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37 PERISH IN MID-AIR COLLISION

U. K. Comet Jet On Rome-Cairo Flight Missing

LONDON, (CP)—British Overseas Airways Corporation announced today that one of its Comet airliners, believed to be carrying 14 passengers and a South African crew of seven, was hours overdue in Cairo on a flight from Rome. A BOAC spokesman said Sir Miles Thomas, chairman of the airline, immediately ordered suspension of all the corporation's Comet services pending further information. A search by air and sea was immediately launched by the Italian rescue service in Rome. The missing Comet left Rome at 6:25 p. m. GMT (1:25 p. m. EST) Thursday and was due in Cairo at 9:20 p. m. GMT. It had fuel to last until 11:23 p. m. The Comets had been restored to service only on March 23 after the mysterious crash of one of the streamlined jetliners off the Isle of Elba in the Mediterranean last January. The BOAC said early this morning that no list of passengers and crew members aboard the plane would be issued until all next of kin have been notified.



This is a North Star, similar to the one which crashed at Moose Jaw.

Barn Burned In Electrical Storm

During a brief but severe electrical storm which struck the West Prince area yesterday afternoon a barn belonging to Mr. James Stewart of Rosebank, near Elmsdale, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground in a matter of minutes. Fortunately no live stock was kept in the building which was situated a short distance from the main barn and was used mainly for the storage of hay, straw and other feed. As the barn was 26 by 35 feet the total loss including the contents was considerable. No other reports of storm damage were received.

HOLSTEIN OF LATE SENATOR JONES MAKES LARGEST CANADIAN RECORD IN YEARLY BUTTER FAT SINCE '50

Expect House To Close Saturday

The Legislature is expected to prorogue at noon-time Saturday, it was announced in the Legislature last night by Premier A. W. Matheson. Premier Matheson and Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan concluded the debate on the Budget last night after which the House went into a committee of the whole on the motion of supply under the chairmanship of Mr. E. P. Foley, Liberal Fifth Prince. The Legislature will meet this morning at eleven o'clock when the remaining bills will be given second and third readings. This will be followed by debates on the agriculture and education reports. According to plans the estimates will be resumed at three o'clock this afternoon and concluded tonight.

Indian Lady Gives Views On Canada

HAMILTON, (CP)—Miss Gnanaselma David of the Christian medical college hospital at Yellow, India, an IOBE scholarship winner, told the IOBE her first impression of Canada was that everyone looked like she. Speaking at the 34th annual meeting of the Ontario provincial chapter, IOBE, Miss David said it took her a long time to distinguish differences. She also said when she first glimpsed Halifax she thought the streets were deserted. "Coming from India where there are 220,000,000 people I could not get used to it," she said. Her final conclusion about Canada was that "people rushed too much." Miss David, who was chosen to take a post graduate course in nursing offered by the national chapter of the IOBE, she is now studying hospital administration at the University of Toronto.

FIVE GET \$90,000

WINDSOR, Ont., (CP)—A will filed for probate at the Essex county courthouse Thursday revealed that the five heirs of the late W. E. Dunbar of Amherstburg, treasurer of the Dunbar and Sullivan Dredging Company of Detroit, will each receive \$90,000.

Sharp Controversy In Legislature Over High School For Charlottetown

The charge that the City Council was foolish to allow the School Board to construct a new high school in Charlottetown was made in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare in discussing proposed legislation to provide for the increasing of poll taxes on men and the imposing of such a tax on women. Second reading was being given to a bill to amend the Charlottetown Incorporation Act when Mr. MacDonald rose to speak. According to the bill the City Council will be empowered to increase the poll tax from five dollars to thirty dollars for men and impose a fifteen dollar tax on women. Also according to the bill this tax will be known as an "Education Tax" rather than a poll tax. In his remarks Mr. MacDonald, a former Mayor of the City, stated that he always felt the Mayor and members of the Council were capable of running the City. However he did not think that women should be eligible for a poll tax. "If the City Council so foolishly allowed the School Board to build the High School then they should find some other means to pay for it," he stated. "I cannot see the necessity for the school as I have said several times before. I don't say this because I have no children going to school for I have plenty of nieces and nephews in the City attending school." Mr. MacDonald stated there were many people in the City who just could not afford to pay the \$5 poll tax. "There are many men who can't pay the poll tax now and who never pay it," he stated. "How do they expect to collect \$30?" He stated he would collect from the Premier and myself and someone who can afford to pay it. It will mean in the end that we will have to pay forty or fifty dollars a year for school."

