

Cardinal Leger Visits Troops In The Congo

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (Reuters) — Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger told Canadian troops of the United Nations force here that their task in the Congo is the same as that of missionaries — to promote the cause of peace.

The Archbishop of Montreal, on a three-week African tour, was addressing the troops Sunday night during a visit to quarters where some of the 175 troops of the 57th Canadian Signal unit in Leopoldville are based.

A boy of 13, Canadian troops in all are in the Congo.

Standing beneath a tent surrounded by uniformed troops, some of them on duty military police in white steel helmets and their families, the Archbishop said:

"I am overcome by surprise and admiration to find so many Canadians in Africa. At every step I make there are Canadians.

"Many of these are missionaries—but you here are also to a certain extent missionaries. You are trying in your way to promote the great cause of peace. I hope it may be said this Christmas time that all Canadians are men of goodwill."

Cambodia Threatens Red Pact

By ANTOINETTE YARED
PHNOM PENH (AP)—Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodia's chief of state, threatened Sunday to sign a formal alliance with Red China unless the West guarantees Cambodian neutrality.

If the West refuses, Sihanouk said, "we will be obliged to renounce our neutrality and negotiate a formal alliance with China."

In a policy speech opening a three-day "national congress," the prince told 10,000 persons jammed into an open-air stadium:

"We owe our survival only to the determined support and the firm promise of intervention in our favor by the Peoples Republic of China."

But he held out hope that the West will agree to his demands for an international conference to guarantee Cambodian sovereignty.

Soviet Family Calls U.S. Visit 'Astonishing'

MOSCOW (AP)—The Podzeev family returned to snow-covered Moscow during the weekend after what they called an "astonishing" American-style Christmas holiday in Portland.

Viktor Podzeev, his wife, Nina, and their two children flew to Moscow Saturday night after a week-long visit with the family of James C. McKenzies, a Portsmouth insurance broker.

The McKenzies treated them wondrously, "just as members of the family," Podzeev told Moscow radio correspondent.

The whole city was astonished by kind and friendly," he said.

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Four Killed At Crossing

SHEERBROOKE, Que. (CP)—A British U.S. couple and a Canadian woman and her young daughter were killed Sunday when their car collided with a Montreal-bound CP train on the outskirts of this community 35 miles east of Montreal.

The victims were Jean Paul Martel, 42, and his wife Rose, 40, of Grosvenor Drive, Conn., and their 10-year-old daughter, Sherrilee, and her daughter Christine, 4.

Mrs. Lebel's husband Edmund, 57, was severely injured.

Over-Eating Called Form Of Addiction

TORONTO (CP)—The provincial youth conference on the alcohol problem was told here Saturday society must recognize the seriousness of all kinds of addiction, including over-eating.

Dr. R. Gordon Bell, director of the Downwood Foundation and the Bell Clinic, said 30,000,000 persons in the United States are suffering serious disabilities from eating by addiction under the name of obesity.

He told about 400 youths attending the conference, sponsored by the Ontario Temperance Society, that society "can no longer sweep disabilities caused by addiction under the rug."

"Alcohol is most dangerous in the fact that it is a habit-forming drug," he said.

"The rate of alcoholism among men is increasing, he said. Ten years ago, there were five men patients at Dr. Bell's clinic for every woman patient. Now the ratio is three to one.

Wanted Man Is Arrested

MONTREAL (CP)—A man wanted for questioning in the budgeon-slaying of a night watchman at Campbellton, N.B., has been arrested here by a young detective with a reputation for solving crimes.

Det. Terry Gagne, 32, of the Outremont police force, picked up the 36-year-old suspect Saturday night in a restaurant in the Montreal suburb.

Gagne went inside to get coffee and spotted the man, recalling a wanted poster issued last summer although the suspect's hair had been dyed and he was wearing heavy makeup.

POLICE FIRE ON DEMONSTRATORS

"HAPPENED SO FAST" The minute we saw what was happening, we tried to shorten our run time so that we could snap them off and save most of the gear. We had to run with a small mob, but when things started happening so fast.

Capit Ganoze said the ship went down in the position of 34 degrees 56 minutes north latitude and 140 degrees 50 minutes west longitude.

The weather in the area was fairly good with a small northerly easterly gale blowing.

"I don't think this contributed to the sinking, however," Ganoze said.

Ganoze said that the raging fire had died down to a smoldering amidships and in the front section of the ship.

"There was very little steam as it went down," he said.

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Jacksonville Hotel Fire Leaves 21 Dead, 86 Hurt

Football Bowl Week Comes To Tragic End

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Fire broke a tragic end to the festive Gator football bowl week here when it swept through the Roosevelt Hotel Sunday morning and killed at least 21 persons.

An eyewitness said he counted 27 bodies carried out of the jammed hotel. But a reporter at the county hospital morgue said there were only 21.

There were 66 injured, including 30 admitted to hospitals.

Two persons fell to death when sheets and blankets they had tied together in an attempt to escape from upper windows broke apart.

The hotel, in downtown Jacksonville, was filled with weekend guests who had attended Saturday's Gator Bowl game between North Carolina and the Air Force Academy, which North Carolina won 34-7. Their team was at the hotel.

Fire Chief J. R. Dowling said numerous persons were overcome by smoke and taken to hospitals.

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Clemson College football team and a guest of the Roosevelt for the Gator Bowl football game, said he and his wife were having breakfast in the hotel coffee shop when they smelled smoke and left.

One of the dead was Assistant Fire Chief J. R. Romydy, about 45, who died of an apparent heart attack.

