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13 Accidental Deaths Reported To Last Night

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Early, incomplete reports showed 13 persons killed throughout Canada during the New Year's holiday.

Many Attend Reception At Gov't House Yesterday

The Levee, in Canada, begun by the early French colonial governors and continued by their English successors, has come down, as an unbroken tradition here to this day.

Gov.-General Is Feeling Better

OTTAWA (CP) — Governor-General Vincent Massey was feeling much better Wednesday but still is confined to bed with a chill, a Government House spokesman said.

Dies Following Road Accident

AMHERST, N.S. (CP)—John J. Haley, 38-year-old Amherst restaurant owner died Wednesday from injuries received in a Dec. 27 highway collision near Springhill, N.S.

Revolt Flares At Marcaray Air Base In Venezuela

Health Minister Announces Free Polio Vaccine Plan

It has been announced by Dr. M.L. Bonnell, Provincial Minister of Health that free Salk Polio Vaccine will be made available for the adult age group between 19-40 years by the Prince Edward Island and Federal Departments of Health. The vaccine will be distributed to physicians and the P. E. I. Polio Foundation. The latter will undertake to inoculate the adult group through the establishment of special clinics and there will be no charge to the patients for the vaccine in either case. The Prince Edward Island Medical Society has given unanimous approval to the plan, the

Minister said. Dr. Bonnell went on to say that one-third of all paralytic polio cases and one-half of all polio deaths occur in people between the ages of 19 and 40 years. It was highly recommended by the Health authorities that this age group be included in a polio inoculation program. Up to the present time vaccine has been made available to all children and teenagers up to nineteen years under the direction of the Division of Public Health Nursing. There has been 90 per cent coverage of at least two doses for young people in the 1-19 age

group and for nursing personnel in the general hospitals. In all, over 35,000 doses of vaccine have been administered by the Department of Health in 1957. However, because of the lack of staff it is not considered advisable for the Department of Health to expand its polio program to include the adult population. Consequently the Dept. intends to distribute the vaccine to physicians and the Polio Foundation who are in a more advantageous position to carry on this phase of the polio program. Dr. Bonnell stated that the plan will go into effect immediately.

Rebel Manned Jet Planes Make Passes At The Capital

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Gen. Marcos Perez Jimenez announced Wednesday night four powerful columns are marching on Maracay. He warned air force rebels there to abandon their revolt or face annihilation. The president said the government hopes to put down the rebellion within a few hours. The government broadcast threats and appeals hour by hour in an obvious attempt to keep the uprising from spreading across the country. Jet planes manned by rebel airmen made menacing passes at Caracas, the capital of this oil-producing nation, and were attacked by anti-aircraft fire. The government announced one

jet was shot down on the western side of the capital. The rebellion came just 17 days after President Marcos Perez Jimenez was returned to office for a five-year term through a plebiscite in which the people could vote only yes or no. The planes started their harassing thrusts at 5 a.m. WARN CIVILIANS The government radio broadcast repeated warnings to civilians of Maracay, a military and industrial centre of 65,000 in a fertile valley 50 miles west of Caracas, that a government attack would open at any minute on military installations there. Maracay is the site of a military aviation school. The base there is Venezuela's principal airfield. In addition there is a national airport for flying boats on nearby Lake Valencia. The air force forms part of the active army, which totals about 10,000 officers and men. The government said the armed insurrection involved only men at the air base. It called on them to surrender to avoid bloodshed. No damage was reported from the jet plane flights over Caracas, the political and financial heart of this nation of 5,750,000 persons. The government called on the Venezuelan people to remain calm. Dispatches from Venezuela are subject to censorship. This censorship is rigid and of long standing. Circumstances of the Maracay uprising suggest it is directed against Perez Jimenez' hold on the presidency. Security forces cracked down during the fall campaign and the plebiscite voting to prevent demonstrations against Perez Jimenez, who led the army coup that overthrew Romulo Gallegos' constitutional government in 1949. There is a possibility, however, that the air force rose against domination by the army. The air force is but a small part of the military team made up principally of ground forces, infantry, artillery, cavalry and air force. Political unrest in Venezuela became evident about a month ago when university and other students openly protested the government's decision to hold a plebiscite rather than a presidential election. Venezuelan political exiles in New York said at that time that two students were killed and a number were jailed.



RECEPTION HELD BY PREMIER

A large number of visitors called on Premier A. W. Matheson and Mrs. Matheson at their beautiful home on Crestwood Drive yesterday afternoon. The guests were introduced by Robert MacLeod, the premier's executive assistant.

