



Five Die In Fire

NORANDA, Que. (CP) — Five persons burned to death Sunday when fire destroyed an isolated two-family farm house in nearby Cloutier, 250 miles northwest of Ottawa.

Four others were taken to hospital with injuries, none believed serious.

The dead are Mrs. Marie Charbonneau, 39, and three of her children, Michel, 10, Rachel, 6, and Angele, 5, and Yves Diamond, a six-month-old baby.

Mrs. Charbonneau's husband, Raphael, 45, was taken to hospital along with two of his children, Lucille, 20, and Marie-Claire, 1½, and Mrs. Clermont Diamond.

Four more persons escaped injury.

Firemen said an overheated home - made furnace apparently was the cause.

The four children were believed to have died in their beds while Mrs. Charbonneau died while trying to save them.

THEFT VICTIMS EXPLAIN LOSS

Mrs. J. Medard Lafortune, 80, left, holds a suitcase similar to one which contained \$442,500 worth of bearer bonds stolen Jan. 21 from her home in Joliette, Que., 35 miles northeast of Montreal. At right is her sister, Amandine Laliberte, holding their cat Grise.

KHRUSHCHEV PROPOSAL

18-Nation Summit Talks May Open Arms Parley

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet Premier Khrushchev was reported Sunday night to have proposed an 18-nation summit meeting to open the March 14 disarmament conference at Geneva. Canada is a member of the group.

The proposal is understood to have been made in a letter Khrushchev sent to President Kennedy and apparently was sending also to heads of the other countries involved.

U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk met at the state department last Sunday afternoon with ambassadors of Britain, Canada, France and Italy.

Those are the other NATO allies which would be involved in the Geneva conference.

Rusk is understood to have given the ambassadors a full account of the seven-page Khrushchev message to Kennedy. So far as could be learned none of the other Western governments had at that time received the Khrushchev proposal.

Khrushchev sent the letter in response to a proposal made to him last Wednesday by Kennedy and Prime Minister Macmillan for foreign ministers to open the disarmament conference.

Khrushchev is understood to have objected that the issues involved in trying to end the nuclear arms race are far too serious to turn over to bureaucrats—by which he made clear he meant the foreign ministers.

The known attitude of the Kennedy administration, as well as of the previous Eisenhower government, has been to oppose full-scale summit meetings unless advance negotiations give some assurance of success when the heads of government get together.

Nevertheless, the position taken by the U.S. would leave the way clear for a later summit conference on disarmament if the first stages of negotiations at Geneva opened up serious possibility of agreement between East and West. This can be said authoritatively that if the Geneva meeting makes progress a summit meeting later in the spring is possible.

The 18-nation disarmament committee is under instruction to report back to the United Nations by June 1. A summit conference along the lines proposed by Khrushchev could (Continued on Page 5 Col. 5)

Spanish, Portuguese Talks Said Planned

MADRID (AP) — Two aging giants in the world's dwindling ranks of dictators — Francisco Franco of Spain and Portugal's Antonio de Oliveira Salazar — were reported planning to meet today to discuss possible integration of their countries into a federation of the Iberian peninsula.

Informants said the scheduled meeting in the western Spanish town of Ciudad Rodrigo, 15 miles from Portugal's border, was requested by Premier Salazar.

The Portuguese leader, shaken by the loss of Goa to India, wants Spain's military support to strengthen his grip on Portugal's remaining overseas territories, the informants said.

Backed by Generalissimo Franco's well-equipped army of about 500,000 men, Salazar could move much more forcefully to smash nationalist uprisings in the seething West African territory of Angola and Portuguese possessions.

There was speculation that Salazar and Franco feel a Spanish-Portuguese federation, bringing together nearly 40,000,000 people, might increase the chances of strong central rule continuing after they pass from the scene.

Air Of Mystery Surrounds Return Of Pilot Powers

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—U-2 spy pilot Francis Gary Powers flew back home Sunday and was reunited with members of his family.

The White House announced this much and only a little more about a chain of events that took place in an atmosphere of contrived secrecy and mystery.

They began when Powers disappeared from public view Saturday morning almost at the instant Communist officials released him on the Berlin border and he walked away to freedom.

A White House statement read by Assistant Press Secretary Andrew T. Hatcher, said merely:

"Francis Gary Powers is now in the United States and is meeting privately with members of his family. He landed early this morning."

