



Peace Hopes Take Dive

MOSCOW (Reuters)—Hopes a Kremlin mission to Hanoi might be connected with Viet Nam peace moves took a further dive Sunday night as the Soviet Union accused the United States of "bloody aggression" and attempting to spread the Viet Nam war.

Alexander Shelepin, leading the mission, told a meeting in the North Vietnamese capital Sunday the Soviet Union is determined to continue all-round assistance to Hanoi in repulsing the U.S. aggression.

The leader of the Soviet mission poured scorn on U.S. "claims they are fighting in the name of freedom and democracy against some imaginary Communist aggression."

Russia Hits U.S. Policies

LONDON (Reuters)—Russia has sent Britain a message strongly attacking United States policies in Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia, well-informed sources here said Sunday.

The message was handed Thursday to Sir Geoffrey Harrison, British ambassador in Moscow. Its text has not been published.

It is in the form of a draft which the Soviet government wants Britain to send jointly to the other members of the 1954 Geneva conference on Indochina.

Britain and Russia are co-chairmen of the conference which ended the seven-year war in the then French Indochina states of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia.

The sources said the draft's strong allegations against the U.S. will not be acceptable to Britain.

UNDER TRAVEL BAN

Stefan Cardinal Wysnyski, Catholic primate of Poland who has been barred from foreign travel and charged with harming Poland's national interests, leaves the Church of St. Carlo Borromeo in Warsaw Sunday after services during which he spoke to the congregation about the government statement and asked Polish Roman Catholics to have confidence in him. The govern-

ment statement charged harm was caused by a letter from Polish bishops sent to the bishops of West Germany during his last trip to the Vatican. He had planned to leave for Rome Sunday night. The ban could keep him from making a planned trip to Canada and the United States in August. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Warsaw)

Lagos Talks Delegates Greeted With Violence

N.S. GETS 14 INCHES SNOW

Fires During Severe Storm Take 5 Lives; School Lost

By THE CANADIAN PRESS—Fires and highway accidents killed five persons, injured at least 11 others and caused more than \$500,000 damage during a paralyzing weekend blizzard that drove through the eastern Atlantic Provinces.

Four children died and five persons, four of them children, were injured Sunday in a single house fire at Beechville, seven miles south of Halifax, during the most severe storm in years.

As much as 14 inches of snow fell on parts of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and lesser amounts in the western regions, while winds up to 70 miles an hour whipped up enormous drifts that paralyzed highway traffic in Cape Breton and other areas.

A second fire near Liverpool, N.S., Sunday claimed the life of a seven-year-old boy and injured one man. Two separate highway accidents near Bridgewater, N.S., during the storm sent five persons to hospital.

In Newfoundland, fire destroyed Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic school Sunday, as the storm moved into the island province, with loss estimated at \$500,000. Up to 14 inches of snow was expected before the storm moved out to sea late today.

The combined school and church was the third such Roman Catholic institution to be destroyed by fire since Jan. 1. Only the chimney of the building, less than five years old, was left standing.

A portion of a concrete brick wall being erected at Montague, P.E.I. blew down during winds up to 70 miles an hour.

Air travel throughout the Atlantic region was affected at various times during the storm and the CNR's Ocean Limited passenger train from Montreal arrived in Halifax about three hours late Sunday.

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MAY QUIT PCS

Georges Valade, the only Progressive Conservative to win a Montreal seat in the last general election said Saturday that he was thinking of quitting the party. He said he will decide in the next few days but in any event he will not attend the PC caucus Jan. 15 of the Quebec provincial election.

FRENCH BAN COVER CHARGE

PARIS (Reuters)—Cover charges in French restaurants were abolished by government decree Sunday.

The charge is forbidden following complaints the price of a restaurant meal can often turn out to be 25 per cent or more above than stated on the menu.

Restaurant-owners can increase their food prices 10 per cent to make up for the loss of the cover charge, but there must be no increase in drink prices.

