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Cloudy, clearing about noon; northwest winds 20. High-low, 35 and 25. Wednesday: sunny, cold.

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COMMANDER JUBILANT

South Vietnamese Aircraft Hit Northern Bases Again

DA NANG, South Viet Nam (AP)—Twenty-four South Vietnamese Skyraiders, with four U.S. air force jets flying along, pounded targets in North Viet Nam Monday in the second strike in retaliation for Communist blows against U.S. army installations in South Viet Nam Saturday.

The South Vietnamese air commander reported heavy damage and many casualties at the targets, described as three military camps.

The South Vietnamese encountered heavy enemy ground fire near the border and several planes were hit. All got back but one crashed.

U.S. and South Vietnamese forces watched the skies for possible Communist air raiders

The Communist Viet Cong promised to step up their guerrilla war "on all battle fronts" and said the ground attacks on the U.S. army at Pleiku Saturday were only a beginning.

More than 1,800 wives and children of U.S. government personnel prepared to leave South Viet Nam—many of them with reluctance. President Johnson ordered their withdrawal as a safety measure. The American school in Saigon closed. The first group of dependents leaves today.

JUBILANT ABOUT RAID
Lt. Gen. Nguyen Khanh, commander of South Vietnamese air force, was jubilant about the raid by South Vietnamese planes Monday and the

Sunday attacks by 40 carrier-based U.S. Navy planes on the Gulf of Tonkin coast.

"Personally, (Sunday) was the happiest day of my life," he told reporters in Saigon.

Khanh said the South Vietnamese raids Monday on three villages across the border knocked out 70 per cent of the targets hit.

He said 24 propeller-driven A-1E Skyraiders flew the mission and that one was crippled by Communist flak and crashed in South Viet Nam. The pilot parachuted safely.

Skyraiders are single-engine planes developed in the Second World War for the U.S. Navy as dive bombers. They since have been modernized to carry heavy bomb loads.

A Communist Chinese radio broadcast claimed three U.S. planes were shot down in the attack and three others were downed later in the afternoon, bringing to 10 the number of American jets the Communists have counted as brought down. Radio Hanoi claimed four American jets were shot down Sunday.

In Washington, the defence department said no U.S. planes were missing after the Monday mission. One U.S. Navy jet was shot down Sunday and the pilot, Lieut. Edward A. Dickson of Wyoming, Pa., ejected and parachuted into the sea. He has not been found.

Brig. Gen. Nguyen Cao Ky, commander of the South Vietnamese Air Force, flew the lead plane in Monday's raid and was hit in the arm by shrapnel. His wound was not serious.

He listed 10 target areas as the villages of Liem Cong Tay, That Le and Song Song, all near the frontier and along a route leading toward the border.

Two Polaris Submarines Give U.S. Extra Punch

WASHINGTON (AP)—Recent deployment of two Polaris missile-firing submarines in Asian waters enabled the U.S. Navy to concentrate all three of its Far Eastern aircraft carriers for air strikes against Communist North Viet Nam Sunday.

This points up the new flexibility that the presence of the

Polaris subs, with their 2,757-mile-range missiles, has given the U.S. fleet spread out in the seas off the Asian mainland.

The submarine Daniel Boone went on patrol immediately after Christmas, the Tecumseh last month. Eventually the United States will have seven Polaris subs prowling Far Eastern waters.

Developments Described As 'Very Disturbing'

OTTAWA (CP)—External Affairs Minister Martin said Monday developments in Viet Nam in the last few months are "very disturbing," but the situation was caused by aggressive policies of the Hanoi (North Viet Nam) government.

Mr. Martin issued a statement Monday night in connection with the weekend American air strikes against targets in Communist North Viet Nam. The U.S. said the action was in retaliation to recent raids by Communist Viet Cong forces against Americans in South Viet Nam.

Canada has been informed of U.S. views by a letter sent to the president of the United Nations Security Council by the U.S. representative, Mr. Martin said, and "it is gratifying that spokesmen for the U.S. government have reiterated assurances the U.S. seeks no wider war in Viet Nam."

