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Mysterious Messages About Missing Plane

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Search for Lost T.C.A. Transport Is Revived

VANCOUVER (CP)—Hope grew today that the twenty-day-old mystery shrouding the fate of the missing TransCanada air liner might be solved, with at least one of the fifteen persons aboard found alive, as telegraph operators at Ashcroft and Lytton reported picking up messages purporting to come from the plane. The first was heard late Saturday night. It said "this is the lost T.C.A. plane." The second was heard Sunday and said "the plane is north of Coquitlam."

Although it is conceivable that the "tapping" messages were made by throwing the wire over the telegraph line, search officials in Vancouver are skeptical that it will lead to the plane.

The mysterious messages with a faint voice calling "hello, hello" were interspersed with the letters "T.C.A."

It was reported to the R.C.A.F. here that the messages were heard Saturday night and Sunday on telegraph lines between Lillooet and Ashcroft, 130 miles northeast of here.

The plane vanished without trace shortly before midnight April 28 with twelve passengers and crew of three.

Static prevented a clear reception of messages but there was distinct "hello, hello" and some reference to the T.C.A. They were first thought the work of some Saturday night reveller, cutting in on the line with a lineman's telephone but when another message was heard Sunday, an investigation was started.

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...f the Prince Rupert
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...ATO JUICE ...ONS 64

...AMPTON, Mass., (CP) —
...juice was blamed by a
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...RE HAVING ...DISORDER

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City of Punjab

...E, India, (CP) — Police
...ps today patrolled the
Lahore, capital of the
following weekend riots
...used thousands to flee
...o escape the spreading
...etween the Hindu Mos-
the Sikh mobs. It was
fiftieth day of com-
...mrest, and the city was
...nder a 24-hour curfew.
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...ounded in one skirmish

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eleven dead and 32

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ish-American zones of Ger...any this year. This was announced today by an official of the department.

THREE KILLED IN TORONTO

Spectacular Crash of Fire Wagons in Eastern City

TORONTO, (CP)—Deaths resulting from a spectacular fire in the early morning in a head-on crash between two fire reels mounted to three when Melville Kerfoot gave a tragic twist to Toronto's traffic safety drive launched three days ago.

Those killed almost instantly in the collision as the two trucks raced to the three-alarm school fire in the east end were Joseph Walker, 24, and Charles Leslie, 26.

Dr. Smirle Lawson coroner, announced an inquest will be ordered into the deaths.

BEAR HIT BY LOCAL DRIVER

A collision with a bear on the highway near Smithers did damage of about $200 to the front of a car driven by Miss Ellen Kinnaird, social service worker of Prince Rupert last week. Miss Kinnaird returned to the city at the weekend to have the crumpled metal work straightened. The bear, which had wandered onto the highway, did not remain to have the extent of its damage estimated.

Brigadier Elizabeth Betts, Salvation Army territorial auditor, Toronto, will arrive in the city on the Prince Rupert Wednesday on business with the local corps. Brigadier Betts, who was stationed in Kenya, Africa for some time, probably will speak at the Citadel Wednesday evening. She will be in the city for several days.

PLANE CRASH KILLS TWO

BURLINGTON, Iowa, (CP)— A Navy air pilot and two school boys were killed and six persons seriously injured Sunday when a fighter plane went out of control at an air show, and crashed on a school playground.

More than 3,500 persons attending the air show saw the Corsair appear to lose control and crash in the school yard where fourteen youngsters were playing ball.

BULLETINS

APPEAL DISMISSED

TORONTO—The Ontario Court of Appeals today dismissed the appeal of Mrs. Evelyn Dick against the life sentence imposed last March 26 for manslaughter in the death of her infant son.

INFANT STRANGLED

VANCOUVER—Ten-months-old son of Clarence Metcalf of Vancouver died by strangulation Sunday when he slipped through the bottom end of his crib, and was caught by the head between the mattress and the bottom of the crib rail. The mattress had apparently slipped down at the end of the home-made crib.

Baseball Scores

American

SATURDAY

Cleveland 1, Washington 2.
Chicago 3-3, New York 4-4.
St. Louis 4, Boston 2.
Detroit 2, Philadelphia 1.

National

Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 3.
Boston 3, St. Louis 2.
Giants 3, Chicago 1.
Brooklyn 0, Pittsburgh 4.

