

Captain Kurt Carlsen Refuses Offers Totalling \$2 Million For Various Things

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Capt. Henrik Kurt Carlsen, 38-year-old Danish-born skipper of the Flying Enterprise, kept the world in suspense during the Christmas season a year ago.

Since then he has refused more than \$2,000,000.

He stayed aboard his sinking, storm-battered ship in the angry Atlantic 13 days until an hour before she sank. Carlsen and Kenneth Dancy, mate from the British tug Turmoil, were rescued dramatically after they leaped into the sea. Dancy had boarded the stricken vessel to help Carlsen secure a towline that later snapped.

Companies and individuals stumbled over each other in a rush to get Carlsen to sign contracts. To their astonishment, Kurt Carlsen forsaking the sea,

he calmly refused all offers. He says he still is getting offers—and still turning them down.

"It's hard to believe these people are serious," he said in an interview when his new ship, Flying Enterprise II, steamed into San Francisco Bay.

"I've had more than \$2,000,000 offered for various things," he reported.

"But I'm a ship captain. That's all I can do."

On his current voyage—carrying general cargo to ports around the globe—he was offered a movie contract in Singapore.

"And one fellow offered me an estate on the Hudson river—if I would agree to live on it and not return to sea. Can you imagine that?"

It would be hard to imagine

despite the cruel treatment it gave him a year ago.

Besides the sea he has two other great loves—his charming family and his consuming hobby as an amateur shortwave radio operator. He proudly displayed the nearly complete new shortwave transmitting station which he is building himself.

"I talk to people all over the world," he said. "Sometimes I contact as many as 45 to 50 hams a day."

He is a willing talker if the subject is radio, but settles into laconic embarrassment when asked to reminisce on his shipwreck exploit.

"I did only what any good ship captain would do."

His new ship formerly was the Noonday owned by the Waterman Steamship Lines.

"But I liked the old ship better," he said. "She handled better. You can't sail a ship for more than three years without falling in love with her."

NEWS ... in brief

HONG KONG (Reuters)—Communist China will get its first country-wide elections and a five-year plan this year—both on Soviet lines.

The elections will be to pick the country's first parliament under communism. Members of this "democratic" All-China People's Congress are expected to be chosen by local units and then "elected" in the usual Soviet single-list style.

Bodies Found
LADNER, B.C. (CP)—Bodies of three persons drowned while gathering oysters on mud flats near here early Sunday were found Monday.

Victims were Ole K. Alsgaard and his wife, Alma, both about 48, and John Peterson, about 30. They are believed to have been trapped by a fast-moving incoming tide.

Big Spender
QUEBEC (CP)—The Quebec government plans to spend a record \$286,904,000 in the fiscal year starting April 1.

Finance Minister Gagnon said largest items of the proposed expenditures are \$45,003,300 by the health department, \$31,601,900 for education and schools, and \$26,725,000 by the roads department.

Predicts Governor
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The Oregonian predicts that B. Frank Heintzleman, regional forester for Alaska, will be the next Alaska governor. The newspaper said it had learned this from authoritative sources in Anchorage, but did not otherwise identify them.

All-Time Record
VANCOUVER (CP)—An estimated 12,000,000 tons of cargo were handled in the port of Vancouver last year for an all-time record.

SCREEN ★ FLASHES
★ Hailed as one of the most impressive outdoor film dramas ever made, Howard Hawks' production of "The Big Sky" stars Kirk Douglas, Dewey Martin, Elizabeth Threath, Arthur Hunnicutt and Buddy Baer in a memorable tale of adventure on the wild upper reaches of the Missouri River in the 1830's.

The show opens at the Capitol tomorrow night.

Producer-Director Hawks made the picture to follow closely A.B. Guthrie Jr.'s best-seller novel in its absorbing plot. Douglas and Martin portray a pair of restless young Kentuckians who journey to St. Louis in search of Martin's uncle (Hunnicutt), an old-time mountain man, and find him in the local jail.

The trio join a fur-trading expedition headed by an excitable Frenchman (Steven Geray), and head up the river in a hand-operated 63-foot keelboat.

The impressive river sequences for "The Big Sky" were photographed along the Snake River in Wyoming's Jackson Hole region, amid some of the nation's most picturesque scenery. A company of 200 players and technicians spent two months on location to obtain their gripping and realistic scenes.



