

USE OF FORCE NOT PLANNED

Naval Blockade Seen Possible To Enforce Rhodesian Oil Ban

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Wilson says he may have to consider possible use of a naval blockade among the alternatives if serious effort is made by any country to breach Britain's oil embargo against Rhodesia.

Supplies are piped into Rhodesia mainly from the port of Beira on the east coast of Portugal's Mozambique.

He hastily added, however, that the idea of a naval patrol is at the moment only hypothetical and that he certainly wouldn't consider such a step as a move towards the use of force to crush the rebel white-minority regime of Ian Smith.

Wilson's assurances came as Opposition Leader Edward

Heath warned in the House of Commons Monday the Conservatives would fight any escalation of economic sanctions "into the use of force" which Heath believed the whole of Britain would oppose.

Meanwhile, a powerful international oil embargo appeared to be building up against Rhodesia, and Wilson, who had returned by plane from Ottawa after talks with Canadian and United States officials, went to the House to offer explanation for the embargo.

Commons galleries were filled as newspapers predicted a roasting battle over the oil embargo. But the attack from the Tory side was relatively mild. Some members were waiting to read

the actual wording of the government order, which is to be introduced later, before launching a full offensive.

Both Wilson and Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart, who followed him in opening a foreign affairs debate, indicated that the oil embargo is not the end of the road. Some "further appropriate measures" might be necessary, they said.

Besides Canada, six major countries have promised Britain they will back the developing international ban on oil sales to Rhodesia.

British authorities identified the six as the U.S., France, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Japan.

Assurances from the six are over and above bans imposed independently by such oil-producing states as Iran, Libya, Kuwait and Iraq.

Huge Heroin Seizure Made In Trailer Park

NEW YORK (AP)—A seizure of heroin valued at \$100,000,000 in a trailer park in Columbus, Ga., was announced Monday by U.S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau.

Morgenthau said 200 pounds of heroin had been concealed in a refrigerator belonging to a U.S. Army warrant officer when his personal property was transported from Europe to Columbus. He said it was worth \$100,000,000 on the underworld market.

In Washington, Commissioner Henry L. Giordano of the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics, also announcing the seizure, placed the value at \$18,500,000. A spokesman for him, a sked-about the discrepancy in the value placed on the heroin, said estimates of the "illicit" value vary greatly in different places.

Nevertheless, Giordano said, "This case involves the largest single seizure of heroin ever made in the United States."

The U.S. attorney also an-

nounced the arrest of the officer, Herman Conder, in Columbus, and the arrests of five other persons—four French nationals and a Brazilian—in New York city.

Morgenthau said all six persons were charged with conspiring to import the heroin.

The heroin was seized in a shack behind Conder's trailer. Conder was stationed with the 37th Army Engineers at nearby Fort Benning.

The U.S. attorney said Conder was the courier employed to smuggle the heroin into the United States on his return from Europe last September.

Morgenthau said the heroin did not arrive until Conder's belongings were shipped home in October.

Morgenthau said the other arrested had been in the U.S. from three days to two weeks. All were under surveillance while they were here, and all participated in the arrangement to import and sell the heroin, he said.

Christmas Shoppers Are Killed

ALGUEIRAO, Portugal (AP)—An express train carrying Christmas shoppers and a freight train crashed head-on near this Lisbon suburb Monday night and at least 22 persons were killed.

The fire brigade chief reported many bodies have been removed from the tangled wreckage. More than 30 persons were injured.

Government authorities said the freight was on the wrong track.

HEADED FOR LISBON
Railway switchman Jose Dias said the freight train was supposed to make a turn-around in the Algueirao yards to return to the city of Sintra, but "this time he (the engineer) just continued toward Lisbon."

"I started running after him with the flag. I shouted, but the train kept going toward Lisbon. They must have known the other train was coming."

Space Exploration Role Offered To W. Germany

Nine Children, 3 Adults Lose Lives In Centre Fire

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP)—Fire swept a Jewish community centre here Monday night, and smoke and flames trapped a children's music class on the top floor. Nine youngsters eight to 11 years old died and three adults perished with them.

There were at least nine persons injured.

Firemen rescued frightened children from a ledge of the building.

Yonkers is a Westchester county suburb just north of New York city.

The tragedy struck the Jewish community on the third night of Chanukah, the joyous religious festival of lights. The centre had been decorated with the traditional Menorah in observance of the holidays, which feature gift-giving to children.

"To my knowledge, this was the worst we have had in our history," said Police Chief William F. Polson.

NEAR BUSINESS HUB
The community centre was housed in a four-storey brick building near the business hub of Yonkers. The building afforded social and cultural areas but no religious facilities.

Polson said all the bodies were badly burned, and had been taken to a nearby nurse's residence to await identification.

A reporter at the scene said the fire may have started in an auditorium on which work was being done as the last phase of a \$270,000 renovation project.

Officials said a gymnasium class was being held on the first floor, with another class upstairs when the four-storey brick building caught fire.

