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WEATHER
Snowflurries, drifting snow; west winds 25, gusts to 45. Low-high 5 below, 10 above. Sunday: a few snowflurries.

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DAMAGE REPORTS HEARD

Restoration Of Services Progresses In Province

By GEORGE CONDON

Little by little Prince Edward Island is working back into normal activity following two days of vicious winter weather the repercussions of which may be felt for many days.

Snow plows have been working almost continuously since early yesterday morning to clear blocked highways and streets. But, with winds continuing at 25 m.p.h. with gusts to 40, drifting snow was still a hazard on all Island highways.

POWER, PHONES RESTORED

Although power and telephone black outs have been cleared in most areas there were still sections where problems were being encountered last night.

Maritime Electric reported yesterday around four o'clock that Souris had finally been cleared following nearly 22 hours of cut-off. Montague power had been restored about one hour previous.

By late last night, however, Nine Mile Creek and Rusticoville were still in darkness.

Mail delivery was expected to resume in Charlottetown today after carriers had been idle for a day and a half. The setback has created a tremendous pile up of Christmas mail at the local post office.

The ferry docking problems were also affecting the post office as the mail was coming late and in great lots.

Other than with ice difficulties on the loading ramps at Borden and Cape Tormentine, CNR traffic was generally good although some trains were slightly behind schedule.

FERRY RESUMES

The Ferry Abegweit, which had remained off-shore all Thursday night finally discharged her passengers around ten o'clock Friday morning. The icing on the lower loading ramp, however, prevented any unloading of rail cars or vehicles on that level and crews were expected to work all night to clear the ramp.

Ferry trips today were not expected to be on the exact schedule as rough seas and icy weather will prohibit the operation of the Confederation.

Eastern Provincial Airways flights last night were running, but in most cases were three hours late. It was hoped that a normal schedule could be followed today.

21 INCHES SNOW

The snowfall, ranging from 13 inches in Charlottetown to a record 21 inches in Summerside, wrought havoc with the phone lines for two days. Late last night, however, the only remaining areas still without phone communications were South Lake and Covehead.

Two emergency lines had to be cleared to Montague and it was expected that normal service would be restored before daybreak. The biggest task in clearing the phone lines was the difficulty of the crews in reaching the fault areas.

Although no bus movement took place to, from or on the Island yesterday, officials of Island Motor Transport Limited were hoping to complete some runs today, providing the heavy drifting had ceased.

Police in both Summerside and Charlottetown reported only minor accidents, as did the RCMP, but streets in both Island centres were badly clogged and were undergoing the full invasion of snow removal apparatus last night and this morning.

Low temperatures in Charlottetown yesterday, recorded at the Radio Range as the storm abated, ranged from 9 above to 3 below zero. The forecast for today is -5 to 10 above with wind gusts to 40 mph.

Many areas of the provinces suffered damage during the storm, most from the high winds which reached 110 miles per hour at one time in Charlottetown.

DAMAGE REPORTS

Wind combined with high seas on the province's north shore swept away 50 feet of the 60-foot Covehead bridge.

In Charlottetown and several other communities windows were punched out or cracked by the gale force winds. Hanging signs also took a beating.

At Morell three 30,000 gallon storage tanks being erected by Irving Oil Co. were blown down and damaged.

The tanks are erected on a mounted foundation. They are tall cylendrical structures and

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Island Doctor Dies In N.B.

WOODSTOCK, N.B. (CP) — Dr. J. Arthur Wilson, 46, who had practised medicine here for the last 10 years, died here Friday of a heart attack.

A native of New Dominion, Dr. Wilson was on duty at Carleton Memorial Hospital here prior to his death. He graduated from Dalhousie Medical School in 1951 and did post graduate work at the Queen Mary Hospital in Montreal.

Federal Political Leaders Plan Quiet Holiday At Home

OTTAWA (CP)—Quiet Christmas holidays by the fireplace with their families is to be the rule for most of the nation's federal political leaders next week.

Subject to the ending of the parliamentary session, Prime Minister and Mrs. Pearson are planning to spend most of next week in Toronto with their daughter.

