



BEST ACTOR AWARD PRESENTED

Bernard Toussard receives the award for the best actor from Premier Walter R. Shaw during the awards presentation following the Final Festival of High School Plays at the Confederation Centre on Saturday evening. Mr. Toussard played the lead in The Hills Send Off Echoes presented by the Tignish Regional High School. Terrence Ar-

Johnson Recommends Cut In U.S. Excise Tax

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson announced Saturday he will recommend that Congress cut excise taxes by \$1,750,000,000 on July 1, by a like amount next Jan. 1, and by \$464,000,000 more by 1970. That adds up to almost \$4,000,000,000 over a five-year period. Johnson said he will recommend that the excise tax on automobiles and air conditioners be reduced effective immediately. Since it will be some time before Congress acts on the proposal, this means the tax cut will be retroactive on these items. The aim is to avoid the possibility of a buyers' strike which might develop while a future cut was under consideration. The excise levy on new autos is 10 per cent, which means it adds \$25 to the cost of the average automobile. Johnson proposed cutting it to seven per cent now—a saving of about \$75 to the average car buyer, and to five per cent by 1967. The president went before radio microphones and television cameras in the White House

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West Germany Preparing Gala Welcome For Queen

BONN (Reuters) — Queen Elizabeth flies to this West German capital Tuesday to start a 10-day state visit de-

Dr. H. L. Denton Dies In Halifax

HALIFAX (CP) — Rev. Dr. Harvey L. Denton, widely-known Baptist clergyman in the Maritime Provinces, died here Saturday. He was 60. Dr. Denton had served as minister of the First Baptist Church here from 1940 until 1952. At the time of his death, he was on the editorial staff of the Chronicle-Herald.

Viet Nam Disaster Called Accidental

By PETER ARNETT Ten of the destroyed planes were U.S. B-57 twin-jet bombers. A thundering chain of explosions described as accidental Sunday wrecked more death, injury and destruction upon U.S. forces at this vital air base than any single Communist attack of the war in Viet Nam. At least 21 American airmen were dead, 95 wounded, and 40 aircraft destroyed or damaged. One Vietnamese was known dead and seven injured. The toll of dead and injured was expected to rise. Twenty-two of the American wounded were in hospital and two were in serious condition. Although the huge base is 12 miles north of Saigon is a prime Viet Cong target, Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Moore, commander of U.S. Air Force operations in Viet Nam and Thailand, said the disaster was "definitely accidental."

RESCUE WORK CONTINUES

8 Bodies Recovered, Many Missing In Slide

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN (AP)—In near-freezing temperatures and intermittent rain, hundreds of rescue workers dug crisscrossing trenches in the snowy ski slopes Sunday in search of victims of a spring avalanche that roared down this West German mountain resort. Officials said they had recovered the bodies of seven Germans and one Austrian. They said they believed 30 or more other persons are missing and feared buried under tons of snow and ice. (Reuters news agency said there were some estimates that the death toll might go as high as 80.)

Fires Flare In N.S. Areas

HALIFAX (CP) — Forestry personnel were flown Sunday to a fire in woods near Port Hood in Nova Scotia's Guysborough County. The blaze, much of it in swampy terrain, was described as the biggest of a number of outbreaks Sunday. Most others cropped up in brush areas on the outskirts of western suburbs of Halifax. A water bombing plane was used in dousing fires in the Spryfield and Armdale areas near the city.

Junta Forces Fight Battle With Rebels

SANTO DOMINGO (AP)—Dominican rebel forces and military units under the civilian-military junta fought a pitched battle overnight and into Sunday for key positions in Santo Domingo's northern suburbs. The tempo of fighting diminished by noon, but sharp bursts of gunfire broke out sporadically in the area. Residents reported heavy casualties had been suffered. The fighting triggered a mass evacuation by civilians. Groups of poorer families carrying their possessions trudged across hot, dusty fields, heading west away from the city. Automobiles top heavy with household furnishings sped through the streets. The body of one man lay beside his auto. He apparently was hit by a bullet as he stopped to change a tire.

Cyclone Toll May Top 8,000

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP)—Unofficial figures indicated Sunday the death toll in the East Pakistan cyclone is between 6,000 and 8,500. The official count stood at 1,483 dead in the cyclone which hit eight districts last Tuesday and Wednesday, but the casualties were mounting as reports poured in from the isolated countryside.

CCC President To Visit Here

HALIFAX (CP) — A. J. Little of Toronto, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, begins a 12-day tour of the Atlantic Provinces here May 30.

