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WEATHER
Snowflurries, clearing late in afternoon; northwest winds 25, gusts to 40, diminishing to 20. Low-high 8 and 20.

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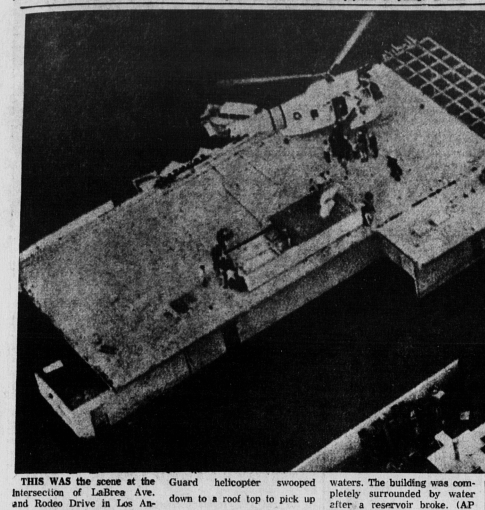
Damage Tops $10 Million In Los Angeles Dam Break



THIS WAS the scene at the intersection of LaBrea Ave. and Rodeo Drive in Los Angeles Saturday as a Coast Guard helicopter swooped down to a roof top to pick up people stranded there by flood-waters. The building was completely surrounded by water after a reservoir broke. (AP Wirephoto).

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Disaster officials counted 259 homes and apartment buildings destroyed or damaged Saturday by the bursting of a mid-city dam and said Sunday it was a miracle no more than three lives were lost.

Cause of the break which spewed mud and water over a four-square-mile area of 9,000 homes with 16,500 residents remained a mystery but early investigation pointed to two likely causes:

A recent series of minor earthquakes and the possible collapse of subterranean oil pools pumped dry by wells near the scene.

A terraced hillside below a reservoir high in the Baldwin hills was swept clean of homes —some costing up to $100,000— as if by a giant mop. A wall of water 30 feet high and 100 feet across roared down the canyon, tumbling houses and cars like toys.

Only the fact that police had more than an hour to try to evacuate the area below the reservoir kept the death toll from rising much higher.

Even so, 15 persons who did not get out in time were injured.

SCENE OUT OF HELL

Those who came back grim-faced to poke in the debris described the long night hours of waiting for rescue as a scene out of hell, made more hellish by the red glow of emergency lights and the criss-crossing beams of helicopters looking for victims.

Dozens spent hours in the dark perched on rooftops, too weary to descend after the flood waters receded.

An official count Sunday showed:

Dead—three.
Injured—15.
Homes destroyed—64.
Homes with major damage —82.
Homes with minor damage —35.
Apartment buildings with major damage—55.
Apartment buildings with minor damage—41.
Total damage estimate — $10,000,000.

Sunday thousands of evacuees began returning to the scene in a hilly section of southwestern Los Angeles where hillside terraces wiped smooth as if by a giant mop. Cars were wrapped around trees and streets were pocked like a battlefield.

Police Chief William H. Parker said there was "acute devastation" throughout a one square mile area below the 19-acre reservoir. The total area affected, he said, involves 16,500 persons and 9,000 homes over a four-square-mile area.

This section, spreading out fan-like below the reservoir, lies between West Blvd., La Ballona Creek and Jefferson Blvd.

The "acute devastation" was confined to a section bounded by Hauser Blvd., La Brea Ave., Rodeo Road and the reservoir.

DISASTER AREA

Federal and state officials declared the section a disaster area, qualifying residents for reconstruction or remodeling loans.

Not all those homes were damaged, but most were deprived of electricity, gas and telephone service as flood waters spread over a wide area below the reservoir.

Undetermined thousands of persons, warned by reports of a leak in the dam, hours before it burst, fled to spend the night at homes of relatives or in evacuation centres set up in three high schools.

Sunday hundreds made their way through police cordons around the scene to poke through the debris for valuables left behind in their flight.

R. E. Elliott, who lived just below the dam, told reporters: "There's just a big hole . . . my house is gone . . . we have nothing . . . the swimmingpool is all that is left . . . we climbed the hill above and watched everything go . . ."

Cause of the disaster was undetermined but officials were investigating a possibility that land beneath the dam had subsided into underground oil pools emptied by pumping derricks on nearby hills.

