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(Pacific Standard Time)

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Railway strike faces U.K.

Christmas Eve For Tie-Up

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON (AP) — The Claus today found himself a key issue in Britain's biggest strike since the general election of 1926.

The immediate issue is whether the railway men are entitled to a pay raise but an important factor is the old man's whiskers.

The National Union of Railmen has called on its 400,000 members to strike next Sunday at midnight on the eve of the Christmas holiday.

Strike on the state-owned railways would paralyze this country of close to 50,000,000 people looking forward to their Christmas holiday since the war—with plenty of food and drink and unrationed goods to buy.

"Railway Serooges," shouted the People, Labor party mouthpiece in a front-page headline regarding union leaders.

They almost think the leader of the NUR had no children of his own and never believed Santa Claus," said the Sun newspaper which claims a circulation of almost 5,000,000.

The Sunday Pictorial cried that must stop Christmas strike.

The Pictorial told the government to forget for the moment whether the railway men's pay is justified or not, for whether they are right or wrong to threaten strike action each short notice at this time of year.

Man Charged After Break-In

Adrienne Paquin, 36, of Montreal, was remanded for sentence after pleading guilty to breaking and entering and stealing goods valued at less than \$100 from Williams Grocery, at corner of Second and Third streets.

Paquin was arrested about 11:30 p.m. last night, less than 12 hours after the theft was reported to police.

The break-in occurred just before midnight Saturday when Paquin was made to the washroom by removal of the door and beaverboard making the walls. Stolen was nearly \$100 worth of cigarettes and other goods.

COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM BUILDING



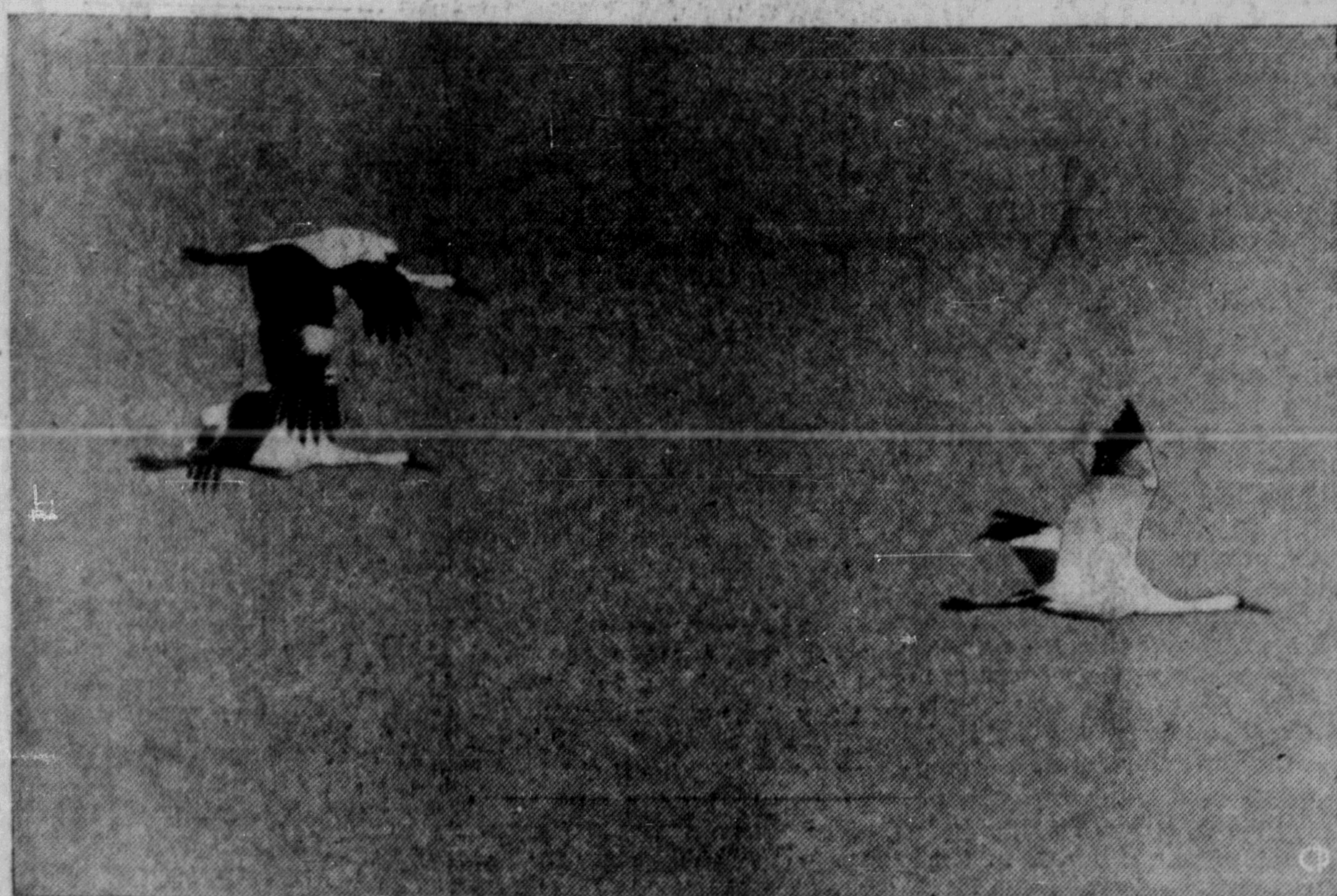
RAIL STRIKES HALTED publication of New York City's newspapers and radio and TV people stepped into the emergency, but the youngest apparently walked up the wrong street. A door at the CBS studios gives this representative of WNBC-TV's "Portable Radio News Patrol" the on-your-way routine. The New York stations had a group of men armed with signs and portable radios patrolling the streets to provide the news to the populace with latest bulletins.