American

SUNDAY

Cleveland 5, New York 3.
St. Louis 3-2, Philadelphia 4-5.
Chicago 4-3, Washington 2-2.
Detroit at Boston, double-header postponed.

National

Brooklyn 4, Chicago 2.
Boston 1-3, Cincinnati 2-1.
Philadelphia 6-1, St. Louis 3-0.
New York 6-11, Pittsburgh 7-6.

W. H. W. Murray, of the Northern B.C. Power Co., sailed on the Coquitlam Sunday night on a business trip to Stewart.

FIRST MEN FROM JOB-POOR MARITIMES ARIVE AT BRANTFORD, ONT.—Forty-four young men from Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island, the vanguard of an estimated 2,000 workers to be moved from the Maritimes to Ontario by the Employment Service of Canada, have arrived in Brantford, Ont., to take jobs with the Massey-Harris Co. They met people they knew from "back home." Walking through Massey-Harris plant, Bill O'Connell, right, saw Helen March, a neighbor from Sydney, N.S., who has been operating a drill at the plant since early war days. She went to Brantford as war worker. With O'Connell and Miss March are Stan McDougall, second from left, and Stan Bye, M.P., left, member of company's personnel staff who escorted the Maritimers around.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE MENACES DEMOCRACY, U.S. CRITIC WARNS

By C. R. BLACKBURN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Set Up By 1787 Constitution, "Archaic, Dangerous Institution" Puzzles Political Reporters

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A "college" without teachers or students and, in the opinion of many, without any excuse for existence, is under congressional fire as a "definite menace to democracy."

It is the so-called "Electoral College" set up by the constitution writers in 1787 to ensure that the president and vice-president would be intelligently selected.

It has functioned as a rubber stamp approving the people's choice since 1800 but it remains with all its constitutional rights and prerogatives.

Within those rights it could name a president and vice-president of its own choice without any regard for the results of voting in presidential elections.

Obviously it would never do that but its continuous existence and operations make it possible for a candidate to run second in the popular vote to become president. That has happened more than once.

Repeated efforts to abolish it have been made during the last 150 years. Now two young Congressmen, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge (Rep.-Mass.) and Representative Ed Gossett (Dem.-Texas) have presented joint resolutions to amend it out of the the constitution.

Gossett called the Electoral College "this archaic, dangerous and undemocratical institution."

Today it works like this: In advance of the presidential elections each state political organization nominates a slate of candidates for "electors"—one for each member the state is entitled to send to Congress.

RESULTS ARE STILL SAME

In the elections, the people really vote for their choice of "electors." In nine states only the Electoral College candidates' names are on the ballots, listed under party labels. In 21 states the elector candidates do not appear but the names of the presidential candidates' names are printed on the ballots.

At present 531 "electors" are elected in each presidential contest—one for every senator and representative in Congress.

Thus New York elects 47 "electors" and the number ranges down to the minimum of three in the smallest or least populated states.

The evil in the system as seen by many is that for many years all the electoral college votes in a state go to the candidate winning the majority of votes in the state. That, too, is an unwritten agreement but is the accepted practice.

Thus it would be possible for a candidate to lose all but the 12 most populous states and still win enough electoral votes to put him in office.

In 1876 Rutherford B. Hayes ran second to Samuel Tilden in the popular vote but he became president on the electoral vote. The same thing was true in 1888 when Harrison defeated Cleveland in the electoral vote.

WILLKIE QUOTED AS AN EXAMPLE

In 1940 Wendell Willkie was only about 240,000 votes short of the total given Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York but the whole 47 electoral votes in that state went to Roosevelt.

The Electoral College used to meet in each state and formally approve the majority vote and advise the president of the senate, through the state secretaries of state.

In 1933 they all came to Washington for the first time on the eve of President Roosevelt's first inauguration and staged a gala dinner and formal meeting at which they announced Roosevelt and John Nance Garner as their choice for president and vice-president.

They have been doing that ever since. Electoral college candidates are usually men of substance and means and often serve over and over. They are organized with a permanent president, Michael J. Doyle, a Philadelphia business man.

But the "permanence" would be upset if in 1948 the presidential elections goes Republican for the first time since 1932.

