

FAMED TEST PILOT KILLED

Giant Research Aircraft And Chase Plane Collide

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A giant Walker, who had been training to fly the XB-70A, was in a rocket powered X-15, and an F-104 chase plane flown the wreckage of the chase plane by the famed X-15 pilot, Joseph A. Walker, collided over the desert Wednesday, killing Walker and the bomber's co-pilot.

The XB-70A's pilot, Al White, ejected in a seat capsule and the two tall vertical stabilizers were taken to hospital with a broken right arm and a severe back injury.

The body of Maj. Carl Cross, White's co-pilot, was found in the wreckage of the 185-foot-long bomber, one of two built at a cost of \$1,200,000,000.

Walker, 45, held the world records of 4,104 miles an hour and 354,200 feet, set in 1962 and 1966 in a rocket powered X-15.

White, 48, chief test pilot for North American Aviation Inc., maker of the XB-70A, had flown every major flight of the two controversial research bombers, pushing them to 2,000 m.p.h. and 70,000 feet—records for craft of that size.

An air force spokesman said details of how the crash occurred would not be released until after an investigation.

The crash was the latest in a series of troubles for the XB-70A bomber program.

France And 14 NATO Allies Break Deadlock Over Forces

By HAROLD MORRISON
BRUSSELS, Belgium (CP)—France decided to give the North Atlantic Alliance some political co-operation and External Affairs Minister Paul Martin maintained this resulted from his demand that transfer of the top-ranking NATO council from Paris be postponed.

As French Foreign Minister Couve de Murville agreed Wednesday to discuss the future role of French troops in Germany in the NATO council, Martin told a press conference the more conciliatory French mood developed from postponement of the council move until at least next October.

Previously, Couve maintained withdrawal of the 70,000 French troops from NATO command in Germany involved technical and military matters and not political issues requiring council attention.

But while France agreed to discuss this decision to discussions under NATO's political body, it gave no indication how far it would go on the question of co-operation with NATO forces in peacetime.

The French decision satisfied Canada's external affairs minister, Paul Martin, who noted many problems still remain.

Canadian sources described Martin as feeling the French concession—to bring the future role of French forces into the council for discussion—would not have been won but for Canadian pressure against the big powers to keep the NATO council in Paris.

Martin has been criticized by some of his colleagues but he is convinced he did the right thing.

SET JULY DEADLINE
French Foreign Minister Couve de Murville maintained before only technical and military issues are involved and no negotiations with the council are necessary. France set July 1 as the deadline for withdrawing her troops from NATO.

Bargaining within the alliance broke down to such an extent that NATO Press Officer John Vernon announced at noon Wednesday the foreign ministers had failed to reach agreement.

An American spokesman rushed out to say bargaining would continue.

A private meeting between Couve de Murville and U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk in the empty conference hall broke the deadlock. The West Germans were elated. They feared France might eventually use the deadlock to withdraw the French troops. This might leave West Germany in a precarious position in relation to her overall defence.

Martin said it is possible French troops might be withdrawn from West Germany if no agreements are reached with the council. All members of the alliance would regret that action, he added.

Pass, Prize List Released By SDH

The list of prize winners at St. Dunstan's University was released yesterday by university authorities.

It included:

- A prize for the student ranking highest in the Senior Year of the Arts Course, awarded to Lawrence Don-Elyson, Montreal, P.Q.
- A prize for the student ranking highest in the Senior Year of the Science Course, awarded to Bernd Heikamp, Little York, P.E.I.
- A prize presented by the faculty to the student who best enhances the spirit and tradition of St. Dunstan's University, awarded to Joseph Condon, New York, N.Y.
- A prize for Philosophy 3, awarded to Kenneth Doiron, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- A prize for Sociology 2, merited equally by Patricia Power and Mervyn McNally, both of Tracadie, P.E.I.
- A prize for the student ranking highest in the Junior Year of the Arts Course, awarded to Sister St. Patrick of the Sacred Heart, OND, (Alice Callaghan), Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- A prize for the student ranking highest in the Junior Year of the Science Course, awarded to Edward O'Brien, Cobalt, Ont.
- The Mary E. MacDonald Scholarship awarded by the faculty on the basis of student leadership and academic standing to a student in the Junior Year, merited by Paul Bennett Kelly, Summerside, P.E.I.
- The Rev. Michael E. Francis Memorial Scholarship to the student in the Junior Year of the Commerce Course having the highest aggregate in the first three years of the Commerce Program, awarded to Thomas Burke, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- A prize for French to a Junior Year student, awarded to Sister Janet Maloney, OND, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- The T.M. McMillan Memorial Prize for the student ranking highest in the Junior Year

