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Foreign Ministers Meeting Today In Berlin

Plane Carrying Ernest Hemingway In Crash; Fear Novelist Killed

KAMPALA, Uganda, (Reuters)—A plane carrying novelist Ernest Hemingway, 54, and his wife Mary, crashed into a 400-foot waterfall on the River Nile in northwest Uganda Saturday. A search plane which spotted the wreckage three miles below Murchison falls said there was no sign of life.

At Murchison falls, the River Nile drops 400 feet through a rock chasm. Any person plunging into the chasm would have little chance of getting out alive.

A police rescue party immediately set out up-river from Butaba, on Lake Albert, into the wild country surrounding the falls.

The accident occurred in the least accessible part of Uganda, where elephants, buffaloes and crocodiles abound — the sort of African country Hemingway wrote about in a number of his stories published in *Playboy*.

The search for Hemingway's chartered plane was launched when it failed to arrive at Masindi to refuel.

The search plane which spotted the wreckage reported that it was stranded on the south bank of the river.

Passengers in a British airliner crossing the area had been asked to keep a look-out for a stranded or wrecked plane.

Hemingway never liked air

travel, despite an adventurous life in many capacities.

The Hemingways, whose home is in Cuba, arrived in East Africa last August.

He said he would give a new novel to his publishers when he returned home.

Won Pulitzer Prize

After his arrival in Kenya, he spent several months touring the Kikuyu country, the scene of most of the anti-white Mau Mau operations. He then began a big game and fishing trip.

Hemingway, 54-year-old writer and war correspondent, won last year's Pulitzer Prize for fiction with his novel "The Old Man and the Sea."

American-born, but now residing chiefly in Paris and Cuba, he has been hailed as the pioneer of the "hard-boiled, tough school" of the modern novel.

His best-known novels are: "A Farewell to Arms," "The Sun Also Rises," "To Have and Have Not," "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and "Across the River and into the Trees."

With him aboard the plane was his fourth wife, the former Mary Welsh, a Chicago-born war correspondent and one of the first to enter Paris at the liberation.

They were married in Havana, Cuba, in 1946.

A son of an earlier marriage is (Continued on page 10, col. 2)

Western Big Three Agree On Firm Strategy

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
BERLIN, (AP)—Anthony Eden, John Foster Dulles and Georges Bidault will meet Vycheslav Molotov in a Big Four conference today with a joint strategy providing flat rejection of Russia's Red China bid, prompt conclusion of an Austrian independence treaty and an East-West showdown on the future of divided Germany.

Qualified informants said a united front has been perfected in a series of meetings among the British foreign secretary, U. S. state secretary and French foreign minister. The last of the talks—an hour and 45 minutes—was held late Sunday at the U. S. high commissioner's residence here, with Dulles as host.

Today the four-power negotiations will get underway at 3 p.m. 9 a.m. EST in the Allied control authority building in the American sector. Dulles and Molotov will meet a few minutes early to decide opening procedure and the question of chairmanship. Next week the parley will move to the Soviet embassy in East Berlin.

This is the ninth meeting of the council of foreign ministers and none of them has been able to get anything done about the problems of Germany and Austria.

Molotov Mysterious

While the Western three finally tightened up their arrangements, Molotov's movements and precise intentions remained something of a mystery. He has been prodding for a voice for Red China, and he may bring that up at the outset of the sessions.

One expected element of Molotov's strategy developed Sunday night when Communist East Germany announced it is sending letters to all the Big Four asking that German representatives from East and West "participate in deliberation of all questions concerning Germany."

The Western ministers have already let it be known they will burn down any such proposal. They have made their own arrangements to consult with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Eight Killed When Train Strikes Car At Crossing

NAPANEE, Ont., (CP)—Eight persons, including three children, were killed Saturday night when the car in which they were riding was rammed broadside by an east-bound Canadian National Railway passenger train at a level crossing at the north end of this eastern Ontario town.

The ninth passenger, a 10-year-old girl, was injured.

The dead: Harry Lewis, 56; his wife Bessie, 51; their son, Joseph, 12; Mrs. Lewis' brother Clifford Thompson, 39, all of Newburg, Ont.; Sandra and Sharon McQuig of Napanee, 11-year-old twin sisters; Borden Cox, 32, of Marlbank and Max Fox, 55, of Napanee.

