

HUNDREDS FACE DEATH IN GROUNDED FRENCH LINER

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St. Laurent Reveals No Cabinet Shuffle Planned Over The Currie Report

Korean Front Remains Quiet

OTTAWA, Dec. 22 (CP)—A happy-humored Prime Minister St. Laurent today killed speculation that he's going to shuffle his cabinet over the Currie report. He came out of a three-hour cabinet meeting with a smile and a "Merry Christmas" greeting for a group of reporters and said flatly that he has no cabinet reorganization in mind. Reporters asked about press and parliamentary-corridor reports that Defence Minister Claxton might be moved to another portfolio, thus necessitating other changes. Mr. St. Laurent's answer was this: "No such suggestions have been made to me and if they were I would not be disposed to consider them."

Two Barns, 17 Head of Cattle Burned

ANTIGONISH, N. S., Dec. 22 (CP)—Two barns and 17 head of cattle were destroyed today when fire levelled two barns at nearby Purl Brook. Contents of the barns were owned by Adne Berkel, a Dutch tenant farmer. The loss included, besides the cattle, a large supply of hay and other feed.

COTTAGES BURNED

MONCTON, Dec. 22 (CP)—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed four summer cottages near McKee's Mills, N. B. All four were owned by Moncton residents. R.C.M.P. have opened an investigation. A passing motorist sounded the alarm when he noticed one of the buildings ablaze. The flames soon spread to the three others, despite efforts of the Bouchouche Fire Department.

Coming Events

- Brookfield P. Y. P. U. concert tonight, starting at 8 P.M.
- Come to Stanley Bridge School Concert Tuesday, December 23rd.
- New Haven School Concert, tonight at 8.30.
- Farmers, ask about the Shu Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- Bingo, dance, St. James' Church, Town Hall, Georgetown, December 26.
- Come to Christmas Concert, Springfield Hall, December 23rd. Sale of candy.
- Christmas dance, Beaver Hall, Montague, December 23rd. Don Messer's Orchestra.
- Don't miss the big midnight dance in St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, Christmas night, Chaisson Orchestra.
- Now open for crushing, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, York Mills. 15 cents per cwt. Arthur Simpson.
- Buying live and dressed low and chickens. Contact us for pick up service. Smith Bros., Pownal. Phone 1 R-23.
- Second drawing of Christmas stocking. First choice 1397E, second choice 3424E. Must be acknowledged by 9 o'clock Tuesday night. Vernon Noye, Hunter River.
- Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., on Friday, December 26th, rather than Thursday due to the Christmas holiday. Sid McLean, Montague. Norman McKensie, Cardigan.
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- Correction. — Loading Hogs at Summerside and Kensington, for Canada Packers Limited, on Friday, December 26th, rather than on Thursday, as stated in Saturday's ad. McEwen & Caseley.

Rough Weather Over Much of Western Europe

VIENNA, Dec. 22 (Reuters)—A roaring landslide killed 23 tourists in Austria today as the mournful wailing of avalanche horns heralded the dreaded "white death" through the mountains of Western Europe. Officials at Bregenz said the tourists, many of them Britons, were crushed when the avalanche engulfed their bus on the road between Langen and Stuben in the Arlberg, winter playground, at the western tip of Austria. Mountain guides were out in Switzerland, Austria and Northern Italy blowing their long, curved horns—many of them stand taller than a man—warning of the danger of landslides. Their sombre moan may mean a Christmas isolated in mountain huts for many families. Dogs were out in the Austrian Alps hunting travellers stranded by the "white death", as the tumbling snows are called in the mountains. Search parties said conditions on some peaks were almost beyond human endurance as fierce gales piled snow 20 and 30 feet deep. Mountaineers today gave up hope of finding alive five men buried by a giant avalanche Saturday on Zugspitze, Germany's highest peak. The victims—four German mountain policemen and an Austrian civilian—were entombed by the 300-foot-wide avalanche while patrolling the Austro-German frontier, which cuts across the 9,508-foot mountain. Further west, a snow-rescue dog found the body of a Swiss skier killed by an avalanche yesterday.

Fears Revival Of German Militarism

MONTREAL, Dec. 22 (CP)—The United States' policy of rearming Western Germany is causing a revival of the old German militarism and could prove disastrous for German democracy. Mario Hell de Brentani, noted German author, said today in an interview. He said reappearance of the old German generals in a position of power was one of the main reasons he and his wife left Germany with their eight children and one adopted child and migrated to Canada. He will settle in Montreal and be correspondent for a number of German newspapers and magazines. They arrived here today.