There is one instance of an elector rebelling. The 1820 election would have given James Monroe re-election with a unanimous election college vote. A lone elector whose name is buried in the voluminous but confused records of those days, felt that no other should equal George Washington's record as unanimous choice of the people and gave his vote to the runner-up, John Quincy Adams.

In Canada, where there is a Dominion election law and administrator, voters may easily understand all the details of electoral proceedings.

In the United States even seasoned veteran political reporters are hazy on details because they have probably the most complex election system of any modern, important country. Each state has its own system and there are almost as many systems as there are states.

Noted Dietician Is Dead In London

LONDON, (CP) — Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins, aged 85, Nobel Prize winner, and acknowledged as discoverer of vitamins, died at the week end at Cambridge.

Acclaimed as one of the world's leading biochemists, Sir Frederick conducted dietetic experiments 41 years ago which showed the importance of vitamins to the average diet.

License for Q.C.A. Lines

To Operate from Vancouver to Logging Camps and West Coast

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Air Transport Board Sunday night announced approval of a new license to the Queen Charlotte Airlines Limited, and said that as a result of the large number of isolated points in Northern British Columbia, the coast will now have access to air transportation.

The company operates a non-scheduled charter commercial air service from Vancouver, serving logging, mining, and fishing enterprises in the interior.

The new license grants permission to operate a commercial scheduled service along a route including Powell River, Minstrel Island, Alert Bay and Sullivan Bay. Another scheduled service will be maintained from Vancouver direct to Comox. A non-scheduled service proposed by the company will take in the route from Vancouver to Muchalat Arm, Nootka, Ceepeecee, Tahsis, Zeballos and Chamis Bay.

ATOMIC WARNING

HAMILTON, (CP) — Peacetime applications of atomic energy it is expected, will be accelerated by Canada's first disclosures of discoveries in nuclear chemistry made at a conference which concluded at McMaster University here Saturday.

During the three day meeting, scientists from the United States were warned privately and in speeches that there might be no such applications if control of atomic energy is not vested in a world governing body.

HALIBUT SALES

American

Lorelei II, 55,000, 18.70 and 15. Canadian Fish and Cold Storage.

Canadian

(All landed at Co-op)

Selma H., 35,000
Connie Jean, 20,000
Teeny Milly, 25,000
Capella I, 26,000
Rodney P., 21,000
Lois N., 30,000
Panda, 23,000
Nornen, 19,000
Kyrielle, 10,000

Control of Middle East

LONDON (CP) — Informed sources declared today that Great Britain is setting the stage to hand military responsibility in the Mediterranean and Middle East over to the United States and withdraw Empire defences to East Africa.

Qualified British military informants said the proposed set-up implied that the defence of the Mediterranean and Suez Canal in particular would become an American responsibility.

MOUNTBATTEN IN LONDON

LONDON, (CP) — Viscount Mountbatten, viceroy of India, arrived here today for his consultation with the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee and cabinet on the situation in India. Mountbatten declined to comment on his present mission.

FORMULA ON COAL STRIKE

GLACE BAY, (CP)—The compromise formula for settling the Maritime coal strike went before a meeting of the United Mine Workers (C.C.L.) District 26 Board today amid general expectation was that it would be accepted and recommended to the unions' 13,000 membership. If accepted, the 11 man board formula would be put before the rank and file of the union. A favorable vote would end the three months' old strike.

REDS BESIEGE MANCHU CITY

NANKING, (CP) — A Chinese Communist column moved to a point only seven miles south of Changchun today to place the Manchurian capital virtually under a state of seige. This is reported by nationalist dispatches. A Red Army unit rushed to the city's suburbs, after taking Hwaiteh, 25 miles west. The fall of Hwaiteh will expose the capital city to direct attack.

SMITHERS HAS YUKON NIGHT

SMITHERS — The Klondyke Night held Friday to raise funds for the proposed Community Centre in Smithers was a huge success typical of all Klondyke Nights which have been held in the past. An excellent floor show was enjoyed by a hall crowded to capacity. Specialty numbers were Red River barn dance, Can Can dance, Chinese act; My Darling Clementine; Spike Jones and his Klondyke Orchestra and vocal selections by Mrs. J. and Mrs. D. Herman.

One of the main attractions of the evening were the two boxing matches staged by the youngsters under the direction of W. C. (Lefty) Gardner. The youngsters showed real talent. Both bouts were no-decision affairs.