Ten-year-old Donna McQuig, the twins' sister, was taken to Kingston hospital, 23 miles east of Napanee, for treatment of injuries, including a broken leg. Hospital officials said her condition is favorable.

The party was returning from Napanee to Newburg, seven miles east of Napanee, when the accident occurred. The impact scattered the wreckage of the car and the bodies of the victims for 250 feet along the double-track railway line.

Not Protected

The crossing, located 600 feet west of the Napanee station, is not protected by automatic signals.

View of the double-track crossing is unobstructed to the east but a small grain elevator on the west side partially hides approaching trains until they are about four-car-lengths from the road.

No one aboard the train was injured. The engine was damaged and the train en route to Montreal from Toronto—was held up for an hour and 20 minutes after the collision while a new engine was sent from Bellevue, 25 miles west of Napanee.

Police said they believe Mr. Cox was driving when the collision occurred.

Not All Randall Commission Members Agreed

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A commission set up to advise the United States government on world economic policy delivered a disension-riddled report Saturday night recommending authority for President Eisenhower to negotiate a gradual 15-per-cent cut in U. S. tariff rates.

It proposed giving the President power to cut rates by greater amounts in a limited field of imports.

The idea of lowering barriers against imported goods was one of many steps proposed as a part of a "bold" program for exerting American leadership toward putting the world on a more even economic and financial keel. The report stressed that other nations must take similar steps.

But the dissents that stood out on page after page set the stage for heavy battling in Congress, which would have to approve most of the major recommendations.

Gives Recommendations

The 17-man commission on foreign economic policy, headed by Clarence B. Randall of Chicago, chairman of the Board of Inland Steel Company, called for:

"American 'acquiescence' in more trade in non-strategic goods between western Europe and nations behind the Iron Curtain.

Close study of operations of the International Wheat Agreement with a view to possibly abandoning it when it expires in 1956.

A three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements law with "broad powers" for the President to arrange with other countries a reduction of tariff rates on a gradual basis.

An end to U. S. economic aid to other countries on a give-away basis. The commission said perhaps some aid should continue in the form of loans. It admitted the need for continuing military aid to allies.

A gradual approach toward free exchange of one international currency for another.

Ease Some Taxes

Easing of taxes on income Americans receive from abroad. Eisenhower already has urged this on Congress.

Studies designed to simplify U. S. customs procedure and thereby remove some of the irritations and deterrents to imports.

Stimulation of overseas investment and American travel to other countries.

Denial of tariff concessions on goods made by foreigners whose (Continued on page 15, col. 2)

Undersecretary Of State Hume Wrong Dies At 59

OTTAWA, (CP)—H. Hume Wrong, Canada's second highest foreign affairs officer and a former ambassador to Washington, died here Sunday. He was 59.

He was undersecretary of state for external affairs and previously had served in London, Geneva and Washington. Tall, slim and scholarly, Mr. Wrong was one of Canada's most seasoned diplomats.

More than half his nearly 27 years in the service was spent in Washington where he helped establish the first Canadian legation.

He was a familiar figure to most international diplomats because of his service on Canadian delegations to wartime and post-war conferences and was a friend of the last four United States Presidents.

External Affairs Minister Pearson, a close friend of Mr. Wrong since their comradeship in France in the First World War, described him as "the finest type of public servant" and said: "No man has made a greater contribution to the building up of Canada's foreign service or to the wise administration of Canada's foreign policies."

Prime Minister St. Laurent said: "I have heard with deep regret—personal and official—of the passing of Hume Wrong. Canada has lost a great public servant. I shall lose a good friend and wise counsellor."

Heart Ailment Fatal

Mr. Wrong died of a heart ailment. He entered hospital for treatment last November, only a fortnight after taking over his last assignment, undersecretary of state for external affairs. He had appeared to be making a good recovery.

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To Reorganize And Strengthen Reserve Army

OTTAWA, (CP)—Recommendations to reorganize and strengthen Canada's 47,000-member reserve army have been accepted in principle and most of them will be implemented, Defence Minister Caxton said Sunday.

