

Food Rioting In India Explodes Into Violence

Serious Crisis Faces New PM

NEW DELHI (AP) — Food demonstrations exploded into violence in southwest India Friday and presented Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi a full-blown crisis five days after she took office.

Angry mobs, protesting the lack of rice, went on the rampage in many cities of Kerala state, halting trains and stoning them, ripping up tracks and clashing with police.

"We want rice," the mobs shouted. "Give us rice or shoot us."

Mrs. Gandhi, sworn in Monday, had planned to visit Kerala Friday but postponed the trip on advice of her aides who suggested she let things cool down a bit.

First casualties reported were two police officers stoned and injured by a mob in Trichur, a port city on the old Malabar coast. Farther north along the coast, a mob attacked a newspaper office in Ernakulam. Two policemen, a newspaper employee and several rioters were hurt.

Kerala, a political problem state for years, is one of the first to feel the pinch of India's developing food crisis.

Parliament At A Glance

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The Commons wound up the seventh day of the eight-day throne speech debate.

Prime Minister Pearson announced discussions have started to ensure that the Queen will visit Canada in centennial year.

New Democrat Leader Douglas criticized the Liberals on the Fulton-Favreau constitutional amending formula.

While Quebec Premier Lesage was killing the formula, Privy Council President Favreau was blaming the Conservatives for its demise.

Mr. Favreau hid behind a "cheap political job" Mr. Douglas said.

Trade Minister Winter urged efforts to keep foreign borrowing within reasonable limits.

A. E. Patterson (SC-Fraser Valley) suggested graduated increases in the old age pension.

Roberg Regimbal (PC-Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes) suggested Parliament have a chaplain to improve its image.

MONDAY, Jan. 31
The Commons meets at 11 a.m. to end the throne speech debate. The Senate stands adjourned until Feb. 1.

23-PEARL FIND IS WORTHLESS

TORONTO (CP) — Gerry Keeley sat down for lunch in a hotel restaurant Thursday, but bit off more than he could chew.

He examined his oyster lunch and found he'd bitten a pearl. There was another inside the shell—and another.

The hotel chef told the 48-year-old business executive they were blueprint oysters from the Great South Bay beds in New York. Pearls in cultivated oysters are extremely rare, said the chef.

The last one was reported to him 10 years ago.

A gemologist told Mr. Keeley his find was worthless, as are all pearls from edible oysters. Mr. Keeley said he will have them mounted on pins.

The rescue center here said Friday night Kenneth Deaton, son of the assistant lighthouse keeper on the isolated island about 35 miles from Sydney, suffered a possible fractured skull in a fall.

A snowstorm in the area prevented air evacuation Friday night and a transport department spokesman here said an icebreaker would be available to take the boy to a mainland hospital if seas today were not too heavy.

British Forces Get Pay Boost

LONDON (AP) — Pay raises of 12 1/2 per cent for the armed forces and smaller ones for the top civil servants were announced by the government Friday.

Economics Minister George Brown told the Commons the government had accepted recommendations made by the national board for incomes and prices.

The raises, he said, would be paid beginning April 1, 1966, for the armed forces, and as of Sept. 1 of last year for the civil servants, whose raises range between 3 1/2 and 11.7 per cent.

Seize Labrador, Society Urges

MONTREAL (CP) — The executive council of the Montreal St. Jean Baptiste Society wants the Quebec government to "take possession in effect of the territory of Labrador by the exercise of its power and the implementation of its laws."

The executive, in a statement made public by its president Friday, said it does not accept the 1927 decision of the judicial committee of British Privy Council awarding what now is Labrador to Newfoundland.

Yvon Groulx, who heads the French-language patriotic group in Montreal, said the society's council "judged it opportune and even urgent to make its attitude known immediately, having learned that there was a question of Quebec's signing in February an agreement on the development of Churchill (formerly Hamilton) falls in the supposedly Newfoundland territory of Labrador."

The group asked the Quebec government:

ASKS DELAY ACTION
"To sign no official agreement, with any government or company, involving any explicit or implicit recognition of the 1927 judgment."

"To take possession in effect of the territory of Labrador by the exercise of its power and the implementation of its laws, notably the Cities and Towns Act, the Municipal Code, the Education Act, taxes, the Universal Pensions Plan, social security, the Mines Act and other Quebec laws."

