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Cease-fire agreement violated as forces clash near Algiers

CRASH KILLS FOUR — This small foreign car was crumpled like a matchbox by a truck in a six-vehicle collision 15 miles west of Edmonton last week. The pileup of four cars, an oil truck and a truck loaded with grain claimed four lives and seriously injured three persons. — CP Photo

Rebels to hold capital city

ALGIERS (AP)—The commander of rebel guerrillas holding Algiers said today truce - breaking clashes broke out at dawn near Berrouaghia and Aumale, south and southeast of the capital.

Col. Si Hassan, head of guerrilla Wilaya, zone 4, charged that regulars backing Deputy Premier Ahmed Ben Bella's political bureau violated the cease-fire agreement reached between the two sides only Tuesday night.

Hassan said clashes were reported at Berrouaghia, 65 miles south, and at Aumale, 55 miles southeast of Algiers. Both towns are located on the Sahara. The invading forces were held up there Tuesday when the retreating guerrillas blew up bridges in their path, then threw up a curtain of small arms fire.

Hassan also said he had no plans for removing his men from the capital, as stipulated in the agreement for demilitarization of Algiers. He said his interpretation was that demilitarization meant merely that his troops would be confined to barracks.

Sources close to the regular army commander, Col. Houari Boumedienne, said he was displeased with the cease-fire because it deprived his 45,000 Soviet - equipped troops of their expected triumphal entry into the capital for the time being.

Ben Bella's right-hand man, Mohammed Khider, today repeated the orders to the regular army to stop their advance. The regular troops were holding positions in a wide perimeter 70 to 100 miles from Algiers.

In a statement broadcast to the troops by Radio Algiers in Arabic, Khider said all units must hold their present positions.

"This is an absolute order," he said. "It must be obeyed."

Khider said he had summoned all the regular army commanders to the capital to work out a "definite and official" cease-fire agreement.

This suggested that the existing cease-fire was less firm than was indicated in Ben Bella's announcement Tuesday night.

Six boats land halibut

Six boats landed halibut at Prince Rupert so far this week.

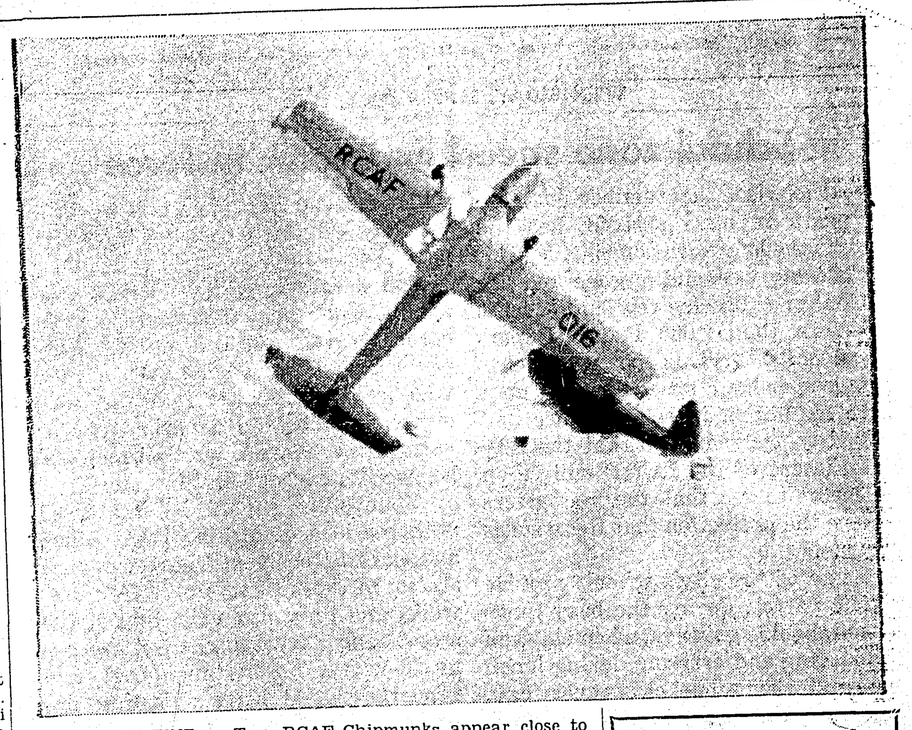
On the halibut exchange Atli landed 20,000 pounds of which 13,000 pounds of medium sold at 34.1 cents, 5,000 pounds large sold at 38.1 cents a pound and 2,000 chix sold at 18 cents. Atlin made the purchase.