"Insofar as the international control commission in Viet Nam

Stock Markets Are Shaken But Recovery Soon Begins

NEW YORK (AP)—Concern over the Viet Nam situation caused early declines on most of the world's securities markets Monday, but they recovered much of their strength before trading ended.

At the same time, announcements of the U.S. air strikes against North Viet Nam caused prices of commodities futures to jump.

Most of the international stock-market attention focused on the New York Stock Exchange. Early nervousness caused a sharp sell-off at the

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Plane Explodes In Air, All 84 Aboard Perish

Debris Plunges Into Atlantic

By ARTHUR EVERETT
NEW YORK (AP)—An Eastern Air Lines propeller-driven airliner exploded and plunged into the Atlantic Monday night, minutes after takeoff from Kennedy Airport. All 84 persons aboard vanished in the icy waters.

Aboard were 8 passengers, one non-paying rider, and five crew members—a pilot, co-pilot, second officer and two stewardesses.

It apparently was the worst American air disaster since last March 1, when 85 persons were killed in the crash of a four-engine Constellation near Lake Tahoe, Nev.

The explosion in the air of flight 663 was witnessed by a startled coast guard lookout at the Jones Beach station, and also by the crew of a Pan American World Airways plane aloft in the general area.

The air temperature was relatively mild—in the high 40s—after a severe cold wave abated in the New York area during the weekend. But the ocean temperature was estimated at freezing, an omen of quick death for any survivors of the plane crash.

A massive air-sea effort was under way within minutes after the plane lost contact with Kennedy Airport. All available coast guard equipment was dispatched, augmented by units from Floyd Bennett naval air station.

PLANES SEARCH SEA
Eight helicopters and two seaplanes dived above the sea, dropping flares to illuminate the dark waters. But their reports failed to disclose any sign of life.

On the surface of the sea, coast guard cutters circled in a vain quest, their lookouts straining their eyes for any glimpse of movement that might be taken survivors.

Ashore, curious onlookers milled about the beach, their children darting among them.

More than 500 cars converged on the beach as news of the crash was broadcast. All that could be seen by the onlookers were the distant flares from the rescue units.

The Coast Guard quickly set up an emergency aid station with doctors and nurses, in hope of survivors. But, as the hours wore on, the equipment lay idle.

It was from the Jones Beach lookout station that the lookout reported seeing the Eastern plane explode in the air. Confirmation of his sighting came from Pan American flight 312, which reported the mass of flames where the Eastern aircraft hit the water.

PLUNGED INTO WATER
The Coast Guard lookout, seaman Dale D. Bishop, said the plane was at an altitude of about 3,500 feet when it exploded. It then plunged, flaming, into water about 65 feet deep.

Flight 663 turned out to sea after it became airborne from Kennedy Airport. Its arc carried it east and south of the field before it went down.

The last fatal airliner crash at Kennedy Airport was Nov. 30, 1962, when an Eastern Air Lines DC-7 went down in a forty-five persons were killed. There were 26 survivors.



CANDIDATES IN TODAY'S BYELECTIONS

N.B. Planning To Unfold Flag

FREDERICK (CP)—Canada's new flag will be formally unfurled in New Brunswick at ceremonies here Feb. 15.

Premier Louis J. Robichaud said Monday the ceremonies will be held on the steps of the legislative assembly buildings.

Following a 15-gun salute, Lieutenant-Governor J. Leonard O'Brien will inspect a 100-man guard of honor. This will be followed by the reading of the Queen's proclamation.

British Doctors Threaten Strike

LONDON (Reuters)—Militant doctors talked of strike action Monday night as the British government offered them raises totalling £5,500,000 (\$16,500,000) instead of the £18,500,000 (\$56,500,000) they asked.

Treachery Charge Hurlled At PC Leader In Quebec

OTTAWA (CP)—Richard Thrasher, national director of the Progressive Conservative party, Monday accused Quebec leader Leon Balcer of "despicable treachery" and lack of guts.

His bitter words were the aftermath of a Saturday meeting of the national executive on Mr. Balcer's demand that a leadership convention be called to replace John Diefenbaker.

National President Dalton Camp announced that after a written poll of the 116 executive members present, the proposal for a convention was rejected.

