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WRECKED CAR ESTIMATE

With the Christmas-New Year's holiday season about one-half over, Toronto police are wondering how their pre-holiday estimate will pan out.

This pile of cars is their estimate of the number of wrecks that would develop during the period of a little more than a week. Some 2,000

Canadians die from traffic accidents each year and the year-end period usually is one of the worst. (CP Photo)

\$100,000 Gem Theft Is Probed

TORONTO (CP)—Police today were looking for thieves who got away with about \$100,000 worth of finished jewelry in a daring robbery here.

The robbers avoided burglar alarms on doors and windows by cutting an opening in the roof of the three-storey Peerless Jewelry Building Friday or early Saturday.

Company president Bernard Sussman said the robbers ignored jewelry in show cases and drilled open one of three safes—the one containing the most valuable gold and diamond watches, pins, brooches, bracelets, necklaces and rings including one valued at \$8,000.

Morris Levenson, part owner of the company which hadn't been robbed since it went into business 20 years ago, said he didn't believe the robbers had inside help.

The robbers may have used their own ladders to climb to the roof, and pulled the ladders to the roof so they would not be spotted by passersby, police said.

Full value of the stolen jewelry would not be known until stock is checked.

Jail Sentence Said Doubled

MADRID (AP)—The high military tribunal announced Saturday that it had doubled jail sentences against eight liberal Roman Catholics who were court-martialed Nov. 9 for military rebellion.

The high court heard a prosecution appeal Wednesday of the court-martial sentences after the commanding general of the Madrid military region said the court-martial was too lenient.

The original trial had brought a four-year sentence against Julio Ceron Ayuso, 31-year-old diplomat who was attached to the Spanish embassy in Switzerland, and terms ranging from six months to two years against the others.

The high court sentenced Ceron Ayuso to eight years and increased the penalties for six of the defendants to four years.

6 Persons Perish In Fires; Damage Near \$1,500,000



SPIRITS IN DINING ROOM

Saskatchewan now has new liquor regulations, with spirits and wine available in licensed dining rooms. The first public drinking of spirits, since prohibition was enacted in the province in 1917, came into effect last week. (CP Photo)

Holiday Is Marred By Series Of Fires

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
A series of fires hit widely separated areas of Canada during the Christmas holiday.

Six persons died in nine fires which caused damage estimated at close to \$1,500,000.

In Edmond's Ground, a suburb of Halifax, three persons died Friday in a one-storey frame house as they ate Christmas dinner. Plates filled with food were on the table when firemen entered the four-room dwelling.

In Toronto Percy Cooper, 80, died Thursday night of burns and asphyxiation when fire damaged the building that housed his barber shop. Damage was estimated at \$15,000.

At Duck Lake, 65 miles northeast of Saskatoon, Norbert Cardinal, 87, burned to death when flames destroyed a farm home. Alex Stopa, 60, died Sunday in a fire in a frame house at Pembroke, Ont., where he lived alone.

\$1,000,000 DAMAGE
Worst fire financially struck Christmas Eve in Montreal when the historic Jacques Cartier Place was gutted. The three-hour fire was fought by 125 firemen. No one was injured. Damage was estimated at \$1,000,000.

In Vancouver Saturday a furniture plant was destroyed and two adjoining buildings were heavily damaged. Loss was estimated at \$250,000.

On Christmas night a fire at through two buildings in the main business section of Lindsay, Ont., 20 miles west of Peterborough. No one was injured. Damage was estimated at \$100,000.

In Eganville, 70 miles west of Ottawa, the long-established R. Reinke and Sons factory and planing mill was destroyed Christmas Eve. Loss was estimated at \$100,000.

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In Fort William, Ont., Christmas Day a fireman rescued 14-year-old Glory Dawn Turner from a burning home after she became trapped in a bedroom. The fire forced her mother, Mrs. R. J. Turner, and a three-year-old sister from the house. Damage was estimated at \$3,000.

Holiday Toll Reaches 61

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
As the Christmas holiday weekend went into its final hours, traffic accidents continued to mount sending the highway traffic toll soaring.