The recommendations, contained in a secret report prepared for the conference of defence associations, were submitted to Mr. Caxton and Lt.-Gen. Guy Simonds, chief of the army general staff at a three-day conference meeting which ended Saturday.

None of the recommendations were announced because "it is felt that to issue piecemeal summaries of the various recommendations before they have received detailed study would do more harm than good," a conference statement said.

MIRACLE HEALING

LOURDES, France, (AP)—Roman Catholic medical and church authorities agreed Saturday that the cure of a French colonel suffering from a liver abscess, three years ago, can be attributed to miraculous causes. The cure occurred, they reported, on Oct. 3, 1950, at the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, where Col. Paul Pellegriin bathed in the waters from the grotto spring. The grotto is one of the Catholic Church's most noted shrines.

Doubts Passengers On Hemingway Plane Killed

Air Woman Killed In Chatham Accident

CHATHAM, N. B. (CP)—Leading Air Woman Magdalene MacEachern, 22, of the RCAF station here, died in hospital early Sunday of injuries suffered Saturday afternoon when an RCAF station wagon collided with an oil tank truck at Chatham Head. The station wagon driver, LAC J. B. D. Cormier, of Adamsville, N.B., suffered minor injuries and the truck driver, William Creighton of Newcastle, escaped injury.

The victim's mother, Mrs. R. T. MacEachern of New Waterford, N. S., and a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Clements were flown to Chatham in an RCAF plane but did not arrive until two hours after her death.

CAIRO, Egypt, (AP)—A search plane pilot who circled the wreckage of a plane that he believed was novelist Ernest Hemingway's said Sunday night he doubted the passengers aboard had been killed.

Capt. R. C. Jude, pilot of a British Overseas Airways Corp. plane, said he looked as if the pilot of the plane did a "neat job of landing the aircraft."

"One wheel of the undercarriage was broken, but otherwise the plane appeared little damaged."

He added:

"I would think the passengers climbed out and made for the river which is only 300 yards away."

"But," he declared, "you can't tell about these things." Jude said he had circled as low as 200 feet and saw several elephants and buffaloes roaming among the trees on the other side of the river.

Cold Wave In West Continues

EDMONTON, (CP)—Western Canada's sub-zero cold spell is likely to continue until Tuesday at least.

The weather office at Edmonton said a "radical change in the circulation of the upper air" is needed to end the cold spell—now in the 11th day—and this is not likely to occur in the next two days at least.

The lowest "low" reported overnight between Saturday and Sunday was the 55 below at Watson lake in the Northwest Territories just north of the British Columbia boundary.

Sure Of Plane

Jude piloted the BOAC Argonaut 80 to 100 miles off course to search for the missing plane.

He said he saw a silvery Cessna plane lying among the scrub trees and he was sure it was Hemingway's.

"It was the right plane without a doubt," Jude said.

"We saw the identification letters VP1KLL, very clearly."

He added that he had received radioed reports from Nairobi that the Hemingway party might already have been rescued by launch on the river, but this was not confirmed.

Novelist Somerset Maugham 80 Today

By Ronald MacLurkin
LONDON, (Reuters)—W. Somerset Maugham, the dean of living writers of English is 80 today.

The still-sprightly novelist and playwright arrived here Friday from his French Riviera home for "the biggest literary party in centuries," which his publishers here are throwing for him.

Maugham's deft pen has ranged from sultry passion in the South Seas to frustration in the slums of London.

Many highbrow critics have predicted that his talents will not leave his name among the all-time literary greats. But others insist that people will be reading his superbly-told tales a thousand years from now.

Maugham himself has always claimed that his chief aim was not "art," but entertainment.

He prides himself on putting a tale down in the "old-fashioned" way—simply and with few tricky effects. He believes a story should have "a beginning, a middle and an end," and while this has irritated some, it has also won him many admirers.

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Commons Plans Full-Dress Foreign Affairs Debate Friday

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Commons this week will hold its first full-dress foreign affairs debate since the session started in November.

The debate is scheduled for Friday, by which time Canada is expected to have replied formally to India's proposal to reconvene the United Nations General Assembly to take up the Korean question.

"There is no indication here as yet whether the government would agree to a complete review of the Korean situation in the assembly or wish to confine discussion there to the prisoner issue.

