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BIG AIRLINER MISSING WITH 40 PERSONS ON BOARD

Anti-Price-Fixing Legislation Becomes Law

Dozen Battered Ships Struggle To Make Port; Spanish Trawler Missing

LONDON, Dec. 30 — (CP) — A dozen battered ships struggled to reach West European ports tonight as a widespread storm raged on land and sea. Many old sailors called it the worst and most extensive hurricane within memory. While it eased in a few places, the winds in some areas, particularly Northern Scotland, increased in violence. The motor trawler Argentina, a little Spanish ship, is feared lost off the southwest coast of Ireland. A British steamer, the 394-ton St. Kearan, was literally blown out of the water onto a sandy beach off Ardmore Point on the western coast of Scotland. Sailors aboard signalled that they needed no help. The death toll from the storm was believed to be at least 30. Scraps of messages from small ships indicated a number of sail-crafts were swept from decks and bridges. Troops Called Out British troops were summoned early today to help fill a gap in a sea wall at Dymchurch on the south coast of England where the raging sea was threatening to flood the Marshes region. Weather forecasts held hope that the end of the mighty storm might be in sight. But wind velocity in the Hebrides off the northwest coast of Britain still was 89 miles an hour. Fragmentary reports indicated that the 6,711-ton American steamer Flying Enterprise was riding out the storm at a point 300 miles southwest of Ireland. All persons aboard were believed to have been removed. Other vessels in difficulty included the 500-ton Dutch coaster Leendert, between Barcelona and Marseille, and the 2,353-ton Swedish freighter Calla, adrift with engines crippled south of the Scilly Isles. The Belgian ship Samos was standing by. The Panama steamer Buccaneer which lost a propeller off Ireland was taken in tow by a French tug. It was understood the vessel was trying to reach Barry Dock, near Cardiff in Wales. The Dutch tanker Gemma was driven on rocks south of Guentherly. Fate of a crew of about eight was unknown. Another message heard at Rotterdam said Holland's largest sea-going tugboat, Zwartee Zee, collided with the Danish 1,580-ton steamer Bjorn Clausen south of Ireland. A message from the Zwartee Zee said its propeller is fouled and engine out of order. Shannon Airport In Ireland, closed to traffic for two days because of flooding of runways, was (Continued on page 15 col. 2)

Liberal Senators Show Opposition To Measure

OTTAWA, Dec. 30 — (CP) — The rocky route of the government's anti-price-fixing bill hit a relatively-clear stretch in the Senate Saturday and the contentious measure slipped quickly through the last stages of passage. As the senators disposed of the bill in an hour and 40 minutes against seven embattled days in the commons, they added a reverse twist to the Commons debate. Senate opposition came from the Liberal side, while the only representative of the nine-member Progressive Conservative Party in attendance gave it full support. In the Commons, the Liberal ranks were unbroken in favor of the bill, while the Progressive Conservatives carried the fight to the point where it forced the extraordinary post-Christmas sitting that ended late Saturday. With the swift senate passage out of the way—the bill got second and third readings almost simultaneously Saturday—it came law later in the day after receiving royal assent at the end of the session. Price Fixing Illegal That means it now is illegal for manufacturers or suppliers to establish the retail prices of their goods—the practice of "resale price maintenance" outlawed in the legislation. Enforcement will be through the Combines Act, of which the price-maintenance ban is an amendment. Saturday's senate approval, on the heels of the close of the long Commons debate Friday night, ended about two years of consideration of the question. It was dealt with by the Royal Commission on Prices in 1949-50, then by the government, by a joint senate-commons committee at this session and finally by parliament itself. The stormiest debate of the session was stirred by the Progressive Conservatives, who fought to have it put over to the 1952 session. The other three parties (Continued on page 15 col. 2)

Disappears After Taking Off From Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30 — (AP) — Mist and fog swallowed up a sivery twin-engined transport plane and its 40 occupants today as search parties combed a wide mountainous area in vain attempts to run down repeated reports of an air crash in Western Pennsylvania. Missing is a Miami-to-Buffalo plane which took off from Pittsburgh at 9:47 P.M. E.S.T. last night and disappeared without making radio contact with any airport. The plane is owned by Continental Charters, Inc., of Miami. It carried two captains, two co-pilots, three stewardesses and 33 passengers, including a 14-month-old baby boy. Twenty eight of the passengers boarded the craft in Pittsburgh. Among the passengers was Mrs. Dorothy Berman Bruce, 23, wife of mining engineer Angus Bruce of Kingston, Ont. She was on her way from Miami to a New Year's reunion with her mother, Mrs. Betty Berman, a Toronto hairdresser living temporarily in Buffalo. Ran Into Bad Weather The plane took off in good weather except for some mist but weather observers said flying conditions suddenly became worse during the night. Rain, fog and poor visibility was reported along the ship's flight path. The plane left here with three hours supply of gas, ample fuel for the flight to Buffalo which usually takes an hour. With the craft missing about 18 hours, a flood of rumors had the airplane down in the Brookville area — near the southern tip of the Allegheny State Forest and about 100 miles north of Pittsburgh. An air-rescue unit from Westover Air Force base in Massachusetts came to Pittsburgh to direct the aerial search. The officer in charge said 100 planes would be enlisted in the hunt tomorrow as soon as possible. (Continued on page 15 col. 3)

