

THIRD DISASTER IN SERIES

BOAC Jetliner Breaks Up In Freakish Air Over Japan

From AP-Reuters
GOTEMBA, Japan (CP)—Disaster teams have completed removal of bodies from the wreckage of a British jetliner that broke up in freakish air over Mount Fuji Saturday and crashed, killing all 124 persons aboard.

The passengers included 89 Americans and one Canadian.

Among the bodies were those of the pilot and co-pilot, found still in the cockpit seats of the Boeing 707 with hands on the controls.

The disaster was the third in a series of major air crashes in the Tokyo area that have taken 321 lives in a month.

It followed by 18 hours a Canadian Pacific Airlines jetliner crash at Tokyo's International Airport in which 64 persons, including 18 Canadians, perished.

Feb. 4, all 133 persons aboard a Boeing-727 jetliner of All-Nippon Airlines were killed in the worst single-plane crash in commercial airline history when the aircraft plunged into Tokyo Bay on a landing approach.

Death still lingered over the scene of the Japanese airline crash. Officials reported a helicopter in the continuing search for bodies plunged into Tokyo Bay Saturday, killing two of its five crew members.

And as recovery work continued Sunday around the wreckage of the BOAC crash Saturday and the crash of the CPA DC-8 Friday night, Tokyo got a momentary shock with still another aircraft accident.

RAN OFF RUNWAY
A U.S. Air Force C-130 turbopropeller transport, carrying only its five crew members on a test, ran off the runway at Tachikawa Air Force Base near Tokyo and plunged into a rice paddy. The crew walked away unharmed.

Sir Giles Guthrie, chairman of British Overseas Airways Corp., arrived with a 17-man team to look into the Mount Fuji crash. He said it was BOAC's first in 550,000 miles of flying.

Also converging on Tokyo

were Canadian and American experts. A member of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board said his group would study the two weekend crashes plus that of the Japanese plane.

All three commercial planes were American-made.

Aviation experts searching the BOAC wreckage said Sunday freak air currents and sudden severe winds may have ripped the Boeing-707 apart minutes after its takeoff from Tokyo, 50 miles to the north.

Japanese soldiers Saturday night carried down the bodies of all 124 victims and placed them in wooden coffins in a Buddhist temple in Gotemba, 70 miles south of Tokyo.

The Canadian was Theodor Vaskevich, 53-year-old engineer from Toronto.

Among the Americans were 75 persons on an Asian tour sponsored by Thermo King Corporation of Minneapolis, a refrigeration equipment firm. Three top company officials and many of the firm's key dealers in the United States and their wives were among the dead.

Japanese witnesses said they saw the BOAC plane break apart, then swirl down like a leaf, trailing fire and smoke. Its wreckage scattered over a wide area on the rugged slopes of 12,389-foot Fuji—sacred to Japanese.

THREE CANADIANS ABOARD
Among the survivors of the CPA disaster are three Canadians, Freda Yeske, 30, of Edmonton and Vancouver; Bernard James Redisky, 23, of Kimberley, B.C., and Mrs. San Jen-Chung, whose Canadian address was not known.

Miss Yeske, an Air Canada sales agent and Redisky, a student, were reported in good condition.

The CPA DC-8, bound from Hong Kong to Vancouver and South American points, via Tokyo, snagged its wheels on approach lights Friday night and then hit a retaining wall at the head of the runway.

Minutes after the BOAC Bo-

ing-707 took off Saturday for Hong Kong en route to London, the Tokyo weather bureau reported severe winds over Mount Fuji, noted for freak air currents.

At noon, the weather bureau said the winds at Fuji were a sustained 70 miles an hour and three hours later a sustained 86 miles an hour, with gusts, likely to be higher.

Officials at the scene said the winds and air currents could have overcome the plane, then braced its fall.

Freakish weather also may have been partially responsible for the Canadian jet crash.

Arriving from Hong Kong, it was kept circling over fog-bound Tokyo Friday night for nearly 15 minutes before it finally got permission for a landing. Visibility was just above the minimum, officials said.