Opposition Leader and Mrs. Diefenbaker will spend Christmas week at their home in Ottawa, with Mr. Diefenbaker's brother, Elmer, and Mrs. Diefenbaker's daughter, Caroline, and her family as house guests.

The other party leaders plan to spend the holidays in their home constituencies — NDP Leader T. C. Douglas in Burnaby, B.C., Social Credit Leader Robert Thompson in Red Deer, Alta., and Creditiste Leader Real Caouette in Rouyn, Que.

LIGHT SCHEDULES

So far, the leaders seem to have been successful in dodging formal engagements for the holiday season. Mr. Diefenbaker speaks Saturday night in Chicago to an Israeli development group, and will return to Ottawa Sunday.

No detailed plans have been announced for the prime minister, but it is expected he will go to Toronto Sunday and return to Ottawa Thursday. He will stay with his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Hannah, playing grandfather to their four children.

Both Mr. Pearson and Mr. Diefenbaker are expected to attend the governor-general's New Year's Day reception in the Parliament Buildings.

Happy West Berliners Stream Through Wall

BERLIN (AP) — A human tide of happy West Berliners streamed through the Communist wall Friday for joyous reunions in East Berlin with relatives they had not been allowed to see for more than two years.

Snow covered the city, but no one seemed to mind the cold. West Berliners were getting their Christmas gift from the Communists—one-day passes to enter East Berlin.

"I was so excited that I couldn't sleep the last three nights," said a West Berlin woman at one of the five crossing points.

In an East Berlin suburb, a housewife met for the first time a grandchild born in West Berlin since the wall went up 28 months ago.

BRIDGE LONELY GAP

And the story was repeated in many private homes, where most of the relatives met to bridge the long and lonely gap since the city was forcibly divided.

Few East Germans came to the wall to meet their relatives. An East German milkman explained that the East Berliners were nervous about meeting their relatives under the eyes of the border guards, who have orders to shoot to kill if the East Berliners try to flee.

The West Berliners began hurrying through as soon as the steel candy-striped barriers of the wall were lifted by the East Berlin border guards. They passed by gaily-lit Christmas trees on the West Berlin side of the wall.

Scores of young children, under the age of two, were among the West Berlin families.

The regime of East Germany has relented for the limited period until next Jan. 5 to allow relatives to get together in East Berlin.

Friday saw the official opening of the massive operation, which will bring together tens of thousands of separated Berliners in the next three weeks. About two score got an early start by crossing over Thursday.

West officials reported that by 4:30 p.m. 2,662 persons had crossed over on foot or in 600 autos. An unknown number had ridden the elevated train into the east sector.

MANY SAVE PERMITS

Western authorities had prepared to handle 10 times as many. Apparently most people were saving their one-day permits for dates closer to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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U.S. Areas Experience Record Lows

CHICAGO (AP) — Temperatures drove down to record lows Friday in many cities caught in a flood of icy air that covered most of the United States.

Snow continued to pile up in some lee regions of the Great Lakes.

More than a foot of snow fell Friday at Oswego, southeast of Lake Ontario. All schools in the city closed at 1 p.m. A main highway and all secondary roads in the vicinity were blocked.

Oswego's snowfall rose to 66.2 inches for this season.

Although winter doesn't arrive by calendar until Sunday, nagging winds spread the big chill from the western plains to the Atlantic seaboard.

Deaths attributed to the severe weather rose to 27.

Chicago's official tow of nine below at Midway Airport set a new mark for the date.

At least 16 states endured subzero cold, ranging down to 35 below in Bemidji, Minn.

Foreign Aid Bill Delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate and House of Representatives conferees on the foreign aid bill broke up in disagreement Friday and Representative Otto E. Passman, (Dem. La.) said: "There will be no bill this year."

Passman, chairman of the House conferees, stormed out of the third meeting Friday almost immediately after the two groups got together.

He told reporters the Senate conferees insisted on a compromise $3,100,00,000 measure "and this we refused to accept."

In saying there would be no bill this year, Passman meant he saw no possibility of anything being worked out until Congress reconvenes in 1964.

The Senate has voted $3,272,503,000 in foreign aid for the fiscal year that began July 1 and the House approved only $2,801,700,000 after the White House had asked for a budget of $4,500,000,000.