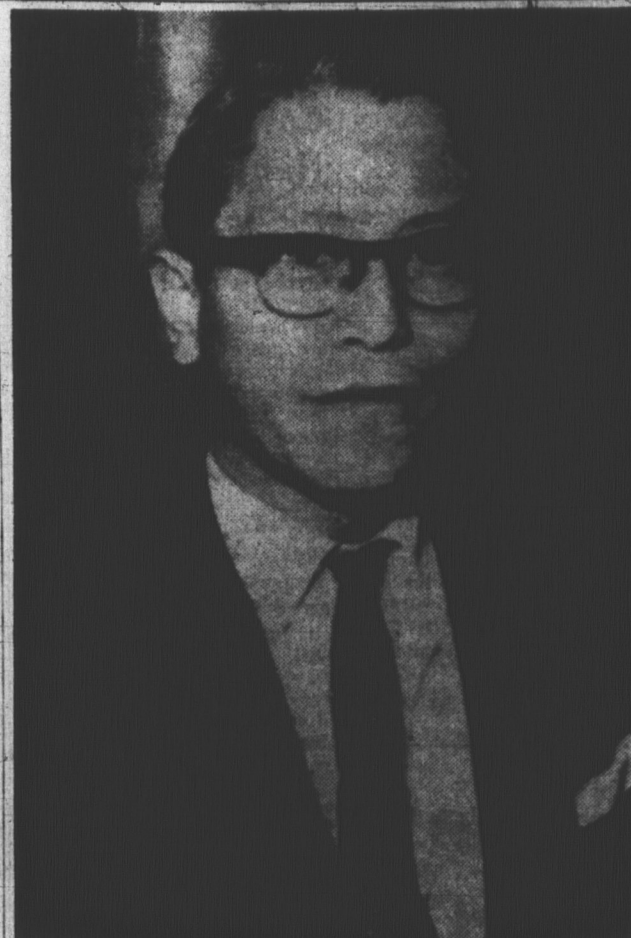
The society also asked that a public inquiry be held "for a definitive study of the question of Quebec's sovereignty over the territory of Labrador."

It would determine steps necessary "to regain and occupy this territory with the exception of a coastal strip of 10 to 15 miles remaining under the jurisdiction of Newfoundland."

Negotiations have been under way for months between Hydro-Quebec — a provincially-owned electric utility — and the British Newfoundland Corp., to which the Newfoundland government granted development rights over the vast Labrador water basin containing Churchill Falls. At stake is the possible sale of Churchill power to Hydro.

There are a number of branches of the St. Jean Baptiste Society in Quebec. There also is an over-all federation of such societies in the province.

Quebec has never recognized the 1927 Privy Council decision, saying, among other things, that it was not truly represented at the hearings.



EMPEROR'S SON-IN-LAW DIES

Toshimichi Takatsukasa, 42, a son-in-law of Emperor Hirohito of Japan was found dead in Tokyo, police reported Friday. The body of Takatsukasa, who wed Emperor Hirohito's daughter, Princess Takako, 15 years ago, was found Thursday night in a Tokyo apartment. He was in the living room. In a bedroom police found the body of Michiko Matsuda, 40, a bar hostess. A gas stove was still burning. (AP Wirephoto via cable from Tokyo)

46 Killed In German Plane Crash

BREMEN (AP) — A long-winged Corvair passenger plane, owned by West Germany's Luftwaffe, crashed on landing in dense fog at Bremen airport Friday, killing 42 passengers and four crew members on board, police reported.

The plane was on a scheduled domestic flight from Frankfurt to Hamburg via Bremen.

Bremen police and fire brigade departments said the pilot apparently missed the runway, attempted to take off again but the plane crashed just outside the airport and caught fire.

A Luftwaffe spokesman said the cause of the crash was not immediately known and added that the passenger list was being withheld.

Fog had prevented all planes from landing and taking off at the airport for hours Friday.

Unconfirmed reports said the passengers included several athletes bound for an international swimming meet in Bremen.

Illegal Fishing Of Lobsters Will Face New Crackdown

OTTAWA (CP) — A crackdown against fishermen who take lobsters illegally was announced Friday by Fisheries Minister Robichaud.

"An increase in the obstruction of fishery officers in carrying out their duty against offenders has got to stop," the minister said. "And I intend to take every step within my power to bring more severe measures to bear against those fishermen who repeatedly fish illegally."

The announcement said the minister is releasing some lobster boats which were impounded last year after their owners were fined for illegal fishing.

But it added there would be no further release of boats to fishermen found guilty of infractions.

"Lobster boats now are being returned only to fishermen who had no previous convictions and did not obstruct fishery officers in the performance of their duty," the release said. "Furthermore, these boats will be returned to owners only after payment of a substantial proportion of their assessed value."

WILL ISSUE WARNINGS
The minister said individual warnings will be issued to chronic offenders.

"If they continue to disregard regulations they will have their licenses cancelled."

"We cannot continue to show leniency to those who repeatedly break the law and show complete disregard for regulations which are designed to keep lobster stocks at a level which will ensure a sustained yearly income."

"I will be taking an increasingly serious view of infractions of regulations not only in the lobster fishery but in other fisheries as well."

The statement said there has been a "particularly serious" situation in the lobster fishery where a minority group of fishermen persistently broke regulations. "Some have, on occasion, attacked fishery officers and damaged patrol boats," it added.