It is likely that some members of the Commons will urge the government to push for the former, pointing to the fact that India, with Canadian support, at a previous session of the assembly meeting, came up with a proposal which finally solved the prisoner question.

Want Tour Details

Members are also likely to seek a statement from Prime Minister St. Laurent on the general aim of his six-weeks world tour starting Feb. 4. Officially, the tour is classified as a series of "courtesy visits" but there has been speculation that Mr. St. Laurent may try to pour some oil on troubled European and Asian waters.

Officials have said that the prime minister certainly has no intention of mediating any disputes, such as the current India-Pakistan controversy about proposed American military aid to Pakistan. But he might urge some suggestions for relieving tension if he were pressed for them.

It is no secret that Mr. St. Laurent and Prime Minister Nehru have a high personal regard for each other and that they often exchange personal notes on world affairs.

Pearson Report Likely

The Commons debate will come up five days after the start of the Big Four foreign ministers' conference at Berlin. External Affairs Minister Pearson, when he participates in the debate, will no doubt outline the government's views on European unity, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and relations with the United States.

The Commons this week also will continue discussion on the government's new housing legislation and increase in the postal rates and then take up a matter close to the pocketbooks of all members—pay boosts for themselves.

Send "Saucer" Picture To U. S.

SYDNEY, Australia, (Reuters)—A motion picture film purporting to show a "flying saucer-like" object climbing steeply at great height is on its way to the United States for special processing that may reveal further details.

Australian Air Minister William McMahon said the film was taken with a telephoto lens by a civil aviation official at Port Moresby, New Guinea, last August.

In his hitherto secret report, the official said he saw a vast cloud forming rapidly. An object described as "some type of high-speed aircraft" suddenly darted out and climbed sharply away, leaving a clear vapor trail.

Initial processing of the film revealed a small light-colored object moving across the sky, McMahon said.

Acclaim And Criticize Randall Report Here

By Harold Morrison
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
OTTAWA, (CP)—Top federal economists and trade experts Sunday both acclaimed and criticized United States Randall commission proposals to reduce American trade curbs.

They praised the presidential commission's general tone and approach to the vital problem of finding ways of building western economic strength against the spread of communism.

But they expressed concern over reported dissension in the 17-man body and feared the commission's favorable work may go down under looming congressional fire.

Experts here agreed with the commission that American tariffs must be reduced to promote freer world trade, but some expressed disappointment with the "narrowness" of the proposed three-year, 15 per cent cut in American tariffs.

And while they were heartened by proposals to eliminate the restrictive "buy American act" which put a lid on the extent of U. S. government purchases abroad, officials also were critical of the suggested scrapping of the International Wheat Agreement.

The commission said the controversial IWA had led to over-production of agricultural products in the U. S. and abroad, but one expert here suggested it was the "high" U. S. price-support program and not the IWA which had led to American over-production.

The official admitted that the (Continued on page 10, col. 4)



10 Plunge To Death When Platform Tips

LABREVILLE, Que., (CP)—Ten men plummeted 80 feet to their death Saturday when a platform on which they were working tipped and sent them hurtling to the bottom of a shaft at the huge Bersimis river power project.

The victims, employees of the Angus Robertson Construction Company of Montreal, were bracing the sides of the 150-foot shaft at Lac Casse, a few miles north of this hydro-Quebec project base when the accident occurred.

Labreville is 178 miles east of Quebec and about 85 miles northwest of Baie Comeau.

Twelve other men on the platform were reported to have survived the crash. One was injured and the others escaped unhurt.

Donald Robertson, president of the construction firm that employed the workers, arrived here by plane from Montreal a short time after receiving word of the accident. He said an investigation would be launched into the mishap but complete details would not be revealed until his return to Montreal Tuesday.

Provincial Belles from north shore communities rushed to the scene after being informed of the accident by radio-telephone, the sole means of communication out of this section of the province.

Hydro-Quebec also sent investigators to the scene.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 men, employed by a number of construction firms, are working on the Bersimis river project. Expected to cost \$180,000,000, it will provide 1,200,000 horsepower, much of the power being carried under the St. Lawrence River for use in Gaspe Copper Mines, Ltd., on the Gaspe Peninsula.