One Person Burned To Death As Fire Guts Amherst Hotel

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 30 — (CP) — At least one person died tonight when fire swept the 39-room St. Regis Hotel and heavily damaged seven business shops on the ground floor of the three-story hotel building. Reporters at the scene said there was a possibility others may have been trapped inside the building. There was no official word, however, on any persons missing. Mrs. Hattie Hudson, an elderly guest of the hotel, perished in the flames when a fireman who had reached her room by ladder was overcome by smoke. Before a substitute could reach the window flames engulfed the room. The fire was believed to have started in a ground floor shop about 10:30 P.M. It spread rapidly and was out of control when firemen arrived. Firemen estimated the loss at \$250,000. Other Fires BATHURST, N. B., Dec. 30 — (CP) — Three week-end fires caused damage to more than \$85,000 at New Brunswick north shore centres. The most serious outbreak was in Bathurst, where a \$50,000 fire shortly before noon Saturday destroyed an old wooden building on Main street. It was occupied by the Albert Melanson Company, a confectionery firm, and the upstairs apartment of John Creighton, who had to throw his two young children from a window to a snowbank in 20 below zero weather. The Creighton family of four escaped injury but lost practically all their possessions, including \$300 in cash. At Campbellton, a \$15,000 loss occurred when games destroyed a storage shed and equipment at the McLennan Engineering Works. The other fire, at Chatham, badly damaged the boarding house of Mrs. Percy Adams and apartment of John Oulton and his family. The Oultons and 15 boarders were left homeless. (Continued on page 15 col. 3)



REPORTER INTERVIEWS GEN. DEAN — Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, right, commander of the 24th Division who has been missing in Korea since June, 1950, appears in good health as he chats with Wilfred Hurchett, Red correspondent for a Paris newspaper, who interviewed the general in a Pyongyang prison camp.

Trans-Canada Highway And Other Activities Reviewed

by E. S. White Deputy Minister, Provincial Department of Public Works and Highways The Department, under the leadership of Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, who took office in June, has just completed another very busy year. In spite of unusual weather, which gave us lighter than average snowfall and heavier than average summer rain, a very large program of works was carried out. Subgrading and graveling jobs begun totalled 142 miles with about 15% uncompleted because of weather. Compared to last year's record of 180 miles, we are down about 20%, but this is far offset by the paving of 24 miles with hot plant mix asphalt pavement (our standard pavement) and 15 miles of light asphalt treatment, bringing the total volume of work done to the greatest in many years. Trans-Canada Highway program was extensive, but weather seriously interfered with the program of permanent roads in King's and Prince Counties. This program was designed to offset the fact that the bulk of Trans-Canada Highway work is in Queen's County by reason of the "Ferry to Ferry" formula laid down for this work. Present indications are that Trans-Canada Highway work will not be as extensive in 1952 because of bridge work so that more emphasis may be put on the above mentioned balancing program. A further effect of the unusual weather was that, in an effort to make up time, road machinery was kept at work very late in the year. This will mean that we will not have our full complement of snow ploughs in operation for some time as several have yet to get their overhauling before going into snow plough work. During the year, efforts were made to give more attention to secondary roads. Experiments were carried out to determine the best method of lowering the cost. (Continued on page 13, Col. 3)

Allies Stand Firm In Talks

MUNSAN, Korea, Dec. 31 — (Monday) — (AP) — Communist negotiators pressed the United Nations command Sunday for more concessions on supervising a Korean armistice, but met firm resistance. At the same time, the Allies demanded an accounting of 53 missing civilians — missionaries, foreign service personnel and others, including newspaper correspondents. HALIFAX, Dec. 30 — (CP) — There was little fanfare or visible excitement today as the destroyer Nootka slipped from her berth and headed to sea for her second tour of duty in the Korean theatre. (Continued on page 15 col. 3)