Elizabeth Threath and Dewey Martin minister to co-star Kirk Douglas wounded by hostile Indians, in Howard Hawks' current big-budget adventure epic "The Big Sky," opening tomorrow at the Capitol Theatre. The picture is based upon a novel by A. B. Guthrie Jr., recent Pulitzer Prize-winner.

Dutch People Show Little Interest in TV Experiment

HILVERSUM, Holland (Reuters)—Holland's two-year experiment with privately-operated television minus commercials will end this year unless the government comes to its rescue.

The phlegmatic, home-loving Dutchman doesn't think much of TV.

As far as he is concerned, it is just "canned" entertainment.

A mere fledgling compared to other national networks, television here is run at present by the four radio organizations on a two-year experimental basis.

But only between 4,000 and 5,000 sets have been sold in the whole country, and programs run on only two days a week, for two hours at a time.

URGE STATE ASSISTANCE
The two-year trial period ends in October and the sponsors, the four radio organizations who make up the Netherlands Television Foundation, say they cannot carry on without state aid.

Psychological factors apart, Holland seems ideally suited to the medium. The flat countryside is suitable for transmission and reception, while Holland also has the manufacturing facilities and knowledge to produce first-rate transmitting equipment and receivers.

Great care has been taken to keep television here clear of advertising and commercial exploitation. The foundation at the start announced that pro-

grams would be largely devoted to cultural and educational subjects.

Russ Arrest Nine Doctors For Killings
MOSCOW (CP)—The Soviet press and radio Monday announced the arrest of nine doctors, most of them Jews, on charges of killing two top Russian leaders and plotting the deaths of others on instructions from British and American intelligence services and Zionist organizations.

The announcement said the doctors admitted killing Andrei Zhdanov, one of the leading members of the powerful Politburo until his death in 1948, and Alexander S. Scherbakov, head of the chief political administration of the Soviet army, who died in 1945.

Neo-Nazism Charge Hit By Adenauer
BONN (CP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer declared flatly today "no danger exists that the Nazi party on a Hitler model will seize power in western Germany."

The chancellor made the statement to a group of foreign correspondents in the midst of a political storm here, aroused by allied claims that Neo-Nazism is surging back.

Dr. Adenauer commented on British action last week of arresting former leading Nazis suspected of plotting to seize power, and publication during the week-end of an American survey claiming a significant rise in Neo-Nazism and nationalism in west Germany.

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Bakeries Abandon Appeal

EDMONTON (CP)—Six western baking concerns convicted in 1951 of conspiracy charges under the Combines Act have abandoned an appeal.

Chief Justice G. B. O'Connor of the Alberta Appeal Court signed an order Monday dismissing the appeal for want of prosecution on the part of the appellants—meaning the bakeries had failed to proceed with their appeal filed more than a year ago.

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LRB Members Named by Government
VICTORIA (CP)—A statement from the provincial government names members of the new part-time Labor Relations Board. They are:
Fred W. Smelts, Vancouver, who is re-appointed to represent the Canadian Manufacturers Association; Maj.-Gen. C. A. P. Murison of Duncan, nominee of the Industrial Association of B.C.; George Home, Vancouver, secretary-treasurer of the B.C. Federation of Labor, CCL nominee; James Barton, Vancouver, president B.C. Trade Union Congress, TLC nominee.
Col. D'Arcy Baldwin continues as chairman.

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Commission To Probe TV Set-Up

CANBERRA (Reuters)—Prime Minister Robert Menzies announced that a royal commission will be set up soon to pave the way for introduction of television in Australia.

The government also plans legislation authorizing both commercial and government-backed TV, he said.

In Melbourne, A. G. Warner, chairman of electronic industries, said it will be at least two years before Australia gets TV. Main problem will be the construction of transmitting stations, he said.

Explosion Kills Two, Injures Six

LONGVIEW, Wash. (CP)—A giant pressure tank at the Longview Fibre Company pulp and kraft paper plant blew up Monday, killing two workmen and injuring six others.

The terrific blast, caused by pent-up steam, ripped off the tank's heavy cast-iron lid and sent it tons of hot, steaming pulp spewing out of the top in a volcanic eruption.

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Good Record
PRINCE ALBERT (CP)—Provincial officials reported Saskatchewan had a below-average forest fire season in 1952. There were 135 outbreaks, compared with an average of 250, and fire-fighting costs were roughly half the average of recent years.

Good Start
VANCOUVER (CP)—It did not snow here in the last two months of 1952, so Vancouver took \$58,000 out of one pocket and put it in another. The money was earmarked for snow removal and sanding equipment in budget last April.

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