The picture shows Mrs. Matheson greeting R. C. Parent. The Premier is shaking hands with W. R. LePage. In the doorway is Inspector E. L. Martin, R. C. M. P. Mr. MacLeod is on the Premier's right. At the left of the picture are Bruce Hodgins and Lieutenant Graham Jenkins who is commanding 3 R.-C. H. A. Signals Troop at Camp Gagetown. The guests were ushered into the tastefully decorated dining room by Mrs. A. E. Farquharson and Miss Sandra Currie. Pouring were Mrs. J. H. Cerry, Mrs. E. S. Matheson, Mrs. R. M. Farquharson and Mrs. Gordon Stedman. Serving were Misses Austina Kennedy, Margaret Jardine, Margaret Matheson, Janet Cerry, Gail Jenkins, Janet Matheson, Ellen Matheson, Marge McGuire.

Police Puzzled By Quiet Holiday

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Puzzled police throughout Canada Wednesday reported one of the quietest New Year's holidays in years. Although most centres had virtually full forces patrolling the streets New Year's Eve they found few revellers to restrain. Traffic police said most drivers threaded through city streets or cruised the highways with caution. An unusually small number of drink-befuddled motorists were apprehended in most communities.

of Eastern Canada New Year's Day. WET IN EAST Rain fell in many parts of the Maritimes during the afternoon and evening. Soft snow hushed the arrival of the new year in Quebec and driving snowflurries whistled through Southern Ontario. It was more moderate in the Prairie provinces, with some light snow and fog in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. There was the usual crop of New Year's baby reports. Ottawa and Montreal appeared to be leading the delivery derby, each with reports of births at the stroke of midnight. Montreal police reported not a single drunk driving charge laid during the holiday and credited the clean sheet to a law which closes the city's bars and clubs early New Year's Eve.

Queen Answers Red Greetings

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth, who Tuesday received a three - paragraph new year's salutation from three top Soviet leaders, replied Wednesday with a two-line note to President Klement Voroshilov. "It affords me much pleasure to send to Your Excellency and to the Soviet people my cordial new year greetings and good wishes," the Queen's message said.

Jet Planes Force British DC-4 Down In Albania

LONDON (AP) — Communist Albania announced Wednesday night that its Soviet-style jet warplanes forced a British cargo airliner to land Tuesday at Vlone on the Albanian coast. The civilian plane, a DC-4 Sky-master with six persons aboard, was flying machinery from Dueseldorf, West Germany, to Singapore by way of Damascus, Syria. A broadcast from Tirana, the Albanian capital, said the privately-owned airliner entered Albanian air space in the Seman area and flew over Red territory for almost 30 minutes. The Seman River runs eastward into Albania from the Adriatic coast town of Libofshe. "The plane was informed by the air force of the People's Republic of Albania, using the established international signals, that it had violated Albanian air space and was forced to land on an Albanian airfield," Tirana radio said. The broadcast said six persons were aboard the plane but did not say whether they were under arrest or interrogation. A diplomatic source in Tirana told a reporter by telephone that "all members of the crew are in good health."

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WASHINGTON (AP) — American officials view the revolt that erupted Wednesday at a Venezuelan air base as serious, though they have not been able fully to size up the situation. A state department spokesman said communications were being received regularly from the U.S. Embassy in Caracas. He said the information they contained paralleled news dispatches from the Venezuelan capital. He declined to comment on the uprising at Maracay air base, where rebel airmen took to the skies in jet planes and made menacing flights over Caracas, about 50 miles from the base. U.S. officials were known to feel, however, that the development—in a country where 40,000 U.S. citizens live and work—is serious. U.S. corporations have a \$3,000,000,000 investment in Venezuela, much of it in the country's rich oil fields.

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BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Argentine sources with reliable contacts in Venezuela said Wednesday night they consider it only a matter of hours until rebels overthrow the Caracas government. These sources said they had no confirmation of reports that Caracas is in rebel hands.

Expedition Crawls Slowly In 28 Below Zero Weather

WELLINGTON, N. Z. (Reuters) —Sir Edmund Hillary's Antarctic expedition fought to within 100 miles of the south pole Wednesday with snow conditions so bad tractors had to be dug out and some supplies dumped. Moving in low gear, with the temperature hovering at 23 degrees below zero, the New Zealand team crawled painfully across the polar plateau. Fuel for their three tractors was running low and only two of the four cargo sleds were still in the train. In a radio message to Scott Base, headquarters of the New Zealand expedition, Hillary said at one time it appeared as if the tractor train had reached the end of the road. The deep snow proved too much for the tractors, and they stalled again and again. But the co-conqueror of Mount Everest was cheerful and confident although he said the team was "just holding their own" with fuel, and hoped for better going ahead.

