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BIG THREE, RUSSIA AGREE ON CONFERENCE FORMULA

Puzzling Note Injected Into PoWs Question

Begin Probe Of Sabotage Angle In Jetliner Crash

LONDON, (AP) — A special investigation began Saturday into theories that sabotage felled a British Comet jetliner which carried 35 persons to death off Elba last Sunday.

The British Overseas Airways Corporation, owners of the plane, disclosed the action with a report that a week-long investigation has shown no evidence of structural weakness in its seven other Comets, grounded as a precaution.

"The possibility of sabotage cannot be overlooked," said a statement issued by BOCA chairman Sir Miles Thomas, "and special security investigators are being sent to points along the route to the Far East."

At the same time Thomas announced the BOCA will put some Comets back into the air Monday for training flights. No passengers will be carried until all jet planes in the company's fleet have been fully inspected.

The admiralty announced Sunday four warships will try to raise the Comet. Admiral Earl Mountbatten, commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean, will co-ordinate salvage efforts to be carried out by the frigate Wrangler, the Sursery, a small ship employed for laying marker buoys, the salvage vessel Sea Falter and the boom defence vessel Barhill.

Underwater television is being prepared to be flown to Malta or Italy for use in operation.

The possibility of a bomb in the luggage hold appeared one of the things to be studied in the Comet crash. The BOCA said earlier last week the plane carried a little more than 100 pounds of freight, as well as baggage and mail, and

it planned to check this extra cargo in case some "unauthorized object" was smuggled aboard. The main wreck of the Comet had been spotted on the seabed in 400 feet of water, but has not been recovered.

Agents went to work on the sabotage angle in Beirut, Lebanon. The Lebanese civil aviation directorate announced that the BOCA has asked for similar studies at all other points touched by the Comet on its last run from Singapore.

Bangkok, Rangoon, Karachi, Bahrain and Rome were other points touched by the eight-mile-a-minute craft.

Plunged Into Sea

It plunged into the Tyrrhenian sea between Elba, Napoleon's island of exile, and the Isle of Montecristo 40 minutes after leaving Rome for London.

Talk of possible sabotage grew here after Thursday's crash of a Philippines airliner Cloudmaster in Rome's outskirts that killed 13. That plane, like the Comet, came down just 7 1/2 hours after making a stop at Beirut. In each case witnesses told of explosions in the air from the Comet and on the ground from the Cloudmaster.

Elba's chief surgeon said the victims recovered from the Comet had been killed by concussion and were already dead when they hit the water.

BOCA pilot Jimmy Peters, who flew a Comet into London from Tokyo for the safety checkup, said he had heard rumors in Beirut that Britain's military intelligence was looking into both crashes.

India To Make Final Decision On Release Date

By William C. Barnard

PANMUNJOM, (AP) — An Indian spokesman's comment touched off speculation today that there might be a change in a decision to turn back disputed war prisoners to the Red and Allied commands Wednesday—ahead of Saturday's deadline.

The spokesman told a reporter Sunday night that Lt.-Gen. K. S. Thimayya "will make a final report on whether the prisoners will be returned on Jan. 20 to the two commands" once he has received the Red's official reaction.

Last Thursday, Gen. Thimayya informed both commands he had decided on his own as chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission to give back the controversial prisoners Wednesday and said if either side freed them it would violate the armistice.

Later the Indian command said the decision would be carried out regardless of whether either side wanted the prisoners.

Saturday UN command replied it would take back more than 22,000 Chinese and North Koreans from an anti-Red camp but definitely would free them as civilians Jan. 23.

Await Red Reply

The Communist side, which wants the prisoners detained indefinitely during efforts to woo them home, has been slow in making any official reply on whether it is

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Seven Persons Rescued From Halifax Tenement

HALIFAX, (CP) — Fire chief Fred MacGillivray personally rescued two of seven persons trapped when fire gutted a waterfront tenement building Sunday, leaving 28 persons homeless.

The other five, trapped on an ice-coated second-storey ledge, were carried to safety by firemen.

MacGillivray found Earl MacKinnon, 25, and 14-year-old Vonnie Dempsey unconscious while searching one of the smoke-filled rooms.

"I knew the fellow was alive because he was still twitching about," said MacGillivray, "but the girl was completely still. They were overcome by smoke."

Both are recovering in hospital, along with James Frost, 30, who collapsed after making a trip back into the building to rescue his boxer dog, Muxlow.

