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EGYPTIAN KING SEEKS IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH WEST

Call Latest Prisoner Revelation "Shocking"

Hungary Agrees To Release Four Fliers If U.S. Pays \$120,000 Fine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—(AP)—A Hungarian legation official said tonight that Hungary has accepted the United States offer to pay \$120,000 in fines to release four American Air Force fliers.

The legation press attache, Madame Suzanna Szucs, said their release "cannot be expected before Thursday" because of the three-day Christmas holiday in Hungary.

Madame Szucs said this word was wired to the legation today from the Budapest Government. She said the legation had no further information on the fliers.

Madame Szucs' statement came just a few hours after the State Department disclosed that the United States has offered to pay the fines if the four airmen are released promptly.

The offer was submitted to the Red regime Tuesday. Dispatches from Budapest, the Hungarian capital, said there was reason to believe the four American fliers had already been released or would be freed shortly.

The airmen, flying an unarmed U.S. Air Force plane, were forced down on Hungarian soil by Soviet fighters Nov. 19 when they became lost over Hungary en route from Germany to Yugoslavia.

Holiday Deaths In U.S. Reach 789

CHICAGO, Dec. 26—(AP)—The accidental death toll in the United States climbed to a record 789 during the four-day Christmas holiday, but traffic fatalities were below expectations.

The violent death toll during the holiday from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Tuesday compared with a previous record total of 761 for the four-day Christmas holiday of 1936.

The traffic total of 535, however, was well below a prediction of 600 made by the National Safety Council. It also was lower than the 555 traffic fatalities counted during the four-day record period of 1936.

Heavy snow which hampered driving in the Midwest was believed partly responsible for the lower than expected traffic toll.

The Associated Press holiday survey showed 111 deaths from fires and 143 from mishaps of a miscellaneous nature.

The accidental death toll does not include the 119 miners killed in a gas explosion in West Frankfort, Ill., coal mine Friday night.

Coming Events

- *Victoria Rink Saturday night, holiday skating.
- *Christmas concert Protestant Orphanage 8 o'clock, Dec. 27.
- *Farmers, ask about the Shur-Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- *North River Rink, hockey practice for league teams tonight.
- *Pie Social and Dance, Kelly's Cross School, Friday, December 28th. Good music. Drawing of lottery.
- *Kinkora hall, Friday, Dec. 28. Special Christmas film, Reginald Owen in "A Christmas Carol", 3 p.m., 8:15 p.m.
- *For Snapshots that will not fade make your Films and Negatives to Garnham Photo Studios Charlottetown.
- *Coal—Starting to unload a car of coal now, another en route. Carload's product. P. J. McInnis, Borden.
- *Dance, Mt. Stewart Canadian Legion Hall, Thursday evening, December 27th. Burke's Orchestra. Admission 40 cents.
- *Shur-Gain Amateur Calvacade at P. E. I. Orphanage, January 10th. Sponsored by Hillboro, Choral Group. Entries received by Marjorie McLean at Orphanage, Phone 34.
- *Come to the card party in General School, Thursday, December 27, prizes, lunch served. Sponsored by the Home and school.

Gracie Fields To Wed Capri Radio Repair Man

ISLE OF CAPRI, Italy, Dec. 26—(AP)—Gracie Fields today called her friends to her villa, Canzone Del Mare (Song of the Sea) and sang, "I'm in love, love." Then she introduced the fiancé she said she will marry in February, Roman-born Abraham Boris Alberovich, Capri's radio repairman for 20 years.

The romance is something which could have come right out of one of Gracie's radio comedies. The comedienne, who will be 54 next month, said she called for someone to repair her radio set and fell in "love at first sight" with the good-looking, sun-tanned, blond Alberovich, 48.

She told friends that after that she deliberately "tampered with the radio set, just to have Alberovich to come up to the villa and fix it."

This went on, she said, "until he saw nothing was wrong with the set and asked me if I would marry him."

At a party she gave last night and early today she sang a song. Its first two lines were: "I'm an old goat, but I'm so much in love with him."

Gracie said the wedding will take place in Capri's cathedral and that she will become a Roman Catholic before marrying.

Though British-born, Gracie so amazes Capri's islanders with her youthful bounce that they call her the "Crazy American."

But this news nearly knocked them over.

"This will be the third marriage for Gracie. Her first husband was Archie Pitt, a British actor, whom she divorced in 1940. Then she married the Italian actor, Monty Banks, whose real name was Mario Bianchi. He died in her arms on the Simpson Express, of a heart attack in August last year.