Children were rushed across the street to St. Joseph's Hospital. A dozen were led to safety across a narrow ledge, four stories above the ground, to a point where they could climb down a fire ladder to the street.



FIREMEN HAD to rescue Monday night from fire that swept a Jewish Community Center in Yonkers. (AP Wirephoto)

HEES CHARGED WITH SPEEDING

COBourg, Ont. (CP)—George Hees, member of Parliament for Northumberland and a former minister of trade and commerce in the Diebelsaker government, was charged with driving 80 miles an hour in a 60-mile-an-hour zone Thursday. It was learned Monday.

An official of the Northumberland Progressive Conservative Riding Association here said Mr. Hees was on his way to a meeting with Douglas McMaster, president of the association, when he was stopped after going through a police speed check.

De Gaulle Due In Paris Today

PARIS (CP)—President de Gaulle, confirmed in office Sunday for a second seven-year term, remained in his country estate in Colombey-les-deux-Eglises Monday.

The 75-year-old general was due to return to Paris today and meet with his ministers Wednesday to pick up the threads of activity.

The top item on the agenda now, said Information Minister Alain Peyrefitte, will be France's approach to the stalled European Common Market negotiations.

Child Dies When Home Is Burned

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—A three-year-old child died as fire swept through a three-storey frame house here Monday, but Fire Chief Millard Clifford said many more persons could have been killed.

More than 45 persons, about 35 of them children, were in the house when the fire broke out early Monday.

"We got most of them out by ladders," Chief Clifford said.

The fire started under a first-floor stairway, and spread through the house before patrolling police constables spotted the blaze. The cause of the fire was not determined.

Kenny Wright, one of six children of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wright, wandered away from an escape window while the other children were being rescued and died in the fire.

"We got our Christmas tree yesterday. Now the kids will never see it," said Mr. Wright. "We also had their toys. Now we haven't got a thing and Kenny's gone."

Most of the other families in the house lost all their possessions, including clothing and Christmas supplies.

It was the second fire in the building in 24 hours. On Sunday, fire started on the third floor and caused some damage. But Chief Clifford said there was no connection between the two fires.

LBJ Reveals Plan To Chancellor Erhard

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson invited West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard to a White House dinner, Johnson said he wants to discuss with his guest an "ambitious plan to permit us to do together what we cannot do so well alone."

Example would be, he said, "A probe to the sun, and another, a probe to Jupiter."

Earlier the West German leader had told Johnson at a conference that his country wants to share in the nuclear weaponry of the Atlantic Alliance, but does not ask to man its weapons or make final decisions on their use.

In his toast, Johnson defended the U.S. position in Viet Nam.

"The great effort which my country is making in Viet Nam is in fulfillment of the clear commitment of the American people, the American Congress, and three American presidents."

Johnson said the United States must be loyal to its commitment because "it is not good in Viet Nam, who can trust it in the heart of Europe?"

wants peace in Viet Nam, Johnson added.

"We will push an every door for peace. We set no conditions to talk. We set no conditions and we neglect no hopeful step. But it takes two to talk and it takes two, as well, to stop the fighting."

Johnson said "the reunification of Germany in peace and freedom is a major goal." He asked for "the best efforts" of all allies to strengthen the Atlantic partnership.

On space exploration, Johnson said his invitation also addressed to governments in Europe wishing to participate in such a project.

He will send James Ebb, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, to Europe to consult with the West German government and other governments on this issue.

WILL SEND UDALL
The president also announced he will send "a working group" headed by Interior Secretary Stewart Udall to West Germany in January to study the West German position on progress which, Johnson noted, is to be the most effective in the world.

Erhard indicated the West Germans would be satisfied with co-ownership of a U.S.-British submarine fleet without West German control over firing of the fleet's missiles.

The president and the chairman (Continued on page 3 Col. 4)

New Lt.-Gov. Of Alberta Has Variety Of Interests

OTTAWA (CP)—J. W. Grant MacEwan has been appointed lieutenant-governor of Alberta, succeeding J. Percy Page, Prime Minister Pearson, announced today.

Mr. MacEwan, 62, was mayor of Calgary from 1963 until last October, when he did not seek re-election. The Brandon, Man., native was a Liberal candidate in the riding of Brandon-Souris in 1957.

Mr. Pearson told a press conference that Mr. MacEwan would assume office early in 1966. Mr. Page's term had earlier been extended to the end of this year.

The prime minister paid tribute to Mr. MacEwan's "contribution to the agricultural life of Western Canada" and his contribution to provincial and municipal policies. Besides being mayor of Calgary, the new lieutenant-governor also served for four years as a member of the Alberta legislature and for five years as a member of the Calgary city council.

He was appointed leader of the Alberta Liberal party in 1958.

Born and bred a westerner, Mr. MacEwan's interests range from horses and cattle to historical research and writing. He is author of at least 10 books, among them a biography of legendary Bob Edwards, publisher of the Calgary Eye Opener.