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Florida West Coast Threatened By Alma

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Hurricane Alma, swirling northward out of Cuba, lashed at the Florida Keys Wednesday and threatened the populous west Florida coast with dangerous tides and 110-mile-an-hour winds.

Fort Myers, a city of 35,000 population, and its offshore resort islands braced for Gulf of Mexico waves which, it was feared, would run to 11 feet above normal.

Also in Alma's path were the big cities of Tampa and St. Petersburg, on Tampa Bay half way up the peninsula.

Expecting huge Alma's winds to spread almost across Florida, forecasters issued hurricane warnings for the Tampa Bay region and Lake Okechobee and ordered a hurricane watch all the way to Savannah, Ga., and the west coast to St. Marks near Tallahassee, Fla.

MOVE SATURN ROCKET
The U.S. space agency decided to roll a monster test vehicle of a Saturn V moon rocket off the launch pad into a huge vehicle assembly building at Cape Kennedy when the U.S. weather bureau warned that winds would reach near hurricane force there. Six other rockets were left on the pads.

Belting Havana with wind gusts peaking at 117 miles an hour, the hurricane uprooted trees, knocked down power lines and shattered windows. No loss of life was reported Wednesday.

Official reports from Tegucigalpa, Honduran capital, lowered Alma's death toll to 31 from 74. After the hurricane deluged the town of San Rafael with a 30-inch rain Sunday, 73 were reported by the Honduran weather bureau to have died in a sea of mud.

MOVE TO SHELTERS
Nearly all businesses in Key West, southernmost U.S. city, were shut and tightly boarded. Many persons streamed into city shelters.

By late day the hurricane centre was about 125 miles south-southwest of Fort Myers. It was moving almost directly northward at 15 to 17 miles an hour.

Havana radio said 20,547 persons were evacuated from Cuba's south coast—the majority of them women, children and the aged—as Alma approached. Livestock also was taken to higher ground.

Heavy rains were believed to have dealt a damaging blow to the Cuba sugar crop—mainstay of Cuba's economy—and to other crops in the food-rationed country.

Power Plant To Be Built

FREDERICTON (CP)—Plans for a multi-million-dollar thermal generating plant with an ultimate capacity of 500,000 kilowatts were announced Wednesday.

Chairman H. Graham Crocker of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission said estimated cost of developing the site on Chaleur Bay, at the southeastern limit of the town of Dalhousie, and installing the first 100,000 kilowatt unit is \$24,700,000. This unit is scheduled to start producing power in the late fall of 1969.



Sharp Aims To Soften Some Of Budget Effect



Child Says Heard My Mom Scream

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—An eight-year-old girl testified Wednesday she heard "my mommy scream" after the woman, Mrs. Unity Irene Gibbons, and Abel Joseph Cormier both entered the bathroom in the Gibbons apartment March 10.

The child was a witness at the trial of Cormier, 30, charged with capital murder in the death of the 28-year-old mother whose clothed body was found in her bathtub. A medical witness has said the death was due to drowning.

The young daughter said she saw Cormier in the bathroom on his knees and near her mother. She said the man ordered her back to bed.

The girl's 11-year-old brother also testified, saying he had earlier met Cormier outside the house and "could smell liquor off him."

Other witnesses Wednesday included a medical examiner, who said he found what appeared to be scratches on Cormier's shoulders and face and a red stain on his right shirt cuff.