Describe King's Broadcast As Triumph Of Bravery

LONDON, Dec. 27—(Thursday)—(Reuters)—The Daily Express says today that the King's six-minute Christmas Day broadcast was regarded by his doctors and radio technicians as "a triumph of bravery in one of the most exacting ordeals to face any broadcaster."

Chewing Gum Cause For Arrest By Reds

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
BONN, Dec. 26—(AP)—Chewing gum has become a cause for arrest in Russian-occupied East Germany and East Berlin because it is "an American habit."

This is reported in testimony given by East Germans to officials at refugee stations in Allied West-Berlin.

The testimony, oral and written, says that throughout the east zone Communist rulers are working to eradicate Western "haint." Attempts are made even to uproot many old German traditions because they are unpalatable to the Communist "new democracy."

Predict 15-Day Extension For Cease-Fire Line

By GEORGE A. McARTHUR

MUNSAN, Korea, Dec. 27 (Thursday)—(AP)—The Communists Wednesday admitted they had captured 1,058 American soldiers not previously listed, but said 571 were dead and gave no assurance the others were alive.

The U.N. command called the report a "shocking disclosure." The Allied negotiators demanded to know the fate of the 1,058, whose names were missing from a list of 3,198 Americans the Reds produced Dec. 18.

The U.N. also had asked for an accounting of 25 additional American soldiers and 20 from the British Commonwealth whose names did not appear on the Red lists. The Communists have not replied.

Still Deadlocked

The approaching end of the 30-day cease-fire trial period found the armistice discussions still deadlocked over the prisoner exchange issue and plans for supervising a truce.

The deadline is midnight tonight (10 A.M. E.S.T. Thursday). If no armistice agreement is reached by then—and the outlook is hopeless—then the provisional cease-fire line drawn Nov. 27 goes out the window.

The deadline could be extended by mutual agreement but a U.N. spokesman said neither side has proposed one.

Diplomatic sources in Washington said Gen. Matthew Ridgway, supreme U.N. commander, has been authorized to agree to a 15-day extension if he sees fit. These sources said they expected both sides to agree to an extension.

Sub-committees on both prisoner exchange and truce supervision went back to work against this deadline in sessions opening at 11 A.M. (9 P.M. E.S.T. Wednesday).

Report on Prisoners

Of the 1,058 prisoners on the list, the Communists said 571 died, 152 escaped, three were released. They professed to be trying to find out what happened to the other 332.

The U.N. said that of the 153 said to have escaped or released, not one reached Allied lines.

The Communists asserted those who died succumbed to illness or wounds, or perished from air attacks or artillery fire as they were being marched from the front.

The U.N. also has demanded to know what became of about 50,000 unlisted, non-American U.N. prisoners—mostly South Koreans. The Reds said "many, many" South Korean captives were released to go home.

Egg Production

OTTAWA, Dec. 26—(CP)—Canadian hens are continuing to work overtime.

The Bureau of Statistics reported tonight that estimated production of eggs increased to 35,500,000 dozen in November from 31,600,000 in October and 22,300,000 in the corresponding month last year.

This brings the cumulative total for the first 11 months of this year to 324,000,000 dozen, compared with 307,200,000 in the comparative period of 1950.

25 Montreal Families Flooded From Homes

MONTREAL, Dec. 26—(CP)—Some 25 families had been forced from their homes in Greater Montreal by tonight as flood waters of Riviere des Prairies continued to rise from two to four inches an hour.

At least 200 homes were surrounded by rapidly-rising water, and Gouin Boulevard, a main street through the north end of the city, was crossed three times by water. Traffic was halted, and in nearby Bout de L'ile the river-side streets were under three to four inches of water.

The St. Joseph Church and parish school were pumped out earlier today but tonight were again six feet deep in water. Red Cross workers and other volunteers said that everything is under control.

Mayor Rosario Fortin of Riviere des Prairies ordered volunteers to assist Red Cross teams working in the area.

No ice jam could be seen along the flooded surface of the river—also known as Back River—but officials believed a pile-up of ice near Bout de L'ile was causing the flood.

The water began rising late Christmas Day but the situation did not become alarming until early today.

The rise was so fast, many families were reported to have fled their homes with only the clothing they wore. Christmas presents were left behind.

Some homes near the river were awash to the second floor. Cars were abandoned in garages.

The few rowboats available were pressed into service to move families from endangered homes.

Sees Improvement In East-West Conflict

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 26—(AP)—Secretary-General Trygve Lie of the United Nations said tonight he notes a slight improvement in the East-West conflict.

Reviewing the present session of the U.N. General Assembly at Paris, Lie gave a Christmas-time address over the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish radio system. He said:

"There has not been any further deterioration or sharpening of the world crisis."

