

# U. S. And Russia In Verbal Scrap

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 WASHINGTON (CP)—The United States and Russia traded verbal, long-distance blows Monday over who opened fire on whom in an aerial skirmish between American and Russian military aircraft over the Baltic Sea.

The Kremlin got in the first punch with a Moscow broadcast protesting that a U.S. plane opened "unprovoked fire" on a Soviet fighter near Latvia more than a month ago. The broadcast was based on a Soviet note delivered to the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

The state department countered by accusing the Russians of "dreaming up" their charge and said in fact it was the Russian plane that opened fire on the U.S. aircraft. The American plane it added, deliberately withheld its fire.

Lincoln White, the department's press officer, recalled that the U.S. protested Nov. 17 to the Soviet Union against an attack Nov. 7 by a Soviet fighter on a U.S. military aircraft flying over what is called a routine mission over the Baltic. Attack was made it said, without warning and "there was no doubt the objective of the Soviet fighter was to destroy the American plane."

In its reply note Monday, Moscow asked the U.S. to keep its planes away from the Soviet frontier.

The U.S. aircraft was 6 miles from the Russian coastline which, since it was a six-jet, 600-mile-an-hour jet, put it about six minutes from Soviet territory.

The state department, beyond saying the plane was on a routine mission, never indicated what the aircraft was doing so close to Soviet territory. However, the U.S. Air Force disclosed after the incident that it was carrying photographic and radar reconnaissance gear.

## UK Holds UAR Responsible For Woman's Death

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (Reuters)—Britain Monday held the United Arab Republic responsible for the murder last month of Mrs. Joyce Mary Doran, wife of the British air attaché in Israel.

Sir Pierson Dixon, British delegate, told the Security Council that Britain was "taking appropriate action to raise the matter with the U.A.R. authorities."

Sir Pierson referred to a report Nov. 20 by a military observer attached to the United Nations truce supervisory organization in Palestine.

On the evidence and having regard to the failure of the Syrian authorities to co-operate promptly in the investigation of Mrs. Doran's disappearance, Her Majesty's government can only conclude that she was shot by a person or persons crossing from Syrian territory," he said.

## Coal Contract Talks Resume

GLACE BAY, N.S. (CP)—Contract negotiations between the Dominion Coal Company and District 26 of the United Mine Workers of America (Ind.) resume week.

The present contract involving about 8,000 coal miners in Nova Scotia expires Dec. 31. The union wants the basic daily rate of \$11.34 increased by \$1.60. It also seeks inclusion of the present dollar-a-day production bonus in the basic rate.

## Funeral Saturday Of Mrs. S. Reid

MURRAY RIVER—Funeral of the late Mrs. Stephen Reid, of Murray River, the former Damaris Bishop, daughter of the late James Harvey and Mary (Sanders) Bishop, was held on Saturday, from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Mackay, to the Free Church of Scotland, Murray River.

The interment was in the Community Cemetery. The services at the home, church, and grave, were conducted by her nephew, Rev. J.H. Bishop of Charlottetown.

The pallbearers were Len Hooper, Alex. Duxbury, Clarence Lowe, Archibald MacLean, John Clary and Glen MacKinnon.

These same pallbearers acted at the funeral of the late Stephen Reid, which was held on Wednesday Dec. 10th, from the Free Church of Scotland, Murray River.

Funeral services for the late Mr. Reid, were conducted by Rev. J.H. Bishop, assisted by Mr. Louis Harris.

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## Maritime's Ice-Free Ports Now Set For Winter Season

MONCTON, — Canada's big ice-free ports in the Maritime Provinces — Saint John and Halifax — are ready for the wintertime task of handling grain shipments for overseas as Canadian National Railways again speeds the golden harvest from west to east.

A spokesman for the CNR's foreign trade department in Montreal said yesterday the first ship in the annual grain-lugging armada, began taking on its cargo last week from the company's Halifax elevator. A similar scene was scheduled for enactment at the Company's East Saint John elevator about Dec. 20, with this initial grain load of the current season to be funnelled aboard a freighter.

The winter movement of grain has started," the spokesman said, "but its volume in the next few months will depend on the demand from overseas markets and sales by the wheat board. This picture can change from day to day."

In Moncton, the CNR's freight department said grain on hand at Halifax as of Dec. 15 totalled 3,913,190 bushels. In addition, 71 boxcars holding about 210,000 bushels were on track in the Halifax yards.

The department added that CNR elevators at Halifax and Saint John were full, pending overseas shipments.

For the 1957-58 shipping season the CNR moved nearly 15 million bushels of western grain to Halifax and Saint John in 7,747 carloads. Shipments to the New Brunswick winter port included stocks for elevators on both the east and west side of the year-round harbor.

The vital importance of Halifax and Saint John to Canada's export trade was demonstrated earlier than usual this year as ice began to clog the St. Lawrence River not long after the calendar turned to December, threatening to trap ocean-going vessels far from their home ports until the spring breakup.