DIPPED NEAR RUNWAY
The big jet suddenly dipped when about a mile from the runway, airport police said. Its wheels plowed through 15 approach lights built out into Tokyo Bay. In the next instant it smashed into a concrete retaining wall and disintegrated in flames.

One of those who saw the BOAC disaster was Shizuoka Serizawa, a weather observer near Fuji.

"I saw the plane rising perpendicularly and then saw two-thirds of one wing tear off," he said. "Then there were flames, with both segments burning. I saw small dots, which might have been fragments. Then the plane went down."

A Japanese military cadet said he watched through binoculars as both wings tore from the plane and the body spiraled down.

In Minneapolis, a spokesman for Thermo King said: "This has got to be the most disastrous thing a company could experience." He added every one of the firm's top dealers was on the plane.

The trip was a reward for dealers who met sales quotas in the last year.

War With China Risk Noted By U.S. Senator

Hearing Aimed To Reduce Peril

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator J. W. Fulbright said Sunday night there is present danger of war with China and announced early U.S. Senate hearings on that Communist-ruled country in an effort to lessen the peril.

The Arkansas Democrat, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee and a critic of U.S. policy in Viet Nam, called in a statement for a searching effort "to increase our understanding of China."

He said that might alter the "fatal expectancy" of war which he asserted is held by Chinese leaders and by some American officials.

With his committee scheduled to act today on a \$415,000,000 foreign aid authorization, mostly for Southeast Asia, Fulbright announced the group will begin Tuesday a series of hearings aimed at increasing public knowledge about China.

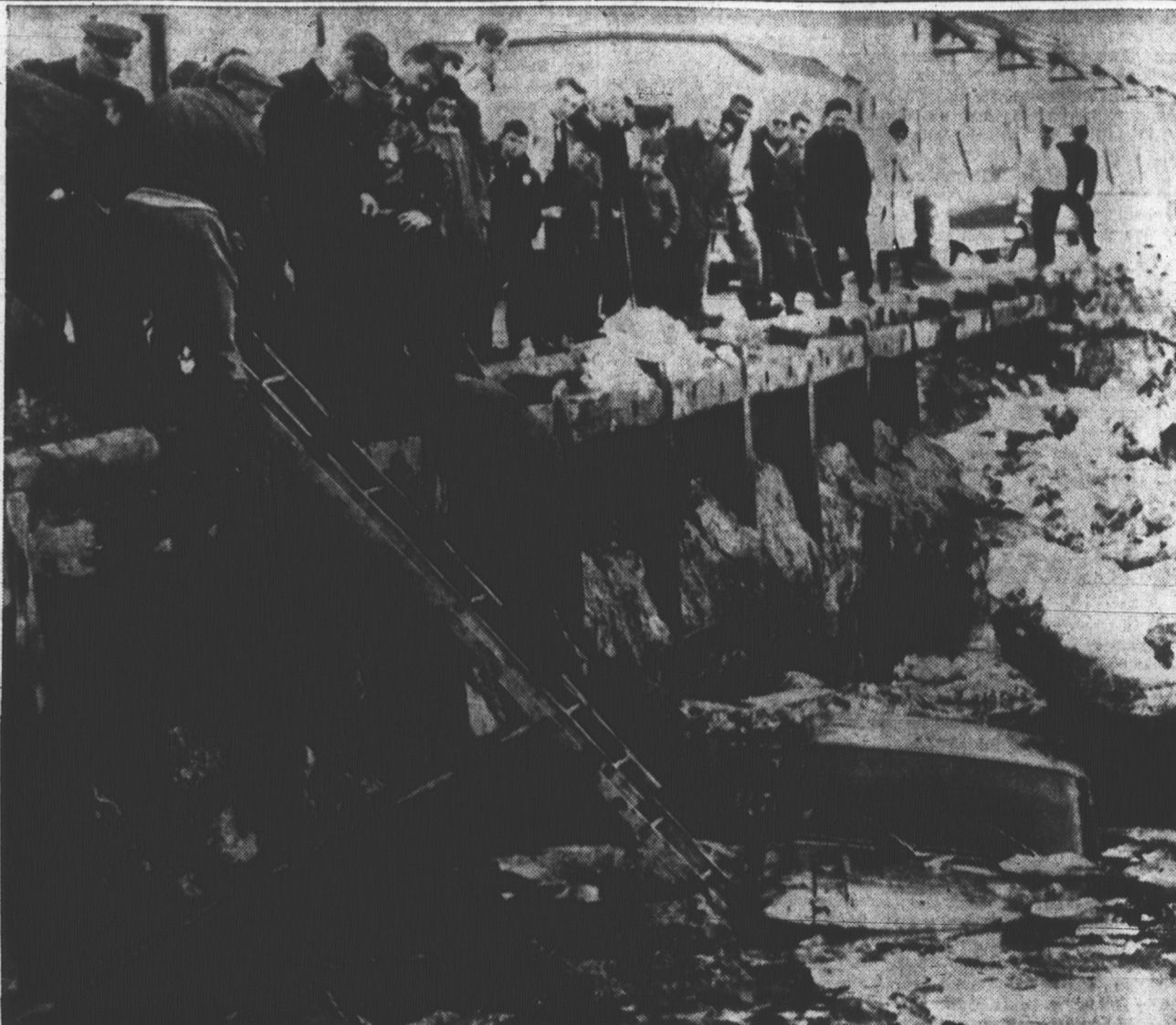
He said before fresh political and military decisions are made on Southeast Asia it is essential to try to understand the Chinese and their leaders.

