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WEATHER

Clear, few cloudy periods, light winds, cold. Low-high, 3 and 20. Thursday, mostly sunny and cold.

Four Day Ceasefire Plan Acceptance Is Indicated

AFTER THE WEDDING

Anne Ford, 22-year-old daughter of Henry Ford II, poses with her husband, Giancarlo Uzielli, in lobby of Fifth Avenue Apartment in New York. Wedding took place upstairs in her mother's apartment yesterday. The bride, one of the nation's 10-best-dressed women this year wears her wedding costume, a short princess style dress of white silk gabardine featuring long sleeves bordered with white ermine and silver and crystal embroidery.

Church, Crown And State Mark Westminster's Birth

By CAROL KENNEDY

LONDON (CP) — Church, Crown and state assembled in a dazzling symphony of color and music Tuesday to celebrate the 900th anniversary of one of England's most enduring symbols, Westminster Abbey.

The soaring Gothic nave of the abbey, newly cleaned and sparkling in the glare of television lights, was the setting for an inaugural service opening a year-long round of birthday celebrations. The Queen, Prince Philip and other members of the Royal Family headed a congregation of 2,300 that included representatives of international Christendom, peers, politicians and a cross-section of British and Commonwealth notables.

The Archbishop of Canterbury robed in cloth of gold, appeared as an abbey guest. The historic building where all England's sovereigns have been crowned is one of only two churches in the land under the jurisdiction of the Queen, not the primate.

For the first time since the 16th century, the Vatican sent an apostolic delegate to a purely religious ceremony of the Church of England. Prelates of a dozen different faiths in their embroidered robes formed a tapestry of sky-blue, scarlet, gold and pink.

PLAY MOZART

Before the service, an orchestra played music by Mozart, Purcell, and Elgar. The Queen entered to a ceremonial fanfare and prelude specially composed for the occasion by Sir Arthur Bliss, master of the Queen's musick.

The Queen, dressed in a mink-trimmed, rust-colored coat and mink hat, stood for a few minutes listening to the music with Prince Philip, who wore a cutaway morning suit. Then, followed by Prince Charles and Princess Anne, the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and the rest of the family, they walked down the nave to the high altar where the Queen was married in 1947 and crowned in 1953.

The Queen placed a spray of red roses on a small altar in the nearby chapel of St. Edward the Confessor. The abbey, founded by King Edward I as the centre of a Benedictine monastery, was consecrated Dec. 28, 1065, eight days before Edward died. He was canonized in 1161 by Pope Alexander III.

The Royal Family signed the

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Fanfani Resignation Refused Amid Italian Political Storm

ROME (AP)—Amintore Fanfani, criticized for his role in a purported North Viet Nam peace feeler, offered his resignation as foreign minister Tuesday in the midst of a new Italian political storm. Premier Aldo Moro rejected it.

Fanfani acted to dissociate himself from anti-American remarks made by his friend Giorgio la Pira at a Dec. 20 party given by the foreign minister's wife.

La Pira had visited Hanoi, the North Vietnamese capital, and reported President Ho Chi Minh told him he would go anywhere to meet anyone to bring an end to the war. After Fanfani passed this on to U.S. President Johnson Hanoi denied any peace overtures were made. But la Pira stuck to his version.

At the party, la Pira, peace-crusading ex-mayor of Florence was said to have assailed Moro and U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk and declared communism is dead in China.

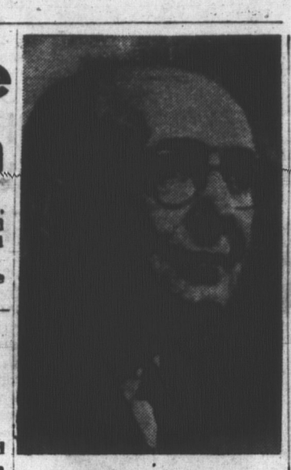
In a telegram from his Alpine vacation retreat, Moro cleared Fanfani of association with la Pira's remarks and added: "I beg you, therefore, not to insist upon your dismissal, which I do not think I am able to accept."