Seven-year-old Bruce Thornhill broke his leg in a fall while escaping.

Damage was estimated at \$15,000. The building was insured. Cause of the fire was unknown.

Rene Coty Installed President Of France

By Harvey Hudson

PARIS, (AP) — France installed Rene Coty Saturday as president of the republic for a seven-year term with a giant show that was an artistic success but failed to arouse much public enthusiasm.

Almost all the capital's dignitaries turned out for the brief ceremony at the Elysee Palace and for a reception at the Paris city hall.

During the day Coty made five separate trips through the city in an open car. From a thin line of spectators gathered along the routes came a few cries of "Vive Coty" and "Vive le President."

There was no massed cheering.

A 71-year-old independent Republican lawyer and statesman elected by Parliament Dec. 23, Coty succeeds Socialist Vincent Auriol, 69, as the figurehead chief of state.

In a short speech upon assuming the presidency, Coty praised Auriol as the director of "a national renaissance."

"If the work is not yet completed," he said, "a magnificent effort at least has been made. To continue the effort, I am counting on your ardent and courageous youth."

Many Urgent Tasks

Auriol, in his farewell, said many urgent tasks lie ahead.

For Coty, the day marked a transition from the tranquil life of a small-town lawyer and senator to a busy routine of official appearances, state receptions and private audiences with the nation's political, judicial and military leaders.

Coty never has owned a car. Now he will have at his disposal some 40 cars from the presidential motor park. Mrs. Coty, who used to like to do some of the marketing herself and prepared the meals at home when the cook was sick or away, now will have a staff of 22 persons to direct.

Calls Conference At Sydney Successful

KARACHI, Pakistan, (Reuters) — Finance Minister Abbott of Canada said here Sunday the Commonwealth finance ministers' conference in Sydney was one of the most satisfactory in the last two years.

Abbott, who arrived here for a two-day informal visit as the guest of Governor-General Ghulam Mohammad, said "The position has improved a great deal."

He said sterling is stronger and it is becoming possible to do away with many restrictions. Everyone at the conference was much more optimistic than at earlier conferences, he added.

St. Laurent Makes Announcement On Salaries Plans

OTTAWA, (CP) — Canada's army of law-makers, holding their pay line steady in the face of the big postwar upsurge in living costs, may soon be getting an indemnity boost totalling more than \$1,500,000 a year.

Ending speculation on the move, Prime Minister St. Laurent gave notice Saturday he will ask Parliament to raise members' allowances in the 102-seat Senate and 285-seat Commons by an unspecified amount.

He said also, in his Commons order paper notice, he will ask for boosts for all cabinet ministers, Opposition leader Drew, Senate government leader MacDonald, Senate Opposition leader Haig, as well as speakers of both chambers and the Commons Deputy Speaker.

Meanwhile, it was learned the

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Ten Days Of Bitter Wrangling Come To End

BERLIN, (CP) — The Western Big Three and Russia agreed Sunday night, after 10 days of wrangling, on a formula for holding a four-power conference on German unity and an Austrian independence treaty. The agreement, reached after hot arguments that had to be referred to the respective capitals for adjudication, guaranteed opening of the parley in Berlin on Jan. 26.

Identical communiqués issued by each of the four powers after more than 50 hours of deliberations disclosed that both the East and West made concessions.

The Russians had demanded that half the meetings be held in their sector of the quartered city. The Western powers had wanted three-fourths of the talks to be held in the former Allied Control Authority building in the American sector. The Americans, French, and British regard this as the only truly neutral ground in Berlin.

As finally settled, the Russians get a third of the meetings in their sector during the first three weeks.

Turn About

The agreement provides that the first week's talks will be held in the ACA building, the second week at the Soviet high commissioner's residence in East Berlin, and the third week back at ACA. Thereafter, the progress of the talks will determine the meeting site.

The compromise was dictated by Foreign Secretary Eden, State Secretary Dulles and Foreign Minister Bidault. All three are expected here Friday for a pre-parley meeting on Western strategy. Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov is expected to arrive Saturday or Sunday.

The four-power communique throughout referred to the Soviet embassy as "the residence of the U. S. S. R. high commissioner in Germany," indicating the dual role of the Soviet High Commissioner Vladimir Semenov, who also is Soviet ambassador to East Germany.