Many fine beards were displayed for the beard-judging contest, the prizes going to Ted Chapman in first place, Herb Leach second, and Les Buchanan third. Prize for the best costume went to Mrs. Rene Turner, with Lorraine Buchanan runner up. Miss Doris Oliarny was crowned Klondyke queen and will reign until next Klondyke night.

An essay contest was held on the subject of a Community Centre and prizes were awarded as follows: High School—First, Rosa Langston; Second, Owen Jones; Third Verna Oulton. Public School—First, Tie between Josephine Buchanan and Virginia Ford; Second, Marg Davidosn; Third, Rosa Hidber.

Brigadier and Mrs. Joseph Gillingham, Salvation Army divisional commander, returned on Saturday from a trip to the Hazelton district where they inspected a number of outposts.

...OPHONE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR ...G DISTANCE IN AN EMERGENCY

...rsistent representations of the Prince Rupert ...ber of Commerce brought satisfactory advice that hereafter when land telegraphic and tele-communications to Prince Rupert go out of ...ission, the former radiophone long distance ...e of the Northwest Telephone Co. from Prince ...to Vancouver will be av-... for the emergency. Since ...acific Communications was taken over for com-... long distance service ...year ago this radiophone which formerly carried ...g distance traffic out of Rupert, had not been av-...

...communication received by the Prince Rupert ...er of Commerce was from W. Brown, controller of Department of Transport, ..., and it said that the ...est Telephone Co. had authorized to give such ...ency service during times ...erruption in the other ...es.

Local Tides

...uesday, May 20, 1947

...	0:45	21.9 feet
...	13:30	19.7 feet
...	7:17	1.5 feet
...	19:15	5.7 feet

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

Rising pressures brought clearing skies to many sections of British Columbia this morning after a weekend of cloudy skies and general rain. Continued clearing is expected over most of the province today and Tuesday. The exception is the northern coast where a weak disturbance moving into the Gulf of Alaska will result in continued cloudiness and rain or drizzle.

Forecast

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and north coast—Mostly overcast today, tonight and Tuesday. Occasional rain or drizzle today becoming intermittent rain over night. Winds light increasing to southerly 15 m.p.h. by this evening. Little change in temperature. Low tonight—Port Hardy, 48; Massett, 44; Prince Rupert, 45. Tuesday—Port Hardy 54, Massett 55, Prince Rupert 60.

:: *TODAY'S STOCKS* ::

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver		
Bralorne		10.00
B. R. Con.	(Ask)	.05½
B. R. X.	(Ask)	.12
Cariboo Gold		2.15
Dentonia		.18
Grull Wihksne		.07
Hedley Mascot		1.02
Minto		.03
Pend Oreille		2.40
Pioneer		3.55
Premier Border		.04¾
Premier Gold	(Ask)	.65
Privateer		.37
Reeves McDonald	(Ask)	1.50
Reno		.10
Salmon Gold		.22
Sheep Creek		1.08
Taylor Bridge		.50
Whitewater	(Ask)	.02½
Vananda	(Ask)	.32
Congress		.04½
Pacific Eastern		.35
Hedley Amalg'ted		.08½
Spud Valley		.13
Central Zeballos		.01¼
Oils—		
A. P. Con.		.12
Calmont		.31
C. & E.	(Ask)	2.00
Foothills		2.20
Home		3.15
Toronto		
Athona		.16
Aumaque		.32
Beattie		.74
Bevcourt		.10
Bobjo		.15½
Buffalo Can.		.16½
Con. Smelters		79.25
Conwest		.93
Donalda		.71
Eldona		.33
Elder		.71
Giant Y'knife		5.50
God's Lake		.80
Hardrock		.38
Harricana		.09
Heva Gold		.31
Hosco		.34
Jacknife		.08
Joliet Quebec		.33
Lake Rowan		.20
Lapaska		.26
Little Long Lac		1.50
Lynx		.17
Mdasen Red Lake		2.90
McKenzie Red Lake		.51
MacLeod Cockshutt		1.50
Moneta		.47
Negus		1.90
Noranda		43.00
Osisko Lake		1.39
Pickle Crow		2.40
Reeecourt		.39½
San Antonio		3.60
Senator Rouyn		.32
Sherritt Gordon		2.75
Steep Rock		2.00
Sturgeon River		.17