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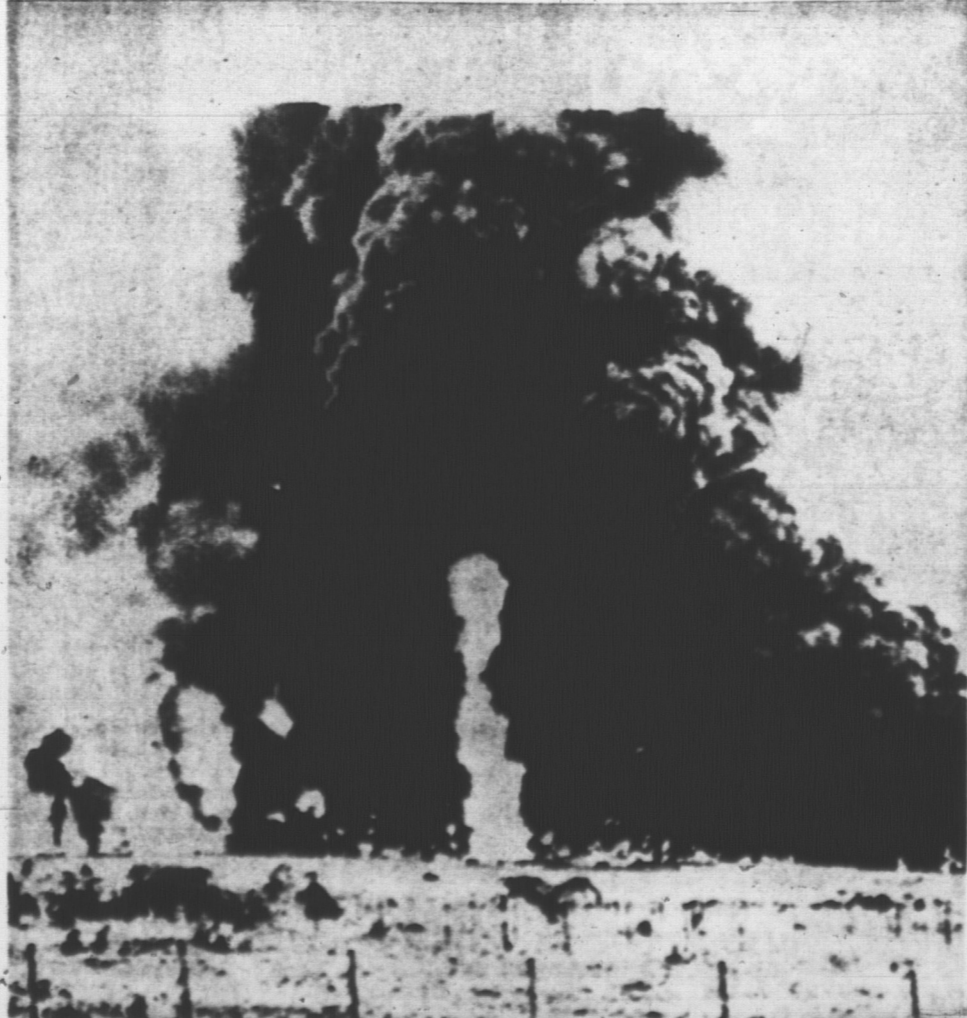
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Former Nazi Officer Reported Heading S. African Movement

STOCKHOLM (CP)—A Swedish daily said Saturday a German Nazi ex-officer, Gen. Raymond Kritzing, Rudman, is heading a "heavily armed" South African Nazi movement, equipped with two old German submarines. The Express, continuing its series of unveiling a Swedish Nazi movement with international ties, also published a

Japan Gets Set For New Fallout

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese planes flew out Sunday to gather fallout from China's second atomic test explosion. Their collections were being analysed in Japan but there was no immediate report of results. The central meteorological agency said Sunday that the fallout had not yet reached Japan. The agency had said earlier it expected the first particles to start reaching Japan by Sunday. Ten planes were used in the fallout operation that started Saturday. From the fallout, scientists



BLACK DAY AT U.S. AIR BASE

White tongues of flame are interspersed with giant columns of black smoke rising skyward at Bien Hoa air base in South Viet Nam Sunday after a bomb blast destroyed a U.S. jet plane ramp. 21 American airmen were killed, 25

Fact-Finding Group Arrives

By ROBERT BRELLEZ SANTO DOMINGO (AP)—The U.S. embassy announced Sunday night that a high-level fact-finding mission had been sent here by President Johnson to look into the continuing Dominican crisis. The announcement came as tank-led units loyal to the civil-military junta renewed their offensive against the rebel forces in the northern suburbs of Santo Domingo.

Elliot Lake Is Given Assurance By Pearson

By FRASER MacDUGALL ELLIOT LAKE, Ont. (CP)—This depressed uranium mining centre got a surge of hope from Prime Minister Pearson Saturday that the government will not let it die. He said that if current negotiations to sell France 100,000,000 pounds of uranium oxide fall through, his government will find some other way to

Liberal Poll Is Reported On MP's View On Election

By KEN KELLY OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson is reliably reported to have asked his 125 supporters in the Commons to write him with their views on whether a federal election should be held this year. The fact that there is less enthusiasm for a 1965 election among the Liberal backbench members than among Mr. Pearson's cabinet colleagues may explain a tapering off of talk of the government calling an early election. The significance of Mr. Pearson's step about 10 days ago is in the fact that it indicates the prime minister has come a long way from his views on an election of a year ago. At that time, Mr. Pearson is

READY FOR ATTACK

U.S. officials said the bomb that went off had been loaded aboard a B-57 jet bomber for an attack against the Communist guerrillas.

SEES HUGE FLAME

A fireball and a shaft of smoke billowed from the stricken airplane when the bomb detonated at 8:25 a.m. Within seconds, other U.S. jet planes surrounded by crewmembers and ordnance personnel began exploding and burning.

Five minutes after the initial blast, the jet ramp was a smouldering mass of debris from 750-pound bombs, napalm 'jelly zaps' bombs and white phosphorous fire bombs.

Live bombs from smashed planes were scattered over the sprawling air base. Pieces of planes were strewn for thousands of yards.

The air base control tower was knocked out of operation for several hours by the concussion.

Disaster operations were still in progress when an ammunition dump exploded at 11 a.m. No new casualties resulted.

A air force officer said rescue and recovery work had been made all the more hazardous because some of the exploded bombs had deflagged fuses which could go off some time after the early blasts.

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