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## Incurable Disease Dooms Surviving Child Of Couple

Last year, the Associated Press learned of the sad Christmas the John and Letiz family expected. The resulting dispatch prompted hundreds of persons to write the Letiz concerning their suffering children, who were doomed from an incurable disease.

By BOB POOS  
ST. LOUIS (AP)—There will be no frolic, snowflakes or fir-branches under the Christmas tree this year for little Susan Marie Lietz.

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THE SHADED area on map locates the countries mentioned by President Johnson Friday when he said the United States definitely will build a sea-level canal to link the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans and to supplement the present lock canal across the Panama Canal Zone. The countries are Nicaragua, Colombia, Panama and Costa Rica. (AP Wirephoto Map.)

## LB Says U.S. Plans To Build Sea-Level Canal In C. America

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson made a surprise announcement Friday that the United States will plan in earnest to replace the Panama Canal with a sea-level channel linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

Johnson indicated also over control of the present Panama Canal Zone to the Panamanian government when a new canal is in operation.

The president went before television cameras in the White House to read his policy-setting statement, 11 months and nine days after the outbreak of Panama violence in which 20 were killed and 200 injured.

Johnson, noting last January's violence was triggered by disputes over the Canal Zone treaty with Panama, said the U.S. wants to negotiate "an entirely new treaty on the existing Panama Canal."

Any new agreement, he said, should terminate automatically when a sea-level canal comes into operation. That proposal would mean termination of U.S. control over the Canal Zone.

Initial Panamanian reaction to the president's announcement was favorable. Humberto Calamari, one of Panama's representatives in post-rising negotiations in Panama, one of

## REQUIRES PASSAGE

Finance Minister Gordon said the legislation, like budget changes, will come into effect Jan. 1, 1965, even though it still requires Commons and Senate passage as well as royal assent.

Naturally, if the bill should not be passed by Parliament, adjustments will have to be made by the government.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said the bill could be an early step toward the creation of two associate states.

The fathers of Confederation had envisaged one nation, but the creation of associate states

He said the passage of the preliminary resolution should be a first step toward an effective parliamentary action, allowing Quebec or other provinces to choose to get out of shared-cost programs in the next few weeks.

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## Statement On Ferry Contract Promised Soon

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN  
OTTAWA (AP)—Transport Minister J. W. Pickersill said Friday that he hopes to be able to make a statement about the new ferry contract.

He was replying to a question from Hon. J. Angus MacLean, MP for Quebec, who asked if the minister was in a position to say whether a contract had been let for the construction of the new ferry.

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## Joe Bananas Reported Alive

NEW YORK (AP) — Joseph (Joe Bananas) Bonanno's lawyer said Friday the kidnaped underworld figure "is alive and well and available."

He has been missing for two months. The mobster, 39, was overpowered on Park Avenue Oct. 21 and taken away in a car. There were rumors that he was a target of gangland assassins.

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## Christmas Countdown

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## Decrease Demanded

The shippers, through the St. John's Employees' Association demanded the union decrease its work force. The union said it would agree only if the monetary concessions were adequate.

There was a wide gap between union demands and shippers offers but the government offered to make up part of the difference.

## Famous U.S. Scientist Dies

MOUNT VERNON, N.Y. (AP) Dr. Victor F. Hess, 81, world-renowned scientist credited for the discovery of cosmic rays, died Thursday night at his home.

For 23 years a professor of physics at Fordham University, Hess in 1938 received a Nobel prize for his work in detecting cosmic radiation.

## U Thant Given Ulcer Treatment

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — United Nations Secretary-General U Thant was given ulcer treatment Friday when he underwent successful treatment for a peptic ulcer. He will spend about a week at home before returning to his office at UN headquarters.

## Volunteer Fireman Bob Reed, among the first on the scene, said "We heard one woman screaming. The chief and I could hear her in the front door. We had to crawl under the smoke and fire. The chief got hold of the woman's foot and I dragged him and her out."

## Was Badly Burned

"She was so badly burned I can't see how she could have survived. We heard other screams, but we couldn't get to them."

"It was a regular inferno."

"None of us wanted to come out," fireman Paul Whittington said. "It was just too hot."

He said one woman staggered out the front door, then fell back in through the back door. Whittington grabbed her in the kitchen and pulled her out.

## High Flies The Flag

Steel workers flourish their spud wrenches in salute after they raised the new Canadian flag 25 feet above downtown Toronto Thursday.

The flag-raising was to celebrate the opening of the structural work on the Dominion Bridge steel job for the new Bell Telephone building on Adelaide Street West. (CP Wirephoto)

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