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Report Signals From B-29 Down In Ocean

First Clue To Whereabouts Of Big Plane

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Nov. 17 — (CP)—A distress signal heard today and flares spotted on the ocean tonight gave hope that survivors of a United States B-29 bomber downed in the Atlantic last week may be found soon. The missing plane carried 20 men. First clue in the bomber's disappearance came early tonight when red flares were seen by a search plane 240 miles northeast of Bermuda. Later another search plane returned to report that it had picked up faint distress signals.

A bearing was taken from these signals and it compared accurately with the location where the flares were spotted.

The B-29 search plane which sighted the flares continued to orbit the area late tonight. Another plane sent out to investigate was forced to return to Kindley base here because of lack of fuel. Two other planes left later for the area. The rescue planes carried flares, emergency supplies and dinghies.

Kindley Field said here if anything were found, all surface vessels in the area—including the Canadian aircraft carrier Magnificent, destroyer Haida and frigate Swarzen—would be diverted to join rescue operations.

The missing plane lost radio contact with Kindley Field yesterday at 11:45 a.m. AST, while en route to Britain from March Field, Calif. B-29 pilot Capt. K.T. McFarland Jr. of the 372nd Bombardment Squadron stationed at McMill Field, Tampa, Fla., reported sighting the flares at 6:45 p.m. AST.

Shortly after, a Flying Fortress piloted by Capt. Ernest E. Davenport roared off Kindley Field for the spot, carrying emergency supplies and parachute flares. The second aircraft followed within minutes.

Meanwhile, the Canadian warship reported 300 miles northwest of the island after being diverted earlier to aid in the hunt. They had been bound for Charleston S.C. on a training cruise. They were standing by should the missing plane or survivors be spotted.

Aerial View Of Housing Project At Summerside Airport



An aerial picture of the housing development now under construction at the R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, by the Bayside Construction Co. Ltd. of Campbellton, N.B. It is a million dollar project that will consist of 150 units. Of these 95 are now framed and closed in and 60 more foundations are complete. Only 15 foundations remain to be poured. The main group of houses is shown here. — R.C.A.F. Photo

Beautification Society Holds Annual Dinner

"The Rural Beautification Society has had one of the finest years since its inception four years ago. Although the work was excellent," stated Lt.-Col. E. W. Johnston, president, at the annual dinner meeting at the Queen Hotel last evening.

Guests included Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. J. A. Bernard, Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell, Mrs. W. J. MacLeod, president of the Women's Institute, Miss Mary Robin, W. I. supervisor, and the prize winners. The tables were bright with the numerous silver trophies and a musical programme was given by a group from Don Messer's Islanders.

His Honour spoke of the unusual event and praised the officers for their "fine voluntary effort." He suggested that names be renewed on the mail-boxes of the homes to facilitate recognition of the properties. The Governor referred to the current issue of the Canadian Geographic Magazine which carries a story on Prince Edward Island. He regretted that the work of the society

Coming Events

- "Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- "Regular Dance at Skyline, New London, each Friday night.
- "Masquerade Dance, Bristol School, Friday, November 18th.
- "Official opening, Chicken Super-Dance, new school, Iona East, Monday, November 21st.
- "Dance every Friday night at the Gordon Lodge. Good music. Dancing from 9 till 1.
- "Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- "Show, "Beau Geste" starring Gary Cooper at North Wiltshire Theatre at 8:30.
- "Hampshire Y. P. U. Pantry Sale, Moore & MacLeod, Saturday, November 19th.
- "North Wiltshire Women's Institute Cake Sale at Rogers Hardware, November 19th.
- "Pantry sale at S. A. MacDonald's, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 9 p.m. Darling Women's Institute.
- "St. Peter's A.Y.P.A. rummage sale, Saturday, November 19, at three o'clock, St. Peter's Church Hall.
- "Buying Live Poultry and Chicken Tuesday and Fridays until 12 o'clock. Dressed poultry daily. Get our prices before selling. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.
- "We do grinding and mixing daily. Bring your grain to us and we will make any type of feed you wish for live stock. We have a complete stock of feed on hand at all times. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon. Shu-Gain Feed Service.
- "Hear Musical Festival program in Victoria Hall, Saturday, 19th, 8 P.M. Such high point winners as Gene Robertson, Norman MacDonnell, Robert Wright, Rutlie Boswell, Victoria School Chorus, Tryon Choral Speaking and others. Prof. Wm. Jones will also sing.

