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BLAST SCENE AT SHERBROOKE

Two workmen were killed and 20 others injured when an explosion occurred in a building at Sherbrooke, Quebec. In the foreground is the roof and wall

which collapsed as a result of the explosion. The blast occurred as men arrived for work on an extension of a building by Raby et Freres, furniture store.

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Parliament Opens Jan. 15 Faced By 'Heavy' Program

OTTAWA (CP) — Parliament will open Jan. 15 with heavy work ahead and the prospect of stiff fights on unemployment and federal fiscal policies.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said in the midst of a day-long cabinet meeting Tuesday the government plans a "fairly extensive" legislative program. He gave no details but from other sources it was learned the program may include legislation to provide crop insurance, more extensive farm credit, more money for housing, greater federal control over Canada's gas and oil industries, aid for exports and possibly federal rail subsidies to ease freight rate discrimination in the western provinces and the Maritimes.

MORE SPENDING LIKELY All this would mean a heavy government spending program. Opposition forces, though small in number, have been critical of the government's handling of the unemployment problem, as well as trade and other issues. The government has been accused of policies that have added to interest rates and created uneasiness among investors.

The price of government bonds has sagged in the last few months. Thus it appears likely the Liberals with 49 members and the CCP with eight will attempt to launch strong attacks against the Conservatives who hold 208 of the 265 Commons seats.

With the exception of disclosing the date of Parliament's opening, Mr. Diefenbaker declined to answer reporters' questions, indicating he plans to hold a press conference later this week. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS Later he told a reporter the cabinet will continue its deliberations today and that "some appointments" are under consideration. It appeared likely these would be appointments to the Senate where there are nine vacancies in the 102-seat chamber. The Liberals have 74 members; Progressive Conservatives 16; Independents two; Independent Liberal one.

Asked to comment on the results of the two by-elections in Toronto Trinity, where Liberal Paul Hellyer won, and in Springfield, Man., where Conservative Dr. Joseph Slogan retained the riding for his party, Mr. Diefenbaker said: "I have no comment. The people's decision was made."

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said at the time the government has "no objection in principle" but the \$68,000,000 or more it would cost annually, if all provinces entered the plan, would mean that much less in other federal aid to the provinces.

At present all provinces except Quebec and Prince Edward Island have entered the hospital insurance plan, which provides standard ward hospital care and diagnostic services. Prince Edward Island was one of the first provinces to declare in favor of the scheme when it was proposed to Parliament by the Liberal government.

Mr. Monteth said Quebec appears to be interested now in joining but needs more hospital beds. Prince Edward Island also had indicated that it still is interested in joining.

Mr. Monteth said no changes are planned in the program of hospital construction grants.

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NATO Members Back Big 3 In Rejecting Berlin Deal

PARIS (CP) — A solid rank of North Atlantic treaty powers Tuesday pledged full support to the Western big three in their determination to reject Russia's demand that they get out of West Berlin.

The annual NATO ministerial council meeting also declared Western readiness to meet Russia in negotiations on Germany as a whole and on European security and disarmament.

In a communique issued at the end of their first day's meeting, the 15 powers declared: "The member states of NATO could not approve a solution of the Berlin question which jeopardized the right of the three Western powers to remain in Berlin as long as their responsibilities require it."

Moreover, they declared the Soviet Union would be wholly responsible for any hampering of traffic between the West and the former German capital. "The 2,000,000 inhabitants of West Berlin have just reaffirmed in a free vote their overwhelming approval and support of that position," they said.

NOT A PROVOCATION Paul-Henri Spaak, NATO's secretary-general, told a press conference after the communique was issued that "this is not a provocation." The West, he said, wanted to demonstrate that "threats don't pay," and that on "big questions, we are united."

The West Germans were pleased with the communique. Press chief Felix von Eckardt said "the NATO council has reaffirmed the viewpoint of the German government in a way which is both distinct and impressive."

Speaker after speaker had challenged the Soviet demand for withdrawal of Western garrisons from West Berlin, 110 miles behind the Iron Curtain.

A NATO spokesman quoted State Secretary Dulles of the U.S. as saying: "We don't need to worry about Russian threats on Berlin. I am quite convinced that, in view of NATO's strength, the Soviet Union will not risk war about Berlin."

Canada was said by conference sources to have played a prominent part in getting the NATO alliance to declare its readiness to negotiate with Moscow over Germany while flatly rejecting the Soviet Union's Berlin proposals.

Canada was a member of a six-power drafting committee that spent two hours working on the last passage in the 350-word communique declaring Western willingness to negotiate.

External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith of Canada was said to have asked for something more than a reiteration of Sunday's statement rejecting the Soviet proposals.