IN GOOD CONDITION

"Mr. Powers appears to be in good physical condition. As previously stated, he will be interviewed by appropriate U.S. government officials."

"Mr. James B. Donovan, New York City attorney who cooperates with the government in obtaining the release of Mr. Powers returned on the same airplane."

Powers and Donovan could have been the two shadowy figures who darted from an air force transport at Andrews Air Force Base near here in the blackness before dawn this morning.

Donovan was the lawyer for Soviet spy Rudolf Abel. Abel and Powers were exchanged in the centre of a bridge on the Berlin boundary Saturday.

Along with the brief announcement that Powers is home and has met with his family—presumably his wife and parents—the White House released two pictures taken within three hours after his return.

MET ON COAST

As a farflung game of hide-and-seek moved into mid-afternoon, there were some signs that the Powers family meeting took place somewhere along the Atlantic coast about 150 miles southeast of Washington.

Military installations in the area of Ocean City, Md., seemed a likely spot although there was no confirmation.

In the early morning hours Sunday, an air force transport landed here at Andrews Air Force Base. Two men hurried down the landing stairs, sprinted a few yards to a helicopter and whirled off into the night. One of them might have been Powers. No one in authority would say.

Nearly two hours later, Powers' wife, Barbara, flew into Washington National Airport from Atlanta, Ga. Her brother, Capt. Jack Moore, an air force chaplain, came along.

An escort of men, reported to (Continued on Page 3 Col. 4)

New Red Bid In Berlin Air Is Rejected

BERLIN (AP)—A Russian bid to take over two of the three Allied air corridors to Berlin for a couple of hours today—up to a height of 7,500 feet—has been rejected by the Western Allies, a spokesman said Sunday.

Similar efforts last week also were rejected.

The Soviet controller in the Berlin Air Safety Centre said the Soviet Air Force wanted to reserve the corridors running between Berlin and Hamburg and Berlin and Hanover up to an altitude of 7,500 feet from 10:15 a.m. to 12:38 p.m. today.

The Western spokesman said the Western Allies rejected the Soviet demand, saying they would not accept any limitation on freedom of flights to Berlin along the corridors.

"Our aircraft will continue flying as usual, including below the 7,500-foot altitude set by the Soviets," the spokesman said.

TO SEND PLANES

This means Britain, France and the United States intend to send military transport planes through the corridors to demonstrate their rights, as they did in the face of similar Soviet bids last Thursday and Friday.

Three Killed, Five Injured In Collision

TIMMINS, Ont. (CP)—Three persons were killed and five others injured Tuesday night in a two-car head-on collision about 50 miles southwest of here.

Dead are Arnold Tremblay, 27-year-old social worker, with the Kirkland Lake Children's Aid Society; Raymond Schryer, 13; and Lawrence Harwood, 12. Both boys were wards of the children's aid.



SENATOR BARBOUR'S FUNERAL HELD SATURDAY

Friends and relatives pay their last respects to Senator G. H. Barbour as pallbearers carry his remains to the waiting hearse. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from Trinity United Church, where service was conducted by Rev. John Ball and Rev. D. H. Hamilton. Past and present members of legislature, the session of Trinity United Church and employees of W. G. Barbour Ltd. attended in a body. The active pallbearers were Clifford MacDonald, George MacDougall, Gordon Bennett, Alfred MacNeill, Allison Rogers and Douglas Hill. (See also story on page 3.)

Prince Charles Recovers After Emergency Surgery

Ban The Bomb Leader To Seek Love Tieup

LONDON (AP)—A leader of a ban-the-bomb movement in Britain is trying to enlist support by a ban on love.

The idea is to urge wives who favor disarmament to "withdraw their love" until their husbands agree to work for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

John R. Boyden, 45-year-old industrialist and prominent member of the Petersfield, Hampshire branch of the movement, said:

"A strike against husbands has been discussed in London and it will come up for discussion at Petersfield."

"I am going to talk to them about Lysistrata."

Lysistrata was the heroine of an ancient Greek play who led a women's conspiracy for peace. She persuaded the Athenian women to withhold their affections from their husbands until peace was made with Sparta.

Said Boyden:

"I feel the Lysistrata idea could be part of the ban-the-bomb campaign. Women would not do anything at home. Love would be just one aspect of the strike."

In the play Lysistrata, the Athenian women refused their husbands what English courts are pleased to call "their conjugal rights."