Coming Events

- Warning: No Fishing on the property of Gordon Crockett, York.
- Rummage Sale, Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Hall, Saturday 2:30.
- Variety Concert in St. Charles Hall, Easter Monday night, April 19th. Dance after.
- Card party every Friday, St. Peter's Legion Hall. Dance Saturday.
- Jamboree and Dance Mt. Stewart Legion, Hall, Easter Monday night. Burke Orchestra.
- Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday—"Woman of the North County." Starring Ruth Hussey and Rod Cameron.
- Come to Hunter River Hall, Friday, April 9. See Kensington Players present, Cranberry Corner. Auspices Women's Association.
- It's the talk of the country. What is? 18% Shur-Gain Pig Booster. My sales have increased 100% in two months. Get some for your pigs today. Cheap at double the price. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.
- We have told you that there is none better at any price. Every bag is the same. That is Shur-Gain 20% Chick Starter. Convince yourself by trying it for chicks this year. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.
- Come and enjoy the second Family Rally, Sunday, 7:15 p.m. Capitol Theatre. Community Hymn singing. The singing policemen, Band and Songsters. Plain preaching by Sr. Capt. L. Titcombe. Topic "A Crown Despised."
- Arriving shortly a carload of No. 1 Barley Meal \$2.85 per bag. Carload No. 1 Barley and Oats \$2.50 per bag. Carload of cement. Complete stock Asphalt shingles, etc. on hand. Get our prices before buying. Phone or write R. L. Dickerson, New Glasgow.

U. S. Navy Says Atom Bomb Easy To Put Together

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The U.S. Navy says a saboteur, even though relatively unskilled in nuclear weapon work, could put together the parts of an atomic bomb in a matter of hours. A small bomb could be assembled secretly in almost any place—a basement, a living room, in a truck or aboard a cabin cruiser—the navy says in a circular distributed to its personnel. The notice is similar to the letter sent recently by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to local police organizations to alert them in keeping watch against sneak bombing. Small atomic weapons could be assembled on standard floors, the navy says. Even bigger ones weighing about five tons could be put together, its circular adds, on floor space of about 200 square feet and "except for a small chain hoist no unusual tools or equipment would be necessary" to put together the pieces smuggled into the United States separately. The circular comments that actually the basic material for all parts except the fissionable material could be obtained in the United States—"any number of pieces of steel or aluminum could be fabricated under normal purchase orders without causing suspicion." The circular adds: "However, casting or machining of unusual materials such as beryllium, nickel, uranium or tungsten would probably will not be attempted." The possibility of establishing a clandestine shop for this purpose and for mounting and moulding high explosives should not be discounted.

To Probe Red China Bond Sales Rumors

OTTAWA, (CP)—The external affairs department will look into reports of attempts to sell Red China government bonds to west coast Canadians of Chinese descent. Howard Green (PC—Vancouver-Quadra) said Thursday in the Commons that the attempts to sell the bonds in Vancouver are accompanied by threats of retaliation in Red China against relatives of Chinese-Canadians. External Affairs Minister Pearson said he will look into the matter.