Lie, a Norwegian, is here for the Christmas vacation. The assembly resumes in Paris after the holidays.

"This year," he said, "discussion has been less propagandistic and more sober and objective." As evidence of slight improvement in East-West relations, he said that the great powers, under prodding by smaller countries, agreed to sit down, negotiate and compare their respective plans on atomic control.

"To be sure, the unity as regards the more important principles did not go very far. But I venture to say that, few, if any, could seriously have expected that the great powers during an eight-to-10-day conference... should be able to agree on vital issues of principle which they have been fighting about for years." He added:

"The limited agreement which was reached concerned procedures for future practical discussions and, in view of the current situation, not much more could have been hoped for."

COMBAT STYLE — Sgt. Gustave Vandeneede of Ghent, Belgium, sports a nifty set of chin whiskers, carefully trimmed to match his combat outfit. The sergeant is a member of the Belgian detachment assigned to the U.S. 3rd Division in Korea.

Third Death In N. S. Accident

PICQUO, N. S., Dec. 26—(CP)—The death toll in last night's tragic highway accident rose to three today when the body of Jack Purvis, 18, of New Glasgow, N. S., was taken from nearby Toney River.

Purvis, along with Charles Jewell, 52, and Howard Desmond, 40, also of New Glasgow, plunged to their deaths when a truck in which they were riding skidded and crashed through the bridge railing into the icy waters.

George and Fred Mills of New Glasgow narrowly escaped when the vehicle broke through the ice and rested on the river bottom with only a few inches of the cab above water.

Earlier it was thought Purvis may have been in another car which was travelling in company with the truck to Springhill, N. S. Fred Mills crawled out of the submerged truck but his brother was trapped in the swirling, freezing waters for over an hour with only his head above water.

Both were taken to hospital suffering from shock and exposure.

News In Brief

OTTAWA, Dec. 26—(CP)—Defence Minister Claxton and Veterans Minister Lapointe take off by plane tomorrow for a visit to Canadian troops in Korea.

PARIS, Dec. 26—(AP)—Former premier Edouard Daladier, who headed the French cabinet at the outbreak of the Second World War, disclosed today that he was married last Saturday to Miss Jeanne Boucrair. She is an official at the Merchant Navy Ministry.

Touches Off Anti-Western Demonstrations

By FRED ZUSY
CAIRO, Dec. 26—(AP)—A clear indication from King Farouk that he wants a settlement with the west touched off violent anti-palace and anti-western demonstrations today. The King appears to be worried about growing Communist activity and to want alignment with the West in the cold war with Russia.

In Alexandria, police used tear gas to break up a student mob of 5,000 demonstrating against the appointment by the King of Dr. Hafez Afifi Pasha, strong pro-westerner, as chief of the royal cabinet and adviser to Farouk on foreign and domestic affairs. Seven police were reported injured there by missiles thrown by demonstrators. Two students were hurt. Earlier reports that police opened fire were denied.

Lingering Fued
LONDON, Dec. 25—(AP)—A lingering feud between Egypt's King Farouk and his nationalistic government flared in Cairo and Alexandria today over the kingdom's relations with Britain and the West.

Britain has long known of Farouk's desire to set a pro-western course for his country in foreign affairs. It has been common talk among diplomats here that Farouk has hesitated to act in the Anglo-Egyptian crisis for fear of stirring up popular feeling against his own person and because he has wanted to stick closely to the national constitution.

Private Warnings
There is reason to believe Farouk's appointment of two pro-British advisers came after he (Continued on Page 3 Col. 3)

First Woman To Enlist Dies At 54

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 26—(CP)—Mrs. Leonard Tritsch, 54, the first woman to enlist in the Canadian Women's Army Corps in the Second World War, died today in hospital. She had been in ill health for a year.

Born in Yorkshire, England, she came to Kingston with her husband, an Imperial Army veteran, in 1926. She held the rank of sergeant-major in the C.W.A.C.

Parliament Resumes Today After Recess

OTTAWA, Dec. 26—(CP)—Parliament, after a brief five-day holiday, goes to work again tomorrow in an extraordinary post-Christmas sitting.

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A few other items are on the order paper—at least one of them contentious—but the main debate was expected to centre about the Progressive Conservatives' attempt to have the prices bill put over until the regular 1952 session.

There is no indication of how long the sitting will go on, though an expected thin attendance may tend to cut down the length of the debate. Membership from out-

Farm Income

OTTAWA, Dec. 26—(CP)—Income of Canadian farmers was up 25 per cent in the first nine months of this year compared with the corresponding period of 1950.

