

LEGENDARY FIGURE

U.S. Fleet Admiral Nimitz Dies At California Home

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, who commanded the world's most powerful fleet in driving the Japanese navy from the Pacific ocean in the Second World War, died Sunday at his home on Yerba Buena Island here.

A U.S. Navy spokesman said Nimitz, 80, died "of complications following a stroke." Nimitz suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Jan. 3 and had been in hospital for about two weeks.

Nimitz underwent surgery on his back Nov. 9, 1964. He had returned to hospital for a check-

up when he suffered the stroke. The quiet, white-haired, fleet admiral (equivalent to admiral of the fleet in the Royal Navy) became a legendary figure in the island-hopping campaign across the Pacific in the Second World War.

PROMOTED OVER 24
He was jumped over 24 senior admirals to become commander-in-chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. Nimitz arrived in Pearl Harbor Christmas Day, ran his flag up on a submarine and took command Dec. 31, 1941. As soon as he could assemble

a surface fleet, Nimitz turned to the attack. It began in the Coral Sea May 4-8, 1942, in history's great air-sea battle.

Then, in a calculated risk, Nimitz concentrated his fleet off Midway, and met the Japanese in a decisive three-day, air-sea battle, June 3-6. Four Japanese carriers, including the Akagi and Kaga, and a heavy cruiser were sunk. The United States lost the carrier Yorktown and a destroyer. It was the turning point of the Pacific war.

"It just became a question of time," Nimitz said later. Time brought more sea battles, in the Solomon Islands and the Philippine Sea, and the long line of assaults across the Gilbert and Marshall Islands, Guam, Tinian, Peleliu, Angaur, and Ulithi to Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

LED PACIFIC FORCES
In the early stages of the war Nimitz commanded U.S. sea, land and air forces in most of the Pacific, while Gen. Douglas MacArthur commanded those in the southwest Pacific. Later Nimitz commanded all Allied sea and MacArthur all land forces.

Most of the Australian and New Zealand fleets fought under Nimitz' command throughout the Pacific war, along with some units of the Royal Navy. In 1944, after the Italian Navy and the mammoth German battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz were out of the way, British naval forces moved into the Pacific theatre in strength. Thus, in the last 18 months of the war against Japan, Nimitz had under his over-all command the mightiest naval armada in history.

A few Canadian units, led by the light cruiser Uganda, were attached to the British Pacific Fleet at the time.

Altogether, about 1,000 ships and 2,000,000 men were involved in the island-hopping campaign in a war theatre covering 65,000,000 square miles.

After the war, Nimitz became chief of naval operations Dec. 15, 1945.

Nimitz became a fleet admiral Dec. 19, 1944, five days after Congress created the rank. A fleet admiral, like a British admiral of the fleet, never retires.

Nimitz was born Feb. 24, 1895, in Fredericksburg, Tex. He and his wife, whom he married April 9, 1913, resided on Yerba Buena Island, a naval station in the middle of San Francisco Bay.

They have a son, Rear-Adm. Chester Nimitz, Jr., retired, of New Canaan, Conn.; and three daughters, Catherine, wife of navy Capt. James T. Lay, of Newport, R.I.; Anne Elizabeth Nimitz of Topanga, Calif.; and sister Mary Manson Aquinas of the Roman Catholic Dominican Order, San Rafael, Calif.

Canadian Has Contact With Officials In Hanoi

Rhodesian U.S. Office Sparks Anger

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — The opening of a Rhodesian information office in Washington has caused mounting resentment in Nigeria and Ghana.

The U.S. promise that it will not recognize Smith's government and that it supports economic sanctions against the breakaway British territory has failed to appease the critics.

Several officers who declined to be named termed the U.S. decision hypocritical. Attacks on the United States in Nigerian and Ghanaian publications and broadcasts are the harshest since race riots in Los Angeles last year.

The daily Times of Lagos said in an editorial Saturday by allowing the Rhodesian rebels to establish an information centre, the United States is indirectly encouraging the dissemination of false news about racial superiority and white civilization—a type of propaganda which appeals to the gullible American public.

Ghana has assailed the U.S. position as an example of what it calls neo-colonialism and imperialism.

Wilson Trip To Russia Starts Today

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister Wilson will look into new Soviet proposals to prevent the spread of nuclear arms during a three-day visit to Moscow starting today, a top government source said Sunday.

The key issue of nuclear disarmament and the questions of Viet Nam and broader disarmament are expected to be the major topics during talks with Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin.

