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William Bryenton Is Killed Near Springhill, N.S.

(Canadian Press) A 12-year-old girl who was killed while delivering Christmas presents was one of four victims of violent deaths in the Atlantic provinces during the Christmas holidays.

All the fatalities were in Nova Scotia, and a result of traffic accidents.

Mary MacMullin was killed by a truck that didn't stop after hitting her while she crossed the highway near her home at Reservoir on Christmas Eve.

Two men were killed early Christmas Day in a head-on collision near Springhill.

Mr. Bryenton was formerly from Prince Edward Island, it was learned. He was a native of the Union Road district.

Three women were injured in the Springhill accident. Suffering from multiple fractures are Mrs. Alice Woodman, Moncton; Mrs. Vivian Lennon, Parkton, N.B.; and Miss Lorraine Murphy, Springhill.

The car in which Parks was killed was driven by his brother William, 32, who was injured slightly along with two other passengers.

RCMP said no arrests have yet been made in connection with the death of the MacMullin girl.

Canada's Christmas holiday death toll climbed higher Friday night as 29 violent deaths, including 23 in traffic accidents, were recorded.

A survey by The Canadian Press showed that from 6 p.m. EST Thursday night eight of the traffic fatalities occurred in Ontario.

One man was found murdered in St. Catharines, Ont., two men from Arvida, Que., died of suffocation when covered by tons of coal, and a man from St. Leonard d'Assise, Que., died of burns received when he fell into a tank of boiling water.

CARDINAL MCGUIGAN'S Christmas Message TORONTO, (CP) — James Cardinal McGuigan, Roman Catholic archbishop of Toronto, said Thursday Canadians "should resolve to pray, to work, and to sacrifice ourselves that peace and justice may be attained for all the world."

ARCHBISHOP said "seldom have so many felt so keenly the need of true and lasting peace as today. The tumult of passion must die within us and the din of selfish cares must be stilled in our hearts if we are to have that personal peace and family peace which is the beginning of global peace."

VIENNA, (CP) — More than 100 persons — perhaps as many as 186 — lost their lives in a railway accident in Czechoslovakia Thursday.

While the official announcement of the Czech railway ministry said only that 100 persons were killed or injured, Czech police officials at Hustopec told The Associated Press in Vienna by telephone that "more than 100 persons lost their lives" in the greatest railway catastrophe which ever occurred in Czechoslovakia.

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Jolly Christmas Observed In Many Parts Of World

By The Canadian Press Prayers by the devout, feasting by merrymakers and the crackle of gunfire in troubled areas marked Christmas Day, 1953, throughout the world.

It was a more peaceful Christmas than in recent years. While Allied and Communist troops still faced each other across the Korean no-man's land, the sounds of battle were gone from that war-torn land.

There was a tense air, too, on the Israel-Jordan frontier as thousands of Christian pilgrims thronged into Bethlehem.

Elsewhere, however, it was one of the jolliest, most prosperous Christmases in a long time.

The world heard the Queen, making her annual Christmas broadcast this year from Auckland, promise to try to further the ideal of the Commonwealth as "an equal partnership of nations and races."

St. Paul's Cathedral and most other churches in Britain included prayers for those who suffered in the New Zealand train disaster in their Christmas services.

In the Vatican, a pet Canary was the only company of the Pope at his Christmas dinner.

The Communist Peiping radio suspended its English language propaganda broadcasts for one day, presumably because of Christmas.

Other countries behind the Iron Curtain got a taste of the Christmas spirit from the West when carols in 12 languages were beamed to them from Western Europe.

On the continent, only the Alps reported enough snow for skiing. Warm sunshine bathed Paris, London, Rome, Vienna, Brussels, Bern and Frankfurt.

The Soviet news agency Tass, reporting on Christmas in Russia, said midnight Mass was held at St. James Cathedral in Riga and there was "heavy attendance" of worshippers at services in village parishes.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — State Secretary Dulles today announced the United States will retain its control of the Pacific island of Okinawa and all but a small portion of the Ryukyu and Bonin islands.

Dulles said in a statement that of the Ryukyu islands, only the Amami Oshima group, just south of Japan, has been returned to Japan.

Arrangements relinquishing U.S. rights to this small group were concluded in Tokyo today under Article III of the Japanese peace treaty.

Okinawa, scene of bloody fighting in the Second World War and now a main U.S. defence installation in the Pacific, is the major island in the Ryukyu chain.

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JACOBS, whose wife is expecting another child, was questioned by police through the night and charged Friday morning.

POLICE are examining stains on a claw bar bound on the floor of the shack.

POLICE, called to the shack shortly before midnight to investigate reports of a disturbance, found Hindra still alive lying in a pool of blood. He died shortly after.

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IN THE first three hours it burned through 1,500 flimsy huts, most of them homes of refugees from Red China. No fatalities were reported.

IT WAS the worst of many squatter fires which have plagued the Hong Kong area during the past two years. As usual, firemen were handicapped by lack of water outlets in the area.

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