

Lightning Kills One, Injures 40 At Famous Ascot Track

ASCOT, England (Reuters) — A lightning bolt killed one spectator and injured more than 40 Thursday, turning Britain's most elegant horse race meet here into a bedlam of moaning, wounded and frightened, surging crowds.

The lightning, coming minutes after a sudden rainstorm, crashed into a crowded public enclosure in the centre of the Ascot track.

Spectators were knocked flat and tossed in the air by the bolt's impact as the shock sizzled along a wire fence on which scores of persons were leaning and jumped into packed crowds behind.

The bolt was felt for 200 yards and left dozens of persons suffering from burns and shock. Three persons were said to be seriously hurt among the many taken to hospital. Of 44 taken to Windsor hospital, 16 were admitted.

QUEEN ABSENT

The bolt struck almost directly across the track from the royal box where Queen Elizabeth ordinarily would have been watching the royal meet. She departed from tradition by staying in London Thursday for a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

The lightning bolt brought pandemonium to Ascot crowds, already drenched and buffeted by the torrential rainstorm minutes before.

Persons shouting frantically for their friends rushed across the track's neatly-barbered new lawns. Others wandered dazedly in the midst of rain-soaked frightened groups pushing and swiveling at the edge of the course under a shower of hailstones that followed the bolt.

A handful of struggling policemen finally brought order out of the chaos, calming the crowds and giving medical aid to the groaning casualties.

The storm broke directly after the day's main race, the Gold Vase, had been won by Prince Barle, a well-backed British three-year-old.

One more race was run 40 minutes late after the lightning had struck. But track officials then cancelled the remaining two events or the meeting's third day.

Argentine Gov't Resumes Paying Catholic Clergy

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Roman Catholic church sources said Wednesday the government has decided to resume salary payments to some Argentine Catholic clergymen.

The government apparently cut off financial subsidies to the church last month. Church sources said these included salary payments to about 900 of Argentina's 16,000 Catholic clergymen. The payments had been delayed or discontinued for May and June.

The salary contributions had been paid by the government for almost 120 years to top Catholic prelates and their assistants. The payments are small under current living standards. For instance, Santiago Luis Cardinal Copello, the 75-year-old primate of Argentina, receives 3,900 pesos (about \$215) monthly.

The government also apparently cut off contributions to private Catholic schools last spring. These annual payments amounted to 87,000,000 pesos (about \$6,300,000). A church source said then that the last monthly payment was made in March and the subsidies for April and May were overdue.

Since the June 16 revolt against President Juan D. Peron the government appears to have dropped its open campaign against the church. As another sign of this, church sources reported Wednesday Catholic chaplains have resumed their spiritual duties in Communist states under this scheme.

West Reported Willing To Limit German Forces; East Zone Seen As Buffer

LONDON (AP)—The West was reported ready Wednesday with a plan to limit Germany's armed forces to 500,000 men—even after the country is united.

The east zone of Germany, now controlled by the Communists, would be demilitarized and made a buffer zone under allied proposals, informed diplomats said.

The Western wish is to convince Russia that a unified Germany within the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance need menace nobody.

French Premier Edgar Faure drafted the plan for submission to next week's Big Four conference in Geneva.

The proposal would set a series of suggestions that Britain, the United States and France have in mind to make German unification more acceptable to the Soviets and to bolster the peace and security of Europe.

PLAN CONDITIONAL

The informants said the plan is dependent on a Soviet agreement to free election of a united German government that would have the right to join NATO.

The 12-division of 500,000-soldier maximum is the same that has been set as West Germany's contribution to NATO.

Strict curbs which now govern West German armaments production also would be applied to a reunited Germany under the Western plan, said the informants.

Even such military supplies as oil would be controlled if a reunited Germany should become a member of NATO in terms of the Western proposal.

The demilitarization of East Germany would mean that a buffer zone would separate the German armed forces from their Communist neighbors in the East. No military bases would be allowed in East Germany. No soldiers would be stationed there. No armaments factories would be allowed. International inspection teams would be set up at strategic points to ensure compliance.

Faure Unfolds Details Of Suggested Peace Plan

PARIS (AP)—Premier Edgar Faure Wednesday proposed that the Big Four agree to reduce their armaments and use the money for raising the world's standard of living.

Broad outlines of the plan were approved this morning at a meeting of the French cabinet and will be presented when the chiefs of government of Britain, the United States, Russia and France meet next week at Geneva.

Faure asked:

"Why not, parallel to a program of general disarmament, begin immediately by taking a certain percentage of the military expenses of each of the four great powers—to set an example—and put the equivalent amount into four-power funds open to all and used not for destructive, sterile and negative purposes but for generous, social and positive undertakings?"

The premier outlined his program at a press conference attended by more than 200 reporters Wednesday afternoon.

NO SPECIFIC PLAN

In reply to a question, Faure said he was only launching an idea and did not propose to present a specific plan. If agreement can be reached on the principle, he said, then a four-power plan can be worked out for its application.

Asked if Britain and the U.S. have given his proposal any backing, the premier replied simply that he did not believe his ideas were far removed from public statements by President Eisenhower.

Faure declared that the money transferred from defense purposes to the new fund could be used "for development of countries or regions of the world insufficiently developed, to the betterment of the life of the most unfortunate populations."

WOULD FULFILL VOCATION

"Such an initiative, which I have drawn up as an example, seems to us to be of a nature to dissipate much of the world's skepticism and would fulfill for the Big Four their world vocation."

From the French point of view, the premier said the work of the Big Four should be concentrated at the same time on solution of the German problem, organization of security and a formula for disarmament.