B.C. Packers purchased 8,500 pounds from Sonia E. Prices were 33.3 for 3,500 pounds of medium and 38 cents for 5,000 pounds of large halibut.

Today Good Partner landed 31,000 pounds of which 19,000 were medium, 19,000 were large and 12,000 were chix. Prices paid by B.C. Packers were 34.6 for medium, 38.6 for large and 16 cents for chix.

At the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association Taplow landed 47,000 pounds of halibut of which 34,000 were medium, 10,000 were large and 3,000 were chix.

Neptune landed 20,000 pounds of which 14,000 were medium, 5,000 were large and 1,000 were chix. Five Princesses landed 22,000 pounds of which 16,000 were medium, 4,000 were large and 2,000 were chix.



CUTTING IT FINE — Two RCAF Chipmunks appear close to collision, but it's all part of precision flying displayed at the Canadian National Exhibition's Air Show in Toronto Saturday. — CP Photo

Funeral services held for Mrs. Annie Astoria

Funeral services for a well-known city pioneer, Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Astoria, of 855 Summit Avenue, were held Friday night at Ferguson Funeral Home with Rev. D. R. Chassels officiating.

Mrs. Astoria died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital Friday morning at the age of 71. She was born in Metlakatla and attended school there and at Port Essington before coming to Prince Rupert in 1912.

She is survived by her husband, Angelo, two sons, Louis of Vancouver and Harry of Winnipeg, one daughter, Elizabeth (Beth) at home, two sisters, Mrs. John (Ethel) Black of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Herbert (Violet) Long of Victoria, one step-sister, Mrs. Alex (Laura) Mitchell of Prince Rupert and two step-brothers, Howard Frizzell of Chicago, Ill., and Douglas Frizzell of Sidney, Vancouver Island.

Mrs. Astoria had been ill in the hospital for the past six weeks.

Hymns sung at the service were "Nearer My God, To Thee" and "Abide With Me".

The remains were sent to Vancouver by Canadian Pacific Airlines Sunday, accompanied by Mr. Astoria, and Mrs. Black, who had been here on a visit. Interment took place Tuesday.

Miss Beth Astoria was in Vancouver on holiday at the time of her mother's death. Mr. Astoria will remain in the south for awhile with her, and they will return home together.

Police seek new leads in robbery

RCMP are continuing investigations into the large robbery at Shop-Easy Stores (B.C.) Ltd. supermarket and are hoping that some new leads may develop.

Thieves entered the supermarket through a second-floor bathroom window over the weekend and smashed open the safe taking with them what was described as a "substantial" amount of money.

Police urged anyone with any information concerning the incident to phone them at 3311.

Mrs. Hobbs succeeds late husband as NDP-CCF member of legislature

REVELSTOKE (CP)—Mrs. Margaret Hobbs succeeded her late husband Tuesday as New Democratic Party-CCF member of the legislature for Revelstoke. She said the contest was fought over development of Columbia River power, and that she will continue her husband's stand against the High Arrow Dam planned for the constituency.

However, Premier W. A. C. Bennett saw the result as a vote of confidence for government policy in the river development.

The margin of victory was narrow for the 52-year-old widow of George Hobbs, whose sudden death last January during the legislative session brought about the byelection. She defeated Social Credit candidate Arvid Lundell by fewer than 100 votes.

Liberal J. Wallace Johnston, 50, trailed far behind in the three-way race. The Progressive Conservatives did not enter a candidate.

