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New York air collision brings fire, death, terror

124 believed dead, one child survives

NEW YORK (AP) — Two big airliners, probing for a landing in a snowstorm, collided with a roar today, and plunged like flaming rockets in to the city with 124 believed dead.

The crashes loosed fire and terror on the ground.

One plane, a United Air Lines DC-8 jet, plummeted into a heavily populated section of Brooklyn, setting an entire block of apartment buildings and shops ablaze. Walls were shattered, and debris scattered like bomb fragments.

A church was demolished.

It was the first crash in America of a pure jet carrying passengers. There were 83 persons aboard.

The other plane, a Trans World Airlines Constellation with 42 aboard, raked over the Miller Field section of Staten Island, and struck in harbor water. It also started fires in structures in the area.

Out of the 125 persons on the two planes, only one survivor was reported, an 11-year-old boy, plucked from the wreckage of the crash in Brooklyn. Earlier reports of other survivors on Staten Island were discounted.

The coast guard said it had 21 boats searching waters off Brooklyn and Staten Island for survivors or bodies.

Idlewild airport sources said the close proximity of the wreckages indicated a collision although nobody could be found immediately who had actually witnessed the two planes smashing together.

Thousands of spectators rushed to the Brooklyn disaster area.

Roadways leading to the scene were choked with traffic. Emergency vehicles had difficulty getting through.

Extent of the casualties among residents could not even be guessed for the time being.

ROBERT GORDON of Prince Rupert Senior High school and Karen McBride of Booth Memorial Junior High school were first and second Skeena district prize winners, respectively, in the current essay contest sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society, British Columbia and Yukon Division on the essay entitled "To Smoke Or Not To Smoke". Mrs. F. J. Hicks, secretary of the Prince Rupert Unit, is pictured above presenting prizes to Karen and Gordon.

ALL THE EXCITEMENT OF CHRISTMAS WAS FELT YESTERDAY afternoon when Santa Claus handed out treats to some 200 Tiny Tots in the Civic Centre at the annual "Tiny Tot Christmas Party". Under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Peterson, children first enjoyed a session of Christmas singing, games and marching. To herald Santa's arrival the Centre's pre-school rhythm band played "Jingle Bells", with children then singing "Here Comes Santa Claus". Parents and children were welcomed by Centre Manager Jacob Vandenbrink. At the piano was Mrs. T. A. Paavola. Pictured on Santa's knee is petite Cheryl Grantham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Grantham and Santa's helper, Mrs. Michael Karasosky.

— Photo by Jacob Vandenbrink

B.C. ROUNDUP

Gaglardi loses appeal on contempt charge

VANCOUVER (CP) — Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi Thursday lost an appeal against a contempt of court conviction for which he was fined $1,000.

The unanimous ruling of the judges in the British Columbia Court of Appeal said "we have been gravitated inevitably to our decision. Mr. Gaglardi's lawyer said he may appeal the decision to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Education need

VANCOUVER (CP) — Dr. N. A. M. MacKenzie, president of the University of British Columbia, said Thursday night establishment of two bodies is essential if B.C. is to have the best system of higher education possible. They were: A B.C. government - appointed commission or committee to study the circumstances, problems and needs of higher education; A single authority to exercise general supervision of the development and financing of all higher education in B.C. that is supported by general tax revenues.

More villages vote

Voters in five villages went to the polls Thursday night to choose commissioners and school trustees. Four of them, Zeballos, Williams Lake, Tofino and Ucluelet, held nominations December 5 under the old elections act while the rest of the province held nominations on the last Monday in November under the new act.

Problem posed

NELSON (CP) — Lands and Forest Minister Williston said Thursday it is essential that the Canada - United States Columbia River treaty be ratified before a new American administration takes over January 20. He said in a speech to the chamber of commerce here the present Columbia River negotiator is a Republican. He would be replaced by a Democrat after President Kennedy took over the White House January 20 and much time would have to be spent bringing the new appointee up to date if the treaty had not been ratified by the U.S. Senate by then.