SEES REAL DANGER
"The danger of war is real," he said. "It is real because China is ruled by ideological dogmatists who will soon have nuclear weapons at their disposal and who, though are more ferocious in words than in actions, nonetheless are intensely hostile to the United States."

"In the short run the danger of war between China and America is real because an 'open-ended' war in Viet Nam can bring the two great powers into conflict with each other, by accident or by design, at almost any time."

"Some of our military experts are confident China will not enter the war in Viet Nam. Their confidence would be more reassuring if it did not bring to mind the predictions of military experts in 1950 that China would not enter the Korean War, as well as more recent predictions about an early victory in Viet Nam."

"In fact, it is the view of certain China experts in our government that the Chinese leaders themselves expect to be



Weather Sets One Record

HALEFAX (CP)—Unseasonably mild weather covered the Maritime Provinces during the weekend, with at least one maximum-temperature record falling.

The weather office here reported that a reading of 46 degrees at Summerside broke by one degree—a record set in the Prince Edward Island town in 1899.

Queen Winds Up Caribbean Tour

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth ended her five-week Caribbean tour Sunday under brilliant sunshine, in sharp contrast to the sudden downpours which drenched this tourist playground Saturday.

The Queen, who arrived here Saturday with Prince Philip, leaves for London by air Sunday night.

Philip will remain here until he starts his visit to the United States and Canada Tuesday.

Dozens of North American tourists joined the crowds thronging the streets Sunday to watch the royal couple drive by.

In a farewell speech the Queen said her tour, which began in British Guiana and continued through the Caribbean islands, had been a moving experience.

She said she would watch the progress of the Caribbean Commonwealth countries with a new sympathy and understanding.

It was her first visit to Jamaica since independence from Britain four years ago.

City Businessman's Body Found In Submerged Car

The body of E. D. Reid, 50, Charlottetown businessman was found yesterday afternoon in his car in the water beside the railway wharf on the city's waterfront. He operated E. D. Reid Produce Ltd., 2 Prince Street.

Dr. Allan MacMillan, coroner for Queens County ordered an inquest. He said the date would be decided upon findings of an autopsy.

The automobile, a 1962 model Fairlane Ford was towed about 2:30 from the oily waters of the railway wharf only a few feet from shore and a short distance from Mr. Reid's business establishment.

The car was first noticed by Roger MacLaren, 169 Dorchester Street, who reported sitting the roof of the aqua colored automobile in about six feet of water adjacent to the west side of the railway wharf.