NURSES AT GRADUATION EXERCISES

Are you certain that is the one you press? Three graduating nurses, from the left, Etha Blanche MacLean, Peter's Road; Sharon-Howatt, Kensington; Alberta Murchison, Point Prim; fumble around with their camera prior to last night's graduation exercises of the School of Nursing, Prince Edward Island Hospital, at the Confederation Centre. Miss Howatt is the Valedictorian of the class and Miss MacLean was presented a prize for the highest standing in general proficiency. (See story on page 5.)

Former Mayor Of Souris Is Nominated By Liberals

A former mayor of Souris, Bruce L. Stewart, was nominated last night to contest 1st Kings for the Liberal Party in the deferred election on July 11. Mr. Stewart will contest the seat held by the late William Acorn, who died May 25, five days prior to the May 30 provincial election in which the parties won 15 seats each. Mr. Acorn was the former member of the Legislative Assembly for 1st Kings. He sat as assemblyman.

Contesting the election with Mr. Stewart will be Daniel MacDonald, who defeated Melvin MacQuaid, the then provincial treasurer, in the provincial election in 1962. Mr. MacQuaid is now MP for Kings.

Mr. Stewart has had wide experience in public service although this is his first venture into provincial politics. He served for six years on the Souris town council and was mayor of Souris in 1955 and 1956. He served 18 years as member of the Trustee Board of the Souris Hospital and is a provincial director of the United Fund. He is a director of the Protestant Children's Orphanage. He was also a dominion representative for three years for the Royal Canadian Legion and a provincial chairman of the Legion.

Mr. Stewart is an agent at Souris for an oil company. Opposing Mr. Stewart in the election will be Keith MacKenzie, who operates a car agency in Souris and also is an oil agent. Mr. MacKenzie was sworn in recently as public works and highways minister.

Mr. MacDonald's opponent will be Peter MacAulay of Chestow. Both men are farmers.

Seamen Reject Offer

LONDON (CP)—British seamen have scorned a compromise proposed in a report which condemned their strike as unjustified.

The compromise recommended by a judicial inquiry Wednesday, the 24th day of the strike, sparked a brief glimmer of hope.

Their rejection by workers as a basis for fresh negotiations plunged the strike into its blackest phase and, apparently killed hope of a quick settlement.

Communist leaders of Tuesday's extension of the strike showed the seamen's growing militancy and hardening determination not to sail again under anything but a 40-hour work week.

The inquiry recommended an immediate reduction of the work week to 48 hours from 56 and reduction to 40 hours a year later. The best previous offer from the shipping companies was 48 hours now, 44 in a year and 40 in two years.

House Studies Tax Changes

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Sharp gave notice Wednesday that he intends to soften some of the effects of his March budget.

As the Commons continued study of a government resolution preceding tax changes flowing from his budget speech, Mr. Sharp said he will ask for the following amendments:

1. Extension of low taxes on deferred profit sharing and stock option plans.
2. Exemption of three types of investment companies and areas with cash profits of more than \$30,000.
3. A change so companies affected by the refundable tax will not have to include depreciation allowances on such short-lived items as linen or uniforms and stipulation that depreciation allowances must not exceed 50 per cent of a company's gross revenue for the taxation year.

PLANS AMENDMENT
Mr. Sharp said he will introduce the amendment when the Commons reaches the appropriate paragraphs of the resolution.

The House was still on the first paragraph of the resolution when it adjourned.

In his budget speech March 29, Mr. Sharp lashed out at "increasing abuse" of a section of the Income Tax Act providing special tax treatment for deferred profit-sharing plans. He said these benefits were going to a few "key people, chief shareholders or their relatives or heirs."

Under the budget proposals, the low taxes for the plans would apply only to shares given to employees before 1965 and benefits received under them before Jan. 1, 1967.

In his proposed amendments, Mr. Sharp would extend the lower taxes to employees given the right to acquire shares up to last March 30 and who get the benefits before Jan. 1, 1968.

Mr. Sharp said his amendments mean "there will be no change in the method of taxing

benefits received under stock options that were granted on or before budget day provided these are exercised during the next year and a half."

This provided a reasonable time for employees wishing to exercise outstanding options under the existing tax formula.

Changes in the refundable corporation tax will "remove some unintended features," Mr. Sharp said.

