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# Ten Killed, 10 Injured In Collapse Of Marquee

## No Warning Witness Says

By RICHARD DAIGNAULT Canadian Press Staff Writer

QUEBEC (CP)—Half of a 300-foot-long marquee loaded with fresh wet snow and winter carnival decorations collapsed on a busy shopping boulevard Wednesday killing two persons and injuring 10 persons—one of them seriously.

The man was "literally crushed." Mrs. Raymond Begin, 22, of nearby Bienville, Que., was the most seriously hurt of the nine persons trapped. Hospital authorities said her right leg was sliced off below the knee by the falling marquee. Her left leg was badly crushed.

"She was just out of shopping during the lunch hour," said her young husband later at the hospital.

The nine other injured — four women and five men — including Mr. Jarjour — were reported in fair condition.

"There was no warning" sound before the 146-foot span of the marquee broke loose from the huge yellow-brick building that is the Maurice Pollack Limited department store.

Mr. Jarjour, still in hospital recovering from shock, described it this way:

"There was a terrible bang, then dead silence for some seconds. Not a sound, not a cry. I walked into the building feeling sick after seeing the hand of someone sticking out from beneath the marquee. I couldn't tell whether it was a man or a woman.

### CAUSE UNKNOWN

The exact cause of the collapse was not immediately known. Roland Bedard of the Quebec City town planning commission said the marquee, built about eight years ago, was a structure added onto an existing building. Plans had met with city approval at the time of construction.

"Such types of marquee structures are not now approved by the town planning commission," Mr. Bedard added.

### USE EVERY AMBULANCE

Every available ambulance was rushed to the scene as dozens of persons flooded hospitals with telephone calls for help moments after the collapse of the marquee, an awning-like structure.

Within minutes an area covering six blocks in the city's most dense commercial district was blocked to traffic.

The store is one of four large department stores on Charest Boulevard—a four lane thoroughfare in downtown.

Motorists left their cars in the street to see what they could do. Some persons extricated victims by removing snow and debris with their bare hands.

Hospitals listed those trapped and injured as:

Mrs. Alphonse Campeau, 56, Jean-Paul Genest, 31, Jean-Paul Labadie, 28, Miss Grigette and Miss Claudette Lessard, respectively 20 and 17, sisters, and Mrs. Roland Morrisette, 49, all of Quebec City, and Leon Demers, 16, of St. Etienne-de-Luzon, Loretteville, Que.

Mrs. Gabrielle Lemay, 59, was able to return to home after treatment.

Mrs. Begin is the only person who is described as having suffered "serious injuries."

"There was no warning sound," said Salim Jarjour, 64, who had one foot grazed by the falling department store marquee.

Hundreds of noon-hour shoppers and office workers rushed to the scene and stood by helplessly for some minutes before police, road workers and department store employees worked to extricate some of the trapped persons.

A large crane, called in from a nearby building site, hoisted up part of the fallen marquee so other injured could be freed.

Dead are Miss Therese Lamarche, 35, and Henri Zicat, 43, both of Quebec City.

Police said the woman had a broken neck, and fractured legs.

## Queen Mother Begins Tour

LONDON (Reuters) — Queen Mother Elizabeth left here by air Wednesday night on her three-week tour of Kenya and Uganda.

Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret were at London Airport to bid farewell to their mother on her 4,800-mile flight to Nairobi.

The first leg of the flight is to Tripoli, 1,700 miles away. The Queen Mother is due in Nairobi at 8 a.m. EST.

Her tour includes a trip among Arab dhows in the old port of Mombasa, a baraza (gathering) of the Masai tribe and a night at the tree tops hotel near Nyeri where she will watch wild game.

## 500 Acres Sells For \$1,600,000

BRAMPTON, Ont. (CP)—Some 500 acres of the B. H. Bull Farm just south of this Toronto area town were sold Wednesday to a Toronto syndicate for a reported \$1,600,000. The land will be used for residential, commercial and industrial sites.

## \$100,000 Projects At Pt. Prim, New London

OTTAWA. — (Special) — The federal government plans to spend about \$100,000 for improvements to the harbors at Point Prim and New London, both in Queen's County.

A joint announcement Wednesday by Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean and Health Minister

quarre, the two Conservative MPs for Quebec, said the public works department has called tenders for the two projects.

At the same time, the government announced that a contract for \$197,306 had been awarded for construction of a 90-by-27-foot clamshell dredge to serve Prince Edward Island. It would be based at Wood Island.

The contract went to Sydney Engineering and Dry Dock Co. Ltd., of Sydney, N.S. Work on the dredge will be started shortly.