The Bureau of Statistics reported today farmers got an estimated \$1,884,900,000 from sale of farm products and from grain adjustment and participation payments on previous years' crops during the period. This compared with \$1,487,600,000 in the first nine months of last year.

In addition, supplementary payments made to farmers under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act totalled \$10,100,000, compared with \$9,300,000.

Cash income from grains, seeds and hay, including wheat board payments, amounted to \$508,400,000 in 1951 compared with \$311,300,000 in 1950. Livestock receipts from dairy products totalled \$297,500,000 against \$256,400,000.

Farm Federation Urges Passage Of Prices Ban

OTTAWA, Dec. 26—(CP)—The Canadian Federation of Agriculture today addressed a letter to members of Parliament urging immediate passage of the government's legislation to outlaw the system of resale price maintenance.

Taking action on the eve of the re-opening of parliament to consider the controversial bill which would stop manufacturers setting retail prices on their goods, the federation said it would "be of great value to all Canadian consumers as well as to every farm family in Canada."

The letter, signed by C.F.A. president H. H. Hannam and sent to every member of the House of Commons, said elimination of price fixing is being given attention in advanced democratic countries, including the United States and Britain. The proposed bill, if enacted, would "put Canada in the forefront of democratic peoples in efforts to eliminate special privilege to private firms and corporations."

The letter added that full opportunity has already been provided to hear all viewpoints through a parliamentary committee which sat for weeks studying the bill. There already has been lengthy debate in the Commons itself.

To Open Tenders For Wharf Reconstruction At S'side On Jan. 9th

OTTAWA, Dec. 26—(Special)—Tenders for reconstruction of the outer section of Holman's Wharf at Summerside have been called for by the Public Works Department and are scheduled to be opened on January 9, it was announced here today.

The project is for completion of the wharf reconstruction and is expected to cost approximately \$80,000. Some time ago, the Public Works Department improved and rebuilt the inner section of the wharf.

Chief beneficiaries of the reconstructed wharf, Works Department officials here said, will be fishermen, operators of small schooners and other types of lighter shipping. When completed, the Holman Wharf will be supplementary to Queen's Wharf and is expected to provide needed accommodation and relieve congestion.

Since it will take any contractor some time to assemble his materials and organize construction crews, it is not anticipated that actual work will begin until spring. However since the job is largely timbering and stone fill, no steel will be required and hence there is no serious impediment to an early beginning.

The project calls for the usual minimum wages for all types of worker and the contract includes a clause giving preference to local labor.

Yanks Set Production, Spending, Saving Marks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—(AP)—The American people produced more, saved more and spent more in 1951 than in any other year in United States history, Labor Secretary Maurice Tobin said today.

And, he added in a year-end report, the 1951 record probably will be broken in 1952.

Despite stresses and strains, he said, the country's economy maintained a remarkable stability in 1951.

"At the end of 1950," he said, "raw material prices had risen 12 per cent in six months and the consumer's price (cost of living) index was rising at the rate of one per cent a month."

"But at the end of 1951, raw material prices were the same or lower than they were at the beginning of the year and the consumer's price index had risen only about three per cent since February."

"Though they earned more money, the American people did not go

Child Suffocates

MONCTON, N.B., Dec. 26—(CP)—Robert Budd, 14 months, of nearby Gallagher Ridge, had a Christmas nut lodge in his throat. He died en route to hospital.

is a part of overall improvement of Summerside harbor, which J. Watson MacNaught, M.P. for Prince and parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Mayhew has been sponsoring for some years past.

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side Quebec and Ontario may be thin. Only 17 Western members took up an R.C.A.F. offer to be airlifted in by a North Star plane today.

One of the prices bill is out of the way, the House is due to tackle amendments to the Government Annuities Act that have provoked controversy before a Commons committee. The main clause would boost to \$2,400 from \$1,200 the annual amount of an annuity that can be bought from the government.

An amendment to the Public Works Act, still on the order paper, stirred up opposition when it was introduced by Works Minister Fournier. It would enlarge the government's powers in awarding contracts without tender. The Works Minister has indicated he plans to change the measure, which may eliminate the objections to it.

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HALIFAX, Dec. 26—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Thursday.

Synopsis:
After dumping 6 to 12 inches of snow on most of the Maritimes and causing freezing rain in some sections, today's storm is now heading eastward into the Atlantic. In its wake winds become northerly and the weather changes to snowflurries, then clears.

Another disturbance is moving across Ontario causing a band of snowflurries. This disturbance will cross the district tomorrow, but little more than an inch of snow is expected to fall.

Regional forecasts:
Prince Edward Island — Sunny becoming cloudy in the afternoon, snowflurries by evening. Not much change in temperature. Low and high Thursday at Charlottetown 15 and 25.

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