area Friday night to deliver a U.S. government aid cheque for $15,000 toward the building of a school for miners' children. They were seized by the miners after the government in La Paz announced the arrest of Communist union leaders Irineo Pimental and Federico Escobar.

The Americans are Thomas M. Martin, 27, of New York, a U.S. Information Service officer in the embassy here; Michael A. Kristula, of Cadillac, Mich., also an information officer; Bernard Rifkin, 52, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., labor adviser for the U.S. Agency for International Development; and Robert Fergerstrom, a Peace Corps volunteer.

The other 17 persons held as hostages were said to be Bolivian and foreign technicians.

Martin telephoned the U.S. embassy from Catavi Saturday. The embassy quoted him as saying he and the others were well and being well treated.

The government of President Victor Paz Estenssoro has been trying since August to break the Communist leadership of the miners. It hopes the government-run mines would begin to operate at a profit under a program sponsored by the United States, West Germany and the Inter - American development bank.

Russians Open Talks Today Aimed At Food Production

MOSCOW (AP) — Premier Khrushchev rallies his Communist lieutenants here today for another crack at easing the Soviet Union's agricultural headache.

The Soviet leader's latest plan is a massive input of fertilizer, plus costly irrigation projects.

The party's economic planning experts are expected to unfold details of their blueprint for the diversion of massive investment resources into chemistry. The new investment plan for the years 1964-65 was approved by the government last week and the party central committee is expected to affix its stamp of approval and listen to pep talks on the importance of the new drive.

The investment plan will be made public to the rest of the world at the session of the Supreme Soviet (parliament) beginning Dec. 16.

For Khrushchev, the opening of the new drive to modernize and expand chemical production caps five years of wrestling with economic and political obstacles.

This year's agricultural catastrophe is believed to have put new pressure behind Khrushchev's drive for a big investment effort in chemistry.

The vast virgin lands of Kazakhstan this year yielded their poorest harvest. Indications are that most of the arid steppelands, hit by bad weather this year, produced barely enough seed for next year's sowing.

The sad wheat harvest forced the Russians to buy nearly $1,000,000,000 worth of wheat in Canada and other Western markets.

P.E.I. Has Best Record In Safe Driving Week

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prince Edward Island was the only province in Canada to complete Safe - Driving Week without a traffic fatality. The week ended midnight Saturday with 53 deaths reported.

The figure was three below the 56 deaths forecast by the Canadian Highway Safety Council, and 147 fewer than the number who lost their lives in traffic accidents during the first seven days of December in 1962.

Quebec recorded the highest total with 18 victims, five more than Ontario.

Seven persons were killed in Saskatchewan, four in British Columbia, and three each in Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Alberta. Manitoba and Nova Scotia reported one death each.

Quebec and Saskatchewan each reported two deaths Saturday.

All provinces figured in the 1962 toll, highest recorded since the observance of Safe-Driving Week started eight years ago. Both Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland had clean records in 1961 when 49 persons died.

Following is the day-to-day record for Safe-Driving Week this year, with totals for the week in 1963:

								Total
Dec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	63 '62
Nfld.	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3 2
P.E.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
N.S.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 2
N.B.	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3 1
Que.	4	2	1	0	7	2	2	18 18
Ont.	4	2	1	1	0	4	0	13 27
Man.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1 1
Sask.	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	7 7
Alta.	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3 2
B.C.	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	4 9
Total	10	7	10	1	9	12	4	53 70

Argentina Has Big Wheat Crop

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Official estimates Sunday predicted an Argentine wheat crop of 6,500,000 tons for the 1963-64 crop year, the biggest harvest since 1956. About 3,600,000 tons are marked for home consumption, the rest for export.

Trans-Canada Hiker Gets Fare Home

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. (CP) — Cross-Canada hiker George Whitbread will head for his Toronto home from St. John's today with his fare and meals paid for and with a bit of pocket money.

Newfoundland tourist director O.L. Vardy said Sunday that the 31-year-old Whitbread has been lodged and fed by the provincial welfare department since his arrival in St. John's at the end of a 5,100-mile hike last week.

Whitbread started his trek from Vancouver in May, 1962, and estimated that the trip to St. John's took eleven months walking time.