Whatever the cause, a leak was discovered in the reservoir wall at 11:15 a.m. Saturday and an evacuation warning was issued in minutes.

SAVED FROM ROOFTOPS

Many did not take the warning seriously, or didn't hear it.

Hundreds were still in the area when a 75-foot section of the dam collapsed with the sound of a cannon shot at 3:38 p.m. Water flooded from the break until 4:55 p.m.

By then it was almost dark and rescue work went on by floodlight until dawn Sunday showed the extent of the grim picture.

During the night helicopters plucked dozens from rooftops and high elevations. Policemen and firemen waded chest deep through the mud rescuing the sick and invalid, and carrying heart attack victims to ambulances.

After the discovery of the leak workers labored for hours trying to support the dam with sandbags but it was futile.

Man Fatally Hurt In Souris Crash

SOURIS — Augustus Adolphus MacDonald, 28, nephew of Lieutenant-Governor W.J. MacDonald, became the Island's 32nd highway fatality this year when his small foreign car collided with the rear of an oil truck in Souris late Saturday afternoon.

Mr. MacDonald had been proceeding west on Main Street in Souris about 5 o'clock Saturday when he collided with the rear of a parked oil truck owned by Irving Oil Limited. The car was a total wreck, but the truck received no major damage.

The truck operator was John Jarvis of Souris. He had been at a house delivering oil at the time of the impact and was not injured.

Mr. MacDonald was treated at the scene by Dr. Peter Irlam and Dr. Edward Kassner. He was then taken to Souris Hospital by Perry's ambulance and died shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday.

Dr. Allan MacMillan, coroner, has set the inquest date for Dec. 30 at 7.30 p.m. at City Hall

Mr. MacDonald was the son of Mrs. Velerius MacDonald and the late Mr. MacDonald of Winsloe.

His remains will be resting this afternoon at the Hennessey Funeral Home in Charlottetown. The funeral will be held at St. Alexis Church, Rollo Bay at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The accident was investigated by the Souris detachment, RCMP.

Premier Shaw Expected To Enter Hospital

Premier Shaw was expected to enter hospital today for further x-rays and examination on his doctor's request as a result of a car accident two weeks ago.

The Premier was said to be bothered still with pains and hasn't seemed to have improved as much as Mrs. Shaw or the Premier's sister Mrs. Jean Horton who were also involved in the same accident.

It was not believed, however, that the Premier's condition was too serious.

Warning Cut Casualty Toll

Snow Snarls Traffic In N.S. Areas

HALIFAX (CP) — Snow ranging from two to six inches across the Maritimes slowed traffic early Sunday as high winds and cold temperatures added to the hazards of driving.

Southern Cape Breton and the Halifax area were hardest hit with six inches of snow and a 20 to 30-mile-an-hour wind that at times cut the visibility to zero.

However, there were no serious accidents reported because of the storm, although RCMP officials reported a number of minor mishaps.

Yarmouth, N.S., got five inches and reported gusts to 40 miles an hour, piling up deep drifts that had snow plows busy all day to keep the roads clear.

In almost all areas, the snow stopped falling early in the day, but the drifting went on until dark, packing down hard on highways.

Newfoundland, which Sunday had only occasional snowflurries, was expecting the same storm early today, although the weather office predicted it wouldn't be as severe. Up to three inches of snow was expected in most Newfoundland areas.

Charlottetown's recorded winds at radio range were 27 miles per hour with gusts to 30. Only one half inch of snow fell during a 20-hour period Sunday.

Canada's Nuclear Bombers May Move From France

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN

PARIS (CP)—Defence Minister Hellyer confirmed Sunday that the problem of Canada's nuclear bombers in France is coming under discussion, and he hopes a solution will not be long delayed.

Hellyer made his comment at a press conference following a Saturday statement by Dirk Stikker, NATO secretary-general, that it might be wise to base the Canadian bombers "somewhere else" if President de Gaulle refuses to allow their nuclear warheads to be stored on French territory.

Hellyer gave no details on the consultations, but he is due to dine with French Defence Minister Pierre Mesmer Tuesday.

He said that within the range of options there were "quite a few solutions or accommodations" possible. But he added that he saw no indication the French would allow storage of nuclear warheads not subject to their veto.

MARTIN SILENT

In a separate interview, External Affairs Minister Martin declined to comment on the statement by Stikker, whose frankness surprised Canadian reporters.