A Canadian Press survey from 6 p.m. local time Christmas Eve to 5:30 p.m. Sunday showed 41 traffic deaths had boosted the accidental death toll to 61.

The Canadian Highways Safety conference had predicted that 36 persons would be killed during the holiday period.

Quebec led the list with 22 accidental deaths composed of 14 traffic deaths and one death attributed to other causes. The Quebec toll included seven lives lost when a car plunged into the Manicougan River near Hauteville, 250 miles northeast of Quebec City. Death was attributed to drowning.

Only Prince Edward Island remained fatality free.

Upsurge Of Hope Is Seen For East-West Disarming

By DAVE MCINTOSH
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP) — External Affairs Minister Green says there's an "upsurge of hope" for some type of East-West disarmament agreement.

The Canadian government is apparently already feeling this upsurge because, informants say, it has slashed the 1960-61 defence budget below the 1959-60 amount of \$1,685,000,000. By how much won't be definitely known until the estimates of government expenditures are presented to Parliament late in January or early in February.

Mr. Green told a press conference last Wednesday that there seems to be far more hope now for an East-West disarmament agreement.

Talking with reporters following his return from the Paris NATO meeting, Mr. Green said East-West disarmament negotiations in the last 14 years have been pretty discouraging.

"But this is the survival of civilization we are concerned with," he said. Disarmament plans must be given the most careful consideration though the West could not yet let its guard down.

The defence budget cut — one informant said there was a "bloody battle" in the treasury board, a committee of cabinet—is believed to fall mainly on new weapons and equipment.

The reaction of some armed forces officers was that if the government wants a measure of disarmament now it should reduce the number of servicemen, now about 120,000, but provide them with new weapons.

CANADA TO PLAY PART

In the last month, the government has been placing heavy emphasis on the East-West negotiations on disarmament which may open in March and in which Canada will take part.

What the Opposition in Parliament will probably want to know is whether the government is not being too optimistic about chances of a disarmament agreement and perhaps cutting the defence budget prematurely.

Seven Drown In Car Plunge

HAUTERIVE, Que. (CP)—Seven persons were drowned while returning from a Christmas morning lumber camp party 15 miles north of here Friday when their car plunged 100 feet off an embankment into the Manicougan River.

Corner Dr. Marcel Bouffard said Sunday the bodies may never be found.

Dr. Bouffard said the car slipped 50 feet down a log chute and the rest in free fall into a whirlpool about 150 feet deep.

The victims were all from Hauterive, a village about 250 miles northeast of Quebec on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River.

There are other factors which entered into the government's calculations when it reduced the defence budget—such as Finance Minister Fleming's desire for his first balanced budget in 1960-61—but there are indications that it took a calculated risk that current easing of world tensions will lead to some type of disarmament.

Some authorities here argue that now is a good time to cut defence spending because no country can be certain what new weapons will be needed or won't be needed in the next few years, whether or not there is a disarmament agreement.

This is one reason for the likelihood that the Commons discussion of defence policy won't be as lively as has sometimes been predicted.

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The Sunday Times named French refusal to co-operate with plans to integrate Atlantic pact forces and West German reluctance to negotiate a stop-gap settlement in Berlin as the chief sources of Western friction.

The Sunday Dispatch said that Macmillan will press his Western allies to set up "working groups" to smooth out Western differences before the summit.

Mid-May Date Is Seen Probable For Summit

LONDON (Reuters)—The middle of May emerged Sunday as the most likely date for the East-West summit conference.

Diplomatic sources in West European capitals indicated Sunday that settling a date for the Paris meeting of British, American, Soviet and French government chiefs will be settled easily and quickly between the West and Russia.

Paris informants suggested May 9 or 10 as the best possible choice following Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's friendly rejection of the date proposed by the West—April 27.

Britain, the United States and France probably will agree quickly on a new date and deliver their suggestions in Moscow

early this week, an authoritative London source said.

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Economic Growth Upsurge To Continue Says Churchill

OTTAWA (CP)—A strongly optimistic forecast of continued economic growth in 1960 without undue inflationary pressures was made Sunday by Trade Minister Churchill.

