



LOW TEMPERATURES AID NORTHERN BEAUTY

A touch of beauty was added to this row of homes in North Bay, Ont., when the temperature hovered between 30 and 35 degrees below zero at night. Fascinated by the light reflected in smoke rising from chimneys, John McNeill, staff photographer with the Nugget, took a two-minute time exposure to capture the scene. (CP Wirephoto)

Convict Says He's Certain Bomb Aboard Lost Airliner

Written for The AP (Copyrighted by the Dallas Times Herald 1962) By EDMUND A. BARKER DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A convict told me he believes a bomb undoubtedly was aboard the National Airlines plane that vanished into the Gulf of Mexico with 42 persons aboard Nov. 16, 1959.

Robert Vernon Spears, now in Alcatraz Prison, says he watched a confederate walk into the airline terminal at Tampa, Fla., with a packaged bomb under his arm and head for the doomed airliner.

Spears said, however, he didn't think the bomb went off but that something else happened to the plane.

In Dallas, the FBI said it would have no comment on the Spears' statement.

Spears, a 67-year-old Dallas naturopath who had insured his life for \$121,000, disappeared after the tragedy. Since he was on the passenger list and had validated his own ticket it was presumed he died along with the 41 others. Insurance companies were preparing to pay claims when FBI agents captured Spears at a Phoenix, Ariz., motel, Jan. 20, 1960.

He is in Alcatraz Prison, ironically serving time for stealing the car of his confederate, William Allen Taylor, and is eligible for parole.

TAYLOR ON PLANE

Authorities learned that Taylor was on the plane through a \$37,500 insurance policy he purchased minutes before boarding the airliner.

Spears first told me of the bomb in a taped interview Nov. 17, 1960—a year and a day after the plane went down. He repeated it to me Nov. 29, 1960. He said he gave Taylor \$850 as a loan before he boarded the plane.

The tape recordings of my interviews have been studied ever since by the FBI and department of justice but not disclosed before this time so that investigators would not be hampered.

Spears told me this story: Taylor, 61-year-old Tampa, Fla., tire salesman, who had spent time in prison with Spears, made the bomb at Spears' request. Spears explained he needed a bomb to "take care" of a woman witness who intended to testify against him in an abortion trial at Los Angeles.

Spears and Taylor met in Tampa a few days before the tragedy and Taylor intended to drive his own car to Dallas before the two men went on to the west coast.

HAD SORE NECK

Spears claimed that Taylor said he was suffering from a sore neck and shoulder and asked to ride on the plane.

The two drove to the airport shortly before midnight. Spears went to the airport and validated the ticket. He came out and gave the ticket to Taylor.

Taylor had a small suitcase that could be carried on the plane. The bomb was in a rectangular package on the back seat of the car.

The last Spears saw of Taylor was as Taylor walked through the door of the airport terminal carrying the small suitcase and with the package tucked under his arm. Spears said Taylor had a two-hour timer to connect the bomb.

After the plane disappeared, only tiny bits of wreckage could be found in the gulf. Then investigators learned that Taylor had bought the insurance.

Former Headhunters Show Modern Trends In Jungle

BEVERLY DEEPE KAPIT, Sarawak (AP) — A quartet of sooty skulls, veiled in a shroud of spiderwebs, was attached with tree twines to the roof above my head.

The eerie, fleshless heads spoke of the past of my hosts.

The Ibans, once the most ferocious headhunters in Asia.

I happened to visit the Ibans in this isolated country on the northwestern coast of Borneo as the guest of Pengulu Kulleh in his 500-foot longhouse, where a village of 200 persons lived under one roof.

The longhouse is far inland on the Nanga Amang, a riverlet so narrow that the overhanging branches blanket it.

The Pengulu, an elected Iban chieftain was responsible for governing 12 longhouses. He was about 50 years old; a symbol of the transition from the traditional Iban to the more modern one.

WENT BAREFOOT

He was, barefoot and wore a white skirt and khaki shorts, while the traditionally-dressed men wore a simple loincloth. His body was covered with bluish tattoos of flower-like circles and tubular designs — a painful body form of Iban glamor.

This small country of 48,250 square miles became a British crown colony in 1946, ending more than a century of rule by the White Rajas, an English family who had isolated the natives from foreign influences.

It is a country of endless jungle and many rivers, which are the great avenues and small alleys of communication. Far in the interior live the Ibans, many pagan.

The platform and the house were built on 10-foot piles raising them high upon the river bank as an imposing fortress. Some of the longhouses stretch one-quarter of a mile and shelter 600 persons.

Twenty-eight doors opened off a long veranda, leading to the living compartments or Billiks of the individual families in the house.

USE OUTBOARD MOTORS

On the wood and bamboo floor of the veranda, with wide slits in it for easy housekeeping, were hollowed-out shells for carrying water from the river, several outboard motors, a hewn-out log for pounding rice from the husk, mats for sitting on the floor and piles of firewood for cooking. Naul, the Pengulu's son-in-law, stopped to show me his fighting cock

which had won a \$8.30 bet.

He stopped and pointed above his head. Attached to the roof with tree branches were the four eyeless, noseless, hairless heads collected long ago. Naul told me that no one in the longhouse had chopped a head, but some of the younger men had small tattoos on their hands indicating they had killed a terrorist in the Malayan emergency or a Japanese during the occupation.

Above the veranda was an attic for storing rice and equipment. Unmarried girls often sleep there—to be joined later in the evening by a suitor. In the Iban custom of Nyagayag, unmarried persons are allowed trial marriages before selecting a final mate.

