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(By Bernice Redpath MacIvor, Canadian Press Correspondent)
CHURCHILL, Man., Dec. 21—(CP)—Bush pilot Gunnar Laurell, 38, formerly of Herrljunga, Sweden, flew his plane back to safety Saturday after being marooned for a week on the blizzard-swept sub-Arctic tundra, 1,000 miles north of Winnipeg.
Laurell landed on a lake 45 miles northeast of Baker Lake Dec. 13 after overshooting the outpost in a mounting storm while hauling freight from a copper-nickel development at Ferguson Lake.
An RCAF search plane found him Friday, and fellow-pilot Gunnar Ingebrigtsen flew in a supply of fuel Saturday to the desolate lake. Both then flew back to Baker Lake. An RCAF plane "flew cover" for the operation in case of trouble.
Laurell, a Swedish Air Force veteran, sat out the storm in an igloo which he built 50 feet behind his plane.
Ingebrigtsen is a northland veteran. In January 1949 he made one of the most daring rescues in northern flying history. He twice flew to a shifting ice pan in Hudson Bay to rescue 12 men,

New Schedule May Become Effective Jan. 1

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—The Board of Transport Commissioners Saturday authorized a nine-per cent increase in freight rates to compensate Canadian railways for the 16-cent-an-hour wage increase granted to non-operating employees.
The higher freight rates, to gross the carriers an estimated \$43,350,000 a year, may go into effect Jan. 1 provided the railways issue their new rate schedules before Dec. 31.
The board's order implemented an announcement Dec. 16 that the increase would be granted if the board satisfied itself as to the accuracy of the railways' cost figures on the higher wages.
The application for higher rates was filed after the railways' decision this month to grant the 16-cent-an-hour increase effective Dec. 1, but while they and the non-operating unions were still in wage negotiations. Friday, a settlement was reached on the 16-cent figure retroactive to Sept. 1.
The added September-October-November pay disbursements resulting from the new date will come to roughly \$10,000,000 on the companies' rail operations.
A railway witness indicated during the hearing that the companies might try to raise some of the revenue needed for pay increases by boosting express rates. There also may be a boost in telegraph rates.
One exception in the general percentage increase order is that—as has been customary—coal and coke rates are boosted on a cents-a-ton basis. The increase ranges between 10 and 20 cents a ton, as asked by the railways.

Brodie Siamese Twins Fail To Show Improvement

CHICAGO, Dec. 21—(AP)—The Brodie Siamese twins failed today to gain in their tenacious fight for life.
The Illinois Neuro-psychiatric Hospital, where the head-joined twins were separated in a 12-hour 40-minute operation Wednesday reported in an afternoon bulletin:
"The condition of Rodney (the stronger of the two 15-month-old twins) remains critical. The condition of Roger is still precarious and his struggle for existence seems to have come to a complete halt. There has been no change for the better or worse in the last 15 hours."
A spokesman summarized:
"The condition of the boys apparently is static but a change for the better or worse may occur momentarily. We're heartened by their remarkable stamina and that they've clung to life this long."
Rodney took some nourishment during the day, but he apparently was less animated than Saturday when he parroted a nurse's question "What is this?" He neither smiled or cried.
Roger, who has been in a coma since the operation ended 90 hours ago, was fed a saline solution and glucose through his veins. Parents of the two boys, Mr. and Mrs. Royt Brodie, of Moline, Ill., remained at the hospital throughout the day.

Paris Man Made Own Money 10 Years

PARIS, Dec. 21—(CP)—Police arrested Justin Pault Saturday for making his own money for the last 10 years—but just enough to cover his expenses. The officer said Pault readily confessed that he had been making 5,000-franc (about \$14) notes on his own presses, but only about 15 a month, ample to keep his household running. He has done no work in the last decade and told police his real interest is music.

Claxton Preparing For Currie Report Battle

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—Defence Minister Claxton has started to get ready for a renewal of Parliament's boiling battle over the Currie report, a document which he said Saturday contained surprises for him.
Within two hours of his arrival from the Atlantic Pact meeting in Paris, the Minister launched the first of a series of conferences with colleagues and defence officials which are expected to go on right up to the Jan. 12 reopening of the Commons. On Monday he will attend a cabinet meeting.
Besieged by reporters at Rockcliffe Airport, Mr. Claxton said without elaboration that some aspects of the report surprise him, that any move for him from the Defence Ministry is up to Prime Minister St. Laurent and that he will see "what steps should be taken in consequence of the report."
The report by the George S. Currie accounting firm of Montreal described a general breakdown in the Army Works Services and was critical of an indifference to administration among defence "higher-ups."
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Red-Sponsored Vienna Peace Congress Closes; See Gains For Russia