When counting ended Tuesday night, with four polls containing 72 eligible voters unreported and about 10 - vote hospital poll and about 25 absentee ballots not counted. Mrs. Hobbs had 1,023 and Mr. Johnston 465.

CLAIMS SUPPORT

Mr. Bennett, who had said anti-government votes would be votes against Columbia policy, declared the people of Revelstoke "support in ever greater numbers the development of the Arrow Dam."

The result had cut Mr. Hobbs' 1960 majority of 472 votes to a "fraction" of that number, spelled a "great defeat" for provincial NDP Leader Robert Strachan, and meant "the end of the provincial Liberal party as a force," in politics.

Mr. Lundell conceded at 9:45 p.m. an hour and 45 minutes after the polls closed. The 62-year-old Revelstoke mayor and former MLA for the riding said he does not intend to seek a recount.

"The total number is so small that there's small chance of much error in the counting," he said. "That's the result and it's okay with me."

The result leaves the standing in the legislature at Social Credit 31, NDP-CCF 16, Liberal 4, vacant 1, total 52. No date has been set for a byelection in Vancouver Point Grey, a vacancy created by the death of Mrs. Buda Brown, minister without portfolio.

708 members to attend conference

Four members of Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers were elected to represent the local at the brotherhood's triennial convention to be held in Detroit September 10 to 15.

The local committee will consist of President John West, Reginald Ronald, M. A. Ratchford and Angus Macphee.

Mr. Macphee will act as Canadian chairman of the convention's political action committee. The committee will present changes to the international's constitution to recognize Canadians' "new political direction since the formation of the New Democratic Party."

Local 708 delegates are to press for a national conference of all Canadian locals to deal autonomously with Canadian matters. The Canadian membership of the union is about 35,000 of a total membership of 175,000.

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Many cases heard in court

The most number of cases in more than two years was heard in police court by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite Saturday and yesterday.

A total of 61 cases was heard in the two days, 15 Saturday and 46 yesterday, and most of the cases involver intoxication.

RCMP said there were 46 prisoners in custody in the relatively small jail Sunday as a result of Saturday night's activities.

Eight were arrested at one time after they were found to be consuming liquor in a public place.

By midnight Saturday police had investigated 66 complaints, a record, as well as carrying out regular patrols and duties.

Stevens remanded

Leslie Richard Stevens of 1526 Second Avenue West, charged with theft by agent, appeared before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite yesterday and was remanded without election or plea until 10:30 a.m. September 13.

Doukhobors continue trek south

CASTLEGAR, B.C. (CP) — While Kootenay school authorities worried about a shortage of pupils, more than 600 Sons of Freedom continued their great trek.

The large representation of the religious sect arrived at this Columbia River town Tuesday night after a three - day march from Krestova, 20 miles north. They have picked up fellow members along the way and estimates of the number of the group have ranged as high as 900.

The marchers planned to travel by car and truck today to Grand Forks, centre of another Doukhobor settlement, where they hope to double their number.

They are heading for Agassiz, more than 400 miles west in the Fraser Valley, where many of their menfolk are serving prison terms for terrorism.

Back at Crescent Valley, near Krestova, only 24 of an expected 124 students turned up when school opened Tuesday and only one of these was a Freedomite. The pattern was similar at other predominantly - Freedomite schools in the area.

More than 100 school - age children and about 5 pre-school children are accompanying their parents on the trek. Attorney-General Robert Bonner Tuesday asked the RCMP for a full report on school truancy and neglect of children in the Doukhobor march.

One of the few bright spots in the Freedomite picture in the Kootenays in recent years has been the attendance of Freedomite children in the regular school system.

Five contracts let in Alaska for terminals

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Five contracts involving expenditures of $2,197,696 were awarded by the state department of highways yesterday, one involving a Canadian company.

The Midwest Construction Co. Ltd., of Prince George, B.C. was awarded a $13,653 contract of a ferry terminal at Petersburgh and an $89,832 contract to build a terminal at Sitka.

The Berg Construction Co., Juneau, was given a $94,399 contract to build a ferry terminal at Wrangell.

