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Social welfare services come under fire from sociologists

Air war outbreak in Laos, Katanga

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Aerial warfare has been reported in two of the world's major trouble spots today with the government of the seceded Congo province, Katanga, attacking by strafing the pro-Lumumba forces in the north of the province. From Vientiane come reports of American-supplied aircraft—described as "observation" planes—bombing and strafing rebel forces. The planes are said to be flown by Laotian pilots.

The announcement said the air attacks against "rebel forces started Wednesday morning and were "crowned with success."

The planes attacked "troop concentrations" at road intersections and river crossings, the announcement said.

A Belgian officer attached to the Katanga army, Commandant Remy Vandamme, 36, was killed when "rebels" fired back at his aircraft, the announcement said.

The announcement mentioned an attack on the village of Keye-eye, in the west of Katanga, "where the rebel fire originated."

The UN was trying to ward off a major clash between Katanga forces and the pro - Lumumba troops. About 600 UN troops, mostly Moroccans, were sent to join Nigerians in north Katanga Wednesday.

Moise Tshombe, president and premier of Katanga, ordered his 6,000-strong army to stand by to defend the province.

Reports here indicated the province now is virtually partitioned, with pro - Lumumba troops and Baluba tribesmen in control of the north.

The invaders arrived at Manono two days ago from neighboring Kivu province.

Tshombe gave the United Nations until midnight Wednesday to disarm the invaders.

Failing that, he said he would take any action he thought necessary to defend Katanga.

WESTERN CONCERN

British, French and other European diplomats in the Laotian capital expressed grave concern the air raid—first reported in the six-year civil war — would trigger a retaliatory action by the Soviet Union or Communist China.

The report of the attack was delayed by censors.

The Laotian pilots made their raid in four observation planes armed with rockets, machine-guns and presumably with two 100 - pound bombs each. The United States had delivered the planes to pro-Western Premier Boun Oum's forces Tuesday as part of the U.S. military support program for Laos. They were the first armed planes the Laotian government had received.

Boun Oum's government had warned the Soviet government Monday that unless it halted its airlift of arms and ammunition to Capt. Kong Le's pro-Communist rebels in central Laos, it would take "appropriate steps." This was considered here as a hint the planes' weapons would be used.

NEW APPOINTMENT for Prince Rupert Chief Petty Officer Gordon J. Smith is to the United States Navy training school at New London, Conn. After completion of his course he will join HMCS Grilse, which was originally the U.S. submarine Burrfish. It will provide anti-submarine training for air and naval units on the Pacific coast. CPO Smith joined the navy at HMCS Chatham in 1945.
—National Defence photo.

Money, staff lack said main problems

VANCOUVER (CP) — A University of British Columbia professor Wednesday called for an investigation into British Columbia welfare services as protests about the services mounted.

Prof. W. G. Dixon of the UBC schoolof social work said:

"The dominion bureau of statistics shows B.C. leads the parade in social problems in Canada . . . an investigation would be desirable at any time."

Since Ruby McKay announced last week her reasons for resigning as superintendent of child welfare there have been many comments about the service.

INSUFFICIENT MONEY

Miss McKay said she had insufficient staff and money to do a proper job.

Since then CCF opposition leader Robert Strachan has demanded a legislative inquiry into the welfare service.

D. W. Fowler, president of the B.C. Association of Social Workers, Dave Woodsworth of Victoria, director of the family and children's service, Dr. J. D. McGann, professional consultant for the Association of Retarded Children of B.C., and Bill Hesketh, president of the B.C. Corrections Association, have all protested shortcomings in B.C. welfare.

Dr. McGann said the provincial service is a shame and a scandal.

SPECIAL DILEMMA

Prof. Dixon said rising unemployment has brought a special dilemma as the demand for social assistance to family financing has swamped existing services.

He said the emergency has created a situation where little time can be given to normal welfare matters, such as children's aid, by the present provincial staff.

There had been no survey of welfare in B.C. since 1927, except for a royal commission into workmen's compensation.

Nass River personality buried Wed.

