



SNOW IN VANCOUVER IN OCTOBER

It doesn't snow in Vancouver in October, of course, so it didn't snow on Thursday officially. At Vancouver International Airport where the records are kept, the verdict was 2 inches of rain. But Candace Vedova, 16, of New Westminster, found the rain had congealed a bit as she cleaned windshield of her car at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby. Yes, it DID snow — up to two inches on upper levels of Vancouver and suburbs. (CP Wirephoto)

UNLESS OTTAWA PROVIDES FUNDS

Confederation Centre Faces Nov. 5 Shutdown

The Fathers of Confederation Memorial Buildings Trust in Charlottetown said Friday it has exhausted its sources of revenue and cannot continue to operate the Confederation Centre after Nov. 5 unless the federal government can assure adequate financing before that date. However, the trust said in a statement it is encouraged by remarks made in the House of Commons Friday by State Secretary Judy LaMarsh who said an announcement will be made as soon as the government has decided what additional finances it can provide. Miss LaMarsh said the government is studying an urgent request for funds to shore up the operating capital of the centre. The Confederation Trust said "there is a matter of some urgency involved in the cabinet decision which would culminate two years of almost continuous preparation, planning and negotiation." It said it had notified the federal and Prince Edward Island government of the centre's plight in a resolution passed at an emergency session of the board of directors Thursday. Following is the text of the statement released by the trust: "The Fathers of Confederation Memorial Buildings Trust is encouraged by a state-

MP From Kings Declares Ottawa Should Provide Centre Support

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA — The federal government should immediately face up to the responsibility of providing sufficient funds so that the Confederation Centre at Charlottetown will not be closed, Melvin McQuaid, MP for Kings, said here Friday. He was commenting on a reply given by Secretary of State Judy LaMarsh to questions from McQuaid and from Hon. J. Angus MacLean, MP for Queens, on the financial difficulties of the building. The Kings MP said it was never envisioned that Prince Edward Island would be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the building after it was constructed. The idea of the construction of the national shrine was first officially con-

U.S. President's Car Splashed With Paint

By LEWIS GULICK
MELBOURNE (AP) — U.S. President Johnson's limousine withstood a bombing — with washable paint — as Australia's second-largest city turned out a half-million persons to cheer him Friday. The president laughed off the incident, telling his staff: "I guess they just couldn't stand the size of that turnout." He was not "sucked by the paint." Johnson and his wife, Lady Bird, had just passed through the heart of Melbourne to the cheers of the biggest crowd yet on their Asian trip. It happened so quickly that eyewitness accounts differed. One "other incident struck a jarring note in Melbourne's reception. As the motorcade passed near the campus of Melbourne University, students waving placards opposing the Vietnamese war stormed past police barricades. TOSSED ITEMS AT CAR They tried to halt the motorcade, but the cars speeded up. For two blocks, the president rode past boozing and jeering

200 Are Feared Dead In Welsh Village Slide

Premier Shocked By Development

The cabinet met again last evening to confer with Jens Moe, chairman of the board of directors of Bathurst Marine Ltd., and Gulf Garden Foods Ltd., in order to discuss matters relating to the two Georgetown companies. Mr. Moe did not appear at last night's meeting. Thursday's meeting of the cabinet was held to accommodate Mr. Moe who sent word from Montreal on Thursday that he was unable to meet with them, at that time, because his plane was grounded. Late yesterday afternoon, a telegram was received from a Norwegian firm of financiers informing the Premier that they had instructed Mr. Moe to postpone his meeting with the provincial cabinet. A telegram was also received from Mr. Moe's Montreal attorney, William Bissonette, informing the Premier that the same firm of financiers have demanded that Mr. Moe postpone further meeting with the government of Prince Edward Island pending this Norwegian firm's consultation with their Montreal legal counsel. Since Premier Campbell's meeting with Mr. Moe in Montreal, on his trip back from Ottawa, Oct. 13th, there have been no direct communications from Mr. Moe to the Premier concerning either of these cabinet meetings. Asked to comment on these developments, Premier Campbell stated: "I am rather shocked at this strange turn of events. The provincial cabinet has now met twice in order to accommodate Mr. Moe and his associates in an effort to find a cooperative solution to the present problems facing the Georgetown industries. These previously suggested meetings of the cabinet were arranged, at Mr. Moe's request, to be held at this time. Now we find the demands for their postponement have their origin in Norway. "In view of all this, I have directed that a telegram be sent to Mr. Moe in Montreal, inviting from him an explanation for all of these events, and, at the same time, reconfirming to him my concern regarding the urgent necessity, which I have already expressed upon him cabinet-level discussion. Unless we are able to come to grips with this situation immediately, the government's present approach to this whole matter will have to be re-assessed." Premier Campbell pointed out further that "early next week four cabinet ministers will have to be in Ottawa, on pressing government business, as a result of which it will be almost an impossibility to deal with this matter at the cabinet level, before their return. "During my absence I shall remain in constant contact with Dr. Bonnell, the acting Premier, who will keep me fully informed on all further developments, during this time."