The Allied Control Authority building was referred to throughout as "the headquarters of the Allied Control Council."

This was understood to indicate that the Western powers were at pains to emphasize that their agreement to the Soviet embassy as a meeting place did not mean any implied recognition of the East German government, and that the Soviet Union wanted it made clear that it no longer regarded the ACA building as a "four-power building."

THEATRE SHAKEN

TOKYO, (Reuters) — A 20-second minor earth tremor shook the theatre where Crown Prince Akihito was watching the British movie "Conquest of Everest" Saturday night.

Malicious Damage On Depot Ship

LONDON, (AP) — The admiralty reported Saturday there has been "malicious damage" aboard the submarine depot ship Montclare, the sixth such occurrence aboard a Royal Navy warship since last summer.

An admiralty spokesman said the damage on the Montclare included "the breaking of a number of gauge glasses, copper pipes and a thermometer." Investigations are under way.

The 19,600-ton Montclare is a former Canadian Pacific liner. Other recent cases of damage on naval vessels were on the carriers Warrior, Indefatigable, Eagle; the destroyer Barfleur the anti-submarine frigate Rocket.

Avalanche Victims Buried

SCHRUBEN, Austria, (Reuters) — Five thousand black-garbed mountain folk buried their dead from last week's avalanche disaster in pouring rain here Sunday as lashing storms began to die down elsewhere in Europe.

Bearded mountaineers wept as the coffins of 19 men, women and children were lowered into two common graves at the base of Bartholomaeberg — mountain — where the fatal avalanche's path was still marked by a grim scar of brown earth on the white mountainside.

Latest casualty figures for this stricken Grosse Walsertal valley gave a total of 69 dead and nine still missing, raising the avalanche death toll to 122 for all Austria.

Details Of U. K. Atomic Factories Are Revealed

By RON EVANS

Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, (CP) — The British government Saturday pulled back the curtains on its atomic energy production program to release details of three great factories producing atomic fuel for peacetime uses.

The story of Britain's pioneer achievement in bringing the atom to industry is told in a 100-page booklet, "Britain's Atomic Factories." Heavily larded with photographs and diagrams, it outlines the growth of the infant industry in seven years under the ministry of supply.

Much information given is fresh from the secret list after declassification conferences among Canada and the United Kingdom and the United States. Supply Minister Duncan Sandys says in a foreword:

knowing precisely what it was to house. Yet, although the plants took several years to construct, each was completed within three or four weeks of the target date.

Early in 1946 a site was selected at Springfield, Lancashire and with 2 1/2 years the first uranium metal rods were turned out. Since then, says the book, "many thousands of these rods have been produced at Springfield."

Work began on a second factory to produce the more powerful

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Snowstorm Brings Highway Traffic To A Standstill

Traffic on all highways in the Province was brought to a standstill shortly after four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Government plows which had been working up until this time were advised to discontinue due to the ground drift which was filling in as fast as the snow could be removed. The machines were put on a stand by emergency basis until the wind abated. Plows are stationed at strategic points throughout the Province and will begin clearing the main highways as soon as advisable.

City plows worked round the clock through yesterday and last night in an effort to keep the streets open to wheeled traffic and were able to keep the main ones passable.

The Canadian National Railway has not yet experienced any difficulty with snow although deep cuttings are beginning to form in the area between Freetown and Miscouche. A wing plow will precede the morning express train to Borden and all other trains operating on the Island Division will carry wedge plows.

At 9:00 o'clock last evening a total of five inches of snow had fallen and from 2:30 until 9:00 the temperature had taken a plunge of 23 degrees. With a steadily rising barometer, it was expected that the mercury would go to five below zero. The wind which had been blowing south and south west all day shifted west in the early evening, at times reaching a velocity of 30 miles per hour.

Meteor May Have Caused Fire

OTTAWA, (CP) — A meteor flashed over Ontario at dawn last Wednesday exploded over Parry Sound and may have set fire to a home there, Dr. Peter Millman, astro-physicist at the Dominion observatory, said Saturday.

Dr. Millman reached this conclusion after studying more than 50 detailed eyewitness reports.

He said the meteor, a 10-pound core of stone and iron, wrapped in a blue envelope, incandescent, perhaps hundreds of feet thick, exploded under the pressure of its flight through the earth's atmosphere and disappeared in a shower of sparks about 35 miles over Parry Sound.