Members of the Nishga Tribal Council acted as pallbearers at the funeral services for Mrs. Emily Clark, 65, who died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital last Sunday. The services were attended by many relatives and friends from along the Nass River where Mrs. Clark had been well-known for many years.

Present were representatives of the UFAWU, the Native Brotherhood, Nishga Tribal Council, Port Edward and Aiyansh Women's Auxiliary, B.C. Parkers Ltd., Aiyansh Silver Band, and the Native Revival Centre.

Honorary pallbearers were: A. R. Lockwood and Frank Baldwin of B.C. Packers, Mrs. Fanny Skog, Mrs. Salome Corliss, Mrs. Violet Clifton, Mrs. Molly Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gosnell, Chief Peter Calder, Ernest Angus, Sam Marsh, and Donald McInnes.

Dean G. T. Pattison officiated at the memorial service held at St. Andrews Cathedral Tuesday evening at which the speakers were Eli Gosnell and Chief Councillor Solomon Doolan of Kincolith.

Hymns sung were: "Rock of Ages," "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "Abide with Me." Burial took place in Fairview cemetery.

Second protest lodged

Another organization has protested British Columbia welfare services.

The B.C. Corrections Association, whose members guard prisoners and supervise them after their release from prison, said Tuesday it endorses charges of Ruby McKay who resigned as superintendent of child welfare.

Miss McKay said in a statement last week she resigned in protest against restrictions imposed on her work.

Bill Kesketch, corrections association spokesman, said Tuesday there has been a noticeable decline in the efficiency of the child welfare branch in cases which have been traced.

He said the corrective work of the association rises when there is a breakdown in child welfare treatment, and it has been rising in the last few years.

Dr. J. D. McGann, 36, professional consultant for the Association of Retarded Children of B.C., said Tuesday the child welfare services are a provincial disgrace.

He said Miss McKay's resignation is "a final appeal for justice by a dedicated and internationally-recognized public servant".

ONLY CONSERVATIVE in a rally of Liberals is Ottawa mayor Charlotte Whitton, in her robes of office. She met Liberal leader Lester Pearson (centre) and the Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent at the official opening of the National Liberal Rally. Miss Whitton, a defeated Conservative candidate in 1958, welcomed 2,000 delegates to the capital. —CP Wirephoto

Black says "no comment"

VICTORIA (CP) — Welfare Minister Black refused to answer criticism of his department Wednesday as more demands were made for an investigation into charges made by former Child Welfare Superintendent Ruby McKay.

"At the risk of repeating myself, no comment," said Mr. Black.

Miss McKay, who quit her job December 31, said she resigned because of the government's restrictive policies toward welfare. She said the department has neither sufficient funds nor staff.

Earlier this week Mr. Black visited the press gallery at the legislative buildings after reporters had complained they often found it difficult to reach him.

Mr. Black said he came to explain once and for all he could not comment on Miss McKay's resignation or charges which she levelled at the government.

Mr. Black is also provincial secretary and represents the riding of Nelson-Creston.

Liberal rally confident of next election battle

By DON HANRIGHT
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — The National Liberal Rally wound up Wednesday night with a burst of election confidence and a last-ditch battle over the party's defence and foreign policies.

An unscheduled plenary session forced by a young ginger group sent the convention into overtime and a heated back room debate that produced these declarations:

1. Under a Liberal government, Canada would make a partial withdrawal from NORAD, dropping its interceptor role in North American air defence and confining its work to "detection, identification and warning." It would mean the end of fighter squadrons and Bomarc missiles.

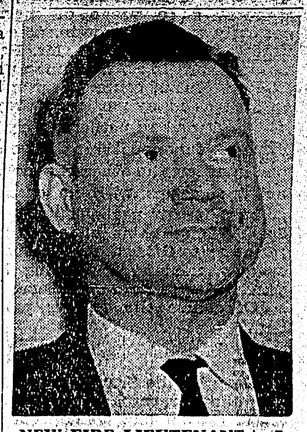
2. A Liberal government would not oppose consideration of seating Red China in the United Nations.

But there was no unanimity on either point.