N. Y. Greets New Year

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City, relieved at the last minute from a crippling subway strike, greeted the new year in its usual noisy fashion early Wednesday. Times Square was the traditional magnet for reveling crowds. The throngs were not so massive as in former years, but they still jammed the square from curb to curb. Police estimated there were 350,000 persons. Once again the signal for a midnight roar of welcome was a falling ball of light on a pole atop the New York Times tower. The city's latest subway threat was settled before dawn Dec. 31.

Boy Is Killed By Playmate

SYDNEY MINES, N.S. (CP)—Earl Nelson Jr., 12, was shot and killed Wednesday when a 16-year-old boy, playing with a gun he thought was empty, pointed the weapon at the victim and pulled the trigger.

1958 Is Welcomed With Hopes For Easing Tension

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Peoples around the globe bade farewell to the year of the Sputnik and welcomed 1958 with hopes it would bring an easing of world tensions. Encouragement came from an exchange of friendly messages between President Eisenhower and Russian leaders. The Russians sent new year greetings from the Kremlin to government leaders and chiefs of state around the world. Queen Elizabeth, in her response to the Russians, extended cordial greetings and good wishes to Soviet President Klement Voroshilov and the Soviet people. The new year was welcomed with revelry by some, such as the 350,000 persons gathered in New York's Times Square. Others marked the occasion with reverence in places of worship. At Vatican City, Pope Pius XII gave his New Year's blessing to Rome, of which he is bishop. He received members of Rome's city council. JAPANESE PRAY Emperor Hirohito of Japan was up at dawn, praying in ceremonial robes while Japanese men, women and children thronged shrines and temples. In Vienna, worshippers going to and from St. Stephens Cathedral were terrorized by leather-jacketed youths throwing firecrackers. Police dispersed several hundred of the youths.

Sign Spoils Roadblock

SAN BRUNO, Calif. (AP)—Police set up a surprise roadblock to trap holiday celebrants and in four hours stopped 522 northbound automobiles. As they checked the cars and issued an occasional citation the cops grew a little uneasy because all the motorists appeared considerably amused. Officer Fred Freitas was further mystified as he found a trace of alcoholic breath on only five drivers. He drove a few blocks south and found the answer. Someone had painted a sign in large letters. It said: Roadblock Lushers Turn Right

Statue Threatened

Still, police had to protect the famed Eros statue in London's Piccadilly Circus from the merry crowds. A Detroit woman put a bottle of whisky in an oven to thwart pre-party nippers, forgot about it and started to bake a cake. The bottle exploded and the whisky caught fire and cascaded across the room. Fire damage: \$2,000. From humble living rooms to swank hotels, parties were the order of the night and morning for millions. The 21-year-old Aga Khan, who left Harvard University to lead 20,000,000 Ismaili Moslems, celebrated with Patricia Rawlings, 18-year-old British socialite, and "Bunny Esterhazy, 17, another fledgling in the international set, at a gala dance in the Palace Hotel at Gstaad, Switzerland. In Paris, New Year celebrations lasted until celebrants linked arms and set off home singing around 6 a.m. In violence-torn Algeria most communities were free of terrorism. Algiers had its happiest celebrations since the nationalist insurrection began three years ago. In the Czechoslovakian capital of Prague, Soviet-made champagne flowed until dawn in restaurants and nightclubs. But, there was unhappy news from Warsaw where six Poles were killed in a New Year's Eve train wreck.

Officials At Washington Are Viewing Revolt As Serious

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Afro-Asian Conference Ends With String Of Resolutions

CAIRO, Egypt (Reuters)—Russia Wednesday formally joined the vast Afro-Asian bloc of nations at a conference which passed a string of resolutions in harmony with the general Soviet line on Africa and Asia. A week-long Afro-Asian "solidarity" conference here closed with a decision to set up a permanent organization which will include Russia in its membership. The conference, attended by 500 non-governmental delegates from some 40 countries, unanimously approved a series of resolutions including denunciations of imperialism and economic exploitation. The delegates appealed to the United States and Britain to support the Soviet Union's offer for an immediate halt to nuclear test explosions. They also urged the world's scientists to press for a ban on nuclear weapons. DENOUNCE IMPERIALISTS An 1,800-word resolution denounced "imperialistic ambitions" which lead to "incitement, cold war and bolstering of the armaments race."