PARENTS AND relatives of missing children await word on their fate as rescuers dig through the coal slag that engulfed a school and 14 houses at Aberfan, Wales, Friday. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Aberfan)

Generation Of Children Lost

By JOSEPH MACSWEEN
ABERFAN, Wales (CP) — Lubricated by torrential rains, a man-made mountain of coal waste and slime fell on this Welsh village Friday, killing in a matter of minutes virtually an entire generation of young children. Tales of anguish and tragedy were unfolded as thousands of volunteers dug into the debris through the night, seeking bodies of children trapped in Pantglas junior school, which was crushed along with more than a dozen houses under the weight of 2,000,000 tons of the still-moving black muck. Twelve hours after the rescue began, 62 bodies were recovered, mostly of children. And police estimated the toll of youngsters and adults likely would reach about 200 — one of the worst peacetime disasters in Britain's history. As women wept and men clawed at the slag-oozing over the valley streets like thick black molten chocolate — an air of resignation filled the village. Rescue organizer Ron Hicks announced: "There is no hope at all. Death came to most of these children almost immediately by suffocation." DEATH AFTER PRAYERS The mountain of coal waste, built over a half-century of mining, had moved without warning down a half-mile of mountain slope and virtually burying the school just a few minutes after the pupils had assembled for morning prayers. They were joyful for in a few hours they were to begin a term holiday. Only a few escaped. The black slime unfolded the children huddled for protection. Some were found in death holding hands. Men dug with anything they could find. Some clawed at the debris until their hands were covered in blood. Though Wales was accustomed to violent death, the coal pits had brought no tragedy as bewildering as this. This time it was not the fathers but the children — most between the ages of 7 and 11 — who were destroyed. The Queen expressed her sorrow and Prime Minister Wilson made his way to the floodlit disaster scene. But none exemplified the human sorrow more vividly than the eight-year-old girl waiting at the black tomb for hours for her twin sister to appear. Or the father digging with fury and crying: "By God, I've got three boys down there." Wilson promised a top-level inquiry in the disaster. Tears could be seen everywhere. George Thomas, son of a miner from the next valley, wept openly. "An entire generation has been wiped out," he said. Some ambulance drivers wept as they carried bodies past a queue of parents. Few families were unaffected. Five in one family died. Late in the night a miner found the bodies of David Benton, deputy head teacher at the school, and five children. DIED CLUTCHING KIDS "David was clutching the five little children in his arms as if to protect them," the miner said. "He and the five children died clutching each other." The miner then lapsed into shock. The police chief of the nearby mining center of Merthyr Tydfil told reporters the fatality figure likely will reach 200. Officials of the Aberfan municipal council estimated that more than 160 persons were unaccounted for in the buried school, nearly all children — between the ages of seven and 11. Bodies of 34 children and six adults were dragged from the rubble. Miners tore with bleeding fingers at the slag in efforts to free any children still alive. Mothers, some standing waist-deep in a morass of soaking debris, wept bitterly and tried to break through police cordons round the engulfed school. More than seven hours after the 300-foot-high pile of slag, weighing an estimated 2,000,000 tons, slid more than a half mile on to the village, rescuers reported hearing the whimpers of trapped children. "This is a fight against time," said a civil defence spokesman. "The mountain of rubble at the back of the school still is moving." SLAG PILE SPLITS The slag heap — one of the huge piles of coal waste that disfigure the Welsh valleys — split apart in torrential rain at 9:30 a.m., only minutes after the children had filed into the Pantglas junior and infants school. It buried the school and a row of houses nearby. Some families were feared killed in the crushed houses. Queen Elizabeth immediately sent a message to Welsh authorities, saying she was "shocked and distressed to learn of the terrible disaster at Aberfan." Doctors, police, firemen, civil defence volunteers and hundreds of miners converged on the village.

Miss Ann Jennings, 64-year-old headmistress of the school, was pulled out alive and taken to hospital. VIEW FROM air shows path of avalanches at Aberfan, Wales, Friday which engulfed school and at least 14 houses. Rescue workers surround school building at foot of the slope. It was feared the death toll would reach 200. (AP Wirephoto by cable from London.)