Neither resolution as passed represents a radical departure in Liberal policy as expressed by leader Lester B. Pearson. The defence statement was virtually the same as his own two days ago. And it is known that he agreed with the phrasing on Red China.

In the past, Canada has voted for United States resolutions in the UN setting aside discussion of seating Red China.

While the rally resolutions are not binding on Mr. Pearson and the party hierarchy, it is certain that the gist of the plenary convention's statemens will be planks in the Liberal platform in the next general election, when Mr. Pearson confidently expects to bring the party back to the federal power it lost in 1957.



NEW FIRE LIEUTENANT is J. S. Furness of 1307 First Overlook Street, it was announced by city council Monday night. Mr. Furness has recently passed a course of municipal fire administration with the International City Managers Association of Chicago, which is a credit course with the University of Chicago. Mr. Furness is also a graduate of the Institute of Fire Engineers, London, UK.
— Staff photo by John Pain

B.C. ROUNDUP

Bridge crane collapses on new Overland work

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — A huge crane being used on the construction of the $4,000,000 Overland Bridge over the North Thompson River here collapsed and toppled over Wednesday.

Witnesses said it was a miracle that 12 men working in the immediate area were not hit by the falling derrick. No injuries were reported. The crane toppled as it was lifting a 42½-foot girder. The girder was only about six inches off the ground when one leg of the crane gave way. There was no damage to the bridge structure.

Industry must share

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Canadian forest industry must be prepared to take its share of an expanding world demand or it may lose some of its present markets, federal Forestries Minister Hugh John Flemming said here today. It has been estimated, he said, that world demand for forest products will increase by 140 per cent during the next 10 or 15 years.

Paper delay due failure

The Daily News apologises for the delay in delivery this evening. It has been due to staff illness and a mechanical breakdown on one of the linotype machines. Efforts are being made to rectify the latter with all speed.

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British chase work

VICTORIA (CP) — Six representatives of two British engineering firms are here in a bid to act as consultants to the British Columbia energy board on its study of Peace and Columbia River power projects. The firms are civil engineers Sir Alexander Gibb and electrical engineers Merz and McLellan. Their representatives were flown here from England within 30 hours of contacting the energy board about the job.

States, Canada one country, says Mayor

KETCHIKAN (AP) — Mayor P. J. Lester predicted that the time was approaching when customs and immigration barriers between Canada and the United States will no longer exist and Western Canada and the Western United States will become one big country with unrestrained co-operation in trade and transportation.

Mayor Lester was speaking at the concluding dinner of the Southeast Alaska Conference here Saturday. His statement drew considerable applause from the delegates present.

It was during the conference that the Prince Rupert mayor was appointed vice-president for associate members of the conference and ex-officio members.

Assessments can be appealed

Mayor P. J. Lester, in reply to a question at last Monday's council meeting from Alderman Darrow Gomez on an assessment complaint, states:

"The value of land and improvements for assessment purposes is assessed by the city assessor in accordance with the provincial government's Assessment and Equalization Act. Any taxpayer who feels his assessment is too high has the right to appeal to the Court of Revision; and if he is still not satisfied, to the Court of Appeal.

"Provincial inspectors," the mayor went on, "make periodic surveys ensuring that the procedure is handled correctly. The council has no control over assessments; nor do we want any."

Baby dies

A four-month-old baby died suddenly at his home last night.

Dead is Jerry Alan Yuden, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Yuden of 723 Sixth Avenue West.

RCMP said that a post-mortem will be conducted to determine the cause of death.

Magistrate raps couple on failure to appear

Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite sharply criticised two persons, today in police court, who failed to appear in court January 6.

RCMP said that Mrs. Anna Dennis, 743 Ninth Avenue West, had laid a charge of common assault against Istvan Dozsa, also of 743 Ninth Avenue West. Dozsa was summonsed to appear January 6 but both he and the informant failed to appear.

Magistrate Applewhaite issued a bench warrant for Dozsa's arrest and he was picked up and lodged in jail yesterday.