St. Laurent Issues New Year's Message

OTTAWA, Dec. 30 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent said tonight the free nations are still a long way from security but are in a better position to resist aggression than a year ago. Mr. St. Laurent issued his annual New Year's message to Canadians. It will be broadcast over the CBC's French network Monday night and over English networks Tuesday night. "The free nations," the Prime Minister said, "are in a better position to resist aggression than they were a year ago, but we still have a long way to go before our people can feel really secure. The nations which want peace must continue to build up their strength and to maintain their unity." Dealing with the Korean war, he said that "We are still hoping for a successful end to the hostilities in that desolate land, where the peace-loving nations have banded together to stop aggression and enforce respect for the rule of law." Of Canada's internal affairs, he said: "I know there are many families where the cost of living has caused real concern and even some hardship. But we can be thankful that most Canadians are gainfully employed. "Compared with all other nations but one, we enjoy a very high standard of living, indeed, and that good fortune has enabled us to help the less fortunate in our own midst."



HALIFAX, Dec. 30 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office were valid until midnight Monday with a outlook for New Year's Day. Temperatures rose to the 40s over the Southern Maritimes Sunday and to the 20s over Eastern Quebec. There was widespread fog over the Southern Maritimes along with occasional drizzle and rain. Over the northern regions skies were variable. A change will occur Monday as colder air spreads southeastward across the forecast district, replacing the extremely mild, moist air. Present indications are that a disturbance will cause widespread poor weather over the Maritimes and Gaspe on New Year's Day. Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island — Cloudy with widely scattered snowflurries. Colder. North winds 15. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 38 and 38. Outlook for New Year's Day — Snow, then freezing rain. High tide today at 1:29 P. M. Sun rises today at 7:51 A. M. and sets at 4:47 P. M. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. (Continued on page 15 col. 3)

Coming Events

- *Victoria Rink, Tuesday, New Year's night, special skate. *Dance, Ebenezer School, New Years Eve, December 31st. *Don't miss the New Year's Eve Dance in Ebenezer School, Luncheon sold. *A Special Meeting of Derry L. O. L. Wednesday, January 2nd. All members please attend. *Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill. *For Snapshots that will not fade make your Films and Negatives to Garnham Photo Studios Charlottetown. *Annual Meeting of the Merchant Hockey League will be held in New London School, Monday, December 31st, at 8 o'clock. *Our Store will be closed all day Wednesday and Thursday, January 2nd and 3rd for stock-taking. R. L. Dickleson, New Glasgow. *Buying live fowl and chicken daily. We weigh and pay at farm Write or phone collect for pick up service. Smith Bros, Pownal. *Dance in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Souris, Wednesday night, January 2nd. Chaisson's Orchestra. Canteen service. *Hockey, North River Rink, league game, Monday, Dec. 31st. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Milton Hornets. Game time 8:30. Skate after game. Tomorrow being New Year's Day, and a public holiday, the next issue of The Guardian will be Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Rescues Two Children From Flaming House

TRENTON, N. S., Dec. 30 — (CP) — John Farrell crawled into a flame-filled house here Saturday to rescue two young children trapped by a Christmas tree fire. Jean and Barbara Pentz were playing in the house when the blaze started. Firemen said a short circuit in the tree lights was the cause. Farrell rushed from a nearby house to carry the two to safety, unconscious but otherwise uninjured. Mr. Pentz was visiting his wife in hospital at the time and Mrs. Farrell, a sister of Mrs. Pentz, was watching the children. Mrs. Farrell raised the alarm and called her husband to the rescue. (Continued on page 15 col. 2)

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Marshall Plan Dies Tonight At Midnight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 — (AP) — The Marshall Plan dies at midnight Dec. 31 — after spending nearly \$12,000,000,000 in an effort to rescue Europe from bankruptcy and Communism. Stepping into its place will be the new mutual security agency directed by W. Averell Harriman, until recently President Truman's foreign policy adviser. This newest agency has the critical task of building a solid economic footing upon which to base Europe's growing rearmament drive. Fading out of existence also will be the agency which directed the Marshall Plan during the last three years and nine months—the Economic Co-operation Administration. Harriman is to supervise spending of a total of about \$7,500,000,000 in the fiscal year ending July 1. All but \$1,022,000,000 will go to provide weapons and military supplies needed to revive Western European armies. The present Marshall Plan chief, Richard M. Bissell, Jr., goes over to Harriman's new agency as deputy-director in charge of economic aid to Europe and technical aid to Southeast Asia. (Continued on page 13, Col. 3)