Safe Recovered, Man Questioned

CORNER BROOK (CP)—RCMP Saturday recovered a safe stolen from a company at Springdale in the harbor near a wharf.

The safe, which contained \$30,000 in cash and cheques, stolen H. England Ltd, had been smashed open.

RCMP said they are questioning a man.

RC-Jews Relationship Is Improved

TORONTO (CP)—A new relationship between Roman Catholics and Jews has been established in Canada, says Rev. J. J. Keating, director of the Canadian Commission on Ecumenism recently set up here as a follow-up to the Vatican Council.

Father Keating, outlining this relationship to the Canadian Jewish News, said Roman Catholic ecumenism has already been changed and passages have been eliminated from religious history books.

Other changes include references to the chosen people, says Father Keating. New books have been printed omitting all expressions that might lead to prejudices and anti-semitic deductions.

He said the Vatican schema or pronouncement on Jews proclaimed by Pope Paul will end the notion of a cursed Jewish people; it will place all anti-semitic tendencies outside the church and make clear that anti-semitism is opposed by the church.

Speaking of the edict's far-reaching effects in the area of better relations, he said the schema acknowledged the parallel existence of Judaism and Christianity.

Congress Faces Rough Session

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Viet Nam war will be among major issues for the second session of the 90th U.S. Congress, to convene today.

Politics may be a dominant factor in determining how the issues will be resolved. This is a U.S. congressional election year and all 435 House of Representatives seats and 35 of the Senate's 100 will be at stake in November voting.

It promises to be a long, rough session.

Officials Suggest Leaders Are Safe

Lagos (Reuters)—Canada's Prime Minister Pearson and other Commonwealth leaders arrived here Sunday for their conference on Rhodesia amid a new wave of Nigerian violence in which seven persons were killed in Lagos itself.

The riots—in which eyewitnesses said poisoned arrows and machetes were used—were a continuation of sporadic murders, arson and looting that have rocked parts of western Nigeria since October's disputed regional elections.

They were believed by some observers to be part of a plan by Western Nigeria opposition elements to draw attention to their grievances while the Commonwealth leaders are in town.

Besides Pearson, Prime Minister Dauda Jawara of Gambia, Prime Minister Borg Olivier of Mali and Jamaica's acting prime minister, Donald Sangster, were the first to arrive for the conference, which opens Tuesday.

The second group backs the British policy of attempting to crush Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith's regime by economic action without resorting to military means.

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Canadians Pace Zambia Oil Lift

By DAVE MCINTOSH—LUSAKA (CP)—Fil. Lt. Ken Ruel of La Tuque, Que., and his Hercules transport crew flew the thunderstorm route Saturday from Leopoldville, The Congo, to this Zambian capital to deliver another 100 drums of oil.

The RCAF now is carrying more oil daily to Zambia than are British and United States planes combined.

"You Canadians are showing us up with your Hercules planes," an RAF officer said as three RCAF planes landed in 100-degree temperature.

Ruel and Fil. Lt. Ken Johnson of Toronto, first officer, dodged two major thunderstorms, one of them 50 miles long and 30 miles thick on the 4½-hour flight to Lusaka from Leopoldville.

"Sometimes we have to dodge so many thunderstorms we add half an hour to our flying time," said FO Sandy Fraser of Victoria, the radio officer.

Through his radar scope, FO George Story of Regina was able to spot the storms about 200 miles ahead of the plane.

"Thunderstorms nowhere are higher or more dangerous than in central Africa," Ruel said.

It has been known for a plane's wing to break off in the terrible stress of flying through a storm which sends thunderheads more than 50,000 feet into the sky.

The RCAF crews work one day on and one off but a work day lasts at least 14 hours, including about nine hours in the air.

The other two members of Ruel's crew are Sgt. Jack McLean of London, Ont., flight engineer, and Lac Ron Morrison of Montreal, technician.