In his letter of resignation, the foreign minister made it clear he had no intention of backing down from what he did in passing the la Pira report on to the U.S. government.

But he criticized la Pira's remarks at the party when the foreign minister still was in New York.

The storm broke during the weekend when the right - wing weekly Borhgese published what it called an interview with la Pira quoting what he was supposed to have said about Rusk and Moro.

Amid the press denunications that followed, la Pira said his remarks were simply tongue-in-cheek observations made privately at a social gathering. Borghese replied that the quotes were correct.



RETIRING

W.T. (Tommy) Munns, executive editor of the Toronto Globe and Mail, will retire at the end of the year after 45 years in newspaper work. Mr. Munns, 61, says he plans to "take it easy for a while." He joined the Globe in 1920 and became executive editor of the Globe and Mail in 1959.

(CP Wirephoto)

War Cabinet Decision Said Expected Shortly

SAIGON (AP)—A high South Vietnamese source said today the government will accept the Viet Cong's offer of a four-day ceasefire that would cover the lunar year festivities next month.

A spokesman for the premiers office, while declining to speculate on the outcome, said the war cabinet will meet soon to decide on the offer.

It was known that American officials are expecting the allies to tacitly accept the truce, probably by issuing their own offer covering roughly the same period, from one minute after midnight Jan. 20 through Jan 24.

High sources said both the Americans and South Vietnamese could be expected to make their announcements soon.

A South Vietnamese defence department spokesman, Capt. Nguyen Dinh Tuyen, said he hopes such a truce will go into effect but that no text of the Viet Cong offer has been received by defence officials.

His statement was the first official comment on the Viet Cong proposal.

WILL ISSUE STATEMENT

A spokesman for the Buddhist Institute in Saigon, probably the most powerful civilian political group in the South Viet Nam, said it will issue a communique soon on the proposal.

The Buddhists are expected to urge that a ceasefire be accepted as a means of bringing at least temporary peace to this war torn land.

The Viet Cong have proclaimed ceasefires before for Tet the lunar new year and the most important holiday for Vietnamese. It is a time for families to reunite, to worship their ancestors and to give prayers for a better life.

A U.S. embassy spokesman said the truce offer had been noted but no statement would be made until its vague terms could be studied completely. He noted there was a ceasefire last year followed by vigorous government offensives. The Viet Cong also took to the field with a vengeance.

The chances for a ceasefire were heightened by the comparatively successful Christmas truce initiated by the Viet Cong. The Viet Cong's 12-hour truce, which began at 7 p.m. Dec. 24, was marred by 20 incidents during the period until midnight, but a U.S. spokesman later conceded none of the incidents was major. For the rest of the truce the Viet Cong guns fell silent.

The Viet Cong largely ignored the latter part of a 30-hour truce by the U.S. and its allies which continued to midnight Dec. 25.

The Viet Cong announcement came as U.S. jets spared North Viet Nam from attack for the fourth consecutive day. A U.S. spokesman said even reconnaissance planes stayed out of North Vietnamese air space.

LODGES PROTEST

Ho Chi Minh's North Vietnamese regime said nothing about the bombing lull, but broadcast a charge that American planes had scouted its territory Christmas Day, Sunday and Monday for "spying and provocative activities." It protested to the International Control Commission of Canada, India and Poland.

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Queen Criticized By Stuart Society

LONDON (Reuters) — Queen Elizabeth came under criticism Tuesday from some of her staunchest royalist subjects who complained her traditional Christmas broadcast wasn't religious enough.

The 550-strong Royal Stuart Society sent a letter to Buckingham Palace saying the Queen's Christmas Day broadcast didn't even mention Christ or God or the significance of Christ's birth and life.

