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Canadian Missionary Dies With 28 Other Hostages

From Reuters-AP LEOPOLDVILLE (CP)—Canadian missionary Rev. Chester Burk is believed to have been killed along with 28 other hostages in the northeastern Congo, survivors reported on arrival here Sunday.

Burk's wife, Mrs. Dolena Burk of Calgary and Toronto, was among 14 missionaries arriving here with word of the new massacres. She said she had no hope that her husband and 12 others held at Bafwa sende were still alive, although their deaths had not been confirmed.

The survivors also reported that 16 white hostages were feared dead at Banalia, including 11 Britons, five of them children, four Belgians and one American woman.

Banalia is 82 miles north of Stanleyville, the former rebel capital where hundreds of hostages were freed by Belgian paratroopers Nov. 24. Bafwa sende is 150 miles northeast of Stanleyville.

Eleven Italian Roman Catholics and two British women missionaries were flown from Bafwa sende Sunday, along with Mrs. Burk.

Martineau, Balcer May Quit Party

OTTAWA (CP)—Quebec Conservative MP Paul Martineau said Sunday night he will meet today with Leon Balcer to discuss the Quebec party leader's plans to consult constituents about quitting the party to sit as an independent.

Mr. Martineau declined in a phone interview to say whether he is considering a similar step but said he should have a better idea about future plans after the meeting.

Mr. Balcer, whose strained relations with the Conservative Leader Diefenbaker have worsened recently over the flag and federal provincial issues, said Saturday he is actively considering quitting the party to sit in the House of Commons as an independent.

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CHRISTMAS COUP D'ETAT

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Listing Ship Is Abandoned By 40 of 42-Member Crew

NEW YORK (AP)—A U.S. ship in danger of sinking was abandoned by 40 of 42 crew members southeast of Bermuda Sunday. A rescue ship reported four crew members dead and two missing.

The West German freighter Mathilde Bollen reported at 5:30 p.m. she had rescued 34 crew men from the stricken vessel, the Smith Voyager.

The captain and one mate remained aboard their ship, the Mathilde Bollen reported.

Three hours earlier, the rescue ship had radioed it had taken aboard all 40 crew men who had put up to sea in lifeboats.

There was no explanation for the differing reports.

In her latest message, the Mathilde Bollen said the Voyager was "listing 45 to 50 degrees," but appeared to be settling more easily than earlier. She said heavy seas were hindering all operations.

MPs Pondering Election Change

By JAMES NELSON
OTTAWA (CP)—There are certain lessons that a prime minister learns, usually much to his wily regret, which he passes down to all his successors.

Such is the lesson W. L. Mackenzie King learned of the winter of 1939 and the outbreak of war.

He had given a promise to the House of Commons in September, 1939, that there would be no general election, that Parliament would be dissolved for a week to declare war and pass essential war - footing legislation.

But when January, 1940, rolled around, Mr. King found the time was ripe for an election. Yet he had promised to call one more session.

It turned out to be the shortest on record.

The members assembled as usual to start the promised new session. When they went to the Senate chamber to hear the speech from the throne outlining the legislative program, they were told the government had decided on an immediate general election. The Parliament was dissolved.

IS ALREADY LONGEST
The current Parliament, now standing adjourned to Feb. 16, already has proved to be the longest session on record. It had continued from last Feb. 18 until Dec. 16, without a break even for Easter.

In the dying hours, there was speculation as to the future of this Parliament. Alvin Hamilton (PC—Quebec) remarked that last Friday might be the last day. The session might not be resumed before an election is called.

Under subsequent questioning, Prime Minister Pearson came as close as any prime minister has come to giving the commitment Mr. King gave in the autumn of 1939.

Asked whether the government still intends to have its new labor standards bill passed at this session of Parliament, Mr. Pearson replied in the affirmative.

He regretted that it hadn't been possible to pass the bill in "this part of the session, before Christmas." But it was still the government's intention to have the bill passed "this session."

That is, in a resumed part of the same session, starting in February.

Now members are examining his words closely to see just how firm that promise is.

Crossing Crash Leaves One Dead

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—James Butler of Harbor Grace, Nfld., was killed Saturday in a train-truck collision at Hoche's Lane, about 50 miles west of here.

Three other persons were injured when a truck in which they were riding collided with a train at a level crossing on the Conception Bay highway.

The death was the only one from accidental causes reported in the Atlantic Provinces over the weekend.

New Speculation Heard On Early British Vote

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BEACHED BY SEAWAY FREEZE-UP

Li Hsi, deckhand on the Nationalist Chinese ship Yanfu, is lost in thoughts of his bare and frigid Toronto waterfront. His ship is one of three foreign vessels which have to remain in Toronto over the winter because they missed the St. Lawrence Seaway closing deadline earlier this month.

Most of the crew of Yanfu will be transferred to another ship at Halifax or flown to Toronto. The remainder face a cold winter in a strange city. (CP Wirephoto).