By Richard O'Regan
VIENNA, Dec. 21—(AP)—The Communist-sponsored "Congress of the Peoples for Peace" closed Saturday. It may have looked like a flop to many in the West. But Western diplomats said they believe the Kremlin had promoted two big projects:
1. A vast new effort to break the spirit of urgency and will of Western Europe to resist the Soviet Union.
2. Development of a world-wide attempt to stir up colonial unrest, particularly in restive Africa and Asia.
The main instrument of both drives, the diplomats believe, is the "Congress of the Peoples for Peace"—a new name for the three-year-old Communist peace offensive.
Two years ago most Western Europeans feared a Russian attack at any moment. Today, most people feel more at ease, less sure of attack, in fact, doubling it.
This change of attitude the diplomats here believe, is largely due to the constant Communist talk of peace, backed in October by Prime Minister Stalin's newest state-ments on the possibility of "peaceful co-existence."
The lessening of suspicion al-

Busy Year For Sale Of Forest Nursery Stock

A markedly great increase in the number of bulbs sold is a feature of the annual report of Mr. Robert Snazelle, promoter for the Cotton Trust for Rural Beautification. The report shows that this year there were 70,000 bulbs sold, while last year the total was only 46,000 and in 1950 it was 26,000.
Mr. Snazelle's report shows that there has been no easing off in the demand for nursery stock as the public in this Province is continually asking for trees, shrubs, vines, and other items grown in the Southport nursery. Approximately \$11,400 worth of stock was sold this year and orders have been received for 110 items for delivery next spring. Among the latter is one for \$1,600 for the proposed Summerside Airport Housing project.
Many trees and shrubs are now arriving from overseas, with 12 tons of goods coming from Holland. The Nursery is hard put to find storage space and Mr. Snazelle has suggested to the Government that a new building be provided. His report also suggests that more land be acquired to permit the Nursery to grow its own trees and shrubs by purchasing living out stock and growing them for a few years.
An excellent idea is contained in the new price list which is being distributed this month. It is a suggestion that islanders plant a few extra trees and shrubs as a memento of the coronation.
Mr. Snazelle states that he has been obliged to raise the prices of some items, mainly because of the increased cost of transportation. He also notes that a great many visitors were at the nursery this year and remarked that it was probably one of the most photographed places on the Island this year.

Newsman Reveals Grim Picture Of B. C. Prison

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21—(CP)—Oakalla Prison Farm was described Saturday in articles published by the Vancouver Sun and the Vancouver Province as a jail operated by the prisoners and not the staff.
For the first time, Vancouver newspaper reporters were able to make a thorough tour of the suburban provincial prison. They came out to write stories describing Oakalla as a "cesspool," breeding crime, sex perversion, drug addiction, prostitution and other evils.
Bruce Larsen, a Province staff writer, said conditions at Oakalla were "so appalling" as to defy belief.
A similar story was told by Jim Smith and Jack Wasserman of the Sun. The reporters spent some days making the prison survey.
The Province reporter said conditions at the prison included:
Severe overcrowding that prevents segregation or treatment.
Narcotics smuggling on a scale surpassing anything in any Canadian institution.
Drug habits started within the prison.
Widespread sex perversion.
Prisoners controlling sections of the prison.
A locking system that convicts can lock up at will.
Constant fear of an epidemic from extreme insanitation, pests and rodents.
Vicious prisoner-directed beatings.
Misuse of government property.
Fire hazards highlighted by one wooden building, holding 186 prisoners, which has often been condemned as a fire-trap.
Gambling and drinking by prisoners.
A primitive excuse for a hospital.
And insufficient staff further crippled by the fact that "at least 10 per cent" of guards are "burned out."
Larsen said Warden Hugh G. Christie was instructed by Attorney-General Robert Bonner to be frank answering any questions.
He quoted the Warden as saying that Oakalla was rated "in the bottom quarter of Canadian prisons" and known nationally as "an understaffed jail dominated by prisoner thinking."
The newspaper also reproduced a letter from Attorney-General Bonner saying he was "personally acquainted with most of the conditions" described in the article.
Plan Reform
Mr. Bonner's letter said the government proposes in the new year to institute a comprehensive program of penal reform.

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Ludeington was found dead in his home Friday and police said a small calibre rifle bullet had hit him in the head.
ROMP Inspector J. A. Young of Truro said he believed there was a family dispute at the time.

Give \$1,000 To Winter Relief Fund

MONTREAL, Dec. 21—(CP)—There's a Santa Claus in Montreal, and the Salvation Army would like to thank him. He dropped a \$1,000 bill into a Salvation Army Christmas kettie on St. Catherine Street during the week-end to swell the Army's Sally Ann Winter Relief Fund.

Abbott Plans Early Budget

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—Canadian who may be wondering about the government's tax plans likely will learn their fate a few weeks earlier in 1953.
Finance Minister Abbott said in an interview today he plans to bring down the 1953-54 budget "as early as possible."
He declined to name a date, but indications from other sources were that the budget likely will be brought down early in March. Usually, the government's budgets are introduced to Parliament about the first week in April.
By introducing an early budget, the government hopes to shorten the current turbulent session of Parliament and get ready for the coronation ceremonies June 2.