He mentioned a report that 20 minutes after the burst, a fire broke out on the roof of the home of Ray Bissonnet just north of Parry Sound. It was "entirely possible" the blaze was started by a tiny fragment from the fireball, dark, but still combustibly hot.

New Lows For Winter In U. S.

CHICAGO, (AP) — A cold wave, which forced temperatures below zero to new lows for this winter in much of the midwestern United States Sunday moved toward New England.

The frigid air brought readings ranging from 40 below at International Falls, Minn., to 7 below at Chicago.

The weather bureau reported the Arctic mass, moving eastward, would drop temperatures to 8 below in Connecticut and 20 below in most of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Winter also made an unusual showing in the Pacific northwest dumping six inches of snow in Portland and three inches in Seattle. Freezing rain fell in parts of northern Texas and Arkansas.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 10:49 a. m. and 9:58 p. m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:47 a. m. and sets at 5:01 p. m.

Report Kurt Meyer Is Suffering From Arthritis

BONN, Germany, (Reuters) — A Canadian Army source said Saturday night Maj.-Gen. Kurt Meyer, 42, due for release soon from imprisonment for war crimes, is suffering from serious arthritis.

The source said Meyer's health began to deteriorate about a year ago, and at times he was unable to walk. He received medical attention at the infirmary of the British war crimes prison at Werl, where he is being held.

The source said Meyer is "a sick man" and probably will be unable to do strenuous work for a long time.

This presumably would rule him out for the moment as a prospective leader of German army units to be formed under the European army plan.

Meyer originally was sentenced

Lower Standards For Entrance To Teacher Colleges

OTTAWA, (CP) — Provincial education departments generally are lowering the standards for entrance to teacher-training institutions, directors of the Canadian Teachers' Federation said Sunday.

In a statement following a three-day meeting here, the directors said: "The CTF holds that to retain those teachers we have and to obtain more for the expanding school enrolment, standards must be raised. For, it is only through raising standards and making teaching positions more attractive and worthwhile that teachers will remain in their profession and capable young people will clamor to be permitted."

"The lowering of entrance requirements which has been tried in several provinces as a temporary means of keeping the doors of the classrooms open has failed to accomplish its objective and has seriously undermined the prestige of thousands of well-qualified and capable teachers in the country."

The statement said the only teacher training institutions which have increased enrolment are those which have raised and stiffened their entrance requirements.

The directors also established an advisory research committee composed of Dr. G. M. Dunlop of the faculty of education at the University of Alberta; Dr. Frank MacKinnon, principal, Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown; Dr. L. P. Patterson, director of the school for crippled children, Montreal; L. John Prior, South Burnaby, B. C., CTF president; and George G. Croskey, Ottawa, CTF secretary.



TORONTO, (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

City	Min.	Max.
Dawson	22b	—
Vancouver	19	25
Victoria	25	30
Edmonton	25b	15b
Calgary	24b	10b
Regina	31b	10b
Winnipeg	30b	13b
Toronto	5b	12
Ottawa	15b	4b
Montreal	6b	6b
Quebec	9	30
Saint John	17	25
Moncton	19	33
Halifax	26	29
Charlottetown	26	29
Sydney	32	34
Yarmouth	18	33
St. John's	—	31

HALIFAX, (CP) — The Weather Office says today will be the coldest day of the season in most Maritime districts. The sky will be clear in the inland regions but there will be snowflurries where the wind is off the water.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with snowflurries; extremely cold. Northwest winds 25 diminishing to 15 by evening. Low-high at Charlottetown five below and zero.

New Brunswick: Clear and extremely cold; northwest winds 25 diminishing to 15 during morning low-high at Moncton 15 below and five below, Fredericton 20 below and five below, Saint John 15 below and five below, Edmundston and Campbellton 25 below and 10 below.

Bay of Fundy: Northwest winds 25 diminishing to 15 in afternoon; variable cloudiness with widely scattered snowflurries; visibility 10 miles lowering to one mile in flurries; much colder.

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Look For More Variety In House Debates This Week

OTTAWA, (CP) — The Commons probably will get more variety in its debates this week in contrast to a rather lean four days since members returned from the Christmas holiday.

Only three full-dress debates marked the four-day sitting last week. Tuesday was spent debating the merits of corporal and capital punishment; toll bridges to Montreal occupied Wednesday; and Thursday and Friday saw a sustained fight over the government's plan to boost postal rates a cent an ounce.

