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## TWO S'IDE SAILORS LOSE LIVES IN N. S. ACCIDENT

### Red-Led British Electricians Plan Strikes

**British Comet Crashes At Sea With 35 Persons Aboard**

PORT AZZURO, Elba, (CP)—A British Comet jetliner with 35 persons aboard plunged into the icy Tyrrhenian sea between the isles of Elba and Montecristo Sunday and fisherman returning from the scene said there was no sign of survivors.

An Italian fishing boat recovered 15 bodies, including those of two children.

Darkness halted the grim search of the stormy seas. In Rome, David Craig, chief of British European Airways for Italy, said: "I believe there are no survivors."

Twenty-nine passengers, including Chester Wilmut, 42-year-old Australian war correspondent and author, were reported aboard the eight-mile-a-minute jet, whose death plunge was witnessed by horrified fishermen.

Officials of British Overseas Airways Corporation said 10 of the 29 passengers aboard were children returning to school in Britain after visiting parents abroad for Christmas.

**Crashed In Flames**

The airliner had left Rome an hour before the crash on a flight from Singapore to London. Police officials on the Italian mainland said it appeared to be on fire as it crashed into the sea.

The plane carried a crew of six. In addition to the 10 children, Italian airport officials reported the Comet carried eight women, an infant and ten men.

The ill-fated plane was the one that had inaugurated the world's first regular jet service—London to South Africa—May 2, 1952.

Seven of the passengers were BOAC staff personnel or family and included Capt. R. V. Wolfson, general manager of BOAC subsidiaries overseas.

An Italian fisherman, taking a Sunday morning walk with his

wife, said they heard the drone of the Comet, followed immediately by a series of explosions. Then they saw a stream of black smoke as the plane dove into the sea.

"It all happened so quickly that we did not actually see the aircraft itself," he said.

**Clear Weather**

The police chief at Porto Ferno said weather in the area had been sunny and clear all day.

A BOAC spokesman in London said the Comet was on an extra scheduled service on the Singapore-London route. It left Singapore Saturday and flew to Rome by way of Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi and Beirut.

The spokesman said the last message from the airliner was a routine one received at Rome a half-hour after the plane took off.

The Italian air ministry ordered an inquiry into the crash. A motor vessel was sent from Leghorn, north of Elba, with experts who will examine all floating wreckage.

BOAC officials said airline and civil aviation ministry officials from London will conduct an on-the-spot investigation.

**Third Fatal Crash**

They said that other Comets in regular service would not be grounded.

This was the third fatal crash of a Comet since the British jet first went into service.

The first was a Canadian Pacific Airlines Comet which crashed near Karachi, March 3, 1953, killing the Canadian crew of five and six British technicians.

Another BOAC Singapore-to-London Comet crashed May 2, 1953 when it ran into a storm a few minutes after taking off from Calcutta. All 43 persons aboard were killed.

### Threatens To Produce Serious Labor Unrest

By Edwin Shanke  
LONDON, (AP)—Britain's Communist-led Electrical Trades Union called Saturday for a series of one-day strikes for higher pay. The call threatens to produce the most serious industrial unrest in Britain since pre-war depression days.

Rejecting a government offer to arbitrate, union chief Frank Foulkes ordered his 30,000 electricians to be ready for "guerrilla" action all this week.

About 2,000 are slated to stage one-day walkouts against up to 20 contracting firms spotted across the country. All 30,000 will strike Jan. 18.

About a quarter of Britain's whole labor force now is fighting for wage increases.

The electrical employers' organization, the National Federated Electrical Association, has warned that workers will be penalized by one day of lockout for every day they strike.

The electricians demand pay increases of up to 11 shillings (\$1.54) a week. They have turned down the employers' counter-offer of five shillings (70 cents), coupled with cuts in overtime rates.

Management insists higher wages would mean higher production costs, pricing British goods out of world markets.

Britain is meeting tough competition from Germany in the engineering field and Japan in textiles. Production costs in both countries are lower than in Britain.

