

# Hostilities In Viet Nam Are Resumed After Lull

## Truce Lasts Some 6 Hours

From AP-Reuters  
SAIGON (CP) — South Viet Nam was wracked by war again Sunday after a brief Christmas truce the Western world had hoped would light the torch of peace.

The 30-hour ceasefire by U.S. and South Vietnamese forces turned into a one-sided experiment. The 12-hour truce offered by the Viet Cong lasted about six hours.

The U.S. state department was reported to have instructed the military command here to extend the ceasefire if it appeared to be providing the Communists with an excuse to stop shooting and start negotiating.

The Viet Cong seized the initiative, however. The U.S. high command said the Viet Cong instigated a total of 94 incidents during the Communist and American ceasefire periods.

Allied forces were back in action, but only in South Viet Nam. The U.S. Air Force and 7th Fleet carrier planes made no strikes against the Communist North.

As a result of Viet Cong attacks during the truce period, at least 12 Americans and up to 50 South Vietnamese soldiers were killed. Many others were wounded.

events during the unofficial truce period:  
Reporting from the field during the Viet Cong armistice and the early part of the American-Vietnamese ceasefire was slow, headquarters had little evidence of infractions.

The state department in Washington apparently decided the atmosphere was right to extend the truce and perhaps go for a negotiated peace.

THINGS REPORTED QUIET  
The U.S. command in Saigon flashed to Washington word of the series of Viet Cong ceasefire infractions while their spokesmen were telling reporters here that everything was quiet. This took place all day Christmas.

At 4 a.m. Sunday, the Communist (Continued on page 3 Col. 7)

## Volcano Stirring

HILO, Hawaii (AP)—Hawaii's Kilauea volcano quieted down Sunday but gentle earthquakes kept scientists from regarding the Christmas Eve eruption as over.

Seismographs on the tip of Kilauea crater recorded two or three quakes a minute in Aloi Crater where the eruption began Friday night.

Most quakes were too small to reach the surface, but a few sharper jolts were felt in Hilo, 30 miles away.

Twenty quakes a minute were felt at the height of the eruption. No major damage was reported.

No populated areas were threatened.

Aloi Crater, site of a three-day eruption in December, 1963 is off the chain of craters road, so named because it weaves through Kilauea's main craters up to the 4,000-foot plateau built up by the volcano.

NO MENTION OF TRUCE  
Communist broadcasts from Hanoi Sunday made no mention of the U.S. decision to extend the truce to 30 hours.

But Hanoi's official newspaper, Nhan Dan, said the U.S. is "idlely prattling about unconditional discussions" for a settlement in Viet Nam.

"They (the Americans) are acting as if they really wanted peace in order to brand the Vietnamese people as belligerent," said an article signed by Fighter.

Moscow charged that the U.S. had broken the Christmas ceasefire.

U.S. military spokesmen in Saigon gave this picture of

continued in the Pacific northwest, and there was a light snowfall in the central plains and some snow flurries in New England.

In Arizona, four Salt River Project lakes above Phoenix were almost full as the result of snow melting, and project officials said melting snow the next few days could cause them to spill over.

This would send water rushing down the normally dry Salt River bed between Granite Reef Dam and Phoenix, and cut off all but one or two roads connecting north and south Phoenix.

A storm last week pelted the state with record amounts of rain and snow and caused widespread damage as the Gila River in eastern Arizona and the Rillito River in the Southern part of the state overflowed their banks.

## Arctic Weather Moves Into U.S.

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## Pope Is Disappointed Over Truce Failure

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Paul VI reported concerned and disappointed over the failure of the Christmas truce in Viet Nam, but determined to press ahead with his personal peace efforts.

"He has done everything he could, and he will continue to do everything possible to promote peace in Viet Nam," a papal aide said Sunday night.

It was believed the Vatican that the Pope's appeal a week ago brought about the ceasefire.

Papal aides said more papal appeals on Viet Nam could be expected, along with a continuation of Vatican diplomatic activity at all levels.

In a Christmas speech in Warsaw, Stefan Cardinal Wysniewski stated what has become clear here—that Pope Paul has made a truce in Viet Nam the main task of the Roman Catholic church at this point in world affairs.

White the Pope was saddened that fighting had resumed in Viet Nam, sources said he had also been tremendously encouraged that his public appeal for a Christmas ceasefire brought results, even if tenuous.

The Pope was disturbed by continued unrest in the Dominican Republic. He sent a Christmas message there calling for "reciprocal confidence" and reconciliation among the people of the politically tense Caribbean nation.

At his regular noon blessing of 15,000 persons in St. Peter's Square, Pope Paul called for "peace, concord and serenity," but did not mention Viet Nam or the ceasefire.