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Whooping Cranes in Flight

DESCRIBED AS A "one in a million" chance, this photograph shows three of the rare whooping cranes in flight in the Herbert district, 125 miles west of Regina. The birds were flying in the fall migration to winter grounds at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. The known world population of whooping cranes is only 24 according to United States ornithologists.

U.S. Envoy, Arthur Dean Leaving Korea For Washington Consultation

By STAN CARTER

PANMUNJOM (AP)—U.S. special envoy Arthur H. Dean leaves tomorrow for consultations in Washington, leaving his chief aide in Korea "to see if the Communists wish to resume" the ruptured negotiations to set up a Korean peace conference.

Even as Dean made plans to depart, China and North Korea demanded through Peiping radio that the United States resume the talks "or take full responsibility for destroying" the peace conference.

"The North Korean and Chinese side insist on the resumption of the conference," said a terse communique attributed to the Red delegates.

Dean, who met for eight weeks with the Reds in an effort to reach agreement, walked out on the Communist diplomats Saturday after they accused the Allies of "perfidy."

He told reporters today that his aide, Kenneth Young of the U.S. state department, will have "full authority to resume the talks... If the Communists withdraw the perfidy charges and give some sign they are ready to negotiate in good faith."

BLAMES U.S. However, the Communists' Peiping radio already had reassured the perfidy charges and laid the blame for the breakdown on the "contemptible cold war policy of the United States."

Peiping said Dean's walkout was "an ominous sign that the U.S. government might commit further perfidies of graver consequence."

Dean said in a statement that

it is "the definite policy of the United States of America that every reasonable attempt should be made to work out the difficulties and to convene the political (peace) conference, but it could not compromise a slur on its integrity."

RUSSIA CHIEF OBSTACLE

Dean again repeated the United Nations stand that Russia be invited to the peace conference as a full voting participant on the Communist side and not as a neutral as the

Reds have insisted. This was the big stumbling block in the talks.

The preliminary Panmunjom talks were aimed at fixing the time, date and composition of the long-delayed peace conference.

Dean walked out after the Reds accused the U.S. government of deliberately conniving in the release of 27,000 anti-Red North Korean prisoners June 17-18. The Koreans were released by order of President Syngman Rhee of South Korea.

FORTUNE TELLER MISSES IN TALK WITH POLICEMAN

BUFFALO (AP)—Warren O. Lehman walked into Rose Yanko's fortune telling parlor Sunday and sat down. The conversation went like this:

Fortune teller over a crystal ball: You will be married and have a nice family.

Lehman: I have been happily married for two years.

Fortune teller: In that case, you will take a partner into your television business.

Lehman: I'm not in the television business. I am on the police vice and liquor squad, and you are under arrest.

New U.S. Hydrogen Bomb Will Dwarf Atom Blasts

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP)—The hydrogen weapon blast the United States plans for the Bikini atoll test this spring may exceed the total power of all bombs dropped by the U.S. air forces in the Second World War.

That figure was slightly more than 2,000,000 tons of TNT. President Eisenhower said in his speech Tuesday to the United Nations General Assembly that "hydrogen weapons are in the range of millions of tons of TNT's equivalent."

The test at Bikini will show what could happen to the United States as well as to Russia in a war with hydrogen weapons.

The last atomic explosion at the remote and quiet Bikini atoll probably will become, by comparison, a puny pop.

The two test bombs used there in the 1946 tests had an energy equivalent of about 20,000 tons of TNT. The air-burst bomb sank ships, crushed others with the shock wave, set others burning. An underwater burst sank a carrier, a battleship and other

vessels. Neither burst left any mark on the islands fringing the lagoon.

But some time next spring, when the seasonal change comes in the direction of the trade winds which can carry radioactive contamination long distances, the face of the atoll may change in an instant.

COULD DESTROY ISLANDS

Release of a force equalling two or more millions of tons of exploding TNT could erase all trace of not only one but possibly several of the islands fringing the lagoon. There were reports, never denied by the Atomic Energy Commission, that the 1952 test of a relatively small hydrogen device destroyed the island upon which the device was mounted.

—WEATHER—

Forecast

North coast region: Gale warning continued.

Overcast with showers along the mainland, elsewhere mostly clear but with scattered showers today.

A few clouds tonight and Tuesday morning, clouding over in the afternoon. Rain beginning late Tuesday afternoon. Colder tonight. Winds west 35 in exposed areas, decreasing to 15 this afternoon and to light tonight, becoming south 20 Tuesday afternoon and to light tonight, becoming south 20 Tuesday afternoon and 30 by evening.

Low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert. 30 and 42

B.C. Seeks Federal Aid In Giant Expansion Plan

\$150 Millions For Road Program

By The Canadian Press

OTTAWA.—British Columbia today proposed that the federal government help it launch a multi-million-dollar economic expansion program enlarging B.C. rail, highway and forest conservation facilities.

The proposal was placed before Prime Minister St. Laurent in a 44-page brief submitted by a three-man B.C. cabinet delegation headed by Premier Bennett.

Provincial projects are estimated to cost about \$238,000,000 over a period of years. Mr. Bennett proposed that the cost be borne equally by B.C. and the federal government.

The proposals are:

- Adding 311 miles to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, extending its southern end by 40 miles and its northern end by 271 miles. This would bring the southern end into Vancouver from Squamish and push the northern railroad from Prince George into the Peace River country at Dawson Creek. Cost is estimated unofficially at about \$75,000,000.

- Construction of a new network of provincial highways to tap new resources and promote tourist traffic. Estimated cost of the "essential minimum" highway program would be \$150,000,000—excluding the