Mr. MacLaren said it was approximately 1:30 p.m. Sunday while strolling along the pier that he noticed the roof of the automobile submerged in water about 35 feet from the shore line. He reported the incident to Joseph (Plum) MacDonald and City police arrived on the scene minutes later.

The car was towed shoreward by a truck from Murphy's Service Station after cables had been attached to the cab and the front bumper.



E. D. REID

shortly before two o'clock Sunday afternoon before the windshield was smashed out to allow a cable to be fastened before the car was towed to the shoreline about 35 feet away. The automobile was discovered early Sunday afternoon.

father hadn't returned home Saturday night and a check with business associates failed to reveal his whereabouts.

Mrs. Reid was reported visiting another daughter Roberta, a second-year science student at the University of New Brunswick.

It wasn't until 1:30 Sunday afternoon that the search ended at the railway wharf where the car bearing the body of Mr. Reid was hauled from the muddy water.

Survivors include a wife, the former Thelma Dingwell, 58 Brackley Point Road, formerly of Morell; daughters—Roberta, 19, UNB, and Claudia, 18, third-year student at PWC.

His father, J.B. Edwin Reid is residing at Rollo Bay. His mother, the former Minnie Frances of Dundas predeceased him in 1959.

Also surviving are brothers, Willard, Ohio; Major, Rollo Bay; sisters Martha, Mrs. Les-

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Huge And Costly Cleanup Is Underway In Winnipeg

WINNIPEG (CP)—The big blizzard is over and the cleanup is under way from eastern Manitoba to the Lakehead.

For Winnipeg, all but buried in the wake of snow swept by winds up to 70 miles an hour all day Friday, it's likely to be the biggest and costliest in the city's history.

Plows and trucks went to work when the storm died early Saturday and the metropolitan area of 500,000 began to dig itself back to some degree of normalcy during the weekend. Buses, trains and airlines are back in business.

Mayor Stephen Juba called a

meeting of the emergency coordinating committee Sunday and predicted the storm will leave the city with a \$1,000,000 bill. He said he hoped for financial aid from senior governments so local taxpayers would have to bear the entire burden.

This was the scene in Winnipeg Sunday.

Snow-clearing equipment pressed on non-stop under sunny skies and a windless 12 degrees below zero. Bus routes got priority and all but a handful of transit lines were operating, some with reduced runs or detours.

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more. Many sidewalks remained covered waist-deep.

CARS ABANDONED
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Storm Losses Extensive In Dakotas, Minnesota

FARGO, N.D. (AP)—The Dakotas and northern Minnesota, hit by the worst blizzard in decades, were fanning out with emergency rescue and search missions Sunday as the three-state death toll rose to 15.

Reports of staggering livestock losses reached civil defence headquarters at Pierre, S.D. It was certain to run into hundreds of thousands and maybe millions of dollars.

Some ranchers lost entire herds of sheep or cattle in the three-day storm that struck Wednesday.

One ranch reported all 500 cattle in a herd near Timber Lake, S.D., died when isolated without feed and virtually paralysed with snow. Another reported losing 2,000 sheep near Rapid City.

Some other ranchers on the South Dakota prairies figure their losses at about 50 per cent.

A U.S. national guard helicopter crew working for the civil defence spotted scores of dead animals.

Under clear skies, helicopters, planes and snowmobiles fanned out on emergency, rescue and search missions in an area paralysed by four days of heavy snow and high wind.

One family they won't need to dig out is Hardy Otto Mettler, 48, a rancher near McLaughlin, S.D.

STUCK IN DRIFT
With his wife and seven-year-old son Mettler left McLaughlin late Wednesday for his ranch 14 miles away. Two miles from home the car stuck fast in a drift.

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Schools To Reopen

Some churches held services but Sunday schools were cancelled. Public schools, closed Friday, will re-open today.

The Free Press and the Tribune published Friday although distribution was limited. They managed to reach many home subscribers Saturday and kept up deliveries of Saturday editions on Sunday.

Queen Plans Boston Stop
GANDER, Nfld. (CP)—An aircraft carrying Queen Elizabeth back to London from a Caribbean holiday will make a refuelling stop at Boston early today.