Hellyer said he did not expect the question to be raised at NATO ministerial meetings opening here today. Broad political questions, including East-West relations, are to be dealt with by the ministers.

Martin is to address the open session.

The Western "Big Four" ministers met over dinner Sunday night for their first meeting since President Kennedy's assassination and the signing of the Moscow test-ban treaty in August.

GUESTS OF KLAIBER

The four diplomats from the United States, Britain, France and West Germany — Dean Rusk, R. A. Butler, Maurice Couve de Murville and Gerhard Schroeder — were guests with their advisers at the home of West German ambassador Manfred Klaiber.

A highly-placed source said the Western powers were studying a new way of reducing East-West tensions through unilateral moves by each side without any binding commitments by either Moscow or the West.

This idea has been put forward, the source said, because the United States is under no illusions about the immediate prospects of formal agreement on anything substantial with the Soviet Union. Consequently, he said, the West does not consider this a good time for a summit meeting.

Instead, the Western allies are examining the chances of a series of parallel, perhaps almost simultaneous, moves.

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

SATURDAY, Dec. 14, 1963

Immigration Minister Favreau said his department hopes to attract well over 100,000 immigrants to Canada next year.

He also forecast amendments designed to bring a new look to indian legislation, encouraging initiative and self-responsibility.

Eugene Rheaume (PC — Northwest Territories) said there should be a 20-year plan to obliterate the Indian affairs branch.

A. B. Patterson (SC—Fraser Valley) said basic economic and monetary reforms are needed so Canada can support a larger population.

MONDAY, Dec. 16

The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to debate creation of representation commissioner. The Senate meets at 8 p.m.

Canada Gives Up Efforts On Commonwealth Role

By CARMAN CUMMING

UNITED NATIONS (CP)— Acting under heavy pressure, Canada has given up on an attempt to preserve a formal Commonwealth role in the United Nations.

The initiative was dropped Saturday only after African Commonwealth members appealed publicly to Canada not to press for a "test case" vote on the issue.

They intimated the Canadian campaign was working against their own attempts to add Afro-Asian members to UN bodies.

Authoritative sources said the development was a major one in terms of the Commonwealth role in the UN and in terms of Canadian diplomatic strategy at the UN.

But they stressed that the Commonwealth countries will continue to meet and will continue to exert influence as a group.

Saturday's developments grew out of Afro-Asian and Latin American attempts to eliminate the Commonwealth seat in reforming the 11-nation Security Council.

The seat had been provided for in the 1946 "gentlemen's agreement" that allocated two of the six non-permanent seats to Latin America, one to East Europe, one to West Europe, one to the Middle East and one to the Commonwealth.

EXPECTED TO STAND

This agreement is expected to stand for a time, at least, since the Soviet Union has indicated it will veto expansion until Communist China is seated on the council. But the debate last week showed clearly that little sentiment remains for retention of the Commonwealth seat.

The Afro - Asians and Latin Americans want a new division of seats on a purely geographic basis. Canada, Australia and New Zealand are to be classed under "West European and others."

The Canadian delegation, with the backing of Australia and New Zealand, took the lead in a campaign to prevent the loss of the seat.

The test case was fought out on a relatively minor Afro-Asian resolution to add three seats to the General Assembly's 18-member general committee, or steering committee.

Hostages Expect Early Release

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—President Victor Paz Estenssoro ordered his military chief Sunday to fly to the tin mining centre of Oruro to pick up four Americans and 15 other hostages held by anti - government miners since Dec. 6.

A presidential statement said Gen. Alfredo Ovando also is under orders to withdraw government troops which had taken up positions around the mines at Catavi and Siglo Veinte, about 30 miles south of Oruro.

Centenary Planners Meet Today

By JAMES NELSON

OTTAWA (CP)—One and possibly two more provinces are expected to sign federal-provincial agreements on sharing the costs of projects to mark the 1967 centenary of Canada at meetings opening here today.

Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Ontario and Alberta have signed the agreement under which the federal treasury will contribute $1 per capital to centennial projects of a lasting nature. The province and an initiating municipality or other body is to put up a combined matching grant of $2, divided in whatever way they wish.

Prince Edward Island and British Columbia are ready to sign the agreements, but it is reported that British Columbia is waiting for Quebec's action on the deal.