Mr. MacEwan has a wide reputation as an authority on western agriculture and western history.

His books on prairie life include Between the Red and The Rockies, Eye-Opener Bob, and The Sodbusters.

Mr. MacEwan has written several textbooks on agriculture for university use.

The towering six-foot-three Centarian was born Aug. 12, 1902, the pioneers who settled north of Brandon. In 1915, the family moved to Melville, Sask., raised purebred cattle and prospered.

Schooled in Brandon Mr. MacEwan took a degree from the Ontario Agricultural College and did postgraduate studies in animal science and nutrition at Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa.

He worked with the Saskatchewan agriculture department in 1926 and 1927. In the years 1928 to 1946, he was a professor and became dean of agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan.

TAUGHT ECONOMICS
For the next five years, he was dean of agriculture and



GRANT MacEWAN, appointed Monday by Prime Minister Pearson as Alberta's next lieutenant-governor, enjoys an informal luncheon at a restaurant near William Reid School in Calgary, where he had been lecturing. The picture was taken shortly after he learned of the appointment. With him is his daughter, Mrs. Max Foran, a teacher at the school. (CP Wirephoto)

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Her end for the Farm and Ranch Review. He was well known as a livestock judge on the Prairies.

RETURNED TO POLITICS
He resigned as Liberal leader in June, 1960, a year after the party had won only one seat in the Alberta legislature in a general election and later returned to city politics.

After Harry Hays resigned in June, 1963, Mr. MacEwan became mayor of the southern Alberta metropolis. He was re-elected mayor in October, 1963, winning by 13,000 votes over former Conservative MP Arthur Smith.

Mr. MacEwan and his wife, the former Phyllis Chinn of Churchbridge, Sask., live in southwest Calgary. He has a married daughter, Heather, who teaches school.

Nfld. Recovers From Wind Blast

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Power and communications were restored and air and sea services were back on schedule in eastern Newfoundland Monday night following a storm which lashed the area with wind gusts of more than 100 miles an hour earlier in the day.

About one inch of snow accompanied the high winds and some roads were blocked for a short time. The highways department said all roads were open by noon but some were narrow.

Atlantic Fair Shows Profit

HALIFAX (CP)—The Atlantic Winter Fair broke into the black in its third year of operation and showed a 1965 profit of \$7,800, President Don J. Oland announced Monday night.

The exhibition ran up a deficit of \$24,400 in 1963 and \$25,400 in 1964.

Tea And Talk, Hays Declares

OTTAWA (CP)—Former agriculture minister Harry Hays emerged non-committal Monday from an 80-minute meeting with Prime Minister Pearson at his official residence.

"Just tea and talk," replied Mr. Hays, when asked by a reporter what the meeting was about. He was defeated in the Nov. 8 election in Calgary South.

Had his future been discussed?

He hesitated for a moment, smiled and said: "Just talk. We talked about a lot of things."

Four Canadian Planes Will Aid In Airlift

By STEWART MacLEOD
OTTAWA (CP)—Four Canadian planes will join the airlift that will pour supplies into Zambia to offset her broken supply lines from Rhodesia.

Prime Minister Pearson announced Monday that the four-engine Hercules transport planes will join the airlift now being organized by Britain and the United States to help release the economic squeeze being felt by Zambia, a neighbor to Rhodesia.

Zambia got most of her oil supplies from Rhodesia, before Ian Smith's government cut-off the shipments. Britain has already begun flying in diesel fuel to keep the Zambian mines operating.

Mr. Pearson said the Canadian planes would be ready to fly in three or four days, and the initial arrangements are being made for a one-month participation. He hoped it would not be necessary to extend this.

Meanwhile, Canada has placed an embargo on the shipment of Canadian oil to Rhodesia—none has ever been shipped—as economic sanctions against the country's breakaway regime continue to tighten.

Mr. Pearson told a post-cabinet press conference that the move will prevent any transshipments of oil through Canada to Rhodesia.

He said details surrounding the air lift still are being worked out and it was not known whether Canadian ground crews would be transferred overseas. The bases from which the planes would operate still had to be selected.

Christmas Truce Urged

LONDON (CP)—British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart called Monday night for a Christmas truce in Viet Nam that might open the way to a settlement of the war.

Stewart put forward the idea as one of two possible methods of halting the conflict in Viet Nam.

The British minister's other suggestion

"Let both sides stop hostilities (simultaneously), let there be a conference. Let's get from that conference North and South Viet Nam, neutral and undisturbed, able to carry out the Geneva (peace) accords and determine their own future."

Stewart was opening a two-day foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons.

Bandit Holds Up Small Grocery

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—An armed man held up a small grocery store in the city's north end Monday and escaped with an estimated \$50 in cash.

George Swaffer, father of owner Donald Swaffer of the Pelant Grocery, was alone in the store when the man entered, brandished what appeared to be a pistol, vaulted the counter and helped himself from the cash register.

ONLY 4 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS



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