**OWLS MOVE SOUTH**

NEW YORK, (AP)—Snowy owls, starved out of the Arctic, are making a mid-winter hunger flight into the United States. It's something that usually happens every four years or so, says the National Audubon Society, and coincides with the periodic disappearance of the northern of the lemming, a small rodent on which the owls ordinarily feed.

**BODIES UNCLAIMED**

OSISING, N. Y. (AP)—The bodies of executed killers Maurice O'Dell and Walter Griffen were turned over to an undertaker for burial of state expense Saturday after Canadian relatives declined to claim them. O'Dell, 28, and Griffen, 27, both from Hamilton, were electrocuted Thursday night for the robbery slaying of Donald Hurd, a Buffalo, N. Y. jeweler.

**Small Fishing Dragger Wrecked**

CANSO, N. S. (CP)—Her three-man crew watched from a donut Saturday night as the small fishing dragger Jimmy and Barry was battered to pieces against jagged rocks. Her engine had failed and she was driven on nearby Rabbits Point at the eastern tip of the Nova Scotia mainland by stormy seas.

The vessel, a pioneer of the Canso dragger fleet, was owned and skippered by Capt. Morton MacKenzie of Canso.

### Begin Debate Tuesday On New Housing Bill

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Commons will launch debate on the government's new housing bill, one of the session's major pieces of legislation, when members reassemble Tuesday following their 26-day holiday recess.

The government is anxious to put the measure into effect as soon as possible, and the debate will continue until it is given second reading-approval in principle.

It is expected the debate will continue for more than one day. Then the bill will go to the banking and commerce committee for further study.

### City Trees To Be Trimmed Under Expert Supervision

A sound effort to prevent disruption of power and telephone services this winter through falling trees and broken branches will be made by the newly appointed City Tree Committee.

Working in close co-operation with the Maritime Electric Company and the Island Telephone Company, both of which are supplying fully trained crews, the committee hopes to be able to maintain both services so far as is possible.

An added factor in the work will be the expert supervision to be given by the Provincial Government's Chief Forester, J. Frank Gaudet, whose services have been donated by the Government to aid the project.

Heading the new committee as chairman and co-ordinator is Mr. J. F. Connolly, chairman of the Land Valuation Board, whose services are also being loaned by the Provincial Government. Other members of the committee include Messrs. Harold Messervy, City Engineer, for the City of Charlottetown; J. L. Boomhauer, of the Maritime Electric Company; and G. E. Cameron, plant superintendent, Island Telephone Com-

### Death Yesterday Of Maj. Walter A. Smith

Major Walter A. Smith, E.D., former clerk of the City Police Court, died at the Prince Edward Island Hospital Sunday after a long illness. Widely known in military, church, civic and sporting circles here he had long taken a keen interest in all phases of life in this city.

Born at Charlottetown on September 10, 1894, he received his early education at West Kent School. He commenced his army career as a bugler in his early teens, and, on the outbreak of World War I, enlisted on August 14, 1914 and went overseas as a Signaller with the 2nd Siege Battery, R.C.A. After two years active service in France, he took a commission in the Royal Flying Corps with whom he remained until his discharge with the rank of Lieutenant.

Keeping a close association with the army after the war he was promoted to the rank of Major with the 5th District Signals Regiment of which he was Officer Commanding 1938-1940, and served with that unit during World War II as District Signals Officer of Military District No. 6 at Halifax and later as District Sports Officer for the same command. He received his Long Service Medal

**Quebec Man Held After Brutal Slaying**

ROBERVAL, Que., (CP)—Cylinder Boivin, a 30-year-old laborer, was held by provincial police today as a material witness in the brutal killing of his wife and two-year-old daughter. In a remote northern Quebec village, the bodies of Mrs. Boivin, 35, and her daughter Diane were found on a bed in the Boivin home at Notre Dame de Lorette, 20 miles north of here, early Saturday morning.

Police said Mrs. Boivin, a native of Belgium, was strangled and the little girl battered to death with a block of wood.