Constable acquitted

VANCOUVER (CP) — An assize court jury Thursday acquitted a police constable of three charges — including one of attempted murder — which arose from a downtown shooting last summer. Constable Frederick Purser was acquitted of the attempted murder of Lloyd John Felkner, of causing bodily harm to his wife and of unlawfully possessing a firearm.

Boy arouses mother

VANCOUVER (CP) — A four-year-old boy aroused his sleeping mother here Thursday morning and saved them both from possible death by fire. Mrs. Olivia Traegner, 25, and her son, Bernd, escaped unharmed from the apartment building fire. Mrs. Traegner's husband was at work when the fire started.

City expects crowds

VANCOUVER (CP) — The annual Christmas influx of loggers, miners and fishermen into Vancouver starts this weekend. In preparation, city beer parlors are taking in extra supplies and city stores are getting set for the rush. Airlines, trains and boats are booked solid for the influx of upcountry workers headed for Vancouver to spend a holiday away from the bush or the sea.

Crash damage large

No one was injured when a car driven by Salvatore Ciccone of 600 Ninth Avenue West, was in collision with another vehicle driven by Allan Joseph Majore, of 952 Tenth Avenue East, near the intersection of McBride Street and Sixth Avenue West, about 7:45 p.m. yesterday.

RCMP said the damage was not estimated but was believed to be extensive.

LLORDS PUPPETS

Sat. Dec. 17th

Tickets on sale here.

Ormes Drugs Ltd.

Jobless council heavily opposed

OTTAWA (CP)—Legislation setting up a national productivity council is inching ahead in the Commons under a bombardment of opposition charges that it is nothing but window dressing for empty government employment propaganda.

The bill to establish the council, a 25-member body striving for increased efficiency in Canadian use of men, materials and machines, was subjected to four unsuccessful opposition amendments Thursday in its plodding advance toward acceptance.

The fourth portion of the government's pre-Christmas job-making package, the productivity bill still hadn't gained Commons approval at Thursday night's 10 p.m. adjournment.

Debate continues today on third and final reading. The bill came up Tuesday for approval in principle and since has trudged slowly through the underbrush of clause-by-clause study in committee.

Gold holdings down

OTTAWA (CP) — Official government holdings of gold and United States dollars declined slightly to $1,839,300,000 on November 30 from $1,845,300,000 a month earlier, the Bank of Canada reported today. Most of the decline was in holdings of gold, down $5,000,000.

Herter states Russia aiding revolutionaries

PARIS (Reuters) — State Secretary Christian Herter today accused Russia of open violation of international agreements on the neutrality of Laos and warned of a "marked increase" in the militancy of Soviet policy in the last few months.

Herter was the first main speaker as ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization met for a three-day conference at which the United States is due to make tentative proposals on supplying Polaris nuclear missiles to the 15-nation alliance.

Herter's speech, disclosed by a NATO spokesman, ranged over a wide field of international problems from Laos to Cuba.

The U.S. secretary of state said the Russians had failed to respect the 1954 Indochina armistice agreement providing for the political neutrality of Laos while the United States had observed the pact.

Soviet aircraft loaded with weapons for pro - Communist forces had landed in Laos this week, Herter said.

Herter also said that Cuba was moving increasingly into the Soviet sphere of influence and that Cuba now was receiving 10 times as much military supplies as were necessary for maintaining internal order.

Elks bingo in second week

Five further numbers were drawn today as the Elks Lodge "house" bingo in aid of the March of Dimes entered its second week.

Today's numbers, drawn by Mrs. J. W. Decker, 301 Fifth Avenue East, are: I-29, N-38, N-39, N-40 and O-62.

Previously drawn numbers are: B-3, B-12, B-1, B-4, B-2, B-13; I-23; N-33, N-41; G-60, G-55, G-46; O-70, O-70 and O-71.

World News Briefs

VIENTIANE, Laos, (Reuters) — Troops of American-backed Gen. Phoumi Nosavan today appeared t obe gaining control of the major section of Vientiane, including the airport, in their battle against the pro-Communist forces of Capt. Kong Le. Military observers believe the airport holds the key to Phoumi's success. Bridges are down between his Vientiane forces and the main body of his troops at Paksanen and he needs the airport to keep up a supply line.