This, the letter said, must have caused offence and confusion to millions of the Queen's subjects.

The society, one of whose vice-presidents is the Earl of Strathmore, suggested that if the Royal Advisers had decided that public mention of Christ's name by the Queen must be avoided in deference to humanists, agnostics and other non-Christians that this annual broadcast be "transferred in future years from a religious to a secular festival."

One of the objects of the society is fostering interest in the history of the royal house of Stuart.

Breakoff In Pension Plan Talks Puts Railway Unions Up In Arms

MONTREAL (CP) — Officials of 17 railway unions, saying CPR employees are up in arms, asked the CPR Tuesday to negotiate changes in the railway pension agreement announced earlier this month.

The union officials protested a decision by CPR chairman N. R. Crump that the pension matters they wanted to discuss "are not open to discussion."

The representatives are members of the General Chairmen's Association, which comprises the general chairman of all CPR international unions.

Chairman J. H. Clark said in an interview:

STRIKE COULD RESULT

"If the CPR does not agree to negotiate, then the employees would be within their rights to contemplate some sort of strike action. If the members so decided, that's the way it would have to be."

The CPR announced Dec. 14 that in view of the impending Canada and Quebec pension plans, it intended to "co-ordinate" rather than "deck" its own private plan with the public schemes.

In a decking arrangement — which officials said is the same as "stacking" — one plan is simply added to any second plan, each operating independently of the other.

In the case of co-ordination—generally the same as integrating—the conditions of one plan are modified to allow for the other.

Mr. Clark said Tuesday the association has received communications from members saying that "if they can't get a decking arrangement, they want a better deal than now is planned by the railway."

'ARE UP IN ARMS'

The 50,000 union members "are up in arms over the company's action in arbitrarily breaking off discussions on the pension plan and putting into effect the CPR's own version of what should be the plan."

The Canada Pension Plan comes into effect Jan. 1, as does the Quebec plan.

Tuesday the unions submitted a five-point program for negotiations.

They say the employee con-

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Shelepin Leads Group To Hanoi

MOSCOW (AP) — Alexander Shelepin, 47, a top-level Soviet troubleshooter, will visit North Viet Nam, the official news agency Tass announced Tuesday night.

The scheduled trip of the Soviet Communist party's No. 2 leader comes as Moscow and Peking are fighting to influence the Communist regime in Hanoi with peace prospects possibly in the balance.

The brief announcement said Shelepin, former head of the Soviet secret police, will lead a delegation to Hanoi shortly.

It came as a halt in U.S. air raids on North Viet Nam continued and the Viet Cong in South Viet Nam proclaimed a four - day ceasefire for next month.

The Chinese have been urging Hanoi to take a tough line, demanding the ouster of Americans from all of Viet Nam. Public statements here have indicated the Soviets would prefer a softer line that could lead to an end of the Vietnamese conflict.

China Reaps Good Harvest

HONG KONG (Reuters)—China reaped a good harvest this year because the communes did a tremendous amount of work to counter-act bad weather over large areas, the New China news agency said Tuesday.

This is the fourth successive year a good harvest has been reported.

The agency said summer crops of wheat, early rice, rapeseed, beans and peas were well above last year's while results from most parts of the country also showed increased autumn crops, including late rice, cotton, maize, millet, sorghum and sweet potatoes.

Oil Rig Collapse Inquiry Ordered

CLEETHORPES, England (Reuters)—The British government has ordered an inquiry into the collapse of a giant oil rig Monday when 13 men were believed to have lost their lives in the wind-whipped North Sea.

Power Minister Fred Lee called for the investigation Tuesday night as rescue teams abandoned an air-sea search for survivors.

Of the 32 British, French and American crew members aboard the 5,600 - ton rig Sea Gem when it collapsed, 19 were rescued, Four Britons and a Frenchman are known to have died and virtually all hope was abandoned for eight men still missing.