EDITOR ARRESTED

BUENOS AIRES, (AP)—Police Saturday arrested newspaper editor charged with publishing an article showing disrespect for Argentine President Peron. It was the first such arrest since the government launched its new "pacification" policy and freed 624 political prisoners. He is Abel Guillermo Estrada, 35, editor of Pregon, published at Coronel Suarez in Buenos Aires province.

Launch Investigation

The bodies of the victims were taken Sunday to Forestville, on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River. From there they were flown across the river to Rimouski, for eventual transport to their home towns for burial.

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Quiet Week-end For Royal Couple

ASHBURTON, N.Z. (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh finished off a quiet week-end by attending church services Sunday at the vast private estate where they are staying.

The Duke read the second lesson of the service, held in a small wooden church on the sprawling grounds of the big country place near here. Only residents of the estate were present beside the royal couple.

Today the royal couple will start up their travels again, heading southward for Timaru where they will take a train to Dunedin.

Growing Storm In U. S. As Coffee Prices Advance

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The storm in a coffee pot is bubbling furiously on Capitol Hill.

Housewives stunned at price tags of more than a dollar a pound, coffee-break addicts enraged by a 15-cent-a-cup check, have brewed a mess of correspondence for their elected representatives, hot, dark but not sweet.

The general demand is "Do something."

But the harassed lawmakers haven't been able to find much they can do.

Senator James Beall (Rep. Md.) introduced a resolution that would charge the Senate banking committee with finding out why coffee prices have soared and deciding whether legislation is necessary.

Senator Guy Gillette (Dem. Ia.) who irritated some Latin American diplomats and the state department with a coffee investigation several years ago, said it may be time for another probe.

Attorney General Brownell said last week he had asked the anti-trust division to look into complaints.

Most industry sources and diplomats from the coffee-producing countries say it's a matter of supply and demand — high consumption cutting into stocks plus a frost that played hob with the current Brazilian crop.

Industry sources in New York said prices may go higher—to average \$1.09-\$1.10 a pound retail.

Meanwhile Congress members are getting complaints from home: "Those racketeers... have cornered the world's coffee market and are fattening their lousy bank-rolls on the misery of the masses."

"Dollar hair cuts, dollar coffee, 90-cent butter... We should have our salaries doubled."

"Tax to 100 per cent all increased profits on all food products."

Regional Forecasts

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. Counties, lower St. John River valley: cloudy with a few clear intervals; extremely mild; southwest winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 23 and 35, Moncton and Fredericton 20 and 40, Saint John 30 and 40.

Bay of Chaleur, Upper St. John River valley: cloudy; intermittent drizzle and wet snow by evening; extremely mild; south winds 15 shifting in evening to north 13. Low-high at Edmundston 19 and 35 and Campbellton 4 and 35.

Bay of Fundy: South winds 15; variable cloudiness; visibility 10 miles; mild.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:27 a. m. and 2:47 p. m. Summertime tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:42 a. m. and sets at 5:09 p. m.

TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	14b	—
Vancouver	21	—
Victoria	28	30
Edmonton	24b	15b
Calgary	38b	17b
Regina	25b	10b
Winnipeg	16b	12b
Toronto	23	38
Ottawa	4b	27
Montreal	0	31
Quebec	1	27
Saint John	1	32
Moncton	3	35
Halifax	9	34
Charlottetown	2	30
Sydney	7	31
Yarmouth	9	36
St. John's	—	26

Fresh Rumors Churchill To Retire During Year

By FRASER WIGHTON
LONDON, (Reuters)—Some of Prime Minister Churchill's own parliamentary supporters now are saying openly he will retire when the Queen returns in May from her Commonwealth tour.

Many politicians foresee him choosing that moment to hand over to his deputy, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, possibly accepting the dukedom which they think the Queen would then confer upon him.

The prime minister will be 80 in November, but until recently few Conservatives have speculated publicly on his plans.

Now they are getting bolder.

Coming Events

Weekly card party, Newton school tonight.

Blago and dances in Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Dance at Fort Augustus Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 27th. Burke's Orchestra.

Hockey at North River Rink tonight. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Covehead Flyers, game time 8:30, skate after.

Card party and dance at Sandy's, Wednesday, Jan. 27th. Concert by Dunstaffnage Women's Institute. Commence 8:15.