However, this week promises something different. Monday's private member day — missed last week — brings up two resolutions concerning the Income Tax Act. Stanley Knowles, OCF member for Winnipeg North Centre, is sponsoring a suggestion that the act be changed to remove a limitation on the amount of medical expenses that can be deducted from income tax. At present only sums above three per cent of the taxable income may be deducted.

Criminal Code Tuesday

This likely will keep members occupied Monday. Detailed study, clause by clause, of the bulky re-

Coming Events

- *Card party, Long River, Monday, January 18th.
- *Card party Dunstaffnage school tonight 8:15.
- *Buying pigs daily. Paying \$30.00 pair good pigs over twenty-five pounds. Willard Prowse.
- *Show "Bonza Goes To College", North Rustico tonight, 8 o'clock.
- *Dance in new hall Mt. Ryan, Monday night, January 18th. Fraser Orchestra. Lunches served.
- *Hockey at North River rink Monday, Jan. 18, Glasgow Road Maple Leafs vs. Covehead Flyers. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- *The annual meeting of New Wilshire Scarlet Chapter will be held at King William Lodge, Kingston, Tuesday Jan. 19th at 8 p.m.
- *Reserve Thursday, Jan. 21 for bean supper in Mt. Stewart Legion Hall, sponsored by Mt. Stewart W. I.
- *Just arrived hog concentrate \$5.65; Dairy concentrate \$4.95; Royal chick starter \$4.60; scratch feed with corn \$3.65; bone meal \$5.45; barley meal \$3.05; Crack corn \$4.40. Also special prices on flour. At Royal Feed Service Warehouse, Grafton St. East. Dial 524.

vision of the Criminal Code is expected to be started Tuesday. On subsequent days, the government's housing legislation will be called, and an external affairs debate may be arranged for late in the week as a result of Prime Minister St. Laurent's remark last Friday that the government hopes to launch one this week.

When the Senate assembles Tuesday night, a member of the Upper Chamber will take his seat while holding a portfolio in the government, something which has not happened for 25 years.

During the Christmas recess, Senator W. Ross Macdonald, 62, government leader in the Upper Chamber, was named solicitor-general. As government leader in the Upper Chamber he has been a member of the cabinet without portfolio. He becomes the first senator since Hon. Gideon Robertson, labor minister from 1919 to 1920, and again in 1930, to hold a cabinet portfolio while a member of the Upper Chamber.

NO MORE CANDY

MILAN, Italy, (Reuters) — Italian candy manufacturers cut off their supplies to stores in 20 Italian cities Sunday in protest against "crippling" taxes imposed by local authorities. Milan, Rome, Genoa, Pisa and 25 other cities were affected.

Kremlin Widens Purge In Troublesome Georgia

By James F. King

LONDON, (AP) — The Kremlin widened its purge in the troublesome republic of Georgia Sunday and pointedly warned that a similar fate might lie ahead for the nationalist-minded Ukraine.

Latest to come under the axe in Georgia is Villian Zodelava, first deputy premier of the Black Sea birth side of Joseph Stalin and Lavrenty P. Beria, the police czar who was executed as a traitor.

A broadcast from the Georgian capital of Tbilisi (Tiflis) merely said Zodelava has been "relieved of his duties and that M. I. Kuchava has been given his job. But it appeared to be the last chapter in the purge that began in Georgia after Stalin's death and was stepped up with Beria's downfall.

At the same time the Ukraine's new premier, Nikifor Kalchenko, warned against "attempts by bourgeois nationalists to break down and destroy the inalienable right of the Ukrainian and Russian peoples."

Kalchenko's appointment as premier was announced Saturday,

along with two other major changes in the government of the Ukraine, breadbasket of the Soviet Union. His statement, carried by Moscow radio, combined a plea for unity with an implied warning for those who do not comply.

The great achievements of friendship between the great people of Russia and the Ukraine brilliantly and convincingly unmasked the anti-national nature of bourgeois nationalist distortions in the Ukraine's historic unification with Russia," Kalchenko wrote.

The latest changes in Georgia and the Ukraine followed reports that Premier Georgi Malenkov had made a personal tour of the republics to see how things were going. There was no hint whether his visit had any connection with the shakeups.

It was Malenkov who launched the purge in Georgia and intensified it in the showdown with Beria. Beria was accused of trying to increase his power in Georgia by appointing friends and followers to key spots.