U. S. Officer Explains New Purchasing Plans

HALIFAX, Nov. 17 — (CP) — A United States Air Force officer said today that establishment of a central purchasing office here for Northern American bases does not mean all buying will be done in Halifax.

Capt. John Taylor of Philadelphia, the Air Force's contracting and purchasing officer, said in an interview that supplies—mostly perishables—will be shipped from here for U.S. air bases at Fort Peppercorn, McAndrew Field and Harmon Field, Nfld., Goose Bay, Labrador, and Blue West One, Greenland. Other Greenland bases and outfits in the sub-Arctic would be served from Blue West One.

Shipments, due to start next week, would be carried by aircraft from the bases, making one trip a week. There are no alternate fields; if nearby Dartmouth airport is closed, the flights will be postponed.

Most of the cargoes will be foodstuffs although the Halifax office can contract for emergency supplies or goods not provided under routine administration.

Formerly, each American base did its own shopping. This "loosely-operated" system would be replaced by central control. Capt. Taylor will supervise all purchasing with a one-man staff.

He emphasized he has authority to purchase anywhere in the Maritimes. However, he did not say what proportion of the sales would be solicited outside Halifax. Now, produce is bought at Sydney, N.S., Summerside, P.E.I., and several Newfoundland points.

For example, the U.S. Air Force bought "lots of potatoes" in Prince Edward Island last year. It was "too early to tell" whether this practice would continue.

Last year's total expenditures amounted to \$1,000,000. Purchases this year—to be made through wholesalers—probably would reach that figure.

Capt. Taylor's aide will be an Air Force veterinarian who will investigate all sources of supply.

He said cost of the ferry service would be negligible, because food trips would replace regular training flights.

Truckmen Oppose Railway Move To Cut Competition

OTTAWA, Nov. 17 — (CP) — Proposals for shutting off truck competition with the railways were attacked today before the Royal Commission on Transportation by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (A.F.L.-T.L.C.).

The big union, which includes about 6,000 Canadian truck drivers, also hit at suggestions for a central authority over highway traffic, now controlled by the provinces.

The union's views came into conflict with those of a number of submissions before the commission, which were at issue most sharply with those of 20 international railway brotherhoods, also members of the American Federation of Labor.

The rail unions, besides advocating central highway transport control, sought a commission recommendation that truck services should not be allowed to operate on lines where the railways can and will provide adequate service.

The Teamsters' brief, presented by international representative A.F. MacArthur of Toronto, termed this idea "naive" and "hardly worth commenting upon."

It was also in opposition to one filed with the commission some weeks ago by the Railway Association of Canada and made public last night. This submission called for a central authority over trucking, set up by Dominion-Provincial agreement.

Today, the teamsters declared that, while they favored regulation of trucking, the proper authority for this regulation was the provinces, which built and controlled the highways.

"The trucking industry is performing a vital service to all our communities and should be permitted to continue to do so," the brief said.

Rejecting contentions that at least international and inter-provincial transport should come under Federal control, the union said this form of highway transport competition only a small fraction of traffic carried over the roads.

The union also struck back at suggestions made by the railway Associations that commercial motor vehicles do not pay their share of highway costs and should be assessed a greater part of these costs. Gasoline taxes and licence fees from commercial vehicles alone, the brief said, make up 40 per cent of provincial revenues.

Dealing with the suggestion of the other unions for wiping out truck competition with the railways, the Teamsters said that Canada still would be in the horse-and-buggy stage if such a principle had been followed out in the past. Canada's economic progress should not be stunted by such "fallacious reasoning,"

Canada Will Attend Conference

OTTAWA, Nov. 17 — (CP) — External Affairs Minister Pearson announced tonight in the Commons that Canada will be represented at a conference of Commonwealth External Affairs Ministers at Colombo, Ceylon, in January.

The conference will discuss the situation in the Far East and other matters of interest to the Commonwealth.

Mr. Pearson made the statement in concluding a two-day debate on External Affairs.

18 Killed In Mid-Air Collision Of Superforts

STOCKTON, Calif., Nov. 17 (AP) — Eighteen fliers were killed last night as two B-29s collided in a mock bombing run.

Three of the 21 crew members parachuted to safety from the plunging superforts — one plane in flames, the other "spinning like a top" from 26,000 feet.

Search parties located 10 bodies in one plane and eight in the other. There was grim evidence that some of the dead had tried to get parachutes on.