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The Nieuw Amsterdam, 37,000 tons, was 200 miles west of the Irish coast on its way to New York when heavy seas broke three windings on the bridge, severely injuring the captain with flying glass.

The liner put into Cork and the captain was taken to Cork hospital.

"Captain Bouman has undergone an operation on his left eye and there is every hope that the sight of the eye will be saved," the spokesman said.

The Nieuw Amsterdam continued on to New York under the command of Chief Officer H. Schipper and is expected to arrive Thursday—one day late.

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Heavy winds jammed ice into the western end of Lake Erie, a second steamer is also shown trying to work free of the ice.

## Two Killed, 20 Injured In Sherbrooke Explosion

SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP)—Two persons are dead and 20 others are in hospital as the result of an explosion that levelled a wing of a four-story brick building in this Eastern Townships city Monday.

The blast occurred as men worked on an extension to the building occupied by Raby Freres, furniture store. Police said the fact no fire broke out prevented higher loss of life.

The force of the explosion was so great that it ripped the doors from a nearby fire department station and shattered windows in downtown stores, more than a mile away.

Dead are Joseph Laroche, an electrician working on the building project, and Euclide Lebrun, a construction worker.

Laroche's body was recovered soon after the blast took place at 8:05 a.m., but firemen and policemen moved debris from the wrecked site for 7 1/2 hours before they were able to pull free Lebrun's battered form.

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 Hubert Raby, a furniture store official, was caught by fallen debris and fallen wood beams in the smashed store wing. These had to be sawed away before he could be freed and taken to hospital. Three other workers were pulled from the wreckage alive and taken to hospital for emergency treatment.

Mrs. Arthur Denaull, 49-year-old occupant of a nearby apartment house was first reported killed but police later established she was injured and in hospital. She suffered a fractured hip, but her condition was reported not serious.

Also in hospital are Mr. Denaull and their three children, who suffered facial injuries and shock.

Among the injured were Mrs. Yvon Pelletier, 25, and Yves Savoie, 6, of Hartford, Ont. They were visiting the Denaulls and suffered superficial cuts.

## Marine Engineers To Merge With Big Transport Union

VANCOUVER (CP)—Canada's marine engineers plan to merge with the largest national transport union to save themselves from being swallowed by the Seafarers International Union.

The move was announced here Monday by Richard Greaves, president of the National Association of Marine Engineers, (CLC) and Elroy Robson, vice-president of the 40,000-strong Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers (CLC).

The announcement followed an engineers' district convention held here Saturday at which delegates voted unanimously to open amalgamation talks with the transport union.

A similar convention will be held soon for members in eastern Canada, and a national membership referendum will be organized on the issue "as soon as possible."

IF the membership agrees, the marine engineers could be a near-autonomous part of the larger group by next March.

"We are offering the engineers a protective umbrella," said Robson. "They have been badly mauled and we are assisting them to maintain status quo."

The Canadian Labor Congress already is considering engineers' charges of seafarers' raiding. The resolution adopted here Saturday referred to "severe raiding by the SIU." It said:

"We marine engineers are determined to maintain ourselves as a Canadian union with membership control of our affairs."

"Therefore we request the association's national council to explore the possibility of merging... and we urge a referendum ballot to bring about such a merger."

TEAMSTERS INVOLVED  
 The engineers' action is also part of a play by Canadian unions to keep a coalition of the SIU and the Teamsters union from large-scale expansion in this country.

At stake is union control of the St. Lawrence Seaway, for which Teamsters leader James Hoffa and Seafarer boss Hal Banks are making a major bid.

## Ask For United Effort To Solve Shipping Problem

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—Britain, Norway and Holland have approached the United States to seek a joint solution to international shipping problems, diplomatic sources said Monday.

The major question the European countries want tackled was understood to be "flags of convenience," by which vessels of other nationalities are registered in Liberia, Panama, Honduras or Costa Rica to take advantage of cheaper taxes and operating costs.

France, Belgium and Italy were expected to join the move, the sources said.

U.S. reaction was described as uncertain.

The sources added that a formal conference probably will be called in Washington early next year to consider the problem.

Early this month, the International Transport Workers' Federation conducted a four-day international boycott of vessels operating under flags of convenience. The boycott was only partly successful.

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The victims included the pilot and co-pilot who were flying the craft from Linden, N.J., to Boston. The businessmen were en route to the Gloucester, Mass., firm of Le Page's a manufacturing division of Johnson and Johnson.

The control tower at Boston Logan international airport learned from the plane at 9:30 a.m. The pilot, Alexander Sable, of Mt. Airy, N.C., reported one engine was dead.

Those aboard included: Edward F. Luidvinalis of Rolle, N.J., the co-pilot, and his passengers: Milton A. Bergster, Linden, N.J.; Ferdinand Liot, Franklin Park, N.J.; Stephen Baska, 44, Scotch Plains, N.J.; Raymond C. Buse, 31, South River, N.J.; Jeff Hackney, 34, Absecon, N.J.

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