Dr. Gustave Desrochers, Quebec medico-legal expert, left Quebec Sunday night on a 250-mile trip to the village to carry out an autopsy.

A neighbor, Narcisse Langevin, told police he found the bodies when he went to Boivin's home after seeing Boivin running towards the village in his long underwear, clutching his 11-month-old baby, Michael under his right arm. The child was in sleepers.

It was a degree below zero. Police said Langevin told them he found two other children, Jean 5, and Denise, 3, trembling and crying when he entered the Boivin home.

Police said that Boivin after running a mile to the village with Michael entered the church and knelt at the altar steps. It took two men to release the unconscious child from his grip.

The boy, badly frost-bitten, was taken to hospital where doctors said they feared they may have to amputate hands and feet.

### Movie Producer Cancelled Flight At Last Moment

ROME, (Reuters)—American movie producer Victor Pahlen Sunday cancelled his seat on a British Comet jet airliner at the last moment, because it had been delayed on its way from Singapore to London via Rome.

When told the plane had crashed shortly after leaving Rome, and all 35 persons aboard were believed dead, Pahlen exclaimed: "My God, how terrible. It's incredible. I had everything packed. It was just at the last moment that I decided not to take the plane."

"It was going to be late and that meant I would miss someone I wanted to meet in London. It's the second time this has happened to me. About four years ago in the United States I argued with an airline that wanted to put me on a plane that was going to be half an hour late."

"Eventually they agreed to put me on another. The first plane crashed—with the loss of 55 lives."

### Death Of Mr. Harry J. Bevan

The death of Harry J. Bevan occurred in the Charlottetown Hospital on Saturday after a brief illness which necessitated his hospitalization five days previously. He was in his 33rd year.

Mr. Bevan was born in Charlottetown, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Bevan and following his attendance at public school he entered the service of the Intercolonial Railway as an apprentice machinist. On being duly qualified he was given permanent employment with the railway and remained in the service until his retirement on pension eight years ago. Since that time and until recently Mr. Bevan has been doing light work on the staff of Bevan Brothers.

Had he survived until midsummer Mr. Bevan and his wife, the former Laura McCallum, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McCallum, would have celebrated the fiftieth, second anniversary of their wedding.

Other surviving relatives are five sons, Ralph, Leigh, Roy and Gordon at home, and Alvin who arrived from Hamilton, Ont., yesterday by air to attend the funeral, and two daughters, Mrs. William Hambley (Gladys) and Mrs. James MacLean, (Jean) both of whom resided in Charlottetown, and twenty-three grand-children and one great-grandchild, Mr. Joseph Davis of Charlottetown is a sister. Mr. Bevan was a life-long member of Trinity United Church and an active member of the Odd Fellows.

### Hospital Secretary Fatally Injured

SHELBURNE, N. S. (CP)—Betty Muir, secretary of Roseway Hospital here, was fatally injured Sunday when a car skidded off Route 3 at Canada Hill, 22 miles east of this southwestern Nova Scotia town.

Injured are Dr. V. K. Rideout, Roseway Hospital physician, his wife and three members of the hospital staff. The party was driving home after attending a movie in Halifax, 150 miles northeast of here.

PALMI CALABRO, Sicily, (AP)—Rocco Galdo couldn't afford the tax this year on his dog, so he took the animal across by ferry to Reggio Calabria and left him on the mainland. When he got back home, he found his dog waiting at the door, dripping wet. The animal apparently swam the 2 1/2-mile strait of Messina. Rocco paid the tax.

### To Speed Establishment Of New Freight Scale

OTTAWA, (CP)—The board of transport commissioners moved Saturday to speed up the establishment of a new freight rate scale equalizing the rates in various parts of Canada.

Mr. Justice J. D. Kearney, board chief, told representatives of provincial governments and other interests that he will call on them next week to make a definite choice among several proposed scales now before the board. Some of them have been non-committal up to now.