Many U. S. Planes For Indo-China

By Corley Smith
SAIGON, Indo-China, (Reuters)—Vitality-needed U. S. B-26 bombers and C-47 transports have arrived in Indo-China "in great numbers" during the last three days, official sources here said Thursday. The French this week sent an urgent call to Washington for more planes to drop paratroopers and supplies over besieged Dien Bien Phu and attack Vietminh reinforcements marching on the northern fortress. U. S. officials said the planes had arrived from the Philippines. "The American crews will return to the Philippines after handing the planes over to the French." Meanwhile, an ominous calm set in around Dien Bien Phu as Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, the Communist commander-in-chief, awaited an estimated 20,000 reinforcements. Their arrival is expected to signal yet another all-out assault against the French and Viet Namese defenders in a bid to attain victory before the Geneva conference on the Far East opens April 26.

British And French Welcome Dulles' Proposed Visit To London and Paris

By Stanley Fiddle
LONDON, (Reuters)—British and French officials Thursday night welcomed State Secretary Dulles' contemplated visit to London and Paris next week to discuss his "united action" policy against the Communist offensive in southeast Asia. Reliable sources here said Dulles plans to arrive in London Monday for two days of talks before going on to Paris. He will fly back to Washington at the end of the week—only a few days before his scheduled return to Paris for an Atlantic pact meeting April 23. Britain replied to Dulles' call last week for "united action" by urging further consultations before any decision is made. Britain questions the wisdom of acting before the Geneva conference on Korea and Indo-China, starting April 26, fearing a decision now might prejudice prospects of a Geneva settlement. (Continued on Page 5, col. 5)

Immediate Probe Of Crash Planned

OTTAWA, (CP)—The transport department said Thursday it will open an immediate inquiry into the crash of a Trans-Canada Air Lines North Star and RCAF training plane at Moose Jaw, Sask. One official was already on the scene and three others were scheduled to leave from Ottawa by air Thursday night. The RCAF said it also will open an inquiry at once.

Air Crash Victims

MONTREAL, (CP)—Trans-Canada Air Lines Thursday released the names of the following passengers killed in the air collision at Moose Jaw: Rodney Adamson, member of the Commons for York West, Apt. 2, 441 Echo Drive, Ottawa, and RR 1, Port Credit, Ont. Mrs. Rodney Adamson. H. F. George, 30 Whitehall Ave., Toronto. Mrs. Carol Nelson, TCA employee, Toronto. Mrs. Nelson's daughter, name not given. D. Wilson, 402 Richview, Toronto. E. F. Cameron, 351 Ash Street, Winnipeg. A. Smart, TCA employee, Winnipeg. O. A. Blank, 5839 Granville St., Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. George Sweny, Vancouver. Mr. Sweny is president of Vancouver Iron Works. Alan Craig, TCA employee at Vancouver. D. H. Gillett, 1058 Pulton Ave., West Vancouver. Mrs. C. G. Nelson, 315 Sharon Ave., Calgary. A. Belzberg, 531 Alexander Crescent, Calgary. W. T. Reid-Hunter, area land agent for Shell Oil Co., Calgary. R. B. Baugh, Beaconsfield, Que. Pat Reid, Imperial Co., Toronto. Mrs. Pat Reid, 3270 St. Zolique St., Montreal. Gerald Stanton, 5835 Decelles St., Apt. 3, Montreal. J. Crossen, TCA employee, maintenance department, Vancouver. R. McLean, Bathurst, N. B. A. McVey, Victoria. George R. Goodall, Aberdeen, Scotland. Mrs. M. Pirie, Aberdeen, Scotland. Mrs. A. Douglas Edwards, Aberdeen, Scotland. Miss J. Finney, London, England. John Goodall, Aberdeen, Scotland. W. I. Brook, 238 West 63rd Ave., Vancouver. C. G. Hutton, Heaps, Waterous, New Westminster, B. C.

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Newsprint Market Outlook Is Strong

TORONTO, (CP)—The outlook for the newsprint market appears very strong. D. W. Ambridge, president of Abitibi Power and Paper Co., Ltd., said Thursday at the company's annual meeting. Replying to a shareholder's question, he added that there had been some tapering off, but nothing that caused concern. The company was selling all the newsprint it could make. Present plans call for newsprint output to reach 800,000 tons yearly in the next two years.