Hopes that some of the missing might be trapped in air pockets in the twisted wreckage 80 feet below the waves were dashed earlier Tuesday after inspection by a skin-diver.

SANK IN FIVE MINUTES

The £2,500,000 ($7,500,000) rig, owned by a French maritime engineering firm and operated by British Petroleum, was being lowered in a step-by-step operation prior to being moved to a new site when it suddenly tilted amid 20-foot waves and sank with five minutes.

The rig had recently struck a rich source of natural gas at the spot.

Divers made a foot-by-foot examination of the pipe sunk to the gasfield to see whether it still is intact.

Early fears that the pipe had been ruined sliced £35,000,000 ($105,000,00) off the Stock Exchange value of shares in British Petroleum when markets opened in London.

But later realization that the well already had been capped ready for the rig to move on, and hopes that the pipe is safe largely restored share values.

Jack Luand, managing director of British Petroleum Exploration, the rig's operators, told a press conference the men had lowered the huge drilling platform halfway to the water when it collapsed.

"We have no information as to the cause of the accident, but it is a possibility that any form of machinery may fail."

Pearson Calls Party Caucus

OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal members of Parliament will hold their first post-election caucus next Monday and Tuesday, Prime Minister Pearson announced Tuesday.

A brief statement said the prime minister has instructed the chief government whip, James E. Walker, MP for York Centre, to arrange the closed meeting.

Invitations are going out to the 131 Liberal MPs, 29 of them newcomers, and the 57 Liberal senators.

Wedge Suggests Health Fund Use

Health Minister Henry Wedge said Tuesday the only project in this province currently under consideration for aid from the federal health resources fund is central training facilities for nurses.

Mr. Wedge said in an interview there had been no firm decision made as yet but "this is one thing which might qualify" for a share of the $500,000,000 fund announced by Ottawa.

He said nursing students currently may receive preliminary training at any one of three hospitals in the province, coupling this with study at St. Dunstan's University or Prince of Wales College. "We might have to construct a central building for this hospital training," he said. A figure of $1,500,000 had been mentioned during discussions several weeks ago with the special federal committee studying division of the fund.

Mr. Wedge pointed out that $30,000,000 of the fund had been labelled for the Atlantic Provinces, together with a share of the remainder. "We'll likely get our share of the $30,000,000 as well a part of the remaining $470,000,000," he said.

Claim Morality Squad Lenient To Prostitution

MONTREAL (CP)—Chief Inspector Maurice St. Pierre said Tuesday an investigation is being made into claims by four officers that the morality squad has shown leniency to prostitution in Montreal.

The four members of the squad made the allegation after they had been investigated for alleged breaches of discipline. Two were found to have broken police discipline and were suspended.

Another was reprimanded for neglecting to make a report. The fourth was cleared.

Insp. St. Pierre said a complaint was made against the men by the owner of a night-club.

"The men then said a certain number of call-girls were operating in Montreal and that the owner's complaint might have something to do with this," said Insp. St. Pierre, who heads the department's administrative division.

Insp. St. Pierre declined to mention names. He said one of the four officers was found by the department to have been under the influence of alcohol when he and the other three visited the club.

OFFICER SUSPENDED

He was suspended, as was another man who interferred unduly with the club-owner.

Commenting on one report that the four men had complained about being kidnapped by other officers as well as about leniency toward prostitutes, Insp. St. Pierre said the kidnapping complaint may have resulted from what he called the need to take the four officers aside for questioning about the club-owner's complaint.

Humphrey Asks Japanese Help

TOKYO (AP) — U.S. Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey arrived here by plane Tuesday night on the first stop in an Asian tour and told the Japanese the United States needs their help in a search for peace.

"We value your friendship and respect your counsel," Humphrey said to Premier Eisaku Sato and Foreign Minister Etsusaburo Shiina in a brief airport welcoming ceremony. "We need your help in our common endeavors."