Quebec, however, will not sign until legislation is passed by Parliament changing the name of the National Centennial Administration to something removing the implication that 1967 is only the first 100th anniversary of the birth of the nation. Quebec believes the nation of Canada was established with the first French settlements, long before passage of the British North America Act.

Liberal MP Returns To Bicultural Wars

By DAVE McINTOSH

OTTAWA (CP) — Auguste Choquette, the Liberal MP from Lotbiniere who was ticked off publicly by Prime Minister Pearson for saying Canada should get rid of its "integral" monarch, returned to the bilingual/bicultural wars Saturday.

He said in the Commons there should be more intensive French-speaking immigration so that Canada will become bilingual and bicultural in numbers as well as in principle.

He said total immigration in the 1951-61 decade was 1,542,803 — 817,292 immigrants going to Ontario and only 325,000 to Quebec. The population had risen by 4,230,000in the same decade but the French-speaking portion had grown by only 1,200,000.

Mr. Choquette said immigration should be used to redress the balance.

Frank Howard (NDP — Skeena) said that if the Indians had followed the same immigration policy when Jacques Cartier arrived as Canada has now, Mr. Choquette wouldn't be in the Commons to complain.

LEADS OFF DEBATE

Immigration Minister Favreau, who led off the all-day debate on his departmental appropriations, announced that two new offices will be opened in France as one means of trying to attract "well in excess" of 100,000 immigrants to this country next year. Peak year for post-war immigration was 1957 when 282,164 immigrants arrived.

The two new offices—at Lyoa and Bordeaux—will be in addition to the one long maintained in Paris.

Total immigration in 1963 is expected to be about 92,000 compared with 71,689 in 1961 and 74,586 in 1962, Mr. Favreau said.

Canada wanted young, skilled workers and entrepreneurs with the capital and experience to operate their own enterprises.

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Chou, Nasser Open Talks

CAIRO (Reuters) — President Gammal Abdel Nasser and visiting Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai began official talks in the Kubbeh Palace here Sunday.

The Chinese leader, on a friendship winning mission to Africa, was accompanied at the talks by a six-man team headed by Foreign Minister Marshal Chen Yi.

President Nasser also was accompanied by six advisers headed by Marshal Abdel Hakim Amer, Egyptian vice-president and deputy commander in chief.

Earlier Sunday Chou inspected priceless treasures during a 90-minute visit to Cairo's Egyptian Museum and told the director ancient Egypt had a more advanced culture than China 4,000 years ago.

Accidents Take Six Lives In Maritimes On Weekend

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Traffic accidents, a drowning and a death from a fall took six lives in the Maritime Provinces this weekend. One traffic death was reported in Prince Edward Island, the five others in Nova Scotia.

Augustus Adolphus MacDonald of Winsloe, P.E.I., died Saturday when his car struck the rear of an oil truck in Souris.

Near Amherst, six-year-old Anthony White drowned Saturday when he fell through thin ice covering a brook on the out skirts of the town.

Traffic accidents Friday night took the lives of three Nova Scotians.

Seven-year-old Debralea Crowell was struck by a car near her Pleasantville home about five miles from Bridgewater.

A two-car collision at Yarmouth took the life of 45-year-old James Arthur Doucette and at Kentville 34-year-old Vaughn William Dominey died when a car he was driving struck a tree.

Ellis Joseph Charteris, 20, of Sault Ste, Marie, Ont., died in hospital at Antigonish, N.S. Sunday after an accidental fall Saturday. He was a prominent student at St. Francis Xavier University.

Party Leader Dies In Bonn

BONN (Reuters) — Erich Ollenhauer, the chairman of the West German opposition Social Democratic party, died in the hospital here Saturday at the age of 62.

The death, which followed treatment for a circulatory ailment, deprived the country's second biggest political party of a moderating leader experienced in bridging internal party conflicts.

His death left the leadership question wide open although most speculation was centred on three fighres—West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt, party organizer Herbert Wehner and defence expert Fritz Erler.

Potato Export Field Probed

By FARMER TISSINGTON
Capital Bureau, The Guardian

OTTAWA, — The outlook for increased exports of Canadian seed and table potatoes does not appear to be very bright according to the Department of Trade and Commerce. Recently the department prepared a brief on the potato situation at the request of John Mutially, MP for Kings, who has sought information in the Commons from Trade Minister Mitchell Sharp on potato export possibilities.