Jammed Anchor Delays Sailing of Queen Mary

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 30 — (AP) — Prime Minister Winston Churchill's sailing on the Queen Mary for talks in Washington and Ottawa was postponed today for 24 hours. It means he can't arrive in New York until Jan. 5—the day the talks were scheduled to start. The Prime Minister sent a cable to the President expressing his disappointment at the delay. A jammed 16-ton anchor, bent in the lashing North Atlantic storms that delayed the giant liner's arrival here 72 hours, caused postponement of the quick turn-around sailing. Insurance inspectors wouldn't let the vessel leave until both anchors could slip freely out of the housings. Churchill and his party of 30, including Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, stayed aboard during the delay. The sailing delay was not expected to have any effect on Churchill's itinerary, either in Washington or Ottawa. Emergency crews had worked all night in an effort to free the anchor, bent in a hurricane when the Queen Mary lifted Friday outside Cherbourg, France. By the time two tugs were able to pull the big hook free, the tide was too low to permit the 81,237-ton liner to sail. The Churchill party had packed 105 pieces of luggage aboard. (Continued on page 15 col. 3)

Princess Margaret On Best Dressed List

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 — (AP) — Princess Margaret Rose appeared on the New York Dress Institute's list of best dressed women for the first time today. The Duchess of Windsor still led the voting for top honors in the 1951 list. She had led the institute's annual poll of 500 fashion designers, style authorities, editors, and socialites consistently for 10 years. This year's written ballot-giving gave her approximately one-third more votes than the others. Another royal figure, the Duchess of Kent, was returned to the list. Other newcomers, in addition to Princess Margaret Rose, included Mrs. Douglas MacArthur; Mrs. George McGhee of Washington, wife of the assistant secretary of state and mother of five children; Irene Dunne and Marjorie Dietrich, actresses, who were frequent runners-up but never before among the top selectees. (Continued on page 15 col. 3)

Airmen Tell Story Of 40 Days Behind Curtain

ERDING, Germany, Dec. 30 — (CP) — The dramatic story of 40 days' imprisonment behind the Iron Curtain and a Communist-style "trial" was related here Saturday night by four American airmen. Seated before microphones at a bare wooden table, the men told more than 100 reporters that when they landed in Hungary they thought they were in Yugoslavia. Acting as spokesman for the group, Capt. Dave Henderson of Shawnee, Okla., said the plane became lost in the clouds while he was piloting it on a routine flight from Erding to Belgrade Nov. 19. "Just as our gas was running low I sent out SOS Signals," said Henderson. "Then a fighter plane appeared in front of me and indicated that I should land at an airfield ahead." The airmen, released Friday after payment of \$120,000 in fines by the U. S., said they were never mistreated physically and were never accused of being spies. Duff said none of the four had been asked specifically to plead guilty or not guilty at the trial. (Continued on page 15 col. 3)

Gradual Recovery In U. K. Is Anticipated

LONDON, Dec. 30 — (Reuters) — An early shock—then gradual recovery; that is the economic prospect for Britain in 1952 in the view of business and financial circles here. The shock may come with the publication in the first days of the new year of Britain's gold and dollar losses for the last quarter of 1951. Swollen by the repayment Dec. 29 of \$175,000,000 United States and Canadian loans, the quarterly figures may be grave. But there should be an improvement from then on. In two respects Britain's new government has given hostages to fortune, and it remains to be seen what the fortune will be. One respect is the policy of closing the external deficit by making money tighter internally. This is deliberately designed to strengthen sterling abroad by making things tougher at home. So far the pinch has come only on the London Stock Exchange, particularly the government securities market, which is the last place where the government wants the pinch to stay. During the first quarter of 1952, the government may be able to transfer the pinch to industry and business. The idea is to enforce more competition with more rewards for efficiency and more penalties for inefficiency. If all goes according to plan, money will have been made harder to get, but more worth having. There may be a little more danger of unemployment but not more than it takes to move people from the wrong jobs into the right jobs. By the end of 1952 Britain should be much nearer to balancing her external payments. The old year will have had the biggest deficit on record. This may be redressed by some time in 1952. The other hostage to fortune is the decision not to claim the waiver of the \$111,000,000 of interest on the North American loans. This is widely regarded as a step to catch the whale of American military aid and goodwill. But it is a large sprat and the whale remains to be seen. (Continued on page 15 col. 3)

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MCA AIR SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 5:30 A.M.; 11:20 A.M.; 6:50 P.M. Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:25 A.M.; 1:35 P.M.; 6:55 P.M. Leave Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:40 A.M. New Glasgow Ar. Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow 4:35 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY 9:10 A.M. Arrive Sydney from New Glasgow. 10:25 A.M. Arrive New Glasgow from Sydney. SUNDAY ONLY Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 11:20 A.M. Arrive Charlottetown from Moncton 5:55 P.M. BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE Daily (Including Sunday) Leave Borden Leave C. T. 9:10 A.M. 10:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 2:40 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M. 9:00 P.M.