This tax would be applied for 18 months starting May 1, 1966 and would apply to all corporations with cash profits of more than \$30,000.

The government would allow above five per cent of all profits after that figure and return 18 to 36 months later, with interest of five per cent.

TO COOL ECONOMY
The step was designed to cool down some overheated sectors of the economy.

Mr. Sharp listed these investment companies he wants exempted from the refundable tax:

1. Investment funds or mutual funds companies used by individuals seeking to diversify their investments. The companies would have to derive at least 95 per cent of their income from investments and 85 per cent of their gross revenue would have to come from sources in Canada to qualify for the exemption.
2. Investment companies owned by non-residents which act as "conduits for receiving investment income." Since they received dividends from other Canadian companies which already paid the tax, "it seems reasonable that this kind of company should not be subject to the five-per-cent tax."
3. Investment companies which have little or no property in Canada and which do not invest in Canada. Mr. Sharp said these companies collect dividends and interest from various companies and forward the income to non-resident shareholders.

Man Is Given Life Term For Non-Capital Murder

LUNenburg, N.S. (CP)—James F. Fleming, 22-year-old former finance company branch manager, was found guilty Wednesday night of a reduced charge of non-capital murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Fleming had been charged with capital murder in the March 2, 1965, burning-death of his wife, Anne Mary. An all-male jury deliberated three hours before returning a verdict of guilty of non-capital murder.

It was Fleming's second trial on the charge. He had been found guilty of capital murder last October and sentenced to be hanged, but the Nova Scotia Supreme Court ordered a retrial on the grounds that the original trial judge had not properly instructed the jury.

Fleming, who still faces two counts of capital murder in the deaths of his two young daughters, showed no emotion when the jury returned its verdict. Asked by Mr. Justice T. H. Coffin if he had anything to say before sentencing, Fleming said: "No, your lordship."

Crown prosecutor C.G. Bardon asked that the two additional capital murder charges be traversed to the fall session of the supreme court.

Mrs. Fleming and her daughters, both under the age of five, were found in their smoke-filled home at Hebbville, N.S. Medical evidence at the trial said Mrs. Fleming had suffered a fractured skull and there were indications she was still alive when she was burned.

Anti-Pollution Resolution Given Approval By Mayors

By TOM CARNEY
VANCOUVER (CP)—The Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities Wednesday approved an anti-pollution resolution calling for establishment of a standing committee to co-ordinate research, material study new plans and devices and advise senior governments and federation members.

It would act with any international joint committee dealing with air and water pollution, including that caused by urbanization, industry and motor vehicles.

Sufficient funds were to be provided by the municipalities.

The resolution was sought by Ald. Michael Grayson of Toronto at the federation's annual meeting.

"It's not a question any more of reports—we should set on with the job of combatting the problem," he said.

Mayor E. L. Hammer of Port Alberni supported Ald. Grayson.

ELAN CONFERENCE
G. R. Francis of Montreal, staff officer of the Canadian Council of Resource Ministers, outlined plans for a "council-sponsored, national conference on pollution and our environment," Oct. 31-Nov. 5 in Montreal.

Mr. Francis told the municipal leaders they must accept a full share of responsibility in the fight against pollution.

"The role that local and regional governments have to play in pollution control is an important one, and it will continue to grow as people and industry concentrate in our urban environments."

ADB Reports Most Funds Allocated

OTTAWA (CP)—The Atlantic Development Board has spent or earmarked more than 95 per cent of its \$100,000,000 fund set aside to foster development and attract industry to the Maritimes. Transport Minister Pickersgill reported Wednesday.

In a written Commons reply to questions by Robert C. Coates (PC-Cumberland), Mr. Pickersgill said \$85,155,264 has been committed. This total included the \$5,380,914 balance of \$20,000,000 earmarked for industrial development aid to Nova Scotia.

Of the grand total, Nova Scotia gets \$25,603,324, New Brunswick \$27,323,546, Prince Edward Island \$7,033,327, Newfoundland \$3,180,987 and regional projects \$2,015,000.

Mr. Pickersgill said it is not possible to estimate the dollar value of requests for aid now before the board.

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