OTHER KEY ISSUES Although Berlin took up most of the day's talks, the council also discussed such key issues as East-West relations generally and closer political consultation on world problems within the alliance.

New U.S. Bomber Crashes On Test

TUCUMCARI, N.M. (AP) — A supersonic, four-engine B-58, one of the newest class of United States atom bombers, crashed Tuesday near Tucumcari.

The pilot was killed and two other crew members were injured.

A spokesman at Carswell said the pilot was killed in falling from the plane. He was identified as Maj. Richard D. Smith, 40.

It was the first of the new Hustler bombers, which travel more than twice the speed of sound, to crash. An air force spokesman said the big delta-wing craft was on a test flight from Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Tex., at the time.

A helicopter landed at the crash scene, about 35 miles southeast of Tucumcari, and the pilot radioed back to base that the pieces were so small he could not identify the craft.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A jet bomber crashed and exploded in Tampa Bay Tuesday night, about 300 yards offshore from a thickly populated St. Petersburg residential area. No survivors were found.

MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa identified the craft as a six-engine B-47 jet bomber from MacDill. A spokesman said B-47s usually carry three-man crews and sometimes four on training missions.

Springhill Union President Is Critical Of Jobs Delay now, and not wait until the summer?" He estimated that the 200 members of his United Mine Workers (U.M.W.) District 26 Union could "get by" for five or six months on the \$14 that they get monthly from unemployment insurance and grocery credit from the disaster relief fund.

"I can't hold the men any longer than spring. We can't live on relief," Mr. Harrison said. The Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation and controlling A. V. Roe of Canada Limited have a major responsibility in replacing the closed subsidiary Cumberland Railway and Coal Company here.

"Doseco has made thousands and thousands of dollars out of this town," he said. "It's only been in the last few years that they started to lose money."

DEAR SANTA CHICAGO (AP) — In the annual flood of letters addressed to Santa Claus, post office workers found this one, carefully printed by a child's hand and unsigned: "Dear Santa: please send some presents to my brother. Give mine to him too. He was burned up at school. He is with Jesus in Heaven."

WINTER CONSTRUCTION? "The governments are always talking about winter construction. Why don't they start constructing

Blame 'Chicken' Incident For Death Of Girl

WEST NEWBURY, Mass. (AP) Fear of being called "chicken" may have caused the death of the 17-year-old daughter of a former police chief and serious illness of three boys who drank anti-freeze at a Christmas party.

This opinion was expressed Tuesday by former police chief Buell Curry, whose daughter Carol died Monday night in Boston's Peter Bent Brigham Hospital after drinking anti-freeze in the belief it was creme de menthe at the teen-age party in her home Saturday night.

The heartbroken Curry said: "It was one of those things that teen-agers call a 'chicken incident' in which some of the kids would be called 'chicken' if they didn't take a drink of liquor." In Peter Bent Brigham Hospital were Richard Keller, 17, Gene Trafion, 17, and Thomas Bergeron, 16. Keller had lost his sight temporarily but vision returned Tuesday.

First Missile Fired In Calif.

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A gleaming white Thor, first ballistic missile launched by a crew that would fire them in wartime, blasted off Tuesday from this new space age training base.

Trailing a roaring tongue of fire, it climbed spectacularly skyward and sailed into the setting sun before vanishing into the late afternoon haze. The shot was the first from Vandenberg, created to train missile crews. It also was the first U.S. ballistic missile firing outside the long-established test range at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Tuesday's was the first of many practice shots of various kinds of weapons at this 64,000-acre base. This first one was little more than a test of new launching and tracking facilities.

But soon the air force will be firing the larger intercontinental missiles. And within only a few weeks it may attempt to hurl from this base a 1,300-pound satellite into orbit around the earth's poles. Other satellite shots may follow, perhaps as often as once a month.

First of these will be powered by Thors with second-stage liquid fuel engines. Later shots will use the more powerful 6,000-mile Atlas ICBMs.

NATO Chief Rejects German Defence Plan PARIS (AP) — Gen. Lauris Norstad was reported Tuesday to have rejected a West German proposal for reorganizing the northern defence perimeter of the Atlantic alliance.

NATO's supreme military commander in Europe met Monday with the West German Defence Minister, Franz Josef Strauss. Qualified informants said afterwards that Strauss agreed to drop his plan, at least for the time being.

Under NATO's military setup the supreme commander, in effect, must approve any reorganization. Military planners in West Germany want a revision of the Baltic Sea command. They favor splitting German forces, with some under the central command and some under the northern command.