Weston To Enter U.K. Ice Cream Trade

LONDON, (Reuters)—Garfield Weston, Canadian biscuit millionaire, is to enter the highly competitive British ice cream manufacturing trade. He has bought the South London factory and wholesale business of R. Marcanonio Limited, ice cream manufacturers. Weston Controls the Nelson Company of Toronto, a major ice cream producer in Canada.

TCA NORTH STAR AND HARVARD TRAINER CRASH OVER MOOSE JAW

MOOSE JAW, Sask., (CP)—Flaming death claimed 37 lives Thursday when a westbound Trans-Canada Air Lines plane collided with an air force trainer 6,000 feet above northeastern Moose Jaw. Thirty-six died in the crashed planes—Canada's worst air line disaster. One woman was killed on the ground. There were no survivors of the accident. Rodney Adamson, 51, Progressive Conservative member of Parliament for York West in metropolitan Toronto, and Pat Reid, 58, famous northland bush pilot, and their wives were among the dead.

Crash Victim Here Formerly

WINNIPEG, (CP)—Elbert F. Cameron of Winnipeg, a victim of the Moose Jaw plane collision Thursday, was en route to Drumheller, Alta., to open a new service station for North Star Oil Company. A native of the United States, Mr. Cameron grew up at Bowden, Alta., and taught school in Alberta before attending the University of Alberta. After graduation he joined the RCAF and was at one time chief navigation instructor at Charlottetown, P. E. I. He recently was appointed manager of North Star service stations in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

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Canada Not In On U. S. Invitation

OTTAWA, (CP)—The United States has not invited Canada to join in a declaration of policy on the Indo-China situation, External Affairs Minister Pearson said on Thursday. He was replying in the Commons to Donald Fleming (PC—Toronto Eglinton) who asked about Canada's position regarding a reported U. S. proposal to warn Communist China about aggression in Indo-China. Mr. Pearson said Canadian officials in Washington are trying to find out the nature of the U. S. proposals.

Canada's Northern Defence Cannot Be Made Perfect Defence Minister Says

MONTEBELLO, Que., (CP)—Northern defence cannot be made perfect because the cost would be insupportable, Ralph Campney, associate defence minister, said Thursday night. "But we can make our defences as nearly fool-proof and complete as possible, and we intend to do so," he added in a speech prepared for the national conference of business editors. Mr. Campney was elaborating on a joint U. S.-Canada statement Thursday that survey work now is under way for a new early-warning radar chain to supplement the existing gridwork built up during the last four years. "Early warning of pending air attack becomes increasingly important day by day as our potential attacker develops longer-range aircraft and as it progresses from possession of the atom bomb to the hydrogen bomb and after that to perhaps now undreamed-of methods of destruction. Warning time grows less as the speed of any possible attack grows greater." Mr. Campney said the new radar chain, known as the McGill fence, will be established "north of the settled parts of Canada." It will be more than 5,000 miles long and involve examination of hundreds of possible sites. It is hoped to start construction this year. "I think you will realize the practical impossibility of carrying out some of the 'Buck Rogers' schemes propounded by highly imaginative writers who would criss-cross early-warning lines over the North Pole and beyond." At another point, he said: "Whatever long-range bombing destruction may be aimed at this continent, the decisive fighting in the event of war will be waged finally by ground troops, and likely in Europe."

300,000 Persons In Quebec Caught In Tax Squeeze

QUEBEC, (CP)—Many Quebecers will draw smaller pay cheques today as a result of the province's new income tax. An estimated 300,000 persons caught in the centre of a federal-provincial tax controversy, now start paying a provincial tax equivalent to 15 per cent of the federal tax. All hopes of a tax break vanished Tuesday when Finance Minister Abbott delivered his budget speech. He rejected Quebec's demand that the provincial tax be made fully deductible from the federal tax. He ruled that Quebec taxpayers will be allowed to claim a deduction of only five per cent of what they pay in federal income tax. This means that Quebec residents, mainly those in the medium and upper income brackets, will pay 10 per cent more income tax than earners in other parts of Canada. Although collections are only starting now, the Quebec tax is effective from Jan. 1 last and is due to continue for the next three years. The man who formerly paid \$100 federal tax now will pay \$95 to the federal government and \$15 to the Quebec government.

