

WEATHER SPLITS CANADA

Canada will be split by the weather during the next 30 days, according to the long-range forecast of the United States weather bureau. The western half of Canada will have above-normal temperatures and light precipitation, while the eastern half will have below-normal temperatures and moderate precipitation. British Columbia is the only province in the west expected to have moderate precipitation. (CPNewsmag)

Storm Over Hanoi Bombing Leaves Washington Scars

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER, WASHINGTON (AP) — The storm over alleged U.S. bombing of Hanoi left new scars Friday on the U.S. government's credibility and a residue of bitterness between the state and defence departments.

For two days the state department held the position of public spokesman for the U.S. government. It reflected massive confusion over the geography of the North Vietnamese capital and answered questions about whether the city had been bombed with policy statements that it was not supposed to be bombed.

Inside the government it was recognized that the state department was trying to fend off Communist charges, non-Communist criticism and public demands for information until the military leaders in Saigon could figure out from pilot reports and photographs what had actually happened.

When results of the Saigon investigation had reached the point of disclosure Thursday night, the state department was suddenly bypassed.

NOT AWARE OF REPORT
Even when word began to be available elsewhere in Washington that officials claimed evidence that the City of Hanoi, as narrowly defined, had not been hit, state department information officials still were talking about the investigation continuing. They obviously were not aware that the military authorities had reached a conclusion and were disclosing it to reporters.

This appeared to result from some kind of a communications failure between the two departments, although Friday officials were reluctant to talk about it.

Nevertheless, it was recalled that when the bombing dispute first arose Tuesday the defence department stated its position and then quietly referred the matter to the state department for the next two days.

"U.S. policy is to attack military targets only," the original Tuesday statement said. "The only targets scheduled for attack in the Hanoi area during the past 24 hours were military targets which have been previously struck."

That was prompted by a Soviet news agency report that the

Studebaker, Wagner Corp. May Merge

NEW YORK (AP) — Studebaker Corp. and Wagner Electric Corp. have announced they have agreed on a plan to "provide a close working relationship" while they explore the possibility of a merger.

In a joint statement, the firms said Studebaker will acquire 100,000 shares of authorized but unissued common Wagner stock and Wagner will acquire 225,000 similar shares of Studebaker stock.

Two directors from each company also will be named to the other's board.

When the transactions have been completed, Studebaker will hold 15 per cent of Wagner's outstanding common stock and Wagner will hold 7 1/2 per cent of Studebaker's stock.

The ultimate goal is merger, the announcement said, but terms or timing have not been established yet.

Studebaker, once the fourth largest U.S. car builder, but a few years out of the business, is showing a profit in such diversified lines as chemicals, plastics and electrical appliances.

U.S. planes had bombed a workers' district in Hanoi. It allowed several impressions to stand for two days. One was that perhaps an American bomb or bombs had fallen in a Hanoi residential area but if so it was unintentional or accidental.

APPEARED ESCALATION
Another widely developed impression was that the U.S. had escalated the air war and this impression remains strong.

Officials reported Thursday night that U.S. combat planes flying from one target outside the city to another had flown directly over the centre of the city.

Meanwhile, at the United Nations' Secretary-General U Thant deplored what he called intensification of the air war in North Vietnam. In London, a group of parliamentarians sharply criticized U.S. bombing of North Vietnam. And in Rome, the Vatican was critical.

By the time the U.S. was ready to make a flat denial, of all Communist charges of bombing Hanoi itself, either by design or by accident, it was apparent that a number of critics of U.S. Vietnamese policy already had accepted to some degree the Communist version of what happened.

Even in Washington there was guarded recognition on the part of some officials that the confusion over Hanoi's city limits plus the readiness of many critics to disbelieve almost any explanation of the U.S. moves about bombing the north had once more scarred U.S. credibility on Vietnam.

Canada Has Trade Balance For 10 Months

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada enjoyed a favorable trade balance of \$303,300,000 through the first 10 months of 1968, more than four times last year's corresponding period surplus of \$71,500,000.

Exports increased to \$8,574,500,000 from \$7,622,800,000, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported.

Imports were worth \$8,071,200,000, compared with \$8,551,300,000.

In October a 20.5-per-cent increase in imports to \$800,000,000 left Canada with an import balance of \$30,300,000 compared with an export balance in 1967 of 27,200,000. Exports during the month were ahead 12.5 per cent to \$800,100,000.

Sales to the U.S. continued above 1965 with a 21.2-per-cent improvement to \$561,300,000.

Imports, 24-per-cent higher at \$800,100,000, brought the 10-month import balance to \$783,500,000, compared with \$815,000,000 last year.

Sales to the United Kingdom were off 19.6 per cent during the month and 3.6 per cent for the 10-month period at \$442,000,000.

Purchases almost were unchanged in October from last October and 7.9 per cent higher through 10 months at \$539,700,000.

In trade with other Commonwealth and preferential-rate countries, export were 7.4 per cent higher in the January-October period and imports 12.3 per cent higher.

Canada exported 2.3 per cent less to other countries than last year and imported 7.3 per cent more.

SKY SETS FIRE
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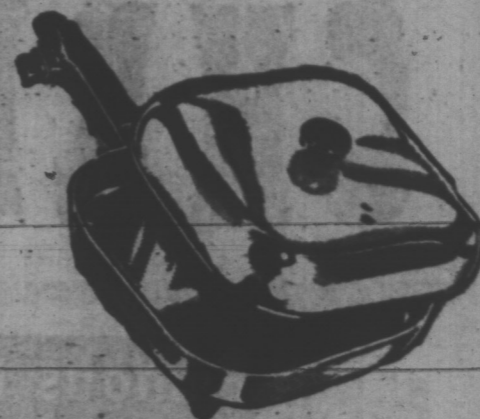
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