Diesel Locomotives For Newfoundland

LONDON, One, Dec. 22 (CP)—The 300th locomotive built by General Motors Diesel Limited since the London plant was opened in mid-August, 1950, was shipped today. It is a narrow gauge unit of special design built for Canadian National Railways service in Newfoundland, and the first narrow gauge locomotive ever built by General Motors Corporation. No. 900 is one of three similar locomotives in today's shipment and the first of a G.M.R. order for nine 1,200-horsepower, road switcher units to replace railroad steam power in Canada's 10th province.

Predicts U. N. Will Bring Peace To Korea

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 22 (CP)—Assembly President L. B. Pearson of Canada today predicted the United Nations will succeed in bringing peace to Korea. Canada's External Affairs Minister said in a statement following the early-morning session of the Assembly that the session's efforts on the Korean problem, although rejected by the Communists, have not been in vain. Pearson returned to Ottawa by RCAF plane soon after the Assembly adjourned at 4:45 a.m. on Feb. 24 or earlier if necessary at Pearson's call. The 10-week session was concluded minutes after the Assembly rejected, by a vote of 40 to 5 (Soviet bloc), a Russian demand that the United States be condemned for "mass murder" of

French Premier Antoine Pinay Offers Resignation To President

PARIS, Dec. 23 (Tuesday) (CP)—Premier Antoine Pinay offered his coalition government's resignation early this morning, but President Vincent Auriol decided to postpone any action until later today. The Premier made his pre-dawn trip to Auriol's Elysees Palace after dramatically announcing his intention to resign to the National Assembly as it was about to ballot on three motions of confidence he had demanded. Pinay's announcement came after one party belonging to the coalition—the powerful Roman Catholic Mouvement Republicain Populaire—had declared it would abstain from the confidence vote. This would have spelled almost certain defeat for Pinay's middle-of-the-road government. Asked if Auriol had accepted or refused his resignation, he said the president would make his decision known after consulting several leading politicians. Reliable informants said the President had asked Pinay to reconsider his decision. But Pinay said firmly "There is

Royal Family Spending Christmas In Country

By JAMES NORTHCOTT SANDRINGHAM, England, Dec. 22 (Reuters)—The Queen arrived here today with her children for the traditional royal Christmas gathering in the rambling, red-brick house on their country estate. For the benefit of young Prince Charles and Princess Anne it will be a cheerful, informal affair, away from the strain and strict etiquette of official duties. But there will be sad notes as it recalled that last year King George VI was still with them, playing with his grandchildren despite a recent lung operation and ill-health. Memories of the tragic days last February, when the King lay in state after his death in tiny Sandringham church will crowd back as the royal party walks across the park for morning church services on Christmas Day. But thoughts will also turn to the future—to the days when four-year-old Prince Charles will realize the heavy responsibilities he has inherited as heir-apparent.

Brodie Twins Continue Fight

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Brodie twins were in the fifth day of their separate lives today, and they showed neither gain nor loss. The 15-month-old boys had been linked at the heads before their surgery separation last Wednesday. Only two other attempts to part twins connected at the heads were reported in medical annals. One pair, boys, died during an operation in Brazil in 1949. Siamese twin girls, seven months old, underwent an exploratory procedure in 1950. One died during the session and the other two days later.

News In Brief

- QUEBEC, Dec. 22 (CP)—Premier Duplessis said today he has no immediate comment to make on a threat by the Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labor to call a general strike of its 90,000 members unless a long-drawn textile mill dispute at Louiseville is settled.
- HANNOVER, Germany, Dec. 22 (Reuters)—More than 700 German orphans are being entertained at Christmas parties given by the Canadian 27th Infantry Brigade this week.
- NAGOYA, Japan, Dec. 22 (AP)—A great hydrogen explosion wrecked one of Japan's largest chemical plants today, and police said 16 workers were killed, 70 missing and 370 injured, 70 seriously.
- MOSES LAKE, Wash., Dec. 22 (AP)—A 35-man investigating team spent most of today at the barren, wreckage-clustered scene of Saturday's disastrous crash of a giant "Christmas special" aerial transport. The death list in the C-124 crash remained at 86.
- Korean prisoners at Pongam. Ten Asian and Arab countries abstained on the resolution which Western delegates termed a "nasty" propaganda manoeuvre to take the spotlight off Communist rejection of the Assembly's Korean peace plan.
- Pearson said in his 1,000-word statement that the peace proposal represents "a major achievement in the history of the seventh session."
- "To bring the fighting in Korea to an end and to move forward into the positive phase of reconstruction and peaceful settlement is still the great challenge which faces the United Nations."
- "I have no doubt that, through our organization, we shall persist and we shall succeed—in our joint effort to achieve this objective, which remains our only objective."

Reports Say Ship Breaking Up In Gale

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Dec. 22 (CP)—Hundreds of passengers and crew, clinging to the slanting spray-whipped bow and stern of grounded French liner Champollion, tonight faced death in the black waters below as the ship was breaking up. Through a blinding wall of rain, watchers on the rocky shore saw the 12,546-ton liner split amidships. (In Paris a spokesman for the operators denied that the ship had broken into two parts. The spokesman, in touch with his agent in Beirut late tonight said the Chamollion was "split deeply" but had not parted.) Among the passengers were many pilgrims bound for Bethlehem, including a Canadian, Lucien Dulong, (hometown unavailable).