The dredge would not be self-propelled. It would have 1 1/2 cubic yard bucket capacity.

The two harbor projects for which tenders have been called were outlined in the joint announcement.

Improvements at Point Prim will cost an estimated \$35,000 to \$40,000. Tenders close February 25, and work is expected to start almost immediately after that.

The improvement to New London Harbor entail an extension of cribs and breakwater. Estimates of cost run to \$60,000. Tenders close March 4. Construction will likely get under way in the spring.

### ARTIST TO INSTRUCT

HALIFAX (CP)—Gentile Tondino of Montreal has been retained for the fourth year by the Nova Scotia adult education division to instruct in painting courses at the 12th annual School of Community Arts Aug. 12-22 at Tatamagouche, N.S. Mr. Tondino is one of Canada's most prominent Artists.

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## Job Problem Over-Stressed, Inflation Neglected, Claims

TORONTO (CP)—The government is paying too much attention to unemployment and not enough to inflation, Edward H. Ely, president of the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada, said Wednesday.

Erosion in the value of the dollar has continued, he added, "because of a fixed idea in Ottawa that we have to spend our way out of the recession."

Mr. Ely—who is a vice-president of Wood, Gundy and Co. Ltd.—made his comments at a press conference held by the association for the discussion of investment matters.

He doesn't think the government can balance its budget in the fiscal year starting April 1.

BALANCED BUDGET He suggested that the government aim at a balanced budget in 1960-1961 and, in 1961-1962, at a surplus which should be used towards paying off debt now being created.

This, he said, would do more than anything else to restore confidence in government bonds. He doesn't look for this year's budget to be brought down in April, because he feels the gov-

ernment will wish to have a good look at the course of recovery in the first three months.

Inflation hasn't come suddenly, Mr. Ely said, "and it is not fair for everybody to be pounding the present government, when the erosion is not all their fault—though lately it has been."

DOUBTS FIGURES He doubted that actual unemployment is as high as it appears to be in statistics.

Canada's situation in regard to inflation, he continued, is much more dangerous than that of the United States, because of Canada's much greater dependence upon trade with other countries.

In regard to last year's huge conversion loan by the federal government, Mr. Ely said: "There is no doubt that it was an action that had to be taken. The conversion was a good thing for the country and that will become more apparent when the government balances its budget."

## American Weather Plane Missing With 12 Aboard

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP)—A U.S. B-50 weather reconnaissance plane with 12 men aboard lost contact with its base here Wednesday and is missing, the air force reported.

Kindley Air Force Base officials said it is possible the four-engine plane simply lost radio contact with the base while collecting weather data on a daily flight over the Northern Atlantic.

The officials said a Japanese freighter reported an aircraft crashed in the ocean this morning at a point about 300 miles northwest of Bermuda. This is

the general area where the B-50 should have been at that time. The Japanese freighter, however, said the plane that crashed appeared to have been a single-engine craft.

### LAST REPORT

The B-50 left at 6:45 a.m. AST, on its mission. It was last heard from at 8:22 a.m. The Japanese freighter radioed its report of a crashing plane at 8:40 a.m.

"The weather plane had enough fuel aboard to last until about 11:45 p.m."

Two coast guard planes and

two navy flying boats left Bermuda this morning to search for the missing plane. The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Mackinac left at noon and was expected to arrive early today at the point where the plane last reported its position.

A coast guard aircraft from New York was sent to the scene. It reported rain and extremely rough seas there, with visibility between half a mile and a mile.

### Macmillan And Dulles Confer

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Macmillan and State Secretary Dulles conferred Wednesday night on the eve of an expected announcement that Macmillan will go to Moscow for talks with Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

Dulles flew here from Washington to open a round of urgent talks with the European allies on Western policy for Germany.

Macmillan is to speak in the House of Commons today and it is believed certain he will announce he plans to fly to Moscow —perhaps as early as Feb. 20—for talks with Khrushchev on easing of East-West tensions.

### FIDEL WANTS MOUNTIES

HAVANA (AP) — Rebel chief Fidel Castro was quoted Tuesday as saying he will ask Canada to send 10 RCMP instructors to help organize a similar police force in Cuba. The newspaper El Pais also reported that Maj. Duarte Oropesa, who will head Cuba's mounted police force, is planning a trip to Canada to study the organization of the RCMP.

## 65 Die In N.Y. Crash; 8 Survive

NEW YORK (AP) — Sixty-five persons were presumed dead Wednesday in the crash of a new turbo-jet airliner into the East River near La Guardia Field. There were only eight known survivors.