Mr. Vardy said he had been asked by Premier Smallwood to ask some of the premier's friends to help finance Whitbread's trip to his Toronto home.

The collection brought enough for a railway ticket, a lower berth, meals enroute and "substantial pocket money."

Southern England Shivers In Cold

LONDON (Reuters) — Icebound southern England shivered through its coldest night of the year Saturday. The temperature dropped to 21 degrees.

3 Found Dead In Parked Car

WOODSTOCK, N.B. (CP)— Three men were found dead in their car parked in a field about three miles east of here Sunday. Death was believed caused by carbon monoxide poisoning.

Names of the three were not released by RCMP. Two were believed from the North Hampton area just south of here, and the third was believed to be from the Fredericton area.

The car was found Sunday by farmer Charles Pratt. He said he first noticed car lights in the field Saturday night.

Sunday morning the car was still in the field, but he thought it was probably stuck. When it was still there in the afternoon, he investigated.

Coroner J.G. Blake said an inquest probably will be held this week.

Cuban Held For Threat To Johnson

NEW YORK (AP)—A Cuban citizen, accused of threatening to shoot President Johnson, was held in lieu of $25,000 bail Sunday for illegal possession of a .22-calibre rifle.

The defendant was arraigned in court as the president was attending the funeral of former New York governor Herbert H. Lehman in the city.

Omar Padilla, who claimed he made the threat in jest, was arrested Saturday. He was charged under a state law which makes it a crime for an alien to own a rifle without a permit.

City Boy Named Rhodes Scholar

COLIN McMILLAN

Colin James McMillan, 21, of Charlottetown, senior arts student at St. Dunstan's University, has been granted the Rhodes Scholarship for the province of New Brunswick for 1964, it was learned here last night.

Mr. McMillan is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J.A. McMillan, 45 Greenfield Avenue, Charlottetown.

The announcement was made by Dr. George Skinner, head of the seven man committee which selected the winner. Six applicants were interviewed, three from UNB, one from Mt. Allison, one from the University of Moncton, and Mr. McMillan from St. Dunstan's.

Since 1925, Prince Edward Island students have had no Rhodes Scholarship of their own, but may apply for the scholarships in either Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

Mr. McMillan was born in Charlottetown in 1942 and received his early education at Queen Square School and Birchwood High, where he won the Governor-General's medal in 1958. He also played on the school basketball, football, and hockey teams, and in 1957 was chosen to travel to England to the Queen's Scouts Jamboree.

He completed grades 11 and 12 at St. Dunstan's High School, leading his class both years. In the summer of 1959 he was chosen by the Charlottetown Rotary Club to represent them in Ottawa in their annual "Adventure in Citizenship" program.

Since entering university, Mr. McMillan has been among the top ten in his class in each of the freshman, sophomore, and junior years.

PROMINENT IN SPORT

Prominent in athletics, Mr. McMillan played junior varsity football and basketball at the university level while still in high school.

In his freshman year he played varsity basketball, but it was in football where he excelled, using his six-foot-one and 200 pounds to good advantage in the line with the varsity team for the past four seasons.

In his junior year he was awarded the Touchdown Club trophy as the most improved

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Home-Made Plane Finishes N.B. To Vancouver Flight

VANCOUVER (CP) — Harold Hussey, formerly of Bathurst, N.B., landed his light, home-built airplane at nearby Pitt Meadows Airport Saturday to complete the final leg of a cross-country trip.

The flight was made in stages, Hussey said, the last leg the 500 miles to the coast from Calgary.

The craft, which has a cruising speed of 100 miles an hour, left Halifax June 25 for the Calgary Stampede.

The aircraft performed well during the trip, he said, and gave him no trouble over the high mountains of B.C.

"It was sure good to get over the Rockies," he said. "There were some people who never thought I could make it."

Hussey, now employed as an antique restorer at the Glendow Foundation Museum in Calgary, calls his aircraft the "Hussey Sky Hawk 101."

Hussey said he spent 3,600 hours over 2½ years to build his Sky Hawk, which he designed himself. Construction materials cost him $4,300.

The two-seater plane is powered by a 115-horsepower engine.

It also has a new type of folding wing, says Hussey.

"The wing only takes a minute to fold. Then you hook a tow bar under the tail, attach it to your car and tow it on the highway at speeds up to 60 miles an hour.