James Murdock, whose office is across from the Roosevelt said he saw three or four persons fall to their deaths from upper-story windows when the sheets and blankets they had tied together to escape broke apart.

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Guests were evacuated by fire ladders from lower floors and by U.S. Navy helicopters from the roof of the 12-story building. Others were led to safety by firemen wearing oxygen masks.

PLEAD FOR HELP

Shortly after the fire broke out about 7:45 a.m., many persons hung out of windows gasping for air and pleading for firemen to rescue them. Several persons apparently unconscious, were hanging from windows.

On the street below, police shouted through a megaphone for the people to remain inside their rooms, keep the doors closed and "be calm."

By 8:30 a.m., most of the guests had apparently been evacuated and the fire was reported under control.

The fire started in the general area of the Emerald Room and a ballroom—up a few steps off the main lobby. Fire Marshal E. C. McChernon said the cause of the fire was undetermined.

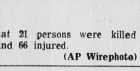
Most of the guests were taken to the nearby Snyder Memorial Methodist Church later, where they were sent to the Robert Meyer or the George Washington Hotels.

George Olson, executive vice-president and general manager of the Gator Bowl, said all players of the Manhattan College and the University of Florida basketball teams escaped in night clothes and bare feet. The teams had played in the Gator Bowl tournament which ended Friday night.

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SCENE AT HOTEL FIRE

This was the scene at the Roosevelt Hotel in Jacksonville, Fla., after a fire was brought under control early Sunday. Authorities said later that 21 persons were killed and 86 injured.



New Gunfire Erupts In Nicosia As Crisis Enters Second Week

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—A British official called Sunday for a neutral zone between warring Greek and Turkish Cypriot factions in Nicosia. A brief exchange of gunfire at noon broke an air of general calm.

Duncan Sandys, Commonwealth secretary, who flew here from London Saturday, suggested giving British troops complete freedom of movement to restore order on the stricken Cyprus. An answer was expected at later peace talks.

Although new shooting erupted shortly before noon in a northeast Nicosia suburb, sending the crisis into its second week, and sporadic firing continued for a half-hour, no casualties were reported. Each side claimed the other fired first.

Just before the shooting began Christian Marroette of Sainte Marie, the French ambassador to Cyprus, arrived in the area to tour the Turkish sector. He was never in danger.

Meanwhile, Sandys began his second round of talks with representatives of all interested parties seeking a solution to the communal strife.

quiet and routine Sunday morning. Church attendance was reported higher than normal.

There was no report of violence during the night.

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Hulk Of Lakonia Sinks Suddenly

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—The burned-out hulk of the Greek luxury liner Lakonia sank silently in the Atlantic Sunday while towing salvage tugs stood helplessly.

With her in the bottom, she took the secret of how fire started and spread a week ago, igniting a sea disaster which took 91 lives and left 64 missing of 1,041 persons aboard the Christmas cruise ship.

It was early afternoon about 200 miles southwest of Gibraltar when the bow of the liner shot into the air and, as salvage tugs swiftly cast off the lines which bound them to the doomed vessel, she slid stern-first.

first into 13,200 feet of water. "It was simply too burned out to stay afloat," said Norwegian Capt. Trygve Gaaeze, in charge of the attempted salvage operation.

By ship-to-shore telephone, Gaaeze of the tug Herkules described the sinking to Associated Press correspondent Gunnar J. Borrevik in Oslo, Norway.

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Freighter Caught Fast In River Ice

MONTREAL (CP)—The ice-breaker d'Iberville is to make a second attempt today to reach the coastal freighter Fort Ramezay, jammed in the ice of the St. Lawrence River 30 miles downstream from Montreal.

The 1,500-ton coaster, last vessel of the season to head downriver from Montreal, started early Sunday but became stuck in ice.

The d'Iberville was dispatched from Sorel Sunday and after being upstream for nearly eight hours in a vain attempt to reach the Fort Ramezay, the ice-breaker turned back to Sorel when visibility on the river became poor.

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Records Set By Visitors To E. Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—West Berliners on foot and in cars streamed through the Communist wall in record numbers Sunday to visit relatives in East Berlin. Meanwhile, officials in East and West Berlin pondered ways to keep open the path through the wall beyond the Jan. 5 deadline for closing.

By noon Sunday, more than 150,000 East Berliners had passed into West Berlin, setting a record for one day. Up to now, the greatest number to make the trip in a single day was 60,000, Saturday.

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Turks Protest Flights By RAF

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turks claimed Sunday that RAF jets are flying over the Mediterranean coast, south of Turkey, about 40 miles off Cyprus, and demanded that the flights be stopped.

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WEST GERMAN Chancellor Ludwig Erhard might well be mistaken for a Texas cattleman as he strikes his pose wearing a western-style hat. The hat was a gift from President Lyndon B. Johnson and was presented to the Chancellor at a barbecue held in his honor at Stonewall, Texas, Sunday afternoon.

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Interspersed with business sessions at the LBJ ranch were a greeting to the West German leader from Texans of German descent and a huge, Texas-style barbecue—with a chorale singing the Eyes of Texas At Upon You in German.

The two men who hold key positions of world power and their aides drafted a communique designed to clear away any wrong impressions that might have arisen over their discussions of relations between the West and East.

Johnson and Erhard in advance of the latter's departure for Bonn by jet plane late Sunday afternoon.

Rhodesian To Split Up

By RONALD BATCHELOR
SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia (Reuters)—The "wind of change" in Africa will sweep through the federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland at midnight Tuesday night blowing apart into its component territories of Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

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