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Hurricane death list mounts as debris clearance commences

PERILOUSLY CLOSE was this car which rolled off Sixth Avenue East early Wednesday morning when it stopped within feet of Number 1,500. Car was being pushed out of a ditch on the north side of the road when it got away rolling backwards across the street and into the front garden of this house. One man, who was steering the vehicle, suffered an injured knee in the accident. — Staff photo by John Pain

No estimate yet of massive losses

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP) — Fresh details of death and destruction from killer hurricane Carla unfolded in the ravaged gulf coast sector today, and weather violence from the departed storm widened more than 1,000 miles northward into the middle western United States.

Bodies of eight persons—all members of the same family—were discovered Wednesday night at inundated Freeport, one of the hardest hit among cities suffering multi-million-dollar losses along 250 miles of Texas and western Louisiana shore line.

The death toll, which could mount still higher, climbed to 31 in three states—21 in Texas and five each in Louisiana and Kansas.

Rains up to eight inches sent flood waters rising in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Flooding continued in South Texas, doused by post-Carla downpours up to nearly 10 inches.

Vicious winds, another hurricane after-effect, smashed at scattered points from Texas' southern tip through Miss. and into Michigan.

MOPPING UP BEGINS

As these echoes from the massive tropical storm continued, National Guardsmen, public officials and a horde of refugees trudged through mud and debris on what promised to be a long and wearying struggle back to normal in coastal areas.

Threats to public health caused widespread concern. Water supplies were contaminated in dozens of towns and cities.

Typhoid shots were being given to tens of thousands returning to devastated areas. At Houston's municipal auditorium, still packed with evacuees, doctors found 14 cases of measles.

Officials feared there would be more grim discoveries like that at Freeport, 40 miles downcoast from Galveston, where exhausted Robert Dunn, 15, may be the only survivor of a 12-member family group.

The youth saw a giant wave sweep away his parents, an uncle and aunt, and six children. Robert survived by clinging to the roof of his home.

FOUR DROWN

Deaths charged to the hurricane included five Wednesday in Kansas. A family of four were drowned in a car washed off a road near Waverly and another victim was drowned in a car swept off a causeway at Fort Scott.

Tornadoes generated before and after Carla's centre surged inland with winds up to 175 miles an hour took six lives in Galveston and five others in Louisiana. Still others died from touching power lines snapped at the hurricane's height.

While part of an estimated 500,000 people fleeing before the storm were able to get back home, there were still thousands of refugees at inland points.

There were no ready estimates of how long it would take to restore electricity, water and sanitation so that the evacuees could return to dozens of smaller towns, some still partly under water.

Port O'Connor, only six feet above sea level and on a neck of land where Carla's centre smacked the shore, provided an example of the destruction to smaller towns.

At Port O'Connor, inhabited by 950 people before the hurricane, Associated Press staff writer Ronnie Thompson found the Baptist church was the only building left largely untouched. The few homes still standing appeared too badly wrecked for repair.

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE E. A. 'Ed' Simonds, head of the Gizeh Shrine Temple of B.C., addresses a gathering of Prince Rupert Shine Club members at the Sons of Norway Hall Tuesday night. From left to right: Nobel Bey John Gregory, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Simmonds, Mr. Simmonds, Mrs. and Nobel D. E. Glencross, president of the city club, and Mrs. and Noble Carl Sauer. — Staff photo by John Pain

Scare tactics being used to push Canadians to pacifism says Harkness

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister Harkness says attempts are being made through exaggerated talk about Soviet nuclear capabilities to frighten Canadians into adopting pacifist or neutralist attitudes.

Those behind the attempts are "carrying to the Canadian people the terror tactics" of Soviet Premier Khrushchev, he told the Commons Wednesday.

Mr. Harkness was speaking during the second day of debate on his department's 1961-62 spending estimates. The debate continues today.

He said he had read in a newspaper where 1,000 nuclear bombs could be landed on Canada by intercontinental ballistic missile. "It is a complete impossibility," he went on. "I am afraid that many of the people who are talking this way are doing so with the deliberate idea of trying to scare people and frighten them into adopting a pacifist or neutralist attitude.

"In other words, this is really a means of carrying to the Canadian people the terror tactics of Khrushchev."