30 Ships In River Head For The Atlantic Ocean

MONTREAL (CP) — Three Canadian ice-breakers Tuesday prepared to make a full-scale assault on the icy barrier that keeps 30 saltwater vessels from the Atlantic Ocean, 800 miles away.

The powerful N.B. Maclean, which left Quebec City Tuesday morning, was to join the d'Iberville and the smaller Ernest Lapointe in a co-ordinated attempt to batter open a channel through 15-foot ice packs roughly 40-miles downstream from Montreal.

Eleven freighters are trapped in an ice jam off L'Anse-au-Loup, about 30 miles from Montreal harbor, and another 19 vessels marked time in the harbor until a channel was cleared. The ice-breakers are faced with the task of breaking up 30 square miles of ice on Lake St. Peter and cutting a 200-foot-wide path through the ice packs for 20 miles up the river from the head of the lakes.

The St. Lawrence River channel engineer's office in Montreal said it was still too early to say whether any of the vessels imprisoned off L'Anse-au-Loup would be freed tomorrow.

ONE AT MONTREAL In Montreal, only one ship remained in the ice-encrusted Lachine Canal. "For all practical purposes, you can consider the canal season ended," said canal superintendent Paul von Germann.

Canal workers Tuesday coaxed through the nine-mile waterway the remaining two ocean vessels and two lake vessels. The Beaver-ton still is trapped in the Cole St. Paul lock and workers were to concentrate their efforts on her.

Two tugs have taken on the task of moving the new Royal Canadian Mounted Police icebreaker. If they fail to budge her, canal workers will try to work out other schemes. The powerful icebreaker d'Iberville Tuesday morning reached the vessels off L'Anse-au-Loup, but late Tuesday she returned to Lake St. Peter to clear the way through shallow waters that freeze rapidly.

The Ernest Lapointe steamed downriver to Trois-Rivieres to pick up supplies and was scheduled to return early this morning to continue the task of maintaining a navigable passage.

CONDITIONS IMPROVED Ice conditions below Quebec were described as much improved Tuesday. The Norwegian ship Stringheim and the British Norco arrived at the provincial capital Tuesday from Trois-Rivieres. The Stringheim, Norco and Asteris were scheduled to leave Quebec, escorted by the ice-breaker Montcalm, in an effort to reach the easily navigable waters to the east.

A three-ship convoy left Quebec City Monday and anchored for the night 70 miles downstream. Navigation buoys had been removed from the river and the ships make no attempt to sail through the ice at night. As the battle against the elements continued, communications between signal service stations along the St. Lawrence were disrupted by a break in teletype and telephone cables.

George Heroux, signal service chief, said the cable was cut by a contractor installing underground lines for the Bell Telephone Company in the city's east end. The telephone company was to install a mobile service at signal service headquarters until repairs to the broken cable can be completed.

Labrador To Aid In St. Lawrence

HALIFAX (CP) — The ice-breaker Labrador left here Tuesday to aid sister ships in their battle to free vessels stranded in ice in the St. Lawrence River.

Transport department officials said it was not immediately known in which area of the river the Labrador would be used. A spokesman said department officials in Quebec would decide where to use the former Canadian navy icebreaker.

Accidental Death Verdict Given By Coroner's Jury A verdict of accidental death was returned last night by a coroner's jury following an inquest at City Hall into the December 9th death of Reginald Joseph MacDonald of Charlottetown.

The 39-year-old carpenter was fatally injured when he fell from the third storey of the new Royal Bank building at the corner of Richmond and Queen streets shortly before four o'clock in the afternoon. He died about seven hours later in the Charlottetown Hospital.

The inquest was conducted by coroner Dr. L.E. Prowse assisted by Crown Prosecutor J.P. Nicholson. Eight witnesses were heard during last night's sitting including Cpl. Gordon Humphrey of the R.C.M.P., Dr. Clark Coady, Dr. Russell Thompson, Emmett Cameron, Chester Baxter and Chief C.W. MacArthur.

IDENTITIES PHOTOS Cpl. Humphrey, NCO in charge of the Identification Branch of the R.C.M.P. Detachment in Charlottetown, identified three photos that he took of the accident at the request of Chief MacArthur.

Arriving at the hospital at about four o'clock, Dr. Coady, who attended MacDonald on his arrival to the outgoing patients department, said that his patients condition began to deteriorate considerably around five o'clock. The result of his injuries had been determined earlier when the coroner's jury returned its verdict.

100 Lose Lives In Store Fire BOGOTA, Colombia (Reuters) — At least 100 persons died Tuesday when a fire swept through a department store crowded with holiday shoppers.

Ten others were badly injured, a statement from the mayor's office said. The statement said most of the victims were women.