Mr. Balcer's reply was the result announced was in conflict with the trend of the Saturday meeting, which he added.

"I trust Mr. Diefenbaker will have no objection to the examination of the complete figures and the voting slips on which they are based," he added.

INTEGRITY QUESTIONED
Mr. Thrasher, one of three party officers who tabulated the poll, said to suggest the announced results differed from the poll tabulation is to question the integrity of those who made the tabulation.

"While I don't speak for the others, I say to those who make such insinuations and innuendoes—they are far you engage in despicable treachery and undermine confidence in our association and the party as a whole."

Mr. Balcer shot back with the comment:

"Poor little boy. If he is so pure why don't he publish the figures."

Mr. Thrasher said Mr. Balcer's tactics are the same as those "used by some to destroy confidence in our leader, Mr. Diefenbaker."

"I say in particular to Mr. Balcer if such reports (that the trend of the Saturday meeting differed from the announced result of the questionnaire) are correct, you display the same lack of integrity that has been so characteristic of you in recent weeks as well as in recent days."

Meanwhile, Mr. Diefenbaker, resting at home after a hectic weekend, was reported by intimates to be firmly resolved against facing a leadership convention voluntarily or quitting his post.

One Stewardess Was From Ont.

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—One of the two stewardesses aboard the Eastern Air Lines plane that crashed off New York City Monday night was Judith Ann Durkin, 23, who joined the company in September, 1962. Her parents live in Ottawa.

Miss Durkin was in the Royal Canadian Air Force for four years before she joined Eastern. She was educated at St. Joseph's School in Stratford, Ont., and Immaculate High School in Ottawa.

Working recently on flights between Boston and the southern states, she lived in Winthrop, Mass.

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ment of our city. Your public relations work alone has made Charlottetown known all over this Continent and indeed many other parts of the world as well."

FROM COUNCIL, CITIZENS
The Mayor-elect then presented Mayor Gaudet with a gift "on behalf of your City Council and all the citizens of this capital city."

It was a beautifully engraved silver cigarette box with a matching silver-rimmed ashtray.

City Councillor Mrs. Dorothy Corrigan then presented Mrs. Gaudet with a bouquet of roses "in appreciation."

Expressing his appreciation, the Mayor told Council "I am going to miss all my associations at City Hall" and thanked the

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Council "for so many fond memories."

While in the chair he had earlier welcomed to the Council Chamber four women, his wife, his mother, Mrs. Gilbert Gaudet, his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. C. Knowles, and Mrs. Walter Cox.

BUSINESS SESSION
The business part of the meeting was primarily connected with payment of civic bills and the passing of two resolutions. In them it was decided all City Hall offices would be closed tomorrow, election day, and the tender of Irving Oil Company for the supplying of fuel oil at 13.97 be accepted.

As the meeting adjourned all Councillors and City Hall staff gathered round to shake hands and bid farewell to the retiring Mayor.

Pledge Of China Support Is Coupled With Threat

TOKYO (AP)—China coupled a pledge of support for Communist North Viet Nam with a threat Monday: "The U.S. imperialists must understand... the day you extend the aggressive war will be the day you hasten into the grave."

The Soviet government, competing with Peking for friends and influence in Southeast Asia, also condemned the U.S.-South Vietnamese air strikes Sunday and Monday against North Viet Nam.

Premier Kossygin declared at a Soviet embassy reception in Hanoi, the North Vietnamese capital, the situation is "fraught

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with serious complications, for which the United States of America will bear full responsibility."

The Soviet leader, who pledged Russian aid to North Viet Nam in a speech a few hours before Sunday's air strike, said the Soviet Union, China and North Viet Nam do not want war, but it is their duty to "strengthen the might and defensive capacity" of Communist countries.

In Moscow, the government newspaper Izvestia and Radio Moscow told the Russian people belatedly of Kossygin's promise of help for the North Vietnamese.

ICE NO PROBLEM

Russian Freighter Docks In Montreal

MONTREAL (CP)—The Russian freighter Indigriska was docked in Montreal harbor Monday after pushing through ice jams that tied up other vessels but didn't worry the Russian skipper.

Indigriska was the second Soviet vessel to reach port this year. But unlike Volkhovets, which was stuck in ice for more than three weeks, the new arrival moved right in without difficulty.