Mr. Harkness reiterated that the important thing to consider in relation to nuclear bombs is "not the total number that you have some place in a stockpile but the means of delivery." And Russia had a "very limited" number of ICBMs capable of delivering bombs on North America. The chief means of delivery would have to be by manned bomber.

The defence minister said the Khrushchev terror tactic of threatening to drop 100-megaton bombs on the West is "being helped, I think, by a lot of people in this country who automatically take it for granted that if a one-megaton bomb does so much damage a 100-megaton bomb will do 100 times as much.

"This is not the case, and as anybody who is familiar with explosives knows, the force of the explosion dissipates quite rapidly."

The debate ranged over a wide range of topics including NATO, the Bomarc missile and possible acquisition of nuclear weapons for Canada's armed forces.

TO TRAIN CIVILIANS

It followed one on civil defence tied to consideration of the spending estimates of the Privy Council, which has jurisdiction over the Emergency Measures Organization.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said in introducing the estimates that the government is considering training great numbers of civilians for duty in the event of a nuclear attack. These would be in addition to the 100,000 being recruited as militiamen to learn about rescue operations.

Half-hearted resistance to UN continues in Congolese province

LEOPOLDVILLE (CP from AP-Reuters) — Katangan troops and armed civilians today kept up sporadic resistance to the takeover by United Nations forces in The Congo of their capital of Elisabethville. But the United Nations claimed its troops control all strategic points in the city.

Firing continued throughout the night and it was reported that the Katangans cut off all electric power in the Katanga capital. Radio monitors picked up a new station calling itself "Radio Free Katanga" which claimed the UN controlled only half of Elisabethville and that resistance would continue.

The whereabouts of President Moise Tshombe of Katanga was a mystery.

The threat of guerrilla warfare in the rich province, whose secession the UN forces claimed to have ended Wednesday, thus remained.

OFFERS HAVEN

The 41-year-old Tshombe was offered refuge by Sir Roy Welensky, prime minister of the neighboring Central African Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland. Welensky sent white troops to Katanga's border Wednesday. Some reports said Tshombe had crossed into Rhodesia. Other reports said that he was still in Elisabethville.

Informants in Leopoldville said a UN relief column set out for the mining centre of Jadotville, where 150 beleaguered Irish soldiers have been under constant attack by 500 Katangans.

A UN spokesman said fighting through the night was limited to isolated pockets where white officers have rallied local Katanga troops. Most of these officers are believed to be Belgian, but a number of British, Rhodesian and French were reported among them.

So far, said a UN spokesman, two UN troops—a Swedish officer and an Indian soldier—have been killed in the Elisabethville battle. United Nations wounded include seven Indians, three Swedes, four Irish and a Norwegian doctor.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Ottawa may block Peace says Premier Bennett

VICTORIA (CP) — Premier Bennett would not comment today on indications that the federal government may block development of the Peace River under terms of the Navigable Waters Protection Act.

Instead, he told a press conference, he is saving his punches for a major policy speech at Prince George Saturday night.

"Don't quote me as saying anything here because I'm not saying anything," said Mr. Bennett. "That's what the Prince George speech is for."

First hunter shot

BURNS LAKE (CP) — Herbert Patrick, 18, was recovering in hospital here Wednesday after being flown from Babine Lake where he suffered a gunshot wound in the chest. Patrick told RCMP that the shooting was accidental. It was not immediately known if another person was involved.

Air search continues

KAMLOOPS (CP) — Two RCAF search planes continued a search Wednesday for a private Cessna aircraft missing on a flight from Williams Lake to Vancouver with three aboard. The search is concentrated on the Mahood Lake area 100 miles north of here for the Cessna piloted by Richmond RCMP constable William Watchorn and carrying his father and a cousin. Fires were reported seen in the area.

Mischief charges

VANCOUVER (CP) — Two men were charged with public mischief Wednesday night after a false robbery alarm was given over the radio in an unattended police car. Police rushed to a downtown location when an excited voice said there was a robbery in progress. Charged are university students Douglas R. Piteau, 25, and William Patrick Henry, 22.

Two-month home

VANCOUVER (CP) — A laborer who spent last weekend hiding in a downtown department store Wednesday was jailed for two months. Thirty-one-year-old Kenneth James McMain pleaded guilty to stealing goods from the store.