Police cleared some leftist anti - American demonstrators from the airport shortly before the vice-president's jet landed. A small number of rightists, surrounded by police, displayed a big placard saying "welcome Mr. Vice-president."

In downtown Tokyo some 2,000 leftists shouting "war-maker Humphrey go home," marched for 40 minutes shortly before Humphrey's arrival. Police reported the demonstration was noisy but orderly.

Humphrey, on his first important overseas trip since becoming vice-president, stopped off here for talks en route to the inauguration in Manila of Philippine President - elect Ferdinand Marcos.

Claims Teens Drink At 14

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP) "The average child today drinks at age 14," Dr. Marvin A. Block told about 60 teen - age delegates Tuesday at the ninth annual Ontario youth conference on alcohol problems.

Dr. Block, chairman of the American Medical Association's committee on alcoholism, said this makes arguments about changing New York State's legal drinking age from 18 to 21 years "slightly ridiculous".

Children make a farce of legal age statutes because "despite all law they're drinking anyway," he said.

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Impact Of Rationing Hits Mainly At Whites

By JAMES BROWN

SALISBURY (Reuters)—Hundreds of Rhodesian motorists, facing their first day of gasoline rationing, besieged garages and filling stations Tuesday while many more took to other modes of transportation to beat the shortage.

Rationing came into force at midnight Monday night, 12 days after Britain announced an oil embargo among its measures to bring down Ian Smith's white-minority regime by economic sanctions.

Only a minority of Rhodesia's 4,000,000 Negroes own cars or motorcycles and the impact of rationing falls mainly on the 220,000 white population.

Motorists, anxious to conserve their precious gasoline allowance, flocked to cycle stores. Dealers said stocks of new and second - hand bicycles were snapped up by Rhodesians determined to pedal to work—despite the hot sun.

The gas squeeze, first since the Second World War, is the first major blow felt by the Rhodesians since the Smith regime's seizure of independence from Britain Nov. 11 after Britain refused to free Rhodesia without guarantees for eventual rule of the Negro majority.

HIT WHITE CITIZENS

Trade and economic measures have turned Rhodesia into virtually a beleaguered territory and the gasoline rationing has hit the central African colony's car - conscious white citizens badly.

Under the new regulations private car owners can draw, from a garage where they are registered, between three and five gallons a week, depending on the size of their cars.

In effect this means about 100 miles of motoring a week, a drastically small amount in an area where nearly every white family drives to work. It will practically eliminate pleasure motoring.

There were lineups outside the new gasoline control office in downtown Salisbury Tuesday as hundreds pleaded for exemption from rationing. But the Rhodesians seemed to be bearing up cheerfully and some early workers were able to fill their tanks before all garages applied rationing.

IMPACT AT WEEKEND

The real impact will be felt by most persons probably at the end of the week, when the tanks run dry and they start drawing on their ration.

Smith was reported to have said last week Rhodesia has supplies to meet the country's needs for six months.

In Salisbury and other major centres motorists were trying to band together in "lift clubs"—sharing normally empty passenger seats—to conserve fuel for weekend motoring.

The flow of crude oil from the port of Beira, in neighboring Portuguese Mozambique, to Rhodesia's refinery at Umtali was stopped because of reduced supplies following the British embargo, informed sources here said.

But a spokesman for the Feruka refinery stated the flow has resumed along the 189-mile pipeline. Pumping was halted for internal reasons, he added. "We are now running normally."

HONEYMOONERS' HOUSE STUFFED

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Bragassa of Raleigh, North Carolina, returned home Monday from their honeymoon to find their bedroom literally filled with newspapers. Friends had stuffed papers into the bedroom so tightly Bragassa couldn't get in the door. So he went to the bedroom window and began pulling the papers out. He had accumulated this pile of papers after only a few minutes work. His car was too small to carry the papers to the junkyard and he had to hire a truck to haul the papers away. Friends also filled his refrigerator with wood and his bathtub with balloons.