Windsors Arrive On Visit To N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—(AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrived today from Europe and the Duke repeated his announcement that he would not attend the coronation. Arriving with the Duchess aboard the liner Queen Mary, the Duke read off the same statement he made in Cherbourg last Tuesday.
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Synopsis: Cold air from Quebec is flowing across the Maritimes. A storm off the American coast is causing a large area of snow and sleet. However, generally the weather is forecast for the Maritimes as the cold air backs this storm and forces it to pass well south of the district.
Prince Edward Island—Clear with a few cloudy intervals. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 15 and 25.
High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:54 A. M. and 3:08 P. M.
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QUEBEC, Dec. 21—(CP)—The Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labor tonight approved the principle of a resolution calling for a general strike.
The measure provides for the executive of the CCCL and a committee of representatives of various affiliated syndicates to work out details of the action.
It also provides that the general work stoppage should be carried out as soon as possible if existing conditions persist.
Another resolution was adopted asking Justice Minister Garson for a royal commission of inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the rioting at the CCCL of Louiseville Que., scene of recent violence and clashes between police and strikers.
Georges Picard, president of the CCCL, presided at the seven-hour closed meeting of more than 200 delegates of the union and affiliated syndicates.
Outside the meeting hall applause, laughs and delegates addressing the assembly could be heard.
The plenary session was organized last week at meetings in various centres throughout the province where the CCCL has member-unions. During these meetings members of the executive of the CCCL discussed the labor situation at Louiseville, where a textile strike has been in progress for nine months.

North Africa On Edge Despite Action By Bey

By John Roderick
TANGLER, Morocco, Dec. 21—(AP)—Christmas week begins with an air of anxious vigilance throughout North Africa despite the action of the Bey of Tunisia in adopting a less truculent approach to French reforms.
There will be carols in the Christian Churches stressing peace on earth, but almost nowhere in the world at this moment, with the exception of such spots as Korea and Indo-China, does less goodwill exist among men.
The 71-year-old Bey, Sidi Mohammed Al-Amin, by capitulating to France's ultimatum and signing a couple of decrees, has turned aside the crisis for the moment. But anything can still happen.
The decrees create for the first time what the French call a "democratic system of representation" in Tunisia's local governments. Henceforth, 64 municipal councils will be elected, instead of appointed by the Bey, and Tunisians will have at least half of the seats, even in communities where Europeans predominate. At the same time the 36 councils of the Caidis (local government) will be composed almost entirely of Tunisians and they will receive more power to run local affairs.
It was the refusal of the Bey, nominal sovereign of the French protectorate, to sign the two decrees last Tuesday that created the immediate crisis.
For several days he was sitting on a tottering throne. Since he exerts no spiritual power over his people, it would have been far easier for the French to dethrone him than the Sultan of Morocco, who is a descendant of the Prophet and thus a religious symbol as well as a sovereign.
The French have at least five more decrees for administrative reform which they want the Bey to sign. According to the French, he has agreed to consider them anew.
In the view of the French these decrees represent as much self-trust to the Tunisians at this time. These decrees, for the first time, would give the Tunisians their own legislature, a mixed French-Tunisian economic assembly, and a bigger share in the civil service.
The Bey, on the advice of a council of 40, turned down all these proposed reforms on the ground they gave Tunisia only a facade of self-rule.

Stalin's 73rd Birthday Is "Off Year" Celebration

LONDON, Dec. 21—(Reuters)—Moscow radio today ignored Marshal Stalin's 73rd birthday, but satellite radio stations plugged the theme of "Happy Birthdays to Joe."
The homage this time was mostly oral. On Stalin's 70th birthday all roads seemed to lead to Moscow as long freight trains steamed into Russia loaded with presents for the Soviet leader.
On this "off year" anniversary—a regular working day—the only and more work from Iron Curtain workers.
Prague radio broadcast a 30-minute greeting. It quoted the efforts of Czech workers in honor of the day.
Warsaw radio broadcast an eulogy of Stalin and quoted the text of congratulatory telegrams sent by Prime Minister Boleslaw Bierut and the Polish Communist Party to "the teacher and protector of the Polish nation."
At a Warsaw theatre performance staged for the occasion, the audience stamped and shouted "Stalin" for a solid half hour.
A news agency report from Rumania, one of the most sovietized satellites, said that "everyone" attending a mass meeting in Bucharest sent their "ardent love" to Stalin.
In Hungary, said Budapest radio, shockworker Lajos Borocak set up a "Stalin shift" in his mine and turned out a record output.
East Germans were able to go Christmas shopping in West Berlin today because of the birthday. Communist border police opened the road border, which is normally closed on Sundays.