The problems are so closely linked, Faure said, that one can hardly be solved without simultaneous settlement of the others. He explained that the necessary reunification of Germany could be accomplished only if agreement were reached on European security.

C.N.R. Places Orders For 173 Diesel Units

MONTREAL — The Canadian National Railways announced on Wednesday orders for diesel motive power to meet the 1955 portion of the five-year dieselization program begun in 1951.

The orders now placed with Canadian Locomotive Company, General Motors Corporation, Montreal Locomotive Works and Alco Products, call for a total of 173 units to be delivered to the railway by the end of this year. The total value of the orders amounts to approximately \$28,000,000.

The new diesels will be used in both passenger and freight services, and are part of the C.N.R. plans to step up efficiency and strengthen its competitive position.

Since 1951 the railway has purchased nearly 700 diesels for use in through freight services, yard operations and on passenger runs. In keeping with its policy of changing over to diesel power where traffic density and immediate savings justify the capital expenditures involved, Canadian Locomotive Company, Kingston, has received orders for 30 1200 HP road switchers.

General Motors Diesel, London, will build 32 1200 HP switchers and 45 1750 HP road locomotives.

Montreal Locomotive Works, Montreal, received orders for 23 1600 HP road units and 50 1000 HP road switchers.

Alco Products, Schenectady, has orders for three 1000 HP switchers for use on the U.S. lines of the company.



Red Cross Instructor Candidates

Red Cross instructor candidates are shown treading water during Royal Life Saving Society tests conducted from the new floats off Victoria Park on Wednesday afternoon. In front row, left to right: Joyce Gardner, Cardigan; Center: Harlette Campbell, Summerside; Aldona Gallant, Borden; Back row: Florence Buote, Tignish; Marjorie Dover, Dunstaffnage; Donna Cudmore, Charlottetown; Eileen Sutherland, Carleton Place; Fred Hyndman, Charlottetown; Arthur Callbeck, Summerside. In boats are Life Guard Angus MacLaren and Red Cross S.W.S. Supervisor Miss Joan Murphy.

Photo by Margaret Mallett



Royal Life Saving Society Tests Held

Miss Eileen Sutherland, Carleton Place, is seen in the water during tests conducted from the new floats off Victoria Park on Wednesday afternoon.

Photo by Margaret Mallett

South Africa Gives Order For Sabre Jet Fighters

OTTAWA (CP)—South Africa has placed an order for an undisclosed number of Canadian-produced Mark VI Sabre jet fighters, it was announced Tuesday.

The South African high commissioner's office said deliveries of the swept-wing fighter by Canadian Ltd., Montreal, are scheduled to start April 1, 1956. First aircraft delivered likely will be flown from Montreal to South Africa by pilots of the South African Air Force.

The \$300,000 single-engine plane, an improved version of the Mark V Sabre used in Korea, also is being produced by Canair for the Canadian air division in Europe. Design of the plane is classified but it is known to be able to exceed the speed of sound.

The announcement said the South African defence department selected the Mark VI after giving consideration to all the best jet fighters now in production. It was the intention of the South African government to equip its air force with the most modern types of aircraft available.

Tribute To Senator King

OTTAWA (CP)—Senator James H. King was "almost an institution" in British Columbia, Defence Minister Campney said Thursday in a tribute to the 32-year-old former speaker of the Senate who died in an Ottawa hospital early Wednesday.

"His kindness, his understanding and his nobility of character, became proverbial," said Mr. Campney. "He lived the sort of life any man might wish to live."

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Mr. Fred Handrahan and Mrs. Alex Grant visited Charlottetown on July 7.

Miss Louise Mattie, Dorchester, Mass., spent a few days recently in this vicinity with friends.

Mrs. Jane Grant, who has spent the last six months in Boston, Mass., returned recently to her home on Peakes Road. She was accompanied by her daughter, Lucille, who will spend a two-week vacation here.

Mr. Leslie Rogerson, Montreal, P. Q., arrived at his home on St. Patrick's Road, July 10, where he will spend his holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kenny returned to their home recently from New York, where they have spent their vacation.

Messrs. William Leonard and Tony Poirier, Miscouche, visited friends in this vicinity on July 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Currie, Charlottetown, spent July 10 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Donnelly.

Mr. Leo Evans, Boston, Mass., is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans.

Mr. Wilfred Mooney, Montreal, P. Q., arrived at the home of his father July 10, where he will spend his vacation.

Mrs. Wilfred Kiggins, Borden, spent a few days of the week of July 10 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Handrahan.

Mr. Joseph Grant, Borden, Mass., visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grant on July 10.

Mr. James Mooney, Borden, spent the week-end of July 9 at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grant and family, Borden, spent a few days of the week of July 10 at their summer cabin on the Morrell River, Peakes Road.

Miss Peggy Bradley, Charlottetown, spent a few days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Urban Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whitty, Melrose, Mass., were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mooney and family, Montreal, P. Q., are spending their summer vacation at the home of Mr. John A. Mooney.

Gordon and Allison Birt, Covehead, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Birt.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mooney, Montreal, P. Q., are spending their vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mooney.

Mr. Francis Rogerson, Montreal, P. Q., is spending his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rogerson.

Miss Marcella MacDonald, R. N., Montreal, P. Q., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. MacDonald.

Jimmy MacDonald, Boston, Mass., is spending his holidays with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Connelly, Sussex, N. B., are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Connelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Clarkin, Dorchester, Mass., are spending their vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Clarkin, Peakes Road.

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