The Pengulu invited my interpreter, a 20-year-old Iban named Chris, and me to dinner in his quarters.

CUSTOMS CHANGING

I asked the Pengulu how his life would be different from that of his grandson's generation. "There will be more education, better health conditions and better living for my grandson," he said.

"And the customs have changed even in my lifetime. "It used to be that no visitor could come to a longhouse for three months after a funeral or else they were fined '2.60," he said. "Now they can enter after three weeks, but they must take off their jewelry and not be merry."

Life within the longhouse also shows modern traces. Even in the remotest jungle, mangles are used to press rubber into sheets; outboard motors speed marketing trips; shotguns have replaced eight-foot blowpipes of bamboo. Almost every longhouse has at least one battery-powered radio.

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Senator Strom Thurmond Is Strong U.S. Rightist

Strom Thurmond of South Carolina is a leading Senate exponent of the right-wing view. In this third in a series of four stories on U.S. ultra-conservatives, his theories and background are examined.

By RELMAN MORIN

NEW YORK (AP) — Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina is an intense, nose-to-the-grindstone man with convictions that parallel, to a considerable degree, the doctrines of the far right.

"I'm not a member of the John Birch Society or any of those organizations," Thurmond says. "I understand they are against communism and I'm for any group that's against it."

Hence, the voluminous literature of the far right often quotes the Democratic senator.

His mail bags bulge with applauding literature. He is in great demand by them as a speaker. If the hundreds of new rightist organizations ever unite and form a major political party, Thurmond might well be their first choice for president.

Thurmond was the prime mover in the present Senate investigation into charges that U.S. military men have been "muzzled" from speaking out against Communist influence in the United States.

This lies near the core of the beliefs that agitate the rightist groups and the senator.

They assert that Communists have infiltrated the federal government.

Thurmond says: "I'd just say it would be amazing if some of them hadn't gotten into positions in our government." But he prefers the term, "silent socialists."

Working in the second echelons of government, he contends, "these people exert a tremendous and undue influence on policy."

"We could have won that war and we should have won it," he says. "But (former president) Truman wouldn't give (Gen Douglas) MacArthur or (the other American commanders) the authority to win it."

That was the state department policy — not to go ahead and win the war for fear it would antagonize somebody and

spread to a bigger war. That's our policy today — don't do anything for fear of antagonizing somebody.

"We are trying to win a popularity contest in the world and instead losing the respect of the world."

SHARED BY MILITARY

Many U.S. military men share this view. Thurmond is a military man.

He volunteered for the army on the day the U.S. entered the Second War. He went in as a lieutenant of infantry and came out a lieutenant-colonel. He was wounded in Normandy on D-Day. He has 16 medals, decorations and awards for military service. He now is a major-general in the reserves.

In 1948, when southern Democrats split from the party over the civil rights issue in the platform, they chose Thurmond to be their candidate for president. He carried four states. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1954.

Nearing 60, he still resembles a fighting soldier. He is still backed with steady eyes and a chin like a rock. He neither drinks nor smokes. In his office he exercises with a pair of bells weighing 50 pounds.

Thurmond says he has no political ambition other than to stay in the Senate. But if the far right ever starts looking for a presidential candidate, his ideas on the whole would dovetail with theirs.

B.C. PONDERS ISLAND GIFT

VICTORIA (CP) — The British government is going to ask Princess Margaret what is to be done with her island in the Gulf of Georgia.

Recreation Minister Earle Westwood recently told an official of the Victoria Outboard Motor Boat Club that he would urge Premier W. A. C. Bennett to write asking if, as planned, the island should be developed as a provincial marine park, a club spokesman disclosed Saturday.

The provincial government purchased 545-acre Portland Island in the Gulf of Georgia in 1958. Later the same year, when Princess Margaret came here to mark provincial centennial celebrations, she was given the deed to the island.

The idea was that, with her consent, the island was to be developed as a marine park and re-named Princess Margaret Island.

But nothing further was heard from the Princess.

Government officials had expected she would return the deed with instructions to develop the island as planned for the benefit of the people of the province.

SEEN AS CONSPIRACY

The far rightist sees a great conspiracy to deliver the United States into Communist bondage.

Thurmond sees what he calls a "no-win policy," and he says left-wingers in government have sold President Kennedy on it.

The basic proposition of this policy, he says, is that the United States cannot win a total victory over the Communists in the cold war. His face flushes as he barks indignantly. "Why not? Why should we start off with a defeatist proposition like this?"

Even more indignantly, he says a leftist-inspired "policy of paralysis" prevents the United States from taking action against the Castro regime in Cuba, and from having achieved a clear-cut victory in the Korean War.

FOXLEY RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
(List of Defaulting Rate Payers)

Name of Assessed	Last known residence	Taxes due on Real Property	Description of Land
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Albert Culleton	Summerside, P. E. I.	59.58	All lands and buildings in district
John R. Lewis	Alberton, P. E. I.	49.40	All lands and buildings in district
Norman MacLeod	Summerside, P. E. I.	108.97	All lands and buildings in district

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Bertha Thibedeau	St. Louis, P.E.I.	\$206.73	All lands and buildings in district
Est. of Leon Peters	St. Louis, P.E.I.	\$115.36	All lands and buildings in district
Ernest Gallant	Summerside, P.E.I.	\$123.21	All lands and buildings in district
Benoit Allain	St. Louis, P.E.I.	\$100.63	All lands and buildings in district
Frank D. Allain	Havelock, N.B.	\$ 82.00	All lands and buildings in district
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