The Super VC-10, originally scheduled to take on fuel at this central Newfoundland airport, will make the stop at Boston because of weather conditions here, officials said Sunday night.

Victor Spencer Denies Spying For Russians

OTTAWA (CP)—Victor Spencer appeared on a nationwide television program Sunday night to deny ever spying for the Russians. But he admitted having made a "mistake."

Spencer, subject of headlined House of Commons debate as an alleged spy fired from the postal service, refused to blame anyone for his situation.

The 62-year-old former postal clerk was interviewed in Vancouver by Jack Webster on the CBC program This Hour has Seven Days.

He refused to say under direct questioning whether he had received \$3,000 to \$4,000 from Russian Embassy officials as stated in the Commons by Justice Minister Cardin.

"I don't think that I've betrayed my country," he admitted being guilty "of being friendly" to Russia, being a member of the Canada-Soviet Friendship Society, and having the desire to travel to Russia.

He also welcomed the judicial inquiry Prime Minister Pearson has announced to investigate his firing.

He said he would "like the mystery to be cleared up," perhaps an indication that Spencer himself would like the scope of the inquiry extended to include not only his treatment by the government but the activities over which he was dismissed.

Dief Plans Nfld. Visit

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Opposition Leader Diefenbaker will visit Newfoundland April 29-30 to attend the annual convention of the Newfoundland Progressive Conservative party.

Dr. Noel Murphy, leader of the Newfoundland party, said Saturday Mr. Diefenbaker will be guest speaker at the convention, to be held in Gander.

SAYS BLACKMAIL FAILS

Dief Will Push Security Probe

By BOB MacKENZIE
OTTAWA (CP)—Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said Saturday the government's attempt to "blackmail" him into silence had failed and his party will insist on a royal commission investigation into "all aspects" of Canada's security going back to 1944.

"There is still something fishy about the Spencer case," he told the national convention of the Young Progressive Conservative Association Saturday night.

The government promised Friday to hold an inquiry into the complaint of Victor George Spencer, 57, a Vancouver postal worker fired for alleged spying activity.

The government insisted nothing was wrong, Mr. Diefenbaker said, and when things got tough in the Commons Friday "they tried to blackmail me into silence."

Although he did not elaborate on the specific incident, Mr. Diefenbaker's reference to blackmail was an apparent reference to a question by Justice Minister Cardin asking if the Conservative leader would tell

Candace Mossler, Nephew Acquitted In Murder Case

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Blonde Candace Mossler and her nephew, Melvin Lane Powers, were found not guilty Sunday of the murder of her husband, Jacques Mossler.

The 12-man jury deliberated 16 hours, 33 minutes before clearing the defendants of a charge that they plotted "brutal unwarranted murder" of the man who wielded her control of a \$33,000,000 bank and loan company.

Powers clasped his hands and breathed a loud sigh of relief when the verdict was read. His aunt gave a little cry of joy.

The defence had said the state proved nothing but that the defendants had engaged in a torrid love affair.

Saturday, the jury had reported itself in a hopeless deadlock. But circuit Judge George Schulz decided they had not tried long enough and sent them back.

Mrs. Mossler broke down and wept at the verdict.

Powers, who seldom displayed emotion throughout the seven weeks trial, wore a wide grin as he said he is "very pleased" with the verdict.

REFER TO MUNSINGER

Several newspapers have interpreted the remark as a reference to Olga Munsinger, whom they said was a one-time clerk in a Communist embassy. She was described as a voluptuous former "German beauty queen." She apparently was deported from Canada and died two years ago in East Germany.

One newspaper reported the RCMP had a photograph of her, in nude, with a former Conservative cabinet minister.

"We were not silenced," Mr. Diefenbaker told the cheering delegates at the Saturday banquet.

"We will not be silenced. We will not be intimidated, either." The government had insisted nothing was wrong but the Conservatives stood their ground and "when blackmail failed, the government folded."

Mr. Diefenbaker said his former government never was involved in anything that threat-

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