Its captain Andrei Pinejanov said his ship paused only briefly some 10 miles downstream, where two other vessels were stalled, to get clearance from government ice-breakers working there to proceed on its own.

"The ice was pretty heavy the last 10 miles, but certainly not too bad," he said.

Capt. Pinejanov, speaking through a shipping agency spokesman, said the Indigriska could have shortened its 10-day

voyage from Hamburg, Germany, had he been surer of conditions on the St. Lawrence.

"We were very cautious because we were unfamiliar with the river and had been told that conditions were going to be bad. We were very satisfied, however, with the navigational aids along the river."

Capt. Pinejanov, who has captained Indigriska since it was commissioned in 1958, is a veteran of ice navigation. He has worked for many years with vessels in the Soviet Arctic.

He indicated he didn't find conditions on the St. Lawrence as bad as in the Russian far north.

The 5,500-ton Indigriska is a member of the Arctic Steamship Line fleet operating out of Murmansk. Powered by four diesel engines and with a crew of 58, it is classified as "Arctic ice class" and designed to handle ice at least up to six feet thick.



MAYOR A. WALTHER GAUDET (right) accepts the hand of friendship and a gift of appreciation from his deputy — now Mayor-elect — Walter J. Cox. The presentation was made by the incoming Mayor in appreciation of the leadership given in his 11 years of service to the city by Mayor Gaudet as he goes out of office with the swearing-in of the new Mayor and City Council Thursday. The beautifully wrapped package held a large engraved silver cigarette box with a matching silver-rimmed ashtray.

Sudanese Welcome Queen

KHARTOUM (Reuters)—Hundreds of thousands of Sudanese gave Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip a boisterous welcome here Monday, with the country's weekend political crisis apparently forgotten.

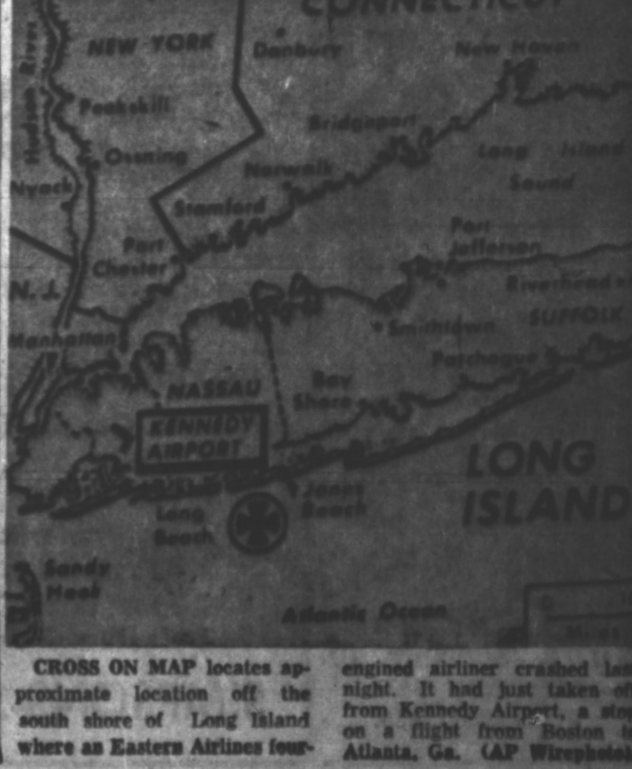
Lord Walton, minister in attendance on the Queen, flew to Khartoum from Asmara, Eritreia, Sunday to confer with the British ambassador after two days of intermittent street demonstrations for and against the government of Serr el-Khatim Khalifa.

After his talks, it was announced the four-day state visit here would go on as planned.

Khartoum was in a festive mood for the Queen's arrival from Ethiopia. The atmosphere in a 100-degree temperature was happy-go-lucky and informal in contrast to Saturday's tension.

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CROSS ON MAP locates approximate location of the south shore of Long Island where an Eastern Airlines four-engine airliner crashed last night. It had just taken off from Kennedy Airport, a stop on a flight from Boston to Atlanta, Ga. (AP Wirephoto)