PARIS (Reuters) — The United States offered today to supply the Atlantic pact with the latest nuclear missiles. Under the offer, made at the opening of the three-day NATO ministerial conference, NATO would receive at least five atomic submarines, each carrying 16 Polaris missiles, plus 100 land-based Polaris missiles with nuclear warheads.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Governor Orville Freeman of Minnesota is in John Kennedy's cabinet as agriculture secretary and AFL-CIO lawyer Arthur Goldberg as labor secretary. There are fresh reports the president-elect's youthful brother Robert has been named attorney-general.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A 73-year-old little man with wavy white hair was held in $100,000 bond today on a charge that he intended to turn himself into a human bomb aimed at the life of President-elect John Kennedy.

Two to be tried for migrant aid

TORONTO (CP) — Two Chinese Canadians were committed Thursday for high court trial after a preliminary hearing on charges of conspiring to procure by fraudulent means admission of Chinese immigrants to Canada.

Travel agent George Chan and grocer Kent Lee, alias Lee Mon Kuon, both elected trial by judge and jury. Chan also faces a charge of making a false document for the admission of Chinese immigrants to Canada.

Rotarians to sell trees all next week

Christmas trees galore will be on sale during regular store hours and at night all next week when the Prince Rupert Rotary Club sets up business at 251 Third Avenue West.

Under the chairmanship of Thomas F. Dahle, teams of Rotarians will cut 100 trees in the Prudhomme Lake area Sunday, having obtained a permit from Columbia Cellulose Company Limited. Trucks have been laid on to bring in the trees which will go on sale at 9 a.m. Monday on.

Persons unable to get down town to pick up trees or those wishing them delivered may order trees by telephoning Fire Chief Earl Becker at 2211, Family Shoe Store Ltd., Nobles, Gordon's Hardware, Northern B.C. Power Co., Ltd.

CMA asks PM "lower taxes"

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Manufacturers Association called today for a reduction in corporation and personal income taxes.

They are too high at present for the long-term development of the Canadian economy, said a brief submitted to Prime Minister Diefenbaker over the signature of J. C. Whitelaw, general manager of the association.

The 49-page brief also called for:

1. Tax incentives, including increased capital cost allowances, to encourage "natural development and increased employment." These had been used in the past to stimulate the economy.

2. Additional capital cost allowances for new industries beginning the manufacture of new products in Canada and for existing industries undertaking the manufacture of goods not formerly made in Canada.

3. Tax concessions to stimulate exports.

4. Greater encouragement of research in Canada by permitting corporations to write off in one year their capital expenditures on scientific research.

Congolese raid medical staff

LEOPOLDVILLE (Reuters — Congolese troops have arrested 51 Austrian military medical personnel in the town of Bukavu in the eastern Congo's Kivu province, the United Nations reported today.

One woman nurse was also arrested but was released with the help of Nigerian UN troops. Negotiations are going on with the local authorities to obtain the release of the Austrians, who arrived earlier this week to set up a UN hospital.

ROME (AP)—The Italian Journalists' Union today called its members out on a two-day strike to press demands for 10 per cent wage increases plus a bonus of about one month's pay.

Police requested to increase parks surveillance for vandals

Vandalism is increasing rapidly, Parks Commissioner H. S. Harrison, told the annual meeting of the commission Thursday night. More police surveillance has been asked for in a letter to Staff Sgt. W. J. Currie, he said.

Mr. Harrison stated that the bathhouse at McClymont Park has been broken into, and an attempt made to burn the structure down.

At Roosevelt Park vandals have chopped down posts and used the lumber to build "forts."

In addition to added police protection, the commission will approach school principals advising them of the situation and asking for their co-operation in advising the school children.

Other recent vandalism included the breaking of a valve on the small pool and the flooding of the pool.

"I believe parents should have control of their children," said Mr. Harrison in his report, "and axes carried by children in our parks should be confiscated."

