



Newsman Says Hanoi Damaged By U.S. Raids

American Gives On-Spot Report

NEW YORK (AP)—"On-the-spot inspection indicates that American bombing has been inflicting considerable civilian casualties in Hanoi and its environs from some time past," the New York Times reports in a dispatch from the North Vietnamese capital.

Harrison E. Salisbury, an assistant managing editor of The Times, arrived in Hanoi Friday afternoon and wrote of what he saw and of what he was told by witnesses to the U.S. air raids Dec. 13-14.

"This correspondent is no ballistic specialist," Salisbury said, adding:

"But inspection of several damaged sites and talks with witnesses make it clear that Hanoi residents certainly believe they were bombed by United States planes, that they certainly observed United States planes overhead and that damage certainly occurred right in the centre of town."

Communist reports after the raid told of U.S. planes attacking within the city limits of Hanoi for the first time in the 22-month air campaign. The reports said more than 100 civilians were killed or wounded, scores of buildings were destroyed and damage was inflicted on the Communist Chinese embassy.

U.S. military officials initially denied that American bombs struck the city. They said all bombs fell in two areas hit on

More Troops Said Needed

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. William Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, said Monday night he will need more troops.

Westmoreland said in a television interview that "the tide had turned in our favor during the year 1966."

Twelve U.S. Churchmen Protest Hanoi Bombings

WASHINGTON (AP)—Twelve church leaders protested to President Johnson Monday night that United States bombings "in or near Hanoi" may have sabotaged chances for a longer ceasefire to get peace negotiations started.

Their letter to Johnson, signed by some prominent leaders of various faiths—said: "Worst of all, Mr. President, is the fact that the actions of your own government now clearly appear to contradict your own words as its chief spokesman."

"How can your call for negotiations and a peaceful settlement be taken seriously when the U.S. forces in Vietnam escalate their actions at a time like this? The world looks upon this latest step as an act of bad faith."

Among those signing were Dr. A. Dudley Ward of Washington, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns; Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg of Chester, Pa., former president of the National Council of Churches; and Rabbi Maurice N. Eisenstam of New York, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

MEETINGS

Meanwhile, another group of churchmen picked the houses of State Secretary Dean Rusk and Defence Secretary Robert S. McNamara protesting "the constantly escalating Vietnam war." Neither cabinet officer was home at the time.

The 20 pickets were an interfaith group mainly from Baltimore.

The open letter to Johnson protested "in moral indignation against the policies and practices of the United States government and its military forces in the war in Vietnam."

The churchmen called for a halt to the bombings in North Vietnam and urged that the "United States on its own initiative act for peace without requiring any prior commitment or act by its adversary and thus prove our sincerity beyond a doubt."

Moon Shot Does Test Of Surface

MOSCOW (Reuters)—Russia's Luna XIII moon station forced a test run into the lunar ground to test its firmness, a space expert said Monday night.

Prof. Alexander Lebedevsky, quoted by the Soviet news agency Tass, said that Luna XIII also carried a special apparatus for measuring the density of lunar rocks.

"A combination of these two instruments to determine firmness and density will provide the first experimental information about the 'lunar cosmogony,'" he told the news agency.

Lebedevsky said mechanical manipulators fitted to the moon station could feel the surface of the desolate Ocean of Storms, where a test rod gently touched Saturday night in Russia's second lunar soft-landing.

The first two pictures were shown to millions of television viewers in Russia and Eastern Europe Sunday night.

Luna XIII, Russia's second picture-taking moon station, is said to be similar to the flower-shaped Luna IX, which soft-landed Feb. 2.

The American Surveyor I mooncraft landed June 2. All three craft have disproved the dust-layer theory and indicated that the lunar surface could support a properly-designed spacecraft.

FORCES ROD

A long arm outside the station forced a test rod into the soil with a definite force, he said. The depth to which it sank would serve as an indication of the firmness of the surface.

He hinted that the test rod had found no dust on the waterless ocean bed and did not manage to push far into the rocky surface.

Space expert Prof. Huri Lipsky told the Soviet news agency Tass that the photographs again

Winsloe North Man Dies In House Fire

A 66-year-old North Winsloe man, David Ray Ford, died during the early morning hours of Christmas Day after a fire swept through his two-story farm home.

The man was believed alone in the house with his 15-year-old son, Stewart Les Ford at the time of the fire. Mrs. Ford was reported to have been working on the night shift at Beach Grove. Shortly after the fire broke out she was taken to the scene by private car.

The alarm was answered by the Parkdale Fire Department at 3:30 a.m. Fire Chief Danny McAskill said yesterday that when the department arrived the fire was beyond the point where the source could definitely be determined as the house was all ablaze with fire coming out through the walls and part of the roof was caved in.

The alarm was reported to have been turned in by the Charlottetown long distance operator but it was not known who discovered the fire. According to RCMP reports the son escaped without injury.