"We pray for families and communities, and we pray to the Lord that He give peace, concord and serenity to all homes. We pray especially for mothers, and for every child."

## BRIDGE USED AS RUNWAY

NEW YORK (AP)—Because his passenger couldn't swim, a 19-year-old pilot landed his small plane on the George Washington Bridge instead of in the Hudson River Sunday.

Both men walked away with minor injuries.

As the Aerona monoplane landed in the centre of the huge bridge linking New York with New Jersey, its wing tip caught on a truck's tarpaulin. The plane was spun around and its nose and wing tips damaged but nothing else suffered.

The double-lane centre roadway of the bridge's upper deck was not open to traffic at the time, although six other lanes were in use.

The pilot, Phillip Ippolito of the Bronx, told police he began losing power and altitude so decided to land in the river. But he changed his mind when his passenger, Joseph Brennan, 39, told him he couldn't swim.

## U.S. Roads Death Toll Is Record

CHICAGO (AP)—The three-day Christmas weekend edged to a close Sunday night leaving a record number of highway travellers dead in the United States.

By late evening, 653 persons had been killed in traffic accidents, surpassing the former record of 609 for a three-day Christmas holiday.

The toll continued inching upward as motorists jammed the highways in the homeward rush.

## Twin Girls Separated

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Siamese twin girls, separated by surgery six hours after their birth Christmas Day, clung to life Sunday.

A surgeon who divided their common bladder and separated their intestines said their chances of survival now are a little better than the 50-50 chance given them Saturday.

Sheila Norine and Lisa Marie Mantonya were receiving constant care at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

Their mother, Mrs. Robin Mantonya, 20, was reported "getting along very well" at another hospital. A doctor said he had told her the twins were "attached in a small area and had to be separated."

The father, Gerald Mantonya, 20, is a Hollywood film laboratory technician.

The infants, weighing a total of 12 pounds, were born by Caesarian section Saturday. Neither breathed for three or four minutes.

## Former UC Moderator Dies At 78

TORONTO (CP)—Very Rev. Alexander A. Scott, 78, a former moderator of the United Church of Canada, died in hospital Saturday. A funeral service will be held Tuesday.

Dr. Scott, moderator from 1952 to 1954, was appointed after 40 years in missionary work.

A native of Carleton Place, Ont., about 35 miles west of Ottawa, Dr. Scott did post-graduate work in Scotland before leaving for India in 1912.

Dr. Scott leaves two daughters, Mrs. Lyle H. Wilson of Toronto and Mrs. David H. Lewis of Beirut, Lebanon, and a son Donald of Dunnville, Ont.

## Plane Lands Safely With Engine Afire

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Holiday passengers missed their Christmas dinner aboard a Tokyo-bound Japan Air Lines jet and escaped down an emergency chute without injury after the damaged plane limped to a landing.

The plane's outer left engine caught fire four minutes after the DC-8's takeoff from San Francisco Saturday. There were 31 passengers and 10 crew members aboard.

"She went blooie," said Flight Officer Harold L. Brown, the only American crew member. "There wasn't any warning."

Parts of the engine fell over suburban areas, but the debris caused no reported damage.

Capt. Tsuneo Kato landed the plane at Oakland, across the bay from San Francisco.

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## Conservatives Launch Action To Unseat Forestry Minister

HULL, Que. (CP) — The Conservatives had a Christmas Eve surprise for Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve: They began court action in a remote Quebec village to have his election nullified.

If the legal gambit succeeds, the minister will find himself without a Commons seat and forced to run again in a bye-election or resign from the cabinet.

Hull lawyer Lionel Mougeot disclosed Friday that a petition alleging irregularities on and before election day in Mr. Sauve's riding was filed late Thursday in Perce, on the top of the Gaspé Peninsula.

A hearing will be held later in Quebec Superior Court at Gaspé, when Mr. Sauve will have the opportunity to reply to the Conservative allegations and file a counter-petition if he chooses.

Reached at his Montreal home the minister said he would study

## Cape Wolfe Safe Reported Found

ALBERTA — A safe containing some \$2,000 in cash, and another \$4,000 worth of papers and other valuables stolen Thursday night from Costain's general store at Cape Wolfe, was found open over the weekend near the old town dump at Summerside.

The discovery was made by children. Valuable papers in the safe were said to be intact. The cash was missing.

It was reported, but not confirmed, that children picked up approximately \$10 in 50-cent pieces in the vicinity of the safe.

The break is being investigated by the Edmonton detachment of the RCMP.

The Cape Wolfe store was entered by breaking the glass in the front door and turning the lock. Nothing else was believed taken. The break was discovered when the store opened for business Friday morning.