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

FRIDAY, Dec. 20, 1963

Still facing a mass of estimates, the Commons decided to sit today and work through to prorogation sometime this afternoon or tonight.

Immigration Minister Favreau announced that Irene Rebrin of Vancouver, who has fought deportation for five years, will be allowed to stay.

MPs of all parties sharply criticized the symbol chosen for the 1967 Montreal world fair and unanimously agreed to throw it out.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said the symbol would ridicule Canada and called it an artistic monstrosity.

Prime Minister Pearson said the second session of the 26th Parliament will be called for the second week of February.

Works Minister Deschatelets reported Ottawa will spend more than $112,500,000 on the Montreal fair and related highway construction.

SATURDAY, Dec. 21

The Commons meets at 10 a.m. EST to finish up the remaining business of the session. The Senate meets at 1 p.m.

Hole Cut In Car To Free Woman

LIMBOUR, QUE. (CP) — Mrs. Armand Demers, 43, escaped death when her car plunged 25 feet over a bridge and landed upside down in the freezing waters of the Gatineau River near here.

Volunteers hacked a hole in the bottom of the car to free her, after first ripping boards from the bridge to hold their weight on the thin ice. The accident occured Thursday.

Mrs. Demers, mother of three, is in hospital where officials say her condition is satisfactory. She was driving the seven miles to work in Ottawa when the accident happened.

Maritimes Count 12 Dead In Wake Of Fierce Storm

THIS IS A very familiar sight to anyone who has been in Prince Edward Island the past day or two. Although it was taken on Queen Street in Charlottetown yesterday, it could very well be any one of the towns and villages in the province now trying to dig themselves out from under one of the worst storms in recent years. It was snow like this, ranging up to 21 inches deep, and high winds that crippled transportation and left many motorists stranded Thursday and Friday. The cleaning-up is continuing today.

Shipping Losses Reported Heavy

HALIFAX (CP) — The death toll in a paralyzing blizzard that struck the Atlantic provinces may have reached 12.

Ten deaths have been attributed to the storm and fears that two fishermen had drowned in the Bay of Fundy mounted when the wreckage of their vessel was found washed ashore. There was no sign of the men.

Meanwhile damage — particularly to shipping — mounted in the wake of one of the worst winter storms in memory in the Maritimes.

In addition to the two fishermen, two other persons were listed as missing.

Six of seven members of the Newfoundland coastal freighter Mary Pauline drowned before the eyes of crew on two other ships early Friday. The crew attempted to escape their sinking 124-foot vessel in dories, but mountainous waves overturned the small boats throwing the men into the water. One was rescued.

DIES AT CONTROLS

A railway engineer, Mitchell MacDonald, 50, of Charlottetown, suffered a stroke and died at the controls of his locomotive at the switching yard in Borden P.E.I.

Albert Dauphinee, 78, of Bridgewater, N.S., and Harold A. Crawford, 56, of Halifax, died of heart attacks while shovelling snow. In Truro, John Baille, 85, of Truro, died after he was struck in the head by a storm-door blown back at him by 85-mile-an-hour winds.

The storm left four other people missing, created havoc with transportation and left at least five ships aground or floundering at sea.

The wreckage of the 43-foot fishing boat Ruth Lillian was reported sighted on lonely Ellerwood Island off Western Nova Scotia.

RCMP reported receiving a message from a woman on the island saying she saw the wreckage washed up on shore.

There was no sign of the vessel's crew, Gerald Welsh and Donald McDormand, both of Westport in the same Bay of Fundy area where aircraft and ships had been searching after the two were reported missing Thursday. They had left Wednesday night to fish in the Brier Island area.

COUPLE MISSING

At Corner Brook, Nfld., RCMP were searching for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Campbell of Gallant's, Nfld., who were missing on a trip to Corner Brook, a distance of 25 miles. RCMP said they may have put up along the way.

Several vessels were en route to Grindstone Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence to assist the grounded 7,000 - ton Lebanese freighter Corfu Island. She was not believed in immediate danger.

A second ship, the 10,000-ton freighter Tulse Hill, went aground on the Magdalen Islands Friday but no details of the grounding were available here. The ship carried a crew of 25.