In a year-end review, he looked back on 1959 as a year in which "a strong rate of growth has been experienced without dislocation or strain."

He based his 1960 forecast on expectations of rising exports to meet expanding world demand and indications of a "considerable" increase in capital investment in Canada. Under this impetus, personal incomes, production and employment would continue to rise.

After a slackening last summer in the tempo of economic activity, he said, "key economic indicators are presently pointing toward further expansion."

The economy had enough elbow-room to expand without creating undue stresses and strains.

CAPACITY GROWS
"While productive resources have become more fully utilized over the past year, there is still a considerable amount of available capacity in most industries. In addition, manpower and plant capacity are growing steadily."

"In these circumstances, it would appear that a production increase of considerable dimensions could take place without giving rise to excessive pressure upon productive capacities."

"At the same time, it is important that demands be kept within the scope of available resources. If this objective is achieved, Canadians can look forward with confidence to the continuation of sound economic growth."

Referring to future export prospects, Mr. Churchill said the United States economy is expected to advance with renewed vigor if the steel strike is not resumed. The world's main trading currencies now were convertible and discrimination (Continued on page 3 col. 4)

DOG CAUSES DAMAGE CHAIN

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A dog darted onto a crowded freeway—with these results: Forty vehicles smashed together in a chain-reaction accident which stretched three miles.

Eleven persons were treated for minor injuries.

Damage to automobiles—mostly from front-to-rear smashups caused by sudden stops—totalled more than \$10,000. Fifteen cars had to be towed away.

The dog was killed.

LIBERTIES THREATENED

Reporter James Buchanan was expelled from Cuba last week after being held in prison without charge for 12 days. He was given a 14-year suspended sentence for "concealing information" about an anti-Castro fugitive. This story, written by

Police State Development Is Reported By AP Writer

Buchanan on his return to Florida, is released exclusively through The Associated Press.

By JAMES BUCHANAN
Miami Herald Staff Writer
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MIAMI (AP)—If you're uncertain but concerned about the road the new Cuba is taking, come with me inside one of Fidel Castro's secret police jails.

Cuban citizens have lost their liberty, their property, and may lose their lives — because they have been accused of anti-Castro activity or displaying anti-Castro sympathies.

Cuba isn't yet a police state but the network of spies and jails is being organized in a pattern that threatens to smash the hopes and prayers of thousands of Cubans.

CAME TO LOVE CUBA
I first began to know and love Cuba and her people, two years ago, when a tyrant named Fulgencio Batista held an iron grip on the island and two Castro brothers were trying to rally support in the hills of Sierra Maestra.

Eighteen months ago I lived as a reporter in these hills with Raul Castro and his troops — heard them talk of their dreams and ideals.

I was on hand in happy Havana last New Year's Day, when Batista at last had fled and the people prepared to welcome a new leader with hope in their hearts.

During the last 12 months I have visited Cuba often as a reporter and noted an increasing concern that she may have traded one dictator for another, though a much more popular one.

EXPECTED EARLY RELEASE
That concern was emphasized during those first few hours after my arrest Dec. 10, after I had found and interviewed Austin Frank Young, an escaped anti-Castro adventurer before Cuban authorities knew his whereabouts.

I sat and waited for what I expected to be my early release.

As I waited, I got the shock of tactics once used by German SS police being replayed in a secret police headquarters 90 miles from Key West, Fla.

I saw long lines of informers patiently waiting, as they did night after night, to tell stories about their neighbors to Castro agents.



CONTROVERSIAL ART

Several persons stop to gaze at a painting by one of the world's most controversial artists at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton.

The huge canvas-Santiago el Grande by surrealist Salvador Dali

was bought by Lady Dunn, widow of Canadian industrialist Sir James Dunn, and presented to the gallery. The painting had been scheduled to hang in the Escorial Palace outside Madrid. It shows a

great horse bearing St. James, patron saint of Spain, upward into heaven. He is carrying a living Christ instead of a sword, under a Gothic arch criss-crossing the heavens. (CP Photo)