The firemen remained on the scene till 9 o'clock the next morning. The floors of the house collapsed during the fire. The body was found in the basement. Following this coroner, Dr. L.E. Prowse viewed the remains and they were then removed by undertakers and firemen.

Dr. Prowse said last night that no inquest will be held. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 3 o'clock from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. Interment will be in Winsloe North cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Helen Shaw of Charlottetown; three sons, David, Charlottetown; Roger, Toronto; and Stewart at home; one sister, Letty, Mrs. Harold MacDonald, Covehead, and a brother, Leslie in Hampshire.

Wide Area Covered By Snow Storm

NEW YORK (CP)—The Christmas weekend storm which spread a broad mantle of snow is an up-curved arc from Oklahoma to Maine headed toward the Maritime provinces early Monday, leaving clear, cold weather behind it in the eastern United States.

Much of the populous northeastern U.S. area continued to dig out Monday. Accumulations included 21 inches at Cobleskill, N.Y., west of the state capital of Albany, where 18 inches fell.

Holiday travel was held to a minimum by rigorous driving conditions which took a toll of many who did venture on to the highways. At least six weather-related traffic deaths were counted in upstate New York during the weekend.

In New York, ski-resort operators rated skiing good to excellent throughout the states, with ski areas covered by four to 25 inches of snow.

Gas Strike Is Reported

LONDON (AP)—A third natural gas strike off England's North Sea coast was reported Saturday by the rig Constellation operated by the Atlantic Oil Producing Co.

A spokesman for the company in London said tests so far were only preliminary but the strike looked as good as two previous finds by the rig.

Heavy Snow Hits Quebec

MONTREAL (CP)—Residents of southern Quebec were busy Monday digging themselves out of the Christmas Day snowstorm that dumped more than a foot of drifting snow on the Montreal area and on much of the province.

The snowstorm, the first major one to strike the Montreal and southern Quebec area this winter, forced the closing down of Montreal International Airport Sunday and caused delays in rail and bus transportation.

The airport resumed normal operation Monday after having been shut down entirely Sunday by the drifting snow and poor visibility.

Railways reported they were back on schedule after some delays Sunday while bus lines said only minor delays occurred Monday on the main routes, but some secondary roads were hardly passable.

The storm resulted in a rash of minor accidents but the practically impossible driving conditions prevented serious mishaps because of the slow-moving traffic.

As the storm moved eastward across the Gulf of St. Lawrence and into New Brunswick, some clearing and light snowflurries occurred over western parts of the province.



A TRAGEDY OF WAR

A woman weeps over the coffins of three relatives killed in the crash of a cargo plane into a residential area near Da Nang air base Christmas Eve. A number of uninvolved civilians perished in the accident, an indirect result of the Vietnamese war. Candles burn atop the plain burial boxes. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Saigon)

FIRE ALARMS

HOLIDAY OR NO, SOME HAVE TO WORK

Despite the holiday week-end a large number of persons had to go on working. Jim Flannigan, a member of the Charlottetown Fire Department, is pictured here Boxing Day keeping a close eye on the alarm button. This is one of the many jobs which requires round-the-clock workers 243 days a year.

ONE DEAD, 11 MISSING

Burned British Factory Ship Under Tow To Newfoundland Port

By DON McLEOD
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The fire-criddled British trawler St. Finbarr and her towing vessel Monday night were diverted to St. Anthony, the northernmost community on the island of Newfoundland.

The two vessels had originally been making for port here.

At least one member of the 25-man crew of the big factory trawler which caught fire Christmas morning was reported dead. He was identified as H. Smith.

Another 11 men were reported missing and there were fears the death-toll could rise higher.

IDENTIFY MISSING

The missing men were identified as K. Pullen, R. Matthews, J. Hamilton, A. Harrison, C. O'Dell, B. Sigurdsson, G. Smith, T. Gray, D. Young, S. Brigham and R. Caulman.

Thirteen survivors were reported to be on board another British trawler, the Orisino, which has the St. Finbarr under tow.

The survivors were identified as Capt. Tom Sawyer, T. Rogers, T. Hardwick, J. Scott, G. Grimshaw, H. Williams, H. Prince, A. Petrini, B. Bull, A. Evans, G. Whittaker, J. Samms and W. Collier.

Bowling Bros. of the St. John's agents for the St. Finbarr, released the names Monday night. No home addresses were available, but the agents said the vessel normally picked up her crew at her home port of Hull, England.

The St. Finbarr is owned by Thomas Hamming and Co. Ltd. of Hull.

The condition of the survivors was not immediately known as

the two ships headed at about three knots for St. Anthony.

LAST REPORT

They were last reported about 140 miles northeast of the outport community, but no estimated time of arrival was given.

The agents refused to say why the vessels were diverted, but 10 of the crewmembers are "presumed" to be aboard the still smouldering St. Finbarr.

The men may be trapped alive below the decks, the agents said. It was not known whether men from the Orisino had boarded the trawler to check.