The Lunenburg, N.S. Scallop dragger Juliette and Linda III was overdue on a trip from Georges Bank off the southwest up of Nova Scotia. Scallop draggers normally carry crews of between 12 and 15.

A United States Coast Guard cutter was heading to a spot in the Atlantic about 20 miles south of Burin, Nfld., to assist the Nova Scotia trawler Acadian Neptune which was drifting in high seas. Its sister ship, the Acadian Crest, was standing by.

Off Sheet Harbor, N.S., about 75 miles east of here, two vessels were drifting.

The navy had two frigates and a tracker aircraft looking for the disabled Coast Guard ship

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Mass Burial Held For 82

STE. THERESE DE BLAINVILLE, Que. (CP) — A biting north wind and sub-zero temperatures prevailed Friday as final tribute was paid to 82 of the 118 victims of the Nov. 29 crash of a Trans-Canada Air Lines DC-8F jetliner here.

Eight ministers representing the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches and a rabbi conducted the services for those aboard the ill-fated plane, most of them from Toronto. Some 200 friends and relatives of the victims stood in freezing weather for the burial of two symbolic coffins.

The mourners were brought to the scene, 20 miles north of Montreal and four miles from the crash site, by special train. A tent with portable heaters was provided but many of them preferred to listen to the services outside.

HELLYER REJECTS PROPOSAL

Defence Group Suggests Abandoning Honest John

By DAVE McINTOSH

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons defence committee recommended Friday that Canada get rid of the Honest John artillery nuclear rocket, part of the equipment of the 6,500-man brigade in Europe.

Defence Minister Hellyer indicated in an interview he couldn't accept the recommendation. The weapon is needed, he said.

The 24-member, all - party committee favored, with one member dissenting, nuclear warheads for the Bomarc anti-aircraft missile, Voodoo jet interceptor and the CF-104 low-level jet bomber in Europe.

The committee didn't say specifically why it is opposed to the Honest John rocket but indicated its reason in another section of its interim report: "The risk must not be taken that a major nuclear conflict would be triggered by the unauthorized use of tactical nuclear weapons by subordinate command when threatened by annihilation."

The committee apparently was not satisfied with explanations on this point given by Brig. M. R. Dare, brigade commander.

Six other committees also reported to the Commons Friday as the parliamentary session neared a close.

URGES INQUIRY

The fisheries committee recommended a judicial inquiry into "alleged irregularities" in payments made out of funds of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and the dismissal of a PFAA official.

The railways committee proposed amendments to the Railways Act to protect the interests of railway workers displaced by branch line abandonment and merger of rail companies.

The committee on reporting of parliamentary debates suggested installation of recording apparatus in some committee rooms as an experiment.

The comittee on Trans-Canada Air Lines and Canadian National Railways approved the budgets of the two publicly-owned corporations without any reference to TCA's choice of the American DC-9 as its new medium-range jet over objections from the Quebec government which favored the French Caravelle.

The agricuture and mines committees merely asked to resume sittings at the next session of Parliament.

The defence committee recommended more air transport for the brigade in Europe and the two back-up brigades in Canada, and an air transport role for the air division in Europe once the CF-104 becomes obsolete.

Andrew Brewin (NDP—Toronto Greenwood), a committee member, said the report represents a considerable non-partisan achievement but that it is by no means unanimous.

He said in a statement the committee should have been more "forthright" in its view that the present roles of the brigade and air division in Europe are unsuitable for Canada.

Mr. Hellyer said NATO and Canada need more military transport.

He said the committee recommendations are to a large extent his own views.

The Honest John proposal appeared to be the only recommendation in conflict with government policy or government thinking on future policy.

Federal Deficit Trimmed Slightly

OTTAWA (CP)—A $17,000,000 surplus on government operations in November has trimmed off some of the deficit accumulated in the first seven months of the current fiscal year.

Finance Minister Gordon, in his regular monthly treasury report Friday night, showed a budgetary deficit of $111,600,000 for the first eight months of the 1963-64 year which began April 1.

Higher revenues and lower expenditures in November both contributed to reversing the $18,200,000 deficit incurred in November last year.