The fire broke out in the evening rush hour when the store was jammed with shoppers. It was believed to have been caused by a light bulb that exploded over Christmas decorations.

Panic gripped the shoppers and people pressing forward into the entrance from the street made escape impossible. The fire was extinguished in half an hour, but by that time the store was completely gutted.

U. S. Blames Communists For Anti-American Riots

WASHINGTON (CP) — Without putting the charge into so many words, the United States Tuesday accused the Soviet Union of complicity in the anti-American demonstrations which greeted a visiting high state department official in Baghdad Monday.

Through chief press officer Lincoln White, the state department blamed "irresponsible and subversive elements" for the rock and egg-throwing demonstrations which met U.S. Assistant State Secretary William Rountree as he arrived in the Iraqi capital to confer with Iraqi officials.

Reading a statement, White refrained from labelling the incidents as Communist-inspired, but later said that anyone who had noted recent Moscow attacks on Rountree's fact-finding tour of the Middle East could "draw their own conclusions." And, if he were asked for his personal opinion, he went on, "certainly the incidents were Communist-inspired." But he refused to go on record as giving that as the department's view.

Russia's 6-Jet Bomber Said Fastest In World LONDON (AP) — Russia now has in operational service a secret six-jet intercontinental bomber twice as fast as any operational United States heavy bomber, Jane's All The World Aircraft reports today.

The new Soviet delta wing bomber can travel about 1,400 miles an hour — about twice the speed of sound — the authoritative British aviation publication says. Fastest U.S. bomber in regular service now is the eight-jet B-52 with a speed of about mach 1 (speed of sound). The Americans have a multi-jet heavy bomber, the B-58 Hustler, which has achieved mach 2, but is not yet in operational service.

NATO has given the Soviet bomber the code name Bouncer. NUCLEAR TEST BED One of the bombers is believed earmarked for use as a flying test bed for Russia's first airborne nuclear engine, Jane's developments in the missile field are sparse.

There was no official confirmation of this report. British experts believe a Russian nuclear-powered aircraft has not yet flown. The American magazine Aviation Week said recently intelligence reports told of a Soviet nuclear-powered plane being sighted over Moscow. This report also has not been confirmed.

Jane's also reports that the American X-5 rocket plane is nearing the flight stage. This North American aviation experimental aircraft has a designed speed of at least mach 7 or between 4,000 and 5,000 miles an hour.

The publication says America's "great Atlas ballistic missile is progressing beyond the testing stage to production as the first of the so-called 'ultimate weapons'."

SOVIET PROGRAM Authoritative reports on Soviet

Youth Blames Child's Antics For Touching Off 5 Killings

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — A tall, pale boy who said a child's bedtime a lie and mother's screams drove him into a frenzy of killings, stood with bowed head Tuesday as the names of his five victims were read off at his arraignment on murder charges.

Carl A. Eder, 16, was remanded in custody of the juvenile division of Superior Court, which will determine whether he is to be tried as an adult or juvenile. The victims were named in a murder complaint read by Judge Penton Garfield as Mrs. Lois Pendergast, 37, and her children, David, 9, Thomas, 6, Diane, 4, and Allen, 2.

Eder, who slouches a bit from his six feet, two inches, bowed his head at the name of David and seemed near tears as the other children were named. FOUND FAMILY SLAIN His capture in an unused ballroom Monday night ended a hunt that started when Thomas Pendergast, 39, a San Diego aircraft pipefitter, found his family slain Friday night.

helped care for the children. The blond, pimply-faced runaway from a Rochester, N.Y., suburb was quoted by officers as saying: "Diane was in the bedroom, jumping up and down on the bed." I picked her up and threw her on the floor.

Blood came from the child's head, he said, and Mrs. Pendergast screamed.

SHOT MOTHER The youth said he then got a gun and, when Mrs. Pendergast screamed again, he shot her. She shot her again after she fell. "Then I looked for a knife and killed the little kids," he said. They were Diane and Allen, whose throats were cut, stomachs slashed and skulls fractured.

Eder said he didn't want to kill David and Thomas when they came home from school but that David saw the bodies. David screamed and he was stabbed. Eder said he then chased Thomas to a bathroom in the garage and stabbed him.

A psychiatric examination is expected to be ordered by the juvenile court.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE CAPETOWN, South Africa (Reuters) — J. H. Symman suffered internal and head injuries Tuesday in an accident in which his car plunged 400 feet over a cliff, was caught by a tree and left dangling precariously over a river.

SEE NEED FOR BEDS With the advent of hospital insurance in Ontario and Nova Scotia next month and the plan now in effect in B.C., Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland, some increase in the demand for bed accommodation is expected. New Brunswick is aiming at a start in the plan next July.

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