PRINCE CHARLES OFF TO AUSTRALIA

Prince Charles, 17, heir to the British throne, walks to Bertop School in Australia's back country. On hand to see the prince off were his father, Prince Philip, and his sister, Princess Anne, 15. (AP Wirephoto via cable from London)

Screen Siren Hedy Lamarr Is Accused Of Shoplifting

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Hedy Lamarr, arrested Thursday night and accused of shoplifting at a Wilshire Boulevard department store, said Friday: "It was just a big misunderstanding. I'm willing to forget it."

But Miss Lamarr, who as an exotic screen siren was billed a quarter-century ago as the most beautiful woman in the world, was formally charged with stealing \$86 worth of goods.

Police said she had cheques worth \$14,000 in her purse when she was arrested in the store's parking lot.

Miss Lamarr was asked after her release if she suffered from kleptomania, a compulsion to steal.

"No, I never have been accused of doing anything like this before and have never done anything. I never stole a thing in my life."

"I went into the May Company, bought a couple of pairs of shoes and a coat, paid for them, then all of a sudden found myself arrested for shoplifting."

PUZZLED, SHE SAYS
"It's all a horrible misunderstanding. I don't know what it's all about and I'm sure the May Company doesn't either."

She said she doesn't know how a wool dress, and other items that police said were found in her bag, got there.

Earlier, police had quoted her as saying, "I'm willing to pay for these things. Other stores let me do it."

Asked about this, she replied: "I don't remember making such a statement. . . ."

Miss Lamarr, still slender and handsome at 51, and still possessed of the haunting black eyes and long dark hair that made her famous, it is said, work next week in her first film role of consequence in 15 years.

Miss Lamarr plays the mother of a 16-year-old in her new film, Picture Mommy Dead and is burned to death. The producer-director, Bert J. Gordon, said after her arrest: "I have no intention of abrogating my agreement with her. I feel there is some explanation."

ARRESTED IN LOT
Miss Lamarr was arrested in the parking lot of a Wilshire Boulevard department store. Police said she carried a shopping bag containing a \$40 knit suit, a \$3 pen, a \$2 necklace and other items totalling \$86, stolen from the store.

She was freed on \$500 bond after being booked and was ordered to appear next Wednesday on a misdemeanor petty theft complaint carrying a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Helen McGarry, store security guard, told police she watched Miss Lamarr drop items into her bag, followed her into a parking lot and detained her until police arrived.

Miss Lamarr won international fame in her first film, the 1931 classic Ecstasy, in which she splashed nude in a Viennese forest pond. She was 16.

Brought to the U.S. in 1937, she starred in scores of films, including White Cargo, Heavenly Body and Algiers, probably her best-known role.

Municipal Development, Loan Act Extension Asked For Another Year

By JAMES NELSON
OTTAWA (CP) — Finance Minister Sharp told a delegation of mayors Friday the government is willing to listen to arguments, but they would have to be powerful ones to convince it, that the Municipal Development and Loan Act of 1963 should be extended beyond next March 31.

The Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities presented its annual brief to Prime Minister Pearson and members of the cabinet seeking an extension of a year in legislation which was adopted originally to encourage a speed-up in municipal capital spending as an impetus to the economy.

Mr. Sharp said the act has performed its function and it was difficult to argue today that the economy needs to be stimulated, particularly in construction.

"There would have to be very strong arguments—although, of course I am prepared to listen to arguments—but there would have to be very strong arguments indeed to induce the government to change its mind."

The mayors' brief said the extension was needed to enable many municipalities to complete the projects they had started. Some had been late getting started because of detailed planning necessary.

The brief, mainly embodying resolutions adopted at the federation's convention in Windsor, Ont., last year, also urged:

—Broadening scope of the National Housing Act to facilitate financing of capital projects for orderly development of urban communities.

SEEKS EXTENSION
—An indefinite extension of write-offs of NHA loans for trunk sewer and sewage treatment plants.

—Increased federal financing of hospitals.

—Deduction of municipal taxes and home mortgage interest payments from personal income in computing income taxes.

—Full payment by Crown corporations of municipal taxes.

Mr. Pearson promised the group the cabinet would consider the representations carefully.

Mayor Stephen Weyman of Saint John, N.B., said many municipalities need more time to complete projects undertaken under the act.

Mayor William G. Rathie of Vancouver said the municipalities are not looking for hand-outs from Ottawa but must work now to prevent serious deterioration of the urban centres over the next 25 years. The cities need financing on a long-term basis rather than on a stop-and-go basis designed only for periods of high unemployment.

WANTS MORE FROM NHB
Mayor C. A. Vaughan of Halifax said the national harbours board should pay more than just half of normal municipal taxation on its property. He said a brief is being prepared for Ottawa and the Canadian National Railways pointing out inequities arising from the fact the CNR pays no municipal taxes on land it inherited in the Maritimes from the old inter-colonial railway.

Mayor Jack E. Davis of Calgary said the Canadian Pacific Railway's privileged position, granted in the 1880s, caused blight on the CPR right-of-way through western communities. The cities cannot expropriate property owned by the CPR and needed for redevelopment.

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