But Boyden said his plan was more sweeping.

"But missing their dinners would hit them much harder. At least a strike at home would make men think."

A spokesman for Lord Russell's rival and militantly pacifist group, the Committee of 100, described the "love strike" idea as fascinating.

The Committee of 100 goes in for acts of civil disobedience to further its campaign against nuclear weapons.

ORBIT FLIGHT SET WEDNESDAY

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After several frustrating delays, the United States plans to try again Wednesday to send John H. Glenn Jr. whirling into round-the-world orbit.

If everything goes precisely on schedule, an Atlas missile will blast off at 7:30 a.m. EST that day to boost the 40-year-old Glenn toward his long-awaited flight into space.

A perfect flight would take him three times around the world in four hours 50 minutes at a speed of 17,500 miles per hour. Near the end of the third orbit, braking rockets would slow his Friendship 7 space craft and bring it down for a parachute landing in the Atlantic 800 miles southeast of here.

Glenn, the Atlas, the capsule, the world-wide tracking network, the recovery forces and other elements all were reported in ready condition Sunday as the seventh scheduled date for the launching neared.

Condition Said 'Satisfactory'

LONDON (Reuters)—Doctors performed an emergency appendectomy on Prince Charles early today and reported that it was "completely satisfactory."

The 13-year-old heir to the throne underwent surgery after midnight when he was rushed to a London hospital by ambulance from his school 50 miles away at Cheam, Buckinghamshire.

His condition was reported to be satisfactory.

The operation was performed by David Waterson, surgeon at London's Hospital for Sick Children, with four other physicians in attendance.

Prince Charles arrived at the hospital with suspected appendicitis shortly after midnight, accompanied by his school doctor and the Queen's pediatrician. Hospital physicians decided to operate immediately.

At 2:30 a.m. an official bulletin was issued stating:

"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales underwent an operation for acute appendicitis early this morning. His condition is satisfactory."

His mother, Queen Elizabeth, was kept informed by telephone at Windsor Castle outside London where she was staying. A cable was flashed to his father, Prince Philip, at Caracas, Venezuela, where he is visiting on a South American tour.

Charles was understood to have complained he felt unwell Sunday morning and doctors were called in to the school to examine him. Appendicitis was suspected.

The Prince is in his last term at Cheam before transferring to Gordonstoun, his father's old school, in the summer.

Sir Wilfred Sheldon physician-pediatrician to the Queen, went to Cheam to examine the prince and came back to London with him.

ILL AT CHRISTMAS

The Prince's last illness was minor—he and his aunt the Duchess of Kent, left a Christmas Day church service near Sandringham, the Royal Family's country home.

He had colds last September and last April after recovering from measles in February. He had a bout of chickenpox in April, 1959.

In 1957, when he was nine, Charles underwent a tonsil and adenoid operation following frequent attacks of tonsillitis. The operation was in Buckingham Palace.

The Prince is first in line for succession to the throne, followed by his infant brother, Prince Andrew, who will be two on Feb. 19, and his sister Princess Anne, who is 14.

Major Storm Slams Blow At Nfld. Over Weekend

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Hundreds of power poles were flattened and highways were clogged by drifting snow Sunday night as a wild winter storm howled across Newfoundland.

In eastern sections of the province, rain and freezing rain coupled with 50-mile-an-hour winds combined to knock out power circuits and disrupt road travel. No telephone or telegraph communications were reported disrupted.

In central areas the storm which raced in from the Maritime provinces, was depositing crippling amounts of snow.

By late Sunday night 24 inches of snow had fallen at Gander, the international airport in central Newfoundland.

ROADS WASHED OUT

Two roads to Argentina 90 miles southwest of here on the Avalon Peninsula were reported washed out by heavy rain and freezing rain. Twelve to 15 inches of snow was forecast for the area today.

Washed out was a section 16 miles southwest of Holyrood on the Salmonier highway and a section near Markland on the Colinet Road.

United Towns Electric Company reported a large area around St. John's had no power. The company said about 300 power poles were down in the Conception Bay area, about 150 in the Trinity Bay South area and about 100 on Bell Island. Power was expected to be back to Bell Island sometime today.

High winds were blowing snow into drifts on highways as fast as snow-plows could break through. Drifts of nearly four feet were reported on main streets at Grand Falls.

The full force of the storm by-passed Western Newfoundland which got only two or three inches of snow.