Lifting of a thick early-morning fog aided the mile-by-mile hunt for the missing men. But hope dwindled with the hours.

A fishing resort owner, Edward Kenyon, reported that a flier who gave his name as Lieut. Warren F. Sharrock, pilot of one of the planes, staggered into his place and told of the crash. The Fairfield air base said they could not confirm that Sharrock survived.

The planes, both from Spokane, Wash., and part of a flight of 13, came down with a splintering impact on neighboring Delta Islands.

(A third Superfort is missing in the Atlantic in a separate mishap. It went down near Bermuda yesterday with 20 aboard.)

Only Pte. Keith R. Burns, 19, radio operator, is known to have survived among the 10 on the B-29 which crashed on McDonald Island.

The other two bailed out of the second plane which narrowly missed a ranch house with 30 workers on a delta island two miles north.

They were officially identified as Sgt. Robert S. Kluge, gunner, and Sgt. Frank D. Schmidt, flight engineer.

The flight left Spokane at 4:45 p.m. yesterday on a long-range bombing mission. The survivors set the time of the collision at 11:45 p.m.

"I don't know how I got out," said Burns, who suffered a leg injury.

"The first thing I knew I was on the floor of the plane and then

Jamaica Reports Large Banana Crop

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 17 — (CP) — Jamaica's 1949 banana crop today was estimated at 40,000,000 stems, largest since 1941. Canada, the colony's second largest market, usually buys a fifth of the entire output.

A devastating Caribbean hurricane nearly wiped out the industry in 1944. Exports that year dropped to 1,117,015 stems. At the same time, plantations were swept by disease and several Government control measures were instituted to get the business back on its feet.

Intense spraying program is launched each year, financed by a tax on banana exports. Other efforts have been aimed at developing a fruit immune to disease and one variety, the Lacatan, will be available for export next year.

The Government controls marketing. The 1949 crop is valued at about \$6,120,000.

SPECIAL SESSION URGED

VANCOUVER, Nov. 17 — (CP) — Premier Byron Johnson today was asked to call a special one-day session of the British Columbia Legislature for action in rentals controls. The request was made by Nigel Morgan, Provincial Leader of the Labor-Progressive Party, who said the Legislature could call upon the Federal Government to cancel the recent rental increase order.

Britain To Drop Eggs From Food Contract; Will Also Slash Bacon

Gardiner Opposes U. K. View Canada Should Only Be Wartime Food Source; Says Negotiations Continuing

By HAROLD MORRISON
OTTAWA, Nov. 17 — (CP) — Agriculture Minister Gardiner today said he disagreed with a United Kingdom view that Canada should be used as a food larier only during times of war.

Such a policy, he said in an interview, would be "hard on Canadian agriculture."

The Minister was commenting on a statement by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, who informed a London press conference that Britain may switch to European supplies for food she formerly purchased in Canada.

Sir Stafford told the conference Britain bought foodstuffs in Canada during the war in "unaccustomed" amounts which could not be maintained when Britain got back to post-war trading with other countries.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Gardiner, "the view that Canada is to be depended on for supplies of food only during war is rather hard on Canadian agriculture."

The matter of British purchases in 1950 of Canadian eggs, bacon, cheese and other foodstuffs still is under discussion, Mr. Gardiner said. He could not comment until the discussions were finished.

Britain Hopes To Sell Farm Machinery Here

By E.S. JOHNSON
LONDON, Nov. 17 — (CP) — A determined drive by the United Kingdom for a greater share of the expanding agricultural machinery market in Canada was recommended in a report released tonight by the British agricultural machinery mission which made a fact-finding tour of the Dominion last spring.

The mission of nine leading British industrialists, headed by Capt. E.N. Griffith, president of the Agricultural Engineers Association, made a 16,000-mile, coast-to-coast tour at the invitation of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. They found the Canadian market afforded a challenge and expressed the belief Britain could sell large quantities of farm machinery here, but said the price differential is a major problem.

The report made these main points:

A representative of the industry should be appointed to explore the possibilities of the Canadian market more thoroughly; a publicity campaign should be launched in Canada; and the British Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers Export Association should play a vital part in expanding trade with Canada.

Little Chance Canada Will Collect From China

OTTAWA, Nov. 17 — (CP) — A dim future looms for Canada's \$80,000,000 loan to Nationalist China.

Authoritative quarters said today that Canada has small chance of being repaid.