Man Burned To Death In Fire Near Truro

TRURO, Dec. 22 (CP)—Sydney Smith Irwin, 78, was burned to death when his modest one-room home at nearby Hilden was destroyed by fire today. A coroner's jury decided death was accidental. Three men told of trying to rescue Irwin but said he appeared dead when they finally reached him. Cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Eisenhower Discusses U. S.-Soviet Frictions

By Arthur Everett NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower said today if America is to be strong "we must be strong first in our spiritual convictions." "And these convictions must be those that appeal to men," he added, as he discussed American-Soviet frictions in an address to an address to the Freedoms Foundation. "If we are going to win this fight," the General declared, "we are going to have to go back to the fundamentals. If we can be strong enough to sell ourselves this idea at home," we can win this ideological war." The foundation annually makes awards for outstanding achievements in the field of "Americanism."

11 Mau Mau Terrorists Are Sentenced To Death

NAIROBI, Kenya, Dec. 22 (Reuters)—Eleven Kikuyu tribesmen were sentenced to death today for the murder of a European farmer. A 12th man was acquitted. Eric Bowyer, a British veteran of the Second World War, was found dead last October in a puddle of blood in his bathtub. He had been hacked to death with long bush-knives by Mau Mau terrorists. The convicted tribesmen were sentenced to be hanged. The trial took place in the Kenya Supreme Court. The Kenya Government today announced plans to slap a special tax on unco-operative Kikuyu tribesmen to pay for losses suffered by victims of the anti-white Mau Mau cult. Kikuyus in certain areas will have to pay a fee "over and above" their present taxes under the proposal. The government said that tribesmen who help stamp out terrorism need not pay the tax. The government also named Col Geoffrey Rimbault, a top colonial

Find B. C. Bank Robber Wanted For Murder Of Ontario Taxi Owner

CORNWALL, Ont., Dec. 22 (CP)—Fingerprints tripped up Henry Seguin half a continent away from the police who held a warrant for his arrest on a murder charge. Seguin wanted in the Aug. 16 slaying of Leonard Hurd, Maxville, Ont., businessman, was identified by inspector William H. Loughheed as the gun-toting bandit wounded in a blaze of revolver shots near Williams Lake, B. C. last Tuesday. Inspector Loughheed of the Provincial Police said at Toronto that Seguin was wounded in a battle with the R. C. M. P. near Williams Lake after a holdup of a branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce there. He said Seguin was taken to hospital and charged with attempted murder of bank manager Leonard Hillier and with armed robbery. Identification of Seguin ended a four-month search, touched off by the brutal rifle killing of Hurd, 41-year-old Maxville garage and taxi owner. Hurd's body, with three .22 bullet holes in the head and two in the chest, was discovered in one of his own taxis—about a mile outside Maxville, 20 miles north of Cornwall. A small club bag was found in the back seat and in it was Seguin's army discharge certificate. Police said Hurd had been robbed of between \$1,000 and \$1,700. He was known to carry large sums of money on his person. Police said that that Seguin was seen in Maxville the night of the killing and later near the spot where Hurd's body was found. Seguin's arrest came a little more than a month after his car was found abandoned in Quebec about 75 miles northeast of Cornwall. A \$2,000 reward had been posted for information leading to his arrest and conviction.

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By Roger D. Greene WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—A special House of Representatives inquiry committee today accused Soviet Russia of perpetrating the infamous Katyn Forest massacre in the Second World War and urged the new 83rd Congress to investigate alleged Communist atrocities in the Korean war. The committee said the United States, acting through the United Nations, should initiate steps to have Russia arraigned before the International Court of Justice on charges of murdering 15,000 Polish army officers and intellectuals at Katyn. It said the Katyn episode set the pattern for "similar atrocities" committed against UN soldiers in Korea. The House group, headed by Representative Ray J. Madden (Dem., Ind.) said it referred to reports of Korean atrocities first published more than a year ago. At Defence Headquarters, officials said there have been no atrocity reports from Korea since the U. S. 8th Army reported on Nov. 14, 1951, that Chinese and North Korean Communists had slaughtered about 5,500 American prisoners of war. Capping a year-long investigation, the House committee summed up its findings in a report in which it also: 1. Called on the Defence Department to determine whether Maj.-Gen. Clayton Bissell, former U. S. army intelligence chief, should be court-martialed in connection with a long-suppressed "top secret" army report on the Katyn massacre. 2. Urged the creation of an international commission to investigate Communist responsibility for "other mass murders and crimes against humanity."

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