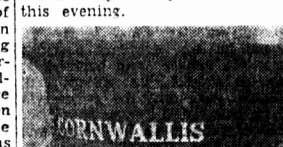
### Three Men, Girl Victims When Car Goes Through Rail Into Ingonish River



A. B. John Hubert Gallant, age 24 years, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gallant, Notre Dame Street, Summerside. He had been in the naval service for the past two and a half years. At the time of his death he was coming home for a two weeks leave.

Besides his parents he leaves a mournful wife, the former Emma Steele of Miscouche, and two small sons, Bryan and Wayne, also two brothers, Joseph in Amherst, and Edward with the Canadian Army, stationed in Montreal, and one sister Freda, residing in Montreal.

The body is expected to arrive this evening.



O. S. Joseph Leonard Gallant, age 21 years, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan A. Gallant, 428 Notre Dame Street, Summerside, and had been in the naval service for the past two years. During that time he had seen service in the Korean war area. On return he was one of the navy personnel selected to attend the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. Arriving back in Canada after the coronation he was since stationed in barracks at Halifax where he was taking a special course.

Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Jack and Elmer at home, and one sister, Gladys (Mrs. Joseph Muise) Digby, N.S., who arrived home last evening by plane accompanied by her husband.

The remains are expected to arrive this evening.

### NORWEGIAN EXPLORER

Greenland was discovered by the Norwegian chief, Eric the Red, in the 10th century.

### SEASONAL FURS

Ermine is the name given to the stoat when its fur turns white for protection in the winter.

TRURO, (CP)—A car crashed through a guard rail at the Ingonish river bridge on Route 2, 10 miles west of here Saturday, taking three men and a girl to their deaths.

The victims: Airman Walter Glen Lewis, 20, Port-au-Pique, N.S., the driver; Ordinary Seaman Joseph Leonard Gallant, 20, and Able Seaman John Hubert Gallant, 23, both of Summerside, P. E. I., and Patricia Lupton, 18, Bass River, N. S.

The car slid down the river bank and came to rest on its side in about 15 feet of water. Joseph Gallant crawled from the sinking car and scrambled onto the river bank, where he died of exposure in near-zero cold. A medical examiner said the others drowned.

Miss Lupton's watch was stopped at 3:35 a. m. In the darkness the accident went unnoticed until dawn. A motorist saw the shattered railing and found Gallant's frozen body.

Stopped At Diner

RCMP had to wait for the water to drop in the tidal stream before they could learn just how many had died.

Mrs. Gladys Logan was one of the last to see the four alive. She said they left her roadside diner, about two miles west of the bridge, before midnight.

Lewis, stationed at Greenwood, N. S., RCAF base, was home for the week-end. He had picked up Miss Lupton at the home of her grandfather, James Webb, with whom she lived. She told Mr. Webb they were going for a short drive.

At the diner they met the Gallants, who were hitch-hiking home from Halifax.

The inquest jury urged the highway department to remove the "death trap" at the bridge, which is approached from the east on a sharp curve.



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	39	37
Victoria	38	44
Edmonton	0	31
Calgary	13b	29
Regina	23b	6
Winnipeg	23b	3b
Toronto	3	5
Ottawa	12b	3b
Montreal	8b	3b
Quebec	7b	3b
Saint John	2	9
Moncton	1	10
Halifax	11	21
Charlottetown	4	17
Sydney	13	21
St. John's, Nfld.	11	23

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion Public Weather Office here says extremely cold air is flowing into the district and temperatures will fall to 10 to 30 degrees below zero in New Brunswick and eastern Quebec and to zero to 10 above in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

An active disturbance which has formed over the southeastern United States is moving eastward, but indications are that the associated belt of heavy snow will pass out of Nova Scotia.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness and widely scattered snowfalls; very cold; light winds; low-high at Charlottetown zero and 10.

New Brunswick: Clear and extremely cold; light winds; low-high at Moncton and Fredericton 15 below and zero, Saint John 10 below and five above, Edmundston and Campbellton 20 below and 5 below.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:53 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:50 a. m. and sets at 7:22 p. m.