However, the source added that Wilson, making the first Moscow visit by a British prime minister in seven years, had few hopes of much real progress on any of these global issues.

The source said Wilson will try to get a clear understanding of Kosygin's recent proposal for a guarantee that nuclear weapons should not be used against non-nuclear nations.

ICE CAUSES DELAYS

Fresh Water Lines Freeze Aboard Ferry

The S.S. Prince Edward Island was taken out of operation yesterday when the ship's fresh water lines froze in sub-zero temperatures.

Reports from E. R. Pike, marine supervisor at Borden indicated that repairs to broken water lines are expected to be completed in time for the ferry to be back into operation sometime this afternoon.

The ice in the Northumberland Strait is extremely heavy, Captain Pike said. He reported that more ice is being made every hour.

Both ferries were running behind schedule with the quickest crossing being made in one and a half hours while the slowest was as long as five hours.

"The only thing in our favor is the fact that there is no wind. With the right wind things could be worse," he said.

The Charlottetown Radio range at 11:45 last night reported a temperature of six degrees below zero with the lowest temperature yesterday recorded at 5 a.m. when the thermometer read 16 degrees below. Winds last night were north west at five mph and

the barometer was 29.93 and falling slightly.

The low in Charlottetown Saturday morning was 14 below.

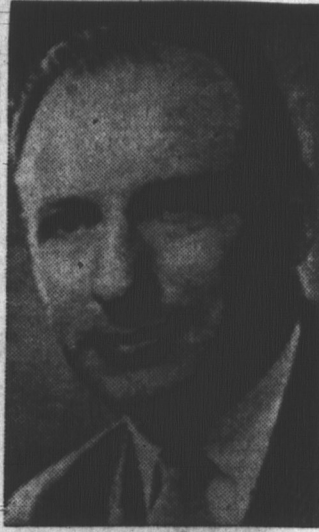
Two Army Nurses Killed In Crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two U.S. Army nurses, the first American military women killed in Viet Nam, were among seven victims of an army helicopter crash near Saigon, the defence department reported Saturday.

The pilot of the craft was Capt. Albert M. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merriman Smith. The father is White House correspondent for United Press International.

The army nurses were identified as Second Lt. Carol A. E. Drazba, daughter of Mrs. Marcella Drazba of Dunmore, Pa., and 2nd Lt. Elizabeth A. Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Jones of Allendale, S.C.

Both nurses were attached to the 51st Field Hospital.



VICTOR MOORE, senior Canadian delegate on the International Truce Commission in Viet Nam is reported to have been in contact with North Vietnamese officials during the last 10 days. Results of the talks between Mr. Moore and the Hanoi officials were not disclosed. (CP Wirephoto)

Truce Talks Are Possible

OTTAWA (CP) — Victor Moore, senior Canadian delegate on the international truce supervisory commission in Viet Nam, has been in touch with North Vietnamese officials in Hanoi within the last 10 days, it was learned on high authority Sunday.

Results of the talks between Mr. Moore and the Communist officials were not disclosed. Neither was it revealed which officials Mr. Moore saw, but they were believed high in the Hanoi government.

It was the first Canadian mission of this type since May 31 when J. Blair Seaborn, Mr. Moore's predecessor, saw representatives of the North Vietnamese government after the five-day U.S. bombing pause of that month.

Canada now is attempting to find some way of reconvening the 1954 Geneva conference which ended the eight-year civil war between French forces and the Communist-Viet Minh in Indo-China. The object is to get negotiations started on the Viet Nam War.

As a result of the 1954 conference, Canada, India and Poland established the truce supervisory commission in Viet Nam. Recent discussions have been held with India and Poland and their views on reconvening the

conference now are being anxiously awaited here.

POLISH ROLE PRESUMED
It is presumed here that Communist Poland will sound out North Viet Nam and other Communist countries on the subject.

Informants said it is not known when a reply from Poland can be expected but it may be soon.

Success in close touch with the situation said the Canadian initiative might just work though it is too early to tell definitely and a lot of groundwork remains to be done.

External Affairs Minister Martin was in New York and Washington late last week to pursue the idea of the Canada-India-Poland commission being used as a vehicle for peace negotiations on Viet Nam.

Sources here said this initiative received strong approval in both the United Nations and Washington.

It is understood Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain will pursue the same idea during his Moscow visit this week. Britain and Russia were co-chairmen of the 1954 Geneva conference and Mr. Wilson said during his Ottawa visit in December that he hoped a joint approach by Britain and Russia to the Viet Nam problem could be made.