Radio ground equipment that might have averted the disaster was not available to the ultra-modern American Airlines passenger craft, although La Guardia is one of the busiest airports in the world.

Twenty-one bodies had been recovered from the icy tidal waters of the river after the shattering midnight crash in rain and fog.

The plane, flying non-stop from Chicago, was loaded to capacity with 68 passengers and a crew of five. Among those believed killed in the crash was Beulah Zachary, producer of the Kukla, Fran and Ollie television show. There was no indication any Canadians were aboard.

PARENTS KILLED Survivors included an eight-year-old Long Island schoolboy, whose family—parents and two sisters—was wiped out in the crash. Three crew members also were saved.

Many of the missing was believed strapped to their seats, entombed in the tangled wreckage at the bottom of the river. Other bodies were swept into Long Island sound by the river current.

A floating derrick was sent to the scene to raise the wreckage. There, on the surface of the river, bobbed grim mementos of the tragedy—a woman's shoe, a dress, a baby's glove, a packet of letters, a torn valise.

The four-engine Lockheed Electra—in service on American Airlines only 12 days—smashed into the river at 135 miles an hour, about half a mile short of the runway.

Said one survivor: "Just as we were about to land there was a sudden jolt and then an awful lot of noise and we were in the water."

The pilot had given no hint of trouble. Pending a fuller investigation it appeared that he simply came in too low in the mist that enveloped the area.

Autopsy reports on victims disclosed the terrific force with which the airliner hit the water. Nearly all victims died of crushed chests, broken necks or mangling injuries. Drownings were few.

### SECOND AIR TRAGEDY

It was the second air tragedy near La Guardia in two years. On Feb. 1, 1957, a Northeast Airlines plane crashed into Rikers Island in the East River about half a mile from Tuesday night's disaster scene. That crash claimed 40 lives.

### By DON HOYT Canadian Press Staff Writer

HALIFAX (CP) — The Nova Scotia government Wednesday partly unveiled its law-making plans at the opening of the 1959 legislature. The throne speech told little about government spending. No major works projects were mentioned.

Help for municipal hospital construction programs will be in the form of loans and from a trust fund administered by the province but made up of contributions from the municipalities.

Certain changes in welfare statutes and reduction of the municipal share of relief costs during

## Nova Scotia Gov't. Plans Quiet Legislative Program

February, March and April of this year will mean increases in some departmental estimates. But tax increases appear improbable.

Most of the 72-point address, read by Lieutenant-Governor E. C. Plow to the full 43-member House and packed spectators' galleries, reviewed government accomplishments.

It pledged the government to continue "close attention" to unemployment problems; to changes in the Workmen's Compensation Act as a result of a two-year royal commission study; and to assist in developing "small" and safe mines near

disaster-ridden Springhill.

The basis of Liberal and CCF criticism may be a passage in the speech which said that despite unemployment "the economy of the province as a whole inspires confidence."

Liberal Leader Henry Hicks said before adjourning the debate that the legislature will have to consider many problems, "some more grave than usual."

He said the co-operation of every member of the House is required to assure "we discharge our responsibility" to Cape Breton's 4,100 unemployed miners and their families.

The Liberal chief, who resumes his address today, paid tribute to the people of Springhill "for the fortitude with which they have borne" two mine disasters in as many years.

The throne speech said the government plans to create a provincially-administered fund to help municipalities defray capital expenditures on hospitals. The fund will be maintained by per capita contributions from municipalities and distributed on a per diem basis among the 45 hospitals participating in the National Hospital Plan.

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LUNCHEON MUSIC IN DESERT

Trooper Charles Butt of St. John's is serenaded by a Bedouin during a lunch break while on patrol in the Sinai desert

near Rafah, Egypt. Trooper Butt is a member of the Reconnaissance Squadron of the 1/8 Canadian Hussars which will be

replaced by the Royal Canadian Dragoons in February. (CP Wirephoto from National Defence).



SKIPPER REPORTS CLOSE CALL

The 83-ton vessel C. and E. Burke ties up in Halifax after what skipper Wallace Conrad of Upper LaHave N.S., described as "an unbelievable escape" from death off the Nova Scotia coast. The vessel almost capsized several times after she became heavy from ice coating her superstructure. (CP Photo)

## Commons Debates Housing After CCF Bid Rejected

OTTAWA (CP) — The government hopes to make National Housing Act mortgages a more attractive investment for trust companies and pension funds by insuring the full value of the loan rather than the present 98 per cent, Works Minister Green announced Wednesday.

Mr. Green outlined the plan as he sought Commons approval to introduce legislation providing Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation with a further \$250,000,000 to lend for housing construction.