The department says it hopes this year's exports of seed will compare favorably with last year's total when in the calendar year of 1962, 227.9 million pounds were exported for seed and 227.4 million pounds for edible purposes.

ARGENTINA CROP GOOD

However, there is certain to be a reduction in shipments to Argentina. This country was the largest buyer of Canadian table-stock potatoes last year and normally is self-sustaining in potatoes for consumption and this year appears to need few imports.

Europe is normally self-sustaining in table potatoes and such countries as the Netherlands and Belgium are competitors in some of Canada's markets. There is a preference in western Europe for yellow-fleshed varieties while the Canadian product is white.

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Unlikely Trio Face Charge Of Kidnapping Sinatra Jr.

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Who are the three men accused of kidnapping Frank Sinatra Jr.?

A house painter, a fisherman and a stockbroker's son. Hardly the sort of people you'd enlist as confederates if you were going to pull the most celebrated abduction in a generation.

Yet authorities say these three, all minor leaguers in crime until now, are the ones who spirited the 19 - year - old singer from a Mountain Lake resort, released him for $240,000 ransom and landed in jail, all in the space of 126 hours, 45 minutes.

The house painter is 42-year-old John William Irwin, a man with an unspectacular record of arrests dating back 16 years.

The fisherman is Joseph Clyde Amsler, 23, a former navy man and a professional boxer arrested several times for petty offences and married only a month ago.

The Broker's son is Barry Worthington Keenan, also 23, an unemployed appliance salesman described by his former wife as a man who lived beyond his means and had "an obsession for money."

FRIENDS ASTONISHED

Friends were astonished, relatives shocked when the FBI dramatically broke its long silence on the case Saturday, announcing that the three men had been arrested, that nearly all the ransom money had been recovered and that no other suspects were being sought.

What do the three have in common, besides their purported craving for easy money?

Keenan and Amsler were classmates at University High School in west Los Angeles. Curiously, Nancy Sinatra, sister of the kidnapped boy and now wife of singer Tommy Sands, was in the same class. She and Keenan were graduated in 1956 but Amsler left school to join the navy.

Others who were in the same class say Keenan and Amsler were good friends. Eugene Gierson, now a medical student, says Keenan knew Nancy "better than most people in the school."

Sinatra Sr. said Saturday that his daughter viewed photos of Keenan but didn't recognize him.

Dr. Hyman Gierson, father of Eugene, remembers Keenan as a boy "He's not the kind of boy to be involved in this. He must have been dragged in by friends."

Amsler's father, electronics engineer Clyde R. Amsler, told reporters that he was "too upset, too disturbed to make a statement at this time."

THESE THREE MEN have been arrested in three southern California cities as suspects in the kidnapping of Frank Sinatra Jr., the FBI announced Saturday. Left to right: John W. Irwin, 42, of Hollywood; Barry W. Keenan, 23, of Los Angeles; and Joseph Clyde Amsler, 23, of Pleyo Del Rey, Calif. (AP Wirephoto).

PM Says No Veto Threat Made In Pension Meeting

OTTAWA (CP)—Premier Lesage of Quebec has urged that contributions under the federal government's proposed Canada pension plan be doubled to bring them by line with Quebec's own plans, highly-placed informants said here Saturday.

Prime Minister Pearson told the Commons Saturday that no province "has ever claimed any veto" over the federal plan.

But he said Premier Lesage has not agreed to a constitutional amendment that would be necessary to extend benefits under the federal plan to survivors and the disabled.

The federal government hoped that "in due course" the plan could be broadened to provide those benefits and "the matter is still under discussion."

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker raised the question following published reports of the closed-doors discussions on the Canada pension plan during the recent federal-provincial fiscal conference.

SET UP OWN PLAN

Federal informants said Premier Lesage had urged that contribution rates under the proposed federal pension scheme be boosted to four per cent of the first $4,000 annual income instead of the suggested two per cent.

They said he implied that if this were done, he would agree to the constitutional amendment required to bring survivors and the disabled under the federal scheme.

Ottawa's Canada pension plan will not apply in Quebec, where Premier Lesage's government plans to set up its own provincial pension system.

The Prime Minister said the Canada pension plan, as proposed, does not provide for payments to pensioners' survivors or disabled pensioners below the age of 65 and thus does not require a constitutional amendment.

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