Heavy Snowfall Hits Scotland

LONDON (AP) — The heaviest snowfall of the winter hit northern England and Scotland Saturday. It snarled road, rail and air travel and forced cancellation of all Scottish League and cup soccer matches.

The blizzard was the worst to hit western Scotland since 1957, a spokesman for the Royal Automobile Club said.

By late afternoon, warm temperatures turned the snow to rain in England and parts of Scotland, but many roads remained impassable.

By contrast, southern England enjoyed an unusually mild and often sunny day.

HERO IS IDENTIFIED IN VANCOUVER BLAZE

VANCOUVER (CP) — The hero known as "Boiled as a Boot" has been identified.

He is Jaydee Dymons, who once lived on an Indian reserve near Edmonton and last Friday night carried or dragged six elderly men from a burning skid road hotel and led an undetermined number of others to safety.

The tall Indian gave the name "Boiled as a Boot" to police as he worked to save the inhabitants of the Ferry Hotel. Flames swept the six-storey structure to the fourth floor. No one was injured.

Why the unique nickname? asked reporters who tracked Dymons down.

"Because I was drunk. I was drunk. I was worried I might get picked up by the police."

FOUND AMB BOTTLES
Reporters came upon Dymons in a small room full of empty bottles.

"Fires do something to me," he said. "I had to do what I could because I know what fires can do."

Searched in his memory is a day in 1943 when flames destroyed his family's log house.

"I jumped out of a window and lived. My father and three of my brothers didn't. They burned to death. Now, when I see a fire something happens to me."

What happened Friday night, when Dymons saw the hotel burning, was summed up by resident Bill Castle:

"He was going up and down those stairs like a madman."

MEMORY FUZZY
Dymons' memory of the event is fuzzy.

"I remember the last one I got hold of. He fought me because he didn't know what was happening. I also remember the last time I went up I only saved blankets. Then the smoke was making me spinnny. I got downstairs again and passed out for a moment."

Police say Dymons gave them his strange name, then disappeared as ambulances arrived.

"What do you do for a living?" a reporter asked.

"Put me down as a lush. Do you feel like a hero?"

"I just feel very sick this morning."

Dief Welcome Warm At National Executive

By KEN CLARK
OTTAWA (CP) — Conservative leader Diefenbaker got a warm welcome Saturday at the annual meeting of his party's national executive. At the last one, there was an unsuccessful challenge to his leadership.

"What a difference a year makes," one high-ranking party official said after the one-day meeting was over.

Mr. Diefenbaker was accorded a standing ovation when he rose to speak. He responded by delivering a sharp attack on the Liberal government and called for a Canadian peace move in Viet Nam.

He drew another standing ovation when he finished. Reporters were allowed in to hear Mr. Diefenbaker's talk and thus witnessed the demonstration of party unity. Otherwise, the sessions in a hotel banquet room were closed.

Dillon Camp, national president of the Conservative Association, advised reporters that things were pretty quiet in the banquet room.

policy advocated by the Conservatives. He termed this a safe prediction.

FOUGHT INCREASES
Referring to Conservative non-confidence motions in the Commons seeking pension increases, Mr. Diefenbaker said "Holy Joe Thompson" and his fellow Social Credit members fought it.

The Social Credit party headed by Robert Thompson voted against the Conservative motions.

Referring to U.S. economic guidelines affecting foreign investment, Mr. Diefenbaker said Canada "faces an ever-increasing assertion of American sovereignty over the Canadian economy." It began with the free trade in auto parts between the two countries.

Mr. Diefenbaker climaxed his talk by saying "this is no swan song. This is a challenge to the progressive party everywhere to get going."

Convention Scheduled

OTTAWA (CP) — The national executive of the Progressive Conservative party decided Saturday to hold a spring convention if possible, preferably in Quebec province.

The date and exact site were left up to national President Dalton C. Kamp and his chief officers to decide.

Mr. Camp told reporters after the one-day closed meeting a consensus favored a meeting before June 1. However if a spring meeting cannot be arranged a date has been kept open for the fall.

The national Conservative conventions, which attract about 2,000 delegates, have been held in Ottawa in recent years.

The delegates decided on a spring rather than a fall convention after Leader John Diefenbaker told them he felt it should be held as soon as possible.

No annual convention was held last year, because of the election.

Fire Try Fails, 4 Die Of Cold

LA PLANT, S.D. (CP) — Four persons froze to death early Friday in the sparsely settled ranching country of northern South Dakota after a desperate attempt to start a fire failed.