A spokesman for the commission said: "Children must learn the parks are put there mainly for the benefit of children and it is in their own interests to take care of them. They should also report any knowledge they have of the vicious vandalism that is going on."

It was recommended at the meeting that an attendant be employed at Algoma Park during next summer in an effort to curb damage. "This expense could be avoided if we had the full co-operation of teams using Algoma Park," Mr. Harrison's report stated.

Further development and improvements at Roosevelt Park were suggested to the meeting in the report, including a campsite. Some 500 bulbs have been planted in the vicinity of the cairn. The provincial government will be asked to supply 500 trees for planting in this area. There is also a suggestion that a sawdust - based golf course might be laid out in this area. Eleven thousand bulbs have been planted in Service Park.

SPECTACULAR PUPPET SHOW AIDS GYRO PLAYGROUND FUNDS

Works of the famous composers played by puppets as such famous figures as Mozart, Rossini or the contemporary Cole Porter are a central part of the world-famous Llords Puppets International show which will be appearing in Prince Rupert for two shows Saturday.

The puppets are being brought to this city by the Prince Rupert Gyro Club and proceeds of the shows will go towards their park and playground funds.

Spectacular effects are a major feature of the show which has won acclaim wherever it has appeared. Show times at the Civic Centre are 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The latter show for students and adults.

Ethiopian ruler reported spurring on loyal forces

LONDON (AP) — Emperor Haile Selassie was reported otday to have landed in Ethiopia to spur the fight of loyal forces to keep his throne.

The 68 - year - old "king of kings" was reported to have returned to his kingdom from South America after the rebel-controlled radio in his capital at Addis Ababa announced that violent street battles already had broken out.

Other broadcasts and diplomatic reports indicated powerful forces were lining up to resist the revolutionary government proclaimed in his absence by his eldest son two days ago.

The report of the return of the emperor came from Gen. Merid Mengesha, his defence minister, in a broadcast over what seemed to be a clandestine radio station calling itself "the former voice of Ethiopia."

In his broadcast, heard in Aden, Gen. Mengesha claimed the leaders of Wednesday's coup already were surrounded by "loyal Ethiopian forces." He ordered all citizens to help arrest the rebel leaders on pain of punishment as conspirators.

The Ethiopian ambassador-designate at Lagos, Nigeria, also claimed Selassie arrived in his homeland Thursday night.

Neither Gen. Mengesha nor the Ethiopian diplomat said where Selassie landed, and their reports were unconfirmed. Similar reports Thursday attributed to the Ethiopian embassy in Rome proved false.

Prince Rupert has now gone 701 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Driver cleared on carelessness

Arne Rodseth, of 1177 Eleventh Avenue East, was found not guilty today in police court, when he appeared before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a charge of driving without due care and attention.

RCMP had laid the charge after an incident about 1:15 a.m. December 7 when a car driven by Rodseth was in collision from behind with another vehicle driven by Peter William Frankish, of 515 Taylor Street on Second Avenue West.

Magistrate Applewhaite said that there was no indication of criminal negligence and that it was "an accident."

Dell funeral held Thursday

Funeral services for a city pioneer, Lee James Dell, who died Sunday at the age of 76, were held yesterday afternoon at Ferguson Funeral Home.

Services, conducted by Very Rev. G. T. Pattison, included the hymn "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages".

Pallbearers were R. W. Long, G. J. Anderson, E. R. Clark, P. K. Deane, Hendrikus Leeuw and William Moorehouse.

Interment was at Fairview.

Fire damage slight

A small fire caused by ashes in a cardboard box, brought firemen to the Annunciation Hall about 10:30 p.m. yesterday. Swift action prevented the blaze from spreading. Damage was reported as slight.

WEATHER

Cloudy along eastern Queen Charlotte Islands, otherwise fine tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds north 15 often reaching 30 down some mainland inlets. Low tonight and high tomorrow 28 and 38.

TIDES

Saturday, Dec. 17, 1960 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	00:24	20.0 feet
	12:16	23.6 feet
Low	06:08	6.7 feet
	18:53	1.7 feet