Killed On Ground

Thirty-one passengers, including five on company passes, and a crew of four were in the North Star. An English pilot from a training field near Moose Jaw was flying solo in the trainer. Mrs. Martha Hadwen died when parts of the North Star fell burning in a house beside Willowdale golf course, then blew up. For TCA, the accident ended more than 3,000,000,000 passenger miles of flying without mishap. TCA's last fatal accident was in 1947. Investigations were started immediately by both RCAF and TCA. Twisted debris was scattered for blocks. Two of the powerful engines, almost unrecognizable, were half-buried in a yard. Within minutes a huge crowd gathered to watch frenetic battle flames in three houses. Nine bodies, eight from the plane and Mrs. Hadwen's, were found in one. The planes hit at 10:03 a. m. (1:03 p. m. AST) 6,000 feet above this south-central Saskatchewan city. The trainer, manned by an English airman from a NATO training field outside Moose Jaw, struck the North Star's right wing. The two aircraft fell apart and plummeted down. Witnesses said the North Star fell with its tail burning. Some said an explosion was heard before it struck and the four-engined plane disintegrated; others that the fuselage was intact when it hit.

Tax Criticized

The double taxation was criticized by some Quebec business leaders following Mr. Abbott's speech. Premier Duplessis is expected to continue on Page 5, col. 4.

Cannot Change Potato Ban Date

OTTAWA, (CP)—Revenue Minister McCann said Thursday the government cannot push up to June 1, from June 15, start of the six-week protective period during which United States potatoes cannot be imported into Canada. He told George Hahn (SC-New Westminster) that the date cannot be changed because it is statutory. A change would require amendments to Canadian statutes and the general agreement on trade and tariffs. Mr. Hahn said an earlier date would give greater protection to potato producers who bring in crops early.

Close To School

The falling North Star narrowly missed Ross school, one of Moose Jaw's largest. Two motors and part of the cabin crashed into the home of Gordon Hume, service station operator. In a matter of seconds the building was a mass of flames. Two other houses caught fire but were not destroyed. Four hours after the crash, only victims positively identified were the North Star crew—Captain I. H. Bell, first officer D. W. Guthrie, steward Lou Penner and stewardess M. L. Quinney, all of Vancouver. The Trans-Canada Air Lines at Montreal began issuing a list of passenger casualties. Moose Jaw was in a virtual state of emergency. All the city's firemen, police and ambulances were ordered to the scene. (Continued on Page 5, col. 5)



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HORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	9	23
Vancouver	4	49
Edmonton	19	44
Calgary	21	47
Regina	22	51
Winnipeg	12	44
Toronto	40	48
Ottawa	38	49
Montreal	51	55
Quebec	40	47
Saint John	34	45
Moncton	29	58
Halifax	33	51
Charlottetown	27	55
Sydney	24	48
Yarmouth	36	52
St. Johns	21	43

HALIFAX, (CP)—The weather office here says colder and drier air over the Great Lakes is pushing east preceded by a band of showers. The Maritimes will be in the colder air Friday, and skies will be sunny. Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Sunny with a few cloudy intervals; colder; north-west winds 20 becoming light by evening. Low-high at Charlottetown 23 and 35, Moncton and Fredericton 23 and 35, Saint John 25 and 35, Edmundston and Campbellton 26 and 36. Bay of Fundy: Northwest winds 25 diminishing in afternoon to Northwest 15; clear with a few cloudy intervals; visibility 15 miles; colder. High tide today at Charlottetown at 3:22 a.m. and 2:33 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later. Sun rises today at 5:40 a.m. and sets at 8:50 p.m.