Authorities identified the victims as Cyril Le Compte, about 40, of La Plant, Zelda Lee, about 20, of La Plant, Cora White Eagle, about 30, of Eagle Butte and her three-year-old son Burton.

Bud Jeffries, about 40, of Eagle Butte, walked 1 1/2 miles to Le Compte's ranch and was taken to hospital. He suffered frozen feet.

The five were stranded when the truck in which they were riding stalled in a snowbank during a blizzard about 17 miles northwest of here. The temperature overnight fell to 20 below zero.

Jeffries said they stayed in the truck for three hours and then decided to walk to the Le Compte ranch. They found a hayrack about 200 yards away and the adults attempted to peel bark from the posts found with the rake and stripped the rubber from the tires in futile attempt to start a fire.

Jeffries and Le Compte began then walking toward the ranch, but Le Compte fell behind.

Sheriff Frank Ross said the bodies of the two women and child were found together near the hayrack and Le Compte's

body was found between the ranch and the others.

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MONTAGUE FIREMEN WIN MARITIME TITLE

A jubilant Montague curling team returned from Moncton in the small hours of Sunday morning and were met by fire brigade members, police and many town residents at Poole's Corner. They were

armed with the Maritime firemen's curling trophy. Chief Douglas Coffin, who accompanied the team, said before leaving for Moncton they intended to bring back the bacon. They did just this and

now are wondering how they can make the trip to Saskatoon in the near future to see if they can do the same with the Canadian trophy. "Out of our class," says Coffin, "but we would like to have a crack



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B.C. Is Only Province Free From Cold Wave

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Coastal British Columbia was the only part of Canada that escaped the frigid weather across Canada on the weekend.

With forty-degree temperatures, the Vancouver area was in sharp contrast to centres such as Winnipeg, where temperatures fell as low as 43 degrees below zero. Ottawa, which shivered at two below, and Fredericton, where 26 below was in keeping with the Maritime trend toward lowest-of-the-winter readings.

Except for 10-above temperatures in B.C.'s northern interior most of the province enjoyed mild weather—there was intermittent rain in coastal areas.

Brief southeast winds on the western Prairies helped depress temperatures as far as 25 below. Maximums Sunday ranged from 40 above in far western Alberta to five above in southwest Saskatchewan.

In Manitoba, where Saturday night Winnipeg's overnight low dipped to 41.2 below to set a record for the fourth consecutive night.

EXPECT RELIEF
Sunday night was expected to provide some relief with the forecast calling for no worse than 25 below.

In Ontario, the Head of the Lakes never got above zero.

Southeastern regions of Ontario had their troubles com-

ounded by snowdrifts which began Sunday afternoon, but sub-zero temperatures were expected to ease today.

Temperatures in northern Quebec were unexpectedly mild compared with the snow readings along the St. Lawrence. A warm air mass was to begin moving south from there this afternoon.

The warmest point in the maritimes was Sable Island at 37 above — elsewhere temperatures fell as low as 35 below Saturday night at Edmundston, N.B. In Newfoundland, temperatures rarely went below 10 above during the weekend.

Rain Catches Queen, Prince

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (Reuters) — A downpour of rain caught the Queen and Prince Philip when they drove through here Sunday on their tour of the usually-sunny Caribbean.

The couple remained standing in their car, sheltered under umbrellas as hundreds cheered.

Although this island has little annual rainfall, there were clouds and heavy showers Sunday. But the sun came out periodically and the streets were packed with islanders.

China Charges Rusk Making War Threat

TOKYO (AP) — China accused U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk Sunday of threatening the Vietnamese and Chinese people with "a big war" in his testimony before the U.S. Senate foreign relations committee in Washington Friday. It said China is prepared to take up the challenge.

The New China news agency called Rusk's testimony backing his government's policy on Viet Nam "a declaration of U.S. imperialism" and determined to seize South Viet Nam by force.

The commentary on Rusk's testimony, which the agency carried in a broadcast from Peking, stopped short of saying Chinese troops would be sent into the Vietnamese war. It said only that the Chinese will fight

if the war is extended to the China mainland.

The agency said: "According to Rusk, what the United States wants is very simple; it only requires the Vietnamese people to accept gladly the right of the Americans to dominate South Viet Nam."

"The Chinese people, on their part, have declared more than once that they will give all-out support to the Vietnamese in their struggle against the U.S. aggressors until their ultimate victory, whatever the cost may be."

"They are fully prepared to take up the challenge and fight to the end, if U.S. imperialism insists on carrying the war into their country."