The magistrate dismissed the case today because Dennis wished to drop charges. He released Dozsa, saying that he had suffered enough punishment spending the night in jail, but added "When you're served with a summons to appear in court — any court — you will appear!"

Then, turning on Mrs. Dennis, Magistrate Applewhaite said: "If you think you can walk in here, swear out a complaint, have a summons issued and a man arrested and then fail to appear in court, you're very much mistaken".

He said that the informant, Mrs. Dennis, would pay the costs of $5.50 involved in the case or serve two days in jail in default of immediate payment.

"I'm not sure that you shouldn't be charged as an accessory after the fact. There was either an offense committed in the first place or you were lying when you came in and signed the complaint."

When Mrs. Dennis stated that she had no money, Magistrate Applewhaite replied "then you can do two days"!

Prince Rupert has now gone 728 days without a fatal traffic accident.

CAR CRASH SEQUEL IN COURT

Trial of Robert Morden, of Seal Cove, charged with criminal negligence, was scheduled to continue this afternoon in Port Edward police court.

RCMP said that Morden was charged in connection with the August 25 death of Danniel Hienricks who was killed when a car driven by Morden hit a shoulder at the side of the road, went out of control, plunged over a 17-foot bank and came to rest on its right side, about five miles east of Galloway Rapids on Highway 16.

A plea of not guilty had been entered by defence counsel Peter A. Gibb yesterday. A. Bruce Brown is representing the crown.

World News Briefs

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States is planning to build an underwater missile range off the Bahamas as part of an effort to counter the growing Soviet submarine threat, the New York Times says. A Washington dispatch by Jack Raymond says the new range will include a small land base on Great Exuma, site of one of the bases leased from Britain for 99 years during the Second World War in exchange for American destroyers.

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge Wednesday called a former Guatemalan ambassador a betrayer of his family, government and religion and sentenced him to 15 years in prison for smuggling millions of dollars worth of heroin into the United States. U.S. District Judge Archie O. Dawson delivered the tongue-lashing to Mauricio Rosal, former ambassador to Belgium and the Netherlands.

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia Wednesday demanded the abolition of Belgium trusteeship over the Central African territory of Ruanda-Urundi. It added that the situation concerning the territory has "a direct bearing on the maintenance of peace and security" and should be discussed without delay at a meeting of the United Nations Security Council and, if necessary, at an extraordinary session of the General Assembly.

LONDON (AP) — A new catechism will be considered by Church of England leaders in convocation this month. A commission of bishops and laymen appointed by the archbishops of Canterbury and York recommends some sweeping changes to the 300-year-old document.

Kamloops burial for city man

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Kamloops Memorial Chapel for one of the city's earliest taxi-operators who died, following a lengthy illness Saturday in Kamloops.

Arriving from Scotland around 1917, Mr. Brown operated the confectionery now known as "Macy's" as well as owning a fleet of some six taxis, and earlier operating a transfer business.

In poor health he retired to Kamloops in the mid-1930s and made a return trip to Prince Rupert about four years ago to visit his only brother living in Canada, the late James Brown.

He is survived by two daughters, Josephine Brown of Vanderhoof and Mrs. Sylvester Jones of Chase; one brother in Scotland; and a sister Mrs. John Bowick of Kelowna. He was predeceased by his wife Beatrice in 1955 and one daughter Mrs. Nancy McFarlane in 1956.

Rev. Dr. D. Evans officiated and interment was at Hillside Cemetery.

Driver fined

Failing to yield the right of way earned Keith Grant, of 517 Sixth Avenue West, a $10 fine when he appeared in police court today before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

RCMP stated that Grant had turned left on to Third at Fifth Street to head towards McBride Street. A car, also heading towards McBride, was cut off by Keith's vehicle and had to "slam on his brakes to avoid an accident."

WEATHER

The gale warning continues. It will be cloudy Friday with rain beginning in the afternoon. Little change in temperature. Winds will increase to southeast 40 Friday afternoon. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 38 and 47.

TIDES

Friday, Jan. 13, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	10:00	20.0 feet
	23:13	18.2 feet
Low	03:52	6.7 feet
	16:57	4.5 feet