One University Proposal Is Supported By Premier

Strong support for a university of Prince Edward Island was expressed last night at the Fall Congress of the Association of Atlantic Students' Being held at St. Dunstan's University. Speaking at the opening banquet, Premier Alex B. Campbell told some 65 delegates from all Maritime Universities that they should concentrate on problems of the region, explaining that never before have the needs been so great. He expressed hope that the delegates would give considerable thought to the problem of Maritime students leaving the region for the more industrialized centers of Canada. "Each year," the Premier noted, "we lose hundreds, perhaps thousands of brain and brawn to other areas of Canada. We need these human resources right here in the Maritimes, and it is your people who must decide." On the question of regional problems, the Premier noted that many exist on the Island which will take a great deal of resources to settle. In the field of education, he expressed hope for one university in the province. He said that with limited resources grave decisions must be met head on. It was his wish, the Premier explained, that there be one university on the Island. He said he would work toward this end. "Perhaps the next time you delegates return to our province, he said, "you will be greeted by a banner reading 'University of Prince Edward Island.'" Sessions of the conference will continue today and tomorrow. One question which is likely to receive a great deal of attention is university accessibility and the Federal-Provincial conference being held in Ottawa next week. Guest speaker at last night's banquet was Rev. Dr. Francis Bolger, who spoke on the Attitude of Prince Edward Island toward Confederation. Head table guests included Lawson Hunter, president of A.A.S.; Rick Wearn, associate secretary for Co-operatives; Carol Anne Power, SDU Cus chairman; Mike O'Sullivan, vice-president of A.A.S. (St. Mary's); Premier Alex B. Campbell; and Dr. Bolger. Chairman of the meeting was Stanley McMillan, president of St. Dunstan's Students' Union.

Souris Man Part-Time BBG Member

OTTAWA (CP) — State Secretary Judy LaMarsh announced appointment Friday of four new part-time members of the Board of Broadcast Governors. The new members: Dr. Gordon Waddell Thomas, St. Anthony, Nfld.; Major Reid, Souris, P.E.I.; Edouardina Dupont, Trois-Rivieres, Que.; and Prof. Guy Rocher, Montreal. The appointments bring the 15-member board to full strength for a policy hearing on allocation of television channel priorities opening next week. There are three full-time members of the BBG and 12 members from various professions appointed as part-time members to fill out the board. Terms for part-time members are three years.

Conference Grows To Five Days

OTTAWA (CP) — A federal-provincial premiers conference, usually a three-day affair, has grown into a five-day conclave next week and it is expected to make basic decisions governing relations between the two levels of government for the next five years. Prime Minister Pearson is scheduled to open Monday afternoon a two-day meeting with provincial government leaders on the subject of aid to higher education. This will be followed Wednesday by a meeting of provincial finance ministers and treasurers with Finance Minister Sharp to lay the groundwork for new tax-sharing arrangements to come into effect next April 1. The tax-structure conference may spill over into Thursday.

Scene Of Mining Disaster Is Tight-Knit Community

ABERFAN, Wales (Reuters) — Aberfan, grey scene of a mining disaster, is a tight-knit coal mining community, clinging to the mountainside in a typical Welsh valley landscape. The tiny houses, now swamped in a sea of mud and coal waste, huddle together in narrow lines along the main roads between Merthyr Tydfil, boom iron and steel town of the last century, and Cardiff, the Welsh capital. Above the loom the misty peaks, part coal and part earth — barely disguised by thin layers of new-sown grass — which are the legacy of South Wales' 100-year-old coal workings. Below lie the pit heads of Merthyr Vale — collieries once caught up in the country's industrial boom, but now facing

Montrealers Vote Sunday

MONTREAL (CP) — Montrealers go to the polls Sunday to elect a new city government after one of the quietest campaigns in the city's turbulent electoral history. City police are making few special preparations, in expectation of a peaceful day.

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an uncertain future. There Aberfan miners join those from neighboring grey stone villages to hew the coal which keeps their communities alive. Periodic warnings of subsidence and encroaching coal waste are regarded by mining families in the same way as the returning bogey of unemployment — as a threat to their close community life best derided or ignored. Pit disasters are accepted as part of the inevitable way of life in these narrow Welsh valleys. Last year 31 miners died in an underground explosion at nearby Tonypandy and veterans still talk of the mammoth disaster which struck in the neighboring county of Glamorgan in 1913, claiming 439 victims below ground.

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