Sheet ice floated into St. John's Harbor from the Waterford River crushing small boats against the steamship Baculac causing damage estimated at \$2,000 to the small boats.

Two Deaths Are Blamed On Maritimes' Weather

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wind-driven snow piled into the Maritime provinces from the Atlantic Sunday while the rest of Canada recorded an assortment of more gentle weather.

A storm moving north along the Atlantic seaboard brought almost two feet of snow on Gander, Nfld., and more than a foot on Cape Breton Island by noon Sunday.

Smaller falls of a few inches hit other parts of the east coast, but strong winds drifted the snow to a depth of several feet in parts of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Gale warnings were issued in Newfoundland and wind gusts reached 50 miles an hour in Nova Scotia.

A cold front shifting east from central Canada forced down temperatures. Forecasts called for the coldest night of the season, with a low of 25 below zero for Campbellton, N.B.

CAUSE TWO DEATHS

The weather was blamed for at least two deaths on maritime highways. A two-car collision east of Moncton Saturday took the life of George Richard Taylor of Tabusintac, N.B. Doyle Pullover of Blandford, N.S. died when the car in which he was riding skidded off the road about 20 miles from his home.

A departing high-pressure area promised relief from below-zero temperatures in Ontario and Quebec, but the new pattern was bringing a mixture of rain and snow.

A prairie cloud bank covered most of Saskatchewan and Alberta, keeping temperatures well above zero and above freezing in southwestern Alberta.

Southern British Columbia also was cloudy, with spurts of drizzle or light snow, while northern parts of the province had it clear and cold.

Separatist Movement Is Described Threat

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Those in Quebec who advocate separation of their province from the rest of Canada are a small group as yet, "but what is going on in Quebec could tear this country apart," Emery LeBlanc of Moncton, managing editor of the daily newspaper L'Évangéline and president of the Canadian Managing Editors' Conference said Saturday night.

He spoke at an organization dinner meeting of the Saint John Men's Press Club.

Mr. LeBlanc said representatives of news mediums have a responsibility to understand some of the reasons for the current "separatist movement" in Quebec.

"None of the people who are preaching separatism are as important as the people of Quebec think they are, but they are more important than most of you think they are," Mr. LeBlanc said. "As for what is going on there, you cannot take the responsibility of ignoring it."

WINDS OF CHANGE

Winds of liberation were blowing across the world and

15 of the 40-odd nations created since the Second War were French-speaking Quebecers said, was in a better position to operate as an independent state than any of these.

He cited many reasons why the separatists felt Quebec would be better off to leave Confederation. They felt French was not really an official language of government; that much industry was controlled by English-speaking "strangers"; that French magazines had been bought up, closed down and replaced by French versions of English magazines; and that French-Canadians were not sufficiently represented in the government.

"In New Brunswick, however, you have no separatist movement among the Acadians. It is different. We are conscious of the fact that we are a small minority."

"The Acadian likes Confederation. A separatist movement cannot grow among the Acadians. But in Quebec it is different."

Death-Dealing Blows Are Struck By Storms

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nature dealt weather blows to the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of the United States Sunday in the form of death-dealing rains and mudslides in California and biting cold in the east.

A mudslide loosened by the California rainstorms of the last five days crashed into two southern California homes, killing a nine-year-old boy and an infant. The slides were among hundreds on southern California slopes during the night. A traffic accident blamed on the storm took another life for a death toll of 13. Flood waters periled homes.

Frazier Park, Calif., was partly flooded during the night when a rain-weakened spillway at a dam south of Bakersfield collapsed. However, no lives were lost because the estimated 20 families whose homes were in the path of the churning water had been previously evacuated. There was no estimate of damage to homes.

DAMAGE SOARS

But the spillway collapse added to the total damage caused by the storm that has ravaged northern and southern California for five days. Damage to property soared into the millions.

Los Angeles was soaked by nearly six inches of rain during the downpour, while canyon and foothill areas got as much as 14 inches of rainfall.

In the east a cold wave spread from New England and northern New York State southward to the Gulf States. At Saranac Lake, N.Y., in the Adirondacks the thermometer skidded to 33 below, while Albany had 18 below—a record for Feb. 11. Newport, Vt., recorded 24 below and readings far below zero were taken in Maine and New Hampshire.

New York readings included Watertown 23 below, Glens Falls 15 below and Buffalo eight below.

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