Ruel's plane groaned into the air with a full load. On his first couple of trips he carried only 100 drums but he found he could crowd eight more drums aboard by taking on less aviation fuel.

The route was over brown Congo swamps and rivers and green jungle and hilly pasture. Often the Canadian airman comment on how the rich Congo land is wasted. There is little agriculture and what little there is was devastated by the 1960 troubles.

Greater Federal Welfare Aid Supported By Island Minister

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA (CP)—Prince Edward Island has shown its support behind greater federal financial assistance to welfare plans. Dr. Hubert McNeill, provincial welfare minister, said here following a two-day conference.

Dr. McNeill said that he supported a brief from Nova Scotia which calls on the federal government to pay 75 per cent instead of 50 per cent of various shared cost welfare programs under the Canada Assistance Plan.

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Package Welfare Measure To Be Ready For Session

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal and provincial welfare ministers Saturday packaged a number of existing/shared cost welfare programs with some new ones into an agreed Canada assistance plan.

Federal Health Minister MacEachen said following a two-day meeting that the federal government's hopes to have all the details worked out with the provinces in time to submit legislation at an early stage of the parliamentary session which starts Jan. 18.

The ministers agreed to the federal government's proposal of a 50-50 sharing of the costs of the various welfare programs, rejecting a bid by Ontario Welfare Minister Louis Cecil that Ottawa pay 75 per cent.

They left for further examination of an Atlantic provinces bid for special cost-sharing to give special help to poorer provinces.

Major Battle Seen Shaping As Guerrillas Are Hunted

SAIGON (Reuters)—Thousands of American, Australian and New Zealand troops are sweeping through the Viet Cong-infested "iron triangle" zone in one of the biggest guerrilla hunts of the war in South Viet Nam.

It showed signs of developing into a major battle. More than 200 U.S. helicopters lifted the combined forces Saturday into a region in Hau Ngia province 20 miles northwest of Saigon.

The allies counted 21 Viet Cong dead in the first scattered actions in which the Australians took the brunt of the fighting. Three Australians were killed.

One of the prizes captured Sunday was an underground guerrilla hospital, with food still fresh on the tables.

A TOUGH TARGET—Cris-crossed by rice paddies and canals and laced with mines and bobby traps, the 60-square-mile iron triangle has been a guerrilla stronghold since the French Indochina war.

Several battalions of the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division and the 173rd Airborne Brigade formed the bulk of the allied forces.

Elsewhere Sunday, a U.S. Air Force F-100 Super-Sabre caught fire, presumably as a result of ground fire during a strike mission about 50 miles north of Saigon.

The pilot ejected but rescue attempts by two helicopters failed. It was the third U.S. plane lost in South Viet Nam in the last week.

There were no reports here of air attacks against North Viet Nam, so the U.S.-South Vietnamese pause in bombing of that neighboring Communist country apparently was still in effect. The pause began Christmas Eve.

N.S. Man Nears 108th Birthday

MINEAPOLIS (AP)—Thomas Yould, former pressman in St. Paul, Minn., is rounding out his 108th year in contentment at the Minnesota Masonic Home in Minneapolis these days.

Still quite alert for his age, the Nova Scotia native enjoys smoking his pipe and taking in the view from his window.

Yould is reported the oldest living Mason in North America. He has been a Mason for 79 years.

Born in Windsor, N.S., in 1857, he came to St. Paul to work as a pressman at the St. Paul Daily News. He became superintendent of the department later, and retired 20 years ago when the newspaper suspended publication.

HIGHWAYS BLOCKED

Highways remained blocked in eastern Newfoundland, including the St. John's area, and in Cape Breton Sunday night.

New Brunswick got as little as one inch of snow and practically none fell on Charlottetown, although high winds were common throughout the area.

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READY FOR LONG VOYAGE

Emily Cole, 80-year-old grandmother, sweeps deck of the yacht Gallunure in Mombasa, Kenya, prior to acting as secretary of state for foreign trade.

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