They expressed this view after a statement yesterday in the Commons by External Affairs Minister Pearson that Canada may at some future time consider recognition of the new Communist Government in China.

They opined that recognition will have little bearing on the future of the loan. The money was borrowed by the Chinese Nationalist Government in 1946 and was used, in part, to purchase Canadian war materials and supplies to help fight the Communist-inspired Chinese civil war.

Of the \$80,000,000 Canada has realized only \$2,000,000. She will be lucky if she gets any more.

There is little indication that Canada will be able to use "recognition" as a prying lever to extract the remaining \$58,000,000 from the Communist Government.

In return for the money loaned to the deposed Nationalists Canada was given bonds to be liquidated over a period of 30 years at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year. The first of these were liquidated in December last year. The second instalment is scheduled to be liquidated some time at the end of this year or at the beginning of 1950.

Opinion is that if Canada tried to sell the second segment, she would find no buyers.

"Who would buy them?"

The \$60,000,000 covered purchases during 1946-1948, inclusive. Canada supplied the Nationalists with Canadian-made rifles, Mosquito bombers and other equipment.

Convertibility of the bonds was one of the points stressed when Canada signed the financing agreement in the latter part of 1945.

A clause was inserted allowing Canada to convert the bonds with only six months notice, if at any time this Government felt the need to do so.

Canada, however, has an unwritten agreement with all foreign Governments that it never would put this clause into operation, except in the cases of "extreme necessity."

In the case of China, the clause was not brought into force, it appears, even when this country became aware that the Nationalists were being beaten in China.

Latest Crop Estimate May Affect Ruling

OTTAWA, Nov. 17 — (Special) — Further consideration will be given by the Government to establishment of price support for potatoes early in 1950 in the light of recent indicated surpluses. It was learned from the Special Products Board of the Department of Agriculture today.

Early this month the Department gave consideration to requests from the Maritime Provinces and elsewhere for potato price support and it turned them down. It was felt, a spokesman for the Department told The Guardian today, that with the potato market firm and Maritime potatoes still being exported across the border in large quantities, there was no need for government support of potato prices at the present time.

It is possible however, that this picture will change with the latest crop estimate made public by the Department today. This report reads in part:

"Canada's 1949 potato crop is now estimated at 54,300,000 hundred weight, only a million below last year's near-record production. The current estimate is up some 4,700,000 from the previous estimate made before the late varieties had been dug. In Central Canada and the Maritimes, the potato harvest considerably exceeds the earlier estimates."

This indicated surplus may cause the Government to alter its present stand on potato price support, which is that at present such support is not justified in the light of market conditions. It is pointed out however, that Government authorities have not closed the door on the subject of a potato price floor should conditions at a later date warrant putting one into effect.



MINIMUM and MAXIMUM temperatures for the Dominion: Toronto 45, 52; Edmonton 29, 46; Regina 7, 31; Winnipeg 26, 30; Toronto 32, 44; Ottawa 24, 32; Montreal 34, 37; Quebec 33, 35; Saint John 41, 51; Moncton 47, 48; Halifax 45, 50; Charlottetown 28, 46; Sydney 33, 45; Yarmouth 44, 54; St. John's 33, 40.

HALIFAX, Nov. 17 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax:

A rapidly intensifying disturbance centred in the Annapolis Valley caused strong winds and rain in many sections of the Southern Maritimes tonight. Thunder was reported at several stations, including Moncton and Halifax.

This storm moved rapidly northward across Prince Edward Island after midnight and across the Gulf of St. Lawrence Friday morning. The northwest winds behind the storm will result in colder weather Friday with scattered showers in most regions and snow flurries in the northern sections of the district.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Friday:

Prince Edward Island — Friday cloudy with scattered showers. A little colder Friday. Southwest winds 20 shifting to northwest 20. Low and high Friday at Charlottetown 35 and 40.

High tide today at 8:50 A.M. and P.M. and sets at 4:42 P.M. Sun rises this morning at 7:14 and sets at 4:42 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS — CARIBOU LEAVE WOOD ISLANDS DAILY FERRY

8 A.M., 11 A.M., 1 P.M., 3 P.M. Leave Caribou 8 A.M., 11 A.M., 1 P.M., 3 P.M.

BORDEN - TORMENTINE FERRY WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 9:10 A.M. 10:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 2:40 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAYS

Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 9:10 A.M. 10:35 A.M. 6:45 P.M. 8:00 P.M.