PACIFISTS WAR ON ARMS TOYS

MUNICH (AP)—The smiling young man took the toy tank of the little boy, put it down on the sidewalk of one of this West German city's busiest streets—and smashed it to pieces with a wooden hammer.

The man then handed the boy a streamlined clockwork automobile. The boy was equally happy with his new and bigger toy. And so was the young man—a member of a German pacifist movement which every Christmas declares war on "toys of aggression."

The pacifists, whose headquarters are in Munich, approach any child carrying a warlike toy—tank, rocket or lead soldier—and offer to exchange it for a peaceful toy.

Once the bargain has been made the pacifists smash up the military toy in a public demonstration against compulsory military service.

Drama Awards Are Announced

VANCOUVER (CP) — The governing committee of the Canadian Drama Awards Organization Saturday announced five professional and amateur actors as 1963 award winners.

Alden Irving of Halifax, Jean Gascon of Montreal's National Theatre School, Christiane Le Goff of St. Boniface, Man., Murray Robinson of Coaldale, Alta., and Joy Coghill of Vancouver's Holiday Theatre will receive the awards at 1964 regional Dominion Dramas Festivals.

The winners, each of whom receives a diploma and gold bar, were decided at a meeting of the governing committee here on the basis of recommendations from regional representatives.

Johnson Overlooks Pearson

WASHINGTON (CP) — President Johnson had to be reminded Saturday that Canada's Prime Minister Pearson also plans to visit him soon.

In his first press conference, an impromptu affair, Johnson listed the foreign dignitaries with whom he plans formal talks during the next few months.

These, he said, included the leaders of West Germany, Britain, France and Italy. He did not mention that Pearson will confer with him Jan. 22.

At the end of the press conference, Press Secretary Pierre Salinger quickly moved in to get Pearson's name on the list, but he inadvertently referred to Pearson as "foreign minister."

"May I say a couple of things?" Salinger asked and then said: "In listing the foreign leaders coming here, Foreign Minister Pearson of Canada is coming."

Lightning Suspected In 'Ball Of Fire'

ESKTON, Md. (AP)—A big jet airliner with 82 persons aboard burst into flame and crashed near here Sunday night.

Two hours after the first word of the crash, an Elkton fire department official said: "There are no survivors, as far as we know."

Pan American World Airways said the craft was a Boeing 707 bound from Puerto Rico to Philadelphia with 74 passengers and a crew of eight.

Maryland police said the plane, groping its way through a storm on an instrument approach to Philadelphia, apparently was struck by lightning and its wreckage came down in a rain-soaked cornfield about two miles northeast of Elkton.

The scene is some 54 miles northeast of Baltimore, where the plane had made a stopover moments earlier.

TELLS OF CRASH

Mrs. Frank Ulmer, a resident of the rural crash area, said the crash occurred shortly before 9 p.m.

A severe storm accompanied by lightning had hit the area about that time.

Mrs. Ulmer said her son, Clarence, saw the flaming wreckage of the plane plummet "like a big ball of fire."

Maryland police said the recovery of bodies had begun within 90 minutes after the crash.

"It was an explosion in the air," said a police headquarters official.

THOUGHT OF BOMB

Mrs. Helen Warner, cashier at a roller rink just across the border near Glasgow, Del., said merry-makers there "thought it was an atomic bomb."

The explosion lit up the whole rink and parking lot and shook the building," she said. "Some of the skaters were standing by windows and saw the whole thing happen."

Jerry Greenwald, 20, of Hockessin, Del., who was at the rink, said it "looked like a bomb explosion."

"There was a big flash and a few seconds later you could see the wing torn off" Greenwald said. "You could actually see people falling out. The plane came down slowly and when it hit the ground it looked like it exploded again."

SET FIRES

Witnesses said one of the plane's four engines barely missed one of the few houses in

CAPT. GEORGE Knuth, a veteran Pan American World Airways pilot, was captain of the Boeing 707 jet which crashed near Elkton, Md. Sunday night.

(AP Wirephoto)

the area and burning parts of the craft set some of the area afland.

"The whole field was on fire," Greenwald said. "All we could see was rubble."

The area was soon aswarm with fire trucks, police and spectators who clogged the roads and impeded the passage of officials and rescuers.

The Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington said a team of about 10 investigators was en route to the scene.

Rossiter Leaves For Conference

Travelling by air, Industry and Natural Resources Minister Leo Rossiter left Saturday morning to attend the provincial ministers of trade and industry conference being held in Ottawa this week.

During his stay in the capital Mr. Rossiter plans to meet with the Canadian Maritime Commission in connection with the continuation of subsidies to P.E.I. on shipping services to Newfoundland and the north shore St. Lawrence River.

He also will seek a progress report on the project submitted to federal authorities by his department for assistance under the agricultural rehabilitation and development program (ARDA). Some 20 projects have been submitted for approval by this province which will involve about $250,000 in federal funds.

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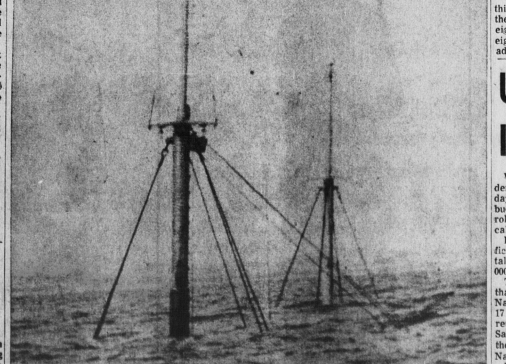

FOUR MEN LOST IN SCHOONER SINKING

The masts of the St. Lawrence River schooner Fort Albany mark the spot where the vessel went down with a loss of four men after a collision Sunday with the Norwegian freighter Procyon. The mishap occurred in dense fog. Other hands aboard the schooner made it to safety. The collision occurred just west of Lanoraie, 40 miles northeast of Montreal. The freighter was bound from Mediterranean ports with a general cargo. Her tonnage was given at 7,040 deadweight. She suffered slight damage above the waterline. None of the crew was injured. The Fort Albany was described as a medium-sized schooner, privately owned. The men lost were all Canadians. (CP Wirephoto)

U.S. Is Planning Slash In Taxes, Defence Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson announced Saturday the United States defence budget and the Pentagon payroll will be cut in the next fiscal year.

But he indicated it will be difficult to keep the country's total budget below $102,000,000,000.

The president also disclosed that he will address the United Nations General Assembly Dec. 17 and is sending Defence Secretary Robert S. McNamara to Saigon next week to "look over the situation" in South Viet Nam.

These and a series of other announcements were sprung by Johnson at an unannounced press conference in his office.

It was a big surprise to some 30 reporters who were on Saturday assignment at the White House. At noon, the reporters were invited to join Johnson in his office "for coffee."

Johnson began by saying "if there is anything you would like to ask me, I would be glad to answer."

Some highlights:

—Next year's defence budget, going to Congress in January, will be several hundred millions dollars below the current level.

—The number of civilian employees on the defence department payroll will be cut below 1,000,000 for the first time since 1950.

—Johnson regards $102,300,000,000 as the starting point for calculating the upcoming total budget. The current budget totals $98,900,000,000. He hopes to be able to cut below $102,300,000,000 but regards this as difficult.

—Johnson believes "we have made every good progress in showing the continuity of our transition" to his administration from that of the assassinated John F. Kennedy.

—Johnson said the government is "going to make intensive drives to reduce unemployment." And he said a key to success would be early passage of the biggest tax cut in U.S. history—$11,000,000,000 a year.

—The FBI report on the Kennedy assassination is likely to go soon to the seven-member presidential commission that will investigate all aspects of the slaying. Johnson said it will be up to the commission to decide whether it should be made public now or later.

SEES MCNAMARA

Reporters went from Johnson's office to the nearby quarters of Press Secretary Pierre Salinger, who introduced McNamara to discuss economics. McNamara outlined three money-saving steps Johnson had approved:

1. Military and civilian personnel in defence headquarters overseas will be cut by 15 per cent by the end of next June.

2. During the same period, there will be a 10-per-cent reduction in personnel of military missions and military assistance groups abroad.

3. The number of foreign nationals employed by the military abroad will be cut by 15 per cent.

McNamara said he could not estimate the dollar savings to be achieved in these ways.

The secretary said everything possible would be done to soften the blow of any firings necessary to achieve the reduction of 25,000 in the civilian payroll.