BCTA formed

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — The British Columbia Tourist Association was formed here Wednesday. Delegates to the B.C. Tourist Advisory Council annual meeting voted unanimously to dissolve and form the new association which will co-ordinate promotion of B.C. as a tourist and convention centre.

AMERICAN COMPANY SUBMITS LOW BID FOR ALASKA FERRIES

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The Puget Sound Bridge and Drydock Co. of Seattle Wednesday submitted a low bid of $10,445,000 for construction of the three ferries the state will operate in southeast Alaska.

Puget Sound's low bid covered an alternate calling for delivery of the first vessel 12 months after the contract is signed and delivery of the remaining two vessels at four-month intervals.

If the first vessel is delivered 10 months after execution of the contract and the others at four-month intervals, the company asked $10,495,000.

The three 352-foot vessels will be operated by the state between Prince Rupert and Skagway, with stops at Ketchikan, Petersburg, Wrangell, Rodman Bay (Sitka), Juneau and Haines.

Each boat will be designed to carry a maximum load of 108 vehicles and 500 passengers.

Four other bids were received for construction of the three ferries.

Four new lights placed on coast

Further marine light installations have been announced by the Department of Transport marine agent in Prince Rupert.

Four new lights have been installed at the following points along the cost: A lighted beacon at the entrance to Venn Passage on a 6-foot drying rock, Lat. 54° 18' 46" N., Long. 130° 23' 33" W., flashing .5 seconds light, 0.5 seconds dark; and a second at Dupont Island, Lat. 54° 56' 24" N., Long. 129° 26' 12" W., and 25 feet above highwater flashing .5 seconds white and 0.5 seconds dark; and another at Block Island, Lat. 53° 08' 58" N., Long. 129° 43' 55" W., 20 feet above highwater and flashing .5 seconds white and 5.5 seconds dark.

The fourth beacon has been installed on Banks Island in Principe Channel at Lat. 53° 23' 6" N., Long. 129° 54' 18" W., 20 feet above highwater flashing 1 second white, nine seconds dark.

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Loaded rifle gets man fine

Carrying a loaded rifle in a car and having no firearms permit landed a Cassiar man in police court Thursday.

Norman Derrick pleaded guilty to both charges before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite. He was fined $10 and $2.50 costs or five days on the first and $$10 and no costs or five days on the second. He was allowed until September 21 to pay both.

Derrick was charged following a routine check by RCMP about 11:30 p.m. last Friday on Second Avenue West. He had a loaded .22-calibre rifle in the car and had no permit.

Two men jailed for begging

Begging on Second Avenue West Wednesday evening landed two men in police court Thursday morning.

Both pleaded guilty to charges of vagrancy before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

One man, with four previous convictions, was sentenced to five days. The other, with 14 previous convictions, received a seven-day sentence.

Prince Rupert has now gone 967 days without a fatal traffic accident and 147 days without a fire fatality.

PROCLAMATION — Members of the auxiliary and regular fire departments and the Sparky Junior Fire Inspectors study the government proclamation designating the week of October 8 to 14 as Fire Prevention Week. From left to right on top of truck: Linda Guyatt, 9, Arlene Hale, 10, Robert Payne, 9, John Payne, 10 and Raymond Nagy. Bottom row: auxiliaries Gordon Finlayson and R. A. Giordano; Fire Chief E. W. Becker, Mayor P. J. Lester; and regular firemen John Prescott and J. O. Franks. — Staff photo by Gary Oakes

Power hearing to be held next week

VICTORIA (CP) — Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, chairman of the British Columbia Power Commission, said today he will be in charge of a specialist team which will appear at Columbia River hearings next week.

The hearings open Monday at Revelstoke into a BCPC application for a water rights licence. Other sessions will be held at Kaslo, Nakusp and Castlegar before moving here.

Dr. Keenleyside said attendance by other members of the four-member commission will depend on the extent and urgency of their other hydro responsibilities.

He will be assisted at the hearings by a group of the commission's technical officers from each project—Mica, Duncan and Arrow Lakes.

WEATHER

A few showers Friday and cloudy. A little cooler, with light winds to East 20 in south. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 55 and 65.

TIDES

Friday, September 15, 1961 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	04:18	18.0 feet
	16:24	10.4 feet
Low	10:15	6.7 feet
	22:58	5.5 feet