High winds were reported to be whipping the area. Earlier forecasts told of gales up to 45 miles an hour, snow, sleet, freezing rain and rain.

The St. Finbarr was part of a British fleet fishing northeast of Hopedale, midway up the Labrador coastline, when fire broke out early Sunday morning.

Two other trawlers in the same fleet, the Orisino and the Sir Fred Parke, went in her rescue.

The agents here said the Orisino attempted to rescue the crew of the burning boat with a boson's chair apparatus, but the rig apparently broke during the operation.

The agents said they believe two men may have been lost when the line snapped and added that the body of the dead man on the Orisino was possibly picked up from the water.

The Orisino and St. Finbarr were originally headed for St. John's, about 600 miles southeast of their last reported position. St. Anthony, on the Great Northern Peninsula, is about 200 miles north of Corner Brook and 500 miles as the crow flies from St. John's.

Information has been sketchy because of the remote location of the vessels and poor communications and the cause of the fire is still a mystery here.

However, the vessel's agents said the St. Finbarr's fuel tanks burned Sunday, but the main fire was reported out Monday.

The St. Finbarr was in St. John's in October and is believed to have sailed to Britain from there and then returned to the winter fishing grounds between Labrador and Greenland.

The vessel is capable of refrigerating and storing 500 tons of fish on each trip, which may last from two to three months.

Airliner Missing

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—Search planes fanned out over a vast area of Colombia Monday but reported no trace of a Colombian airliner which disappeared Saturday with 29 persons aboard.

Peasants reported hearing a plane flying low over Andes passes about the time the missing Avianca DC-3 was last heard from, and authorities feared it crashed in bad weather.

The search was to resume today. The plane was on a flight from Bogota to Pasto, in southwestern Colombia, but had turned back to Cali, its stop before Pasto, because of high winds.

Bombers Put Abrupt End To Shaky Vietnam Truce

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Christians return to a workaday world after a Christmas which saw a brief and not-too-successful ceasefire in Vietnam and pilgrims kiss the spot in Bethlehem where they believe Jesus was born.

Britons eased back into the routine after observing Boxing Day Monday, a legal holiday when Christmas boxes are traditionally given to messengers and mailmen.

The holiday mood ended abruptly in Vietnam, where U.S. B-52s roared in from Guam Monday and bombed northern positions an hour after the end of a two-day truce.

As the festivities came to a close, there were these memories of Christmas, 1965:

Msr. Alberto Gori, the aged Latin Patriarch, placed a 14-lb. figure of Jesus on a golden-pointed silver star in a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity at the place where tradition says Christ was born. About 15,000 tourists and pilgrims came from as far away as Tokyo, heard bells peal joyfully across the sunny hills of the Holy Land.

CONSOLES FLOOD VICTIMS

Pope Paul gave his Christmas noon blessing to the city of Rome and the world before 100,000 persons gathered in spring-like weather in St. Peter's Square. The 66-year-old

Pope spoke strongly but had circles of fatigue under his eyes after a Christmas Eve trip to Florence to celebrate midnight mass and console victims of last month's floods.

Christmas services were led in Vietnam by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Roman Catholic military vicar in the U.S. armed forces, and by Baptist evangelist Billy Graham.

In Hanoi, the official Vietnam news agency preceded an account of Christmas Eve services by saying that U.S. aircraft have deliberately attacked more than 200 parishes and nearly 100 churches in North Vietnam since Feb. 7, 1965.

Report Pope Is Saddened

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Paul was reported Monday to be deeply saddened by the resumption of fighting in Vietnam after the two-day Christmas truce.

On Dec. 8, the Pope had urged that the year-end truces arranged in Vietnam be extended into negotiations to end the war.

Word that fighting had resumed after the first of the truces was carried to the Pope as he rested from his exhausting schedule of Christmas activities.

Mexicans celebrated with fiestas, and authorities gave presents of radios, gas ranges, food and toys to the poor.

Frenchmen paid about \$19-10 per cent more than last year—10 for 2.2 pounds of foie gras, the fat goose livers that are a feature of holiday feasts. In India, the government banned multi-course Christmas and New Year's dinners to save food.

BERLIN WALL CLOSED

Some Christians had difficulties with Communist authorities. East Germany refused to grant West Berliners holiday passes through the Berlin Wall to visit relatives and Kurt Scharf, Protestant bishop of Berlin, said, "we are experiencing Christmas Eve and Christmas with many sorrows."

Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Roman Catholic primate of Poland, said in a Christmas sermon he will resist government attempts to interfere in the training of priests.

Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret drove 25 miles from Windsor Castle to visit their mother, Queen Mother Elizabeth, who is recovering from an operation in a London hospital.

In the United States, President Johnson and his family attended Christmas Eve mass at St. Francis Xavier Catholic church near the LBJ ranch, then spent a quiet holiday at home.