SPENDING REDUCED

The month's revenues rose to $490,700,000 from $471,200,000 and spending was reduced—mainly in defence—to $473,700,000 from $489,400,000.

War Crimes Defendant Is Silent On Auschwitz

FRANKFURT (AP)—One defendant in West Germany's largest war crimes trial announced Friday he will refuse to testify about Auschwitz concentration camp atrocities—because he wants to survive.

The opening-day statement came from Wilhelm Boger, former chief of the camp's intelligence system, who is alleged by the prosecution to have been one of the most brutal Nazis in the Auschwitz administration.

Boger was among 20 former SS (elite guard) officers and men who faced court on charges they had a part in the gassings, shootings, hangings or fatal tortures of millions of prisoners at Auschwitz, one of Adolf Hitler's most efficient death factories.

Boger told the court: "I will be silent because I want to survive this trial. I did not decide on this because of lack of knowledge but in view of my state of health."

INVENTED TORTURE

The prosecution charges Boger invented what prisoners called the "Boger swing" method of torture. During interrogations, Auschwitz prisoners were tied by their feet and hands to a beam and then whipped. Often this ended in death.

Boger was not asked about this. Neither did any of the six other defendants questioned Friday refer to actual atrocities in Auschwitz. They were questioned on their personal backgrounds.

As did several other defendants, Boger said he tried to get away from Auschwitz but had no success. He said he had a specific reason for seeking a transfer: He felt he could do a better job than his superior in the camp's political department.

He said, nevertheless, that he "thoroughly organized the investigation of escapes" and boasted that "Auschwitz had the lowest flight rate of all German concentration camps."

MAY LAST TO FALL

The trial, expected to run to next fall, opened in the hall of Frankfurt's city parliament.

Boger was one of eight defendants who had police guards at their side, a sign they are in custody. Thirteen others, including the top-ranking defendant, SS Capt. Robert Mulka, are free because of bad health or on bail of up to 150,000 marks ($37,500).

Mulka, 68, who set up a thriving import-export agency in Hamburg after the war and now is his son's employee, said he had no idea of Auschwitz' functions until the day he reported as adjutant to camp commander Rudolf Hoess. Hoess was hanged in Poland after the war. Mulka said he was dropped from his Auschwitz post in 1943 and arrested by secret police for derogatory remarks about a Nazi leader.

Several others, including former SS Cpl. Perry Broad, testified they had tried to be assigned to combat duty to get away from Auschwitz.

The trial's next session was set for Dec. 30.

Detectives Suspended As Home Break Probed

OTTAWA (CP) — Inspector of Detectives Borden Hobbs and two other senior detectives were suspended by the Ottawa Police Commission Friday pending an investigation into charges that they helped plan a break-in at the home of an Ottawa man.

Detective-Sergeant Carl Norton and acting Detective Tom Beggan were the other suspended officers.

Magistrate Glenn Strike said a provincial police inspector will investigate charges that the three detectives helped plan a break-in at the home of Benjamin Achbar.

The charge was made in magistrate's court Wednesday by 33-year-old Royal Bard of South Hull, Que., who along with two others, was nabbed by police when he entered the Achbar home.

Bard said in court that police helped him plan the crime in order to trap two other men.

Bard, who had pleaded guilty to breaking and entering, was sentenced to three years in penitentiary but Magistrate Joachim Sauve said he would withdraw the prison sentence if Bard's story is true.

Florian Lemieux, 36, and Jean Guy Gundron, 30, both of Ottawa, the other men arrested in the Achbar home by police, were remanded in court after pleading not guilty to charges of breaking and entering. Magistrate Sauve cut their bail from $10,000 to $100.

The break-in at the Achbar residence occurred during the widespread search for the hooded bandits who had terrorized Ottawa and surrounding communities. Norton was in charge of the investigation in Ottawa.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS UNDER WARM SKIES

Stewardesses Helen Phillips (left) and Denese Gordon, whose jobs take them far from stormy, frigid Canada, practise Christmas carols on Waikiki Beach outside Honolulu. Helen was born in Brantford, Ont. Denese is from Vancouver.

(CP Wirephoto)