Freight Rams Standing Cars

WILLIAMSBURG, Mexico City (AP)—Forty-five passengers were reported killed and 75 critically injured in a train collision near here Sunday.

Still incomplete reports said a freight train smashed into the passenger train, and the latter was derailed.

Williamsburo is 475 miles southeast of Mexico City.

The accident is reported to have occurred at 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning at the small station of Tacotalpan, and has been provisionally blamed upon bad weather.

The passenger train had stopped at Tacotalpan. It was on its way from Tenehuque, Tabasco state to Coahuacalco, Vera Cruz state.

The freight train was running at some 50 miles an hour when it rammed into the rear end of the parked passenger train, reports said.

Tacotalpan is a small village 30 miles south of Williamsburo, the capital of the tropical state of Tabasco in southeast Mexico.

SHIP BALKS AT LAUNCHING

SEATTLE (AP)—The widow of a navy hero swung the bottle accurately, the band played Anchorage, Alaska, the destroyer escort Abert David just after three dripping champagne.

Seventeen choruses later, the frozen ground on the ways let go and the ship slid into Puget Sound Saturday.

The ship was named for Lieut. Albert David who was awarded a Medal of Honor for leading the boarding party that captured intact a German submarine in 1944 off French West Africa. He died a year later of a heart attack.

His widow, Lynda, of San Diego, christened the vessel.

Blast Kills 57 Miners

LIJMA (Reuters)—Thirty-seven miners were killed and 30 injured in a methane gas and carbon dust explosion in a coal mine near Cerro Pasco, about 200 miles north-east of Peru's capital Sunday, the mine management said.

Thirty-four miners, some seriously injured, were rescued.

A spokesman for the mining firm said 24 bodies have been recovered so far.

Two Ferries On Service For Holidays

The MV Confederation has joined the MV Abwegst on the Borden-Tormentine ferry service. The Confederation began operating Friday and will continue until after the New Year holiday traffic rush.

The scheduled crossings are made daily. The Abwegst sails from Borden and the Confederation from Tormentine to begin the day at 7 a.m. Other sailings are at 8:25, 10:05, 11:30, 12:05, 2:05, 3:30, 5:00 and 9:15.

All the rest rooms at Borden and Tormentine will remain open around the clock for the convenience of the public and it was announced by B. Graham Rogers, the provincial government's transportation director.

LBJ's Health Called Top

By FRANK CAREY
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson approaches his sixtieth birthday with a health and a good chance of weathering the next four strenuous and demanding years, says one of his personal physicians.

There is no health reason why he should not continue an active, vigorous life for many years, Dr. James W. Cain said in an exclusive weekend telephone interview. Cain with the Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minn., added that he has examined Johnson in the white House within the last two weeks.

The 66-year-old president not only shows no adverse effects from the recent, rigorous political campaign, but also "I think he is in better health than I've seen him in years," Cain said.

The campaign ended with Johnson's election Nov. 3 for a four-year term. He will be inaugurated as president for the new period next month.

EXAMINED PERIODICALLY
Cain is one of several physicians who periodically see the president, in addition to Rear Admiral George C. Burkley, personal physician to Johnson.

He said the president underwent an electrocardiograph examination, visual examination of his heart's function—at the Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, San Antonio, on Nov. 7. And that, too, was normal.

Victim Of Shooting In Nfld. Is Buried At Arichat, N.S.

ARICHAT, N.S. (CP)—A 22-year-old RCMP constable, who was to have played Santa Claus at a children's Christmas party in Whitehouse, Nfld., today was buried here Sunday. Constable R. W. Arichat was shot to death last week in an attempt to capture four escaping prisoners at Whitehouse.

Funeral service for the young police officer was held at the Anglican Church in nearby Pondville. Six members of the RCMP, each with about three years of service, sang at the funeral. Arichat, 22, was a constable in the RCMP, and was acting as Santa Claus at the party.

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Canada's Newest Warship Commissioned At Halifax

By ERROL WEAVER
HALIFAX (CP)—The Canadian Navy's newest and most modern warship, HMCS Annapolis, officially became a member of the fleet here Saturday in a colorful commissioning ceremony marked by traditional naval formalities.

The sleek, 338-foot ship, whose keel was laid down at Halifax Shipyard's Limited plant in September, 1961, was launched in April of 1963. She was built at a cost of more than \$35,000,000. It is the 20th destroyer escort built by Canadian yards for the navy since the Second World War.

The ceremony was the first commissioning of a new navy vessel to occur since integration of the Canadian armed forces began in August, and it was the first time an army officer had presided at such a function.

Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Walsh, vice-chief of the defence staff, presided at the ceremony, presided over by the commanding officer, Chief Marshal Miller, who was unable to attend the commissioning due to the pressure of his duties.

Walsh presided at the presence and outward sign that integrated the army and navy. He said the presence of a soldier at a naval commissioning, especially one as important as "a significant milestone in the history of the defence forces in Canada."

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