SEATTLE (AP)—A stubby Lockheed 10A airplane landed at Seattle-Tacoma airport Saturday, marking the 25th anniversary of the first TCA flight.

Prince Rupert has now gone 179 days without a fatal traffic accident and 500 days without a fire fatality.

Drivers asked to use care

City motorists are reminded to be especially careful when driving near the schools, RCMP said today.

The police said that their patrols will concentrate on the school zones and they will check to see that the 20 miles per hour speed limit is strictly adhered to.

Many kindergarten children and kiddies who will be attending school for the first time, will be on the streets on their way to and from schools, and drivers are urged to drive with the utmost caution, especially when passing parked cars.

The school zone speed limit is in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every school day, and the playground limit from dawn to dusk daily.

Violators of these rules will be strictly prosecuted, RCMP said.

CORRECTION

Due to a regretable error, in which a line was dropped out, a mistake appeared in a paragraph of an article written by A. E. Fry, superintendent of Indian Affairs, Skeena Indian Agency, in yesterday's paper.

The paragraph in question should read: "The real question is not why do some Indian people drink, but why do some people drink to a fault, becoming alcoholics?"

Mr. Fry said this was the basic theme of his article.

Search continuing

A search is continuing for two men who were found missing and presumed drowned after their boat exploded near Port Essington Sunday.

Missing are Martin Kilpela and Vano Johannes Aakala, both in their late fifties.

The RCMP launch PB Nanaimo has carried out an extensive search but still have not located the bodies.

City unable to purchase PGE bonds

The City of Prince Rupert applied to the Provincial Government for the purchase of $50,000 worth of Pacific Great Eastern Railway government parity bonds recently but was turned down because the government was already more than $15,000,000 oversubscribed on the bond issue.

City treasurer Derrick Ratcliffe said he made the application after receiving approval from City Council, but wasn't able to purchase any of the 5½ per cent bonds.

Mr. Ratcliffe said the money, from the city's reserve fund, would be invested in short-term securities.

PNE misses attendance mark

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Pacific National Exhibition missed its magic 1,000,000 mark by a whisker, but closed for the season with "weiner day" Monday and record attendance.

More than 972,000 came to the 12-day fair and Monday, a Labor Day crowd chomped through an estimated 100 miles of hot dogs as the gates closed for another year.

The previous PNE record, set in 1960, was upwards of 964,000.

A $30,000 landscaped home was won by a ticket-holder identified only as T. Mandzick of Vancouver. Included in the package were a matching dog house and an Alsatian pup.

News Briefs

BERLIN (AP) — Three young East Germans drove an eight-ton truck through two barbed wire fences early today, climbed a third fence and swam a border canal to safety in West Berlin.

ISTANBUL (Reuters) — About 100 persons were reported injured in a series of earth tremors which hit the town of Igdir and nearby villages in eastern Turkey today.

WASHINGTON (CP)-(AP) — The United States is considering imposing new safeguards on military patrol flights near the Soviet Union in an attempt to reduce the risk of violating Soviet territory.

LONDON (Reuters) — The British government today announced it has refused Dr. Robert Soblen's final plea for sanctuary and will put him aboard a plane to the United States to serve his life prison sentence for spying.

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — Typhoon Amy hit the east coast of Formosa today with winds of 144 miles an hour and roared across Nationalist Chinese island. It entered the Formosa Strait and blew toward the Communist mainland.

MOTORCADE ENDS — A car representing Ontario dips its wheels in the Pacific Ocean at Victoria after completing a 5,000-mile drive from St. John's, Nfld., as part of a 14-car motorcade publicizing the completion of the Trans-Canada Highway. The drive started August 1 after the cars dipped their wheels in Atlantic Ocean at St. John's. — CP Photo

WEATHER

Mainly cloudy in northern part and sunny in south Thursday. Little cooler. Light winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow 50 and 60.

Daily News readings:
Temperature at noon 52
Barometer, falling 30.13

TIDES

Thursday, September 6, 1962
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	05:44	15.7 feet
	17:51	17.6 feet
Low	11:34	8.6 feet