He said he sees another "splendid" year for house construction in 1959 but he shied clear of forecasting whether building will match the 1958 record in number of homes built.

The housing debate followed an unsuccessful CCF attempt to have Mr. Green's motion delayed while the Commons debated unemployment. Speaker Roland Michener ruled it out of order on grounds that unemployment was debated last week during the throne speech debate and could be debated again next Monday on a government supply motion.

UNANIMOUS SUPPORT The proposed housing legislation received the unanimous support of Opposition spokesmen.

Mr. Green also announced that last year houses started rose to a record 164,632 against about 122,000 in 1957 and ahead of the previous record in 1955 by more than 26,000. Number of completions climbed to a record 146,686 from 117,200 in 1957 and the previous high of 135,700 in 1956. At year-end, 88,162 houses were under construction compared with the previous high of 79,339.

The \$250,000,000 sought for CMHC lending would raise to \$1,000,000,000 the amount provided by Parliament for direct loans by CMHC. Up to last week, \$677,556,248 had been committed of the \$750,000,000 previously provided, leaving \$72,043,752 in the lending fund.

Mr. Green said the proposed legislation will also make it possible for CMHC, which has accumulated a large portfolio of mortgages, to sell these to investors other than banks and insurance companies. The mortgage loans, however, would still be administered by CMHC after sale.

ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENTS In this way and by guaranteeing the full value of the loan instead of the present 98 per-

cent, Mr. Green said, the government hopes mortgages will become more attractive to investors such as trust companies and pension funds that may not now be able to make direct mortgage loans out would be willing to buy a fully-guaranteed mortgage.

The government also proposed to abolish the present \$25,000,000 ceiling on the amount of mortgages that CMHC can purchase from approved lenders.

Mr. Green said last year CMHC committed about \$305,000,000 for housing loans while private lending institutions such as banks put up \$520,000,000.

About an equal amount was planned for this year by the private lenders, he said.

He shook his head to challenges from several Opposition members to make a forecast of the number of housing starts in 1959 remarking he predicted 140,000 for 1958 with "trepidation" and now was getting "wisery every month."

He estimated that the upsurge in construction last year as a result of money put up by the government and private lenders provided about 400,000 jobs on construction sites plus many other jobs in allied industries.

## Ike Scoffs At Red Claims Of Knockout Blow Ability

By GEORGE KITCHEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (CP) — President Eisenhower Wednesday scoffed at any idea that the Russians could knock the United States out with a sneak surprise attack and assured the American people their defence forces are superior to those of the Soviet Union.

He also said Soviet claims to possess an intercontinental missile with "pinpoint" accuracy sound like propaganda.

Replying to press conference questioning about the possibility that the Russians could immobilize the U.S. with a single blow, Eisenhower said he wondered how many missiles Russia would have to "send off in one volley all over this world to immobilize us?"

NO SUCH CAPABILITY "We just know," he went on, "that there is not that kind of capability existing in the world today."

As for the Soviet claim to possess an accurate ICBM, Eisenhower asked reporters why they were "respectful" of that statement when they themselves scoffed

at other Soviet claims to have invented the airplane, motor car, the telephone and other things.

"I don't know what the words 'pinpoint accuracy' mean," he said. "They sound to me like rather propaganda words."

The U.S., he noted, had just fired a long-range Atlas ICBM which was "absolutely successful."

CONCEDES LOSSES He conceded that the U.S. forces, and possibly the continental United States itself, would suffer "some losses" in a surprise attack, "that was implicit in the opportunity that a dictator has to start a war himself and, for that reason, the U.S. must be alert."

While Eisenhower was answering reporters' questions about defence and other matters, various congressional committees were exploring the military and space situations.

Defence Secretary Neil McElroy, back before the House of Representatives armed services committee, hinted strongly that the United States would use nuclear weapons if it became in-

volved in any future war similar to the one fought in Korea.

He said it would be "against our national interest if any inference were given the Chinese Communists that we would fight the Chinese Communists without general war weapons."

The point arose in a discussion of U.S. capability to fight limited wars as well as general wars.

FAR EAST WEAPON The Far East figured also in testimony by navy officers before the House space committee.

Rear-Admiral K. S. Masterson, the navy's guided missiles chief, gave his opinion that the navy Sidewinder missile—an air-to-air weapon—"had a hell of a lot to do" with the Chinese Reds holding back last year from an all-out assault on the Nationalist-fortified island of Quemoy.

On a broader aspect, Rear-Admiral John T. Hayward, the navy research chief, showed displeasure with an approach in U.S. space work which he said finds "the military... going down one street and the (civilian) space agency another." Hayward called for a single national agency on space.