The store is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Costain, both of whom played a leading part in the 1964 centennial celebrations which resulted in the Cape Wolfe area being named the centennial community of Prince Edward Island.

## West German Killed In Wall Crossing Try

BERLIN (Reuters)—A West German in an old car was killed by a hail of bullets at the Berlin Wall Sunday. Communist East Germany claimed he had been trying to help two East Germans escape to the West.

The East German news agency ADN, describing the escape bid as a new provocative plot, said the dead man, Heinz Schoeneberger, and another West German with him had planned the escape for weeks.

Western military commandants termed the incident, at the Heinrich-Heine Strasse crossing point, a brutal killing.

U.S. officials said Schoeneberger drove the car between concrete slabs built into a zig-zag course to slow cars down to walking pace on the East German side of the wall.

East German guards blazed away with sub-machine guns and the car crashed through the final wooden barrier at the gap and jammed into one side of the wall.

Schoeneberger jumped out of the car, staggered the short distance over the border line and collapsed. He died in hospital.

West Berlin reports said three other persons in the car were left in East Berlin. One man was carried off on a stretcher and a man and woman were arrested.

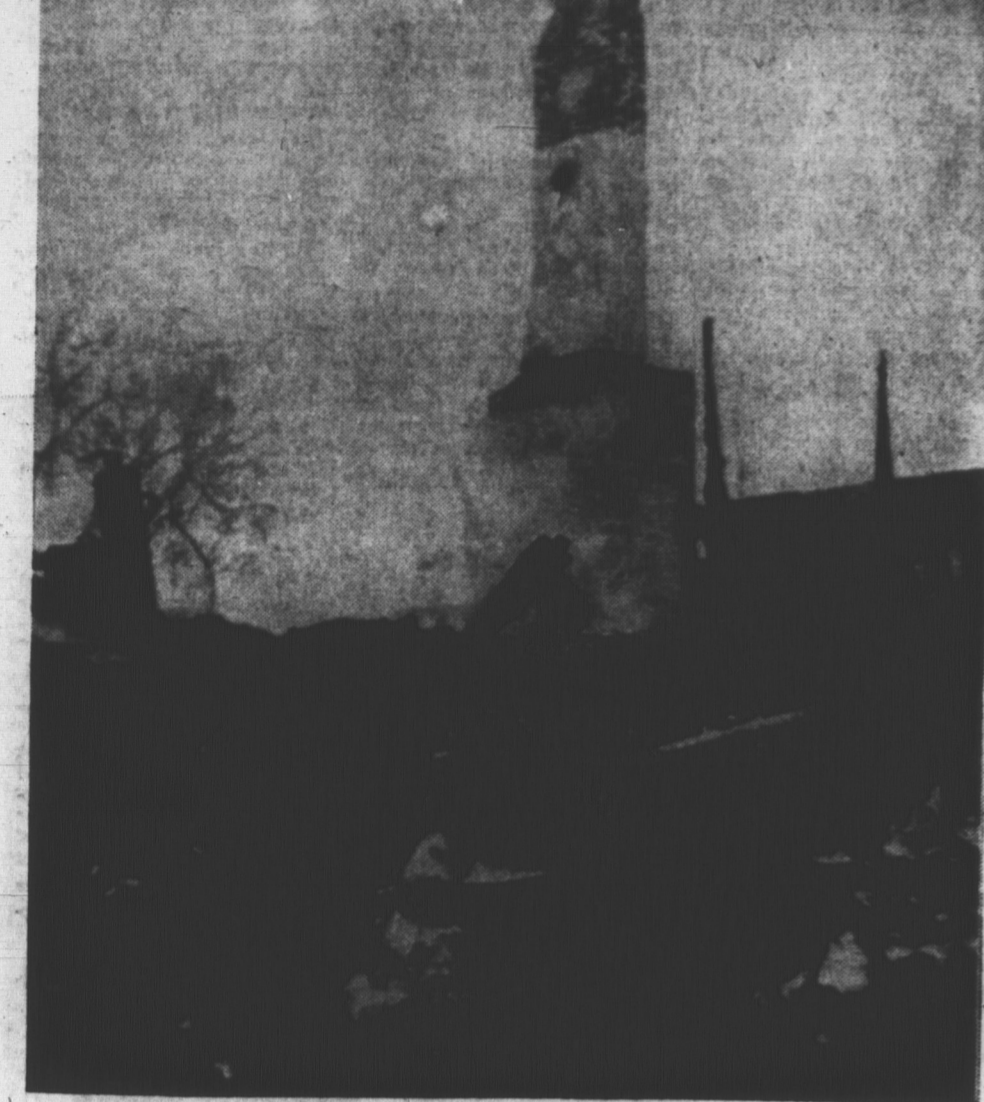
BLAMES WESTERN AGENTS  
ADN said the attempted escape was made "under the influence of agent groups in West Berlin."

The agency accused West German groups of using the Christmas period to create tension and unrest.

Maj.-Gen. John F. Franklin, U.S. military commandant, said in a statement supported by his French and British colleagues:

"It is time that these senseless killings cease. The fact that this is the second confirmed shooting within a few days during the solemn Christmas season makes the matter all the more shocking."

EAST GERMAN truck in Berlin Wall where East German guards shot and killed a man early Sunday when he tried to ram a car through the barrier. He stumbled across into West Berlin and died in an ambulance. A lighted Christmas tree is visible in background on East German side. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Berlin)



## FIRE CLAIMS FIVE LIVES

Only the chimney remains standing after an early morning fire took five lives at Berkeley, Ont., Sunday. Dead are Mrs. Adam Bailey, 84, her son-in-law, John MacLaughlin, 64, her granddaughter Mrs. John Raywood, 24, and Mrs. Raywood's two children, Katharine, 2, and Sharan Phillips, eight months. Mrs. John MacLaughlin, 62, Beverly MacLaughlin, 32, and Philip Walk-

## NO SIGN OF BACKING DOWN

## Story Of Peace Feelers Will Be Told By Fanfani

By JAMES M. LONG  
ROME (AP) — Italy's fiery foreign minister, Amintore Fanfani, plans to tell his parliamentary critics personally why he became middleman in the peace feeler that aroused skepticism in Washington and denials in Hanoi.

An extraordinary session of the Chamber of Deputies foreign affairs commission has been called for Jan. 5 to hear him. The commission will debate a crossing of charges from left and right over whether Fanfani was pulchre and whether he acted with the knowledge of the Italian government.

Nothing in the veteran politician's nature or his action since returning from his job

## Canada's Death Toll 53 With One Day Remaining

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
The Christmas weekend death toll totalled at least 53 with one day remaining before the holiday officially ends at midnight Monday.

A Cross-Canada Survey by the Canadian Press until 10 p.m. EST Sunday lists 37 persons killed in traffic accidents, 14 in fires, one drowning and one asphyxiation since the holiday started at 6 p.m. Friday.

The Canadian Highway Safety Council predicted 60 would die on highways during the weekend. Last year's road fatality toll was 57.

ways, shares the highest provincial death rate with British Columbia. B.C. had 11 highway deaths and two by fire.

In Quebec, 10 persons died in traffic mishaps and one man was asphyxiated.

Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island were fatality free. Two persons died on the highways in New Brunswick and one drowning was recorded in Nova Scotia.

In the western provinces two persons died on highways in Alberta, four in traffic and one by fire in Saskatchewan and three by fire in Manitoba.

Three persons also died by fire in the Yukon.

The survey does not include natural or industrial deaths, known suicides or slayings.

## SHARE LEAD

Ontario, where five persons died in a house fire at Berkeley and eight others on the high-

## Stormy Weather Marks Christmas Many Places

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Three of Canada's four political leaders were at home for Christmas and, because of bad weather across the country, most Canadians followed suit.

The only leader to escape the weather, ranging from snow and rain in the Maritimes to snow and drifting snow in Ontario and intense cold in Western Canada and T. C. Douglas, leader of the New Democratic Party who was in Jamaica.

Prime Minister and Mrs. Pearson spent the day at 24 Sussex Drive in Ottawa, with their son, Geoffrey, and nine grandchildren.

Conservative Leader John Diefenbaker also spent the day at his Ottawa residence. Robert Thompson, leader of the Social Credit party, was at home in Red Deer, Alta.

In the Maritimes and Newfoundland it was generally warm and wet Christmas Day. North New Brunswick and parts of Prince Edward Island received snow.

There was a light snowfall in Montreal Christmas morning. The day was cloudy. Churches reported large attendances Christmas Eve.

Most persons in Quebec spent the day at home.

Snow, which began falling Christmas Eve, covered Ontario by Christmas Day. Driving was hazardous.

One woman was killed and four were injured in a head-on collision near Ottawa about noon.

It was cold in Manitoba Christmas Day with snow. Temperatures dropped to 0 below in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Taxi companies were busy and towing services worked around the clock.

Snow fell on most of British Columbia. Temperatures were mild. Highway conditions were hazardous as rain followed the snow and overnight temperatures were low.

Five members of one family were killed Christmas Day in a traffic accident near Haney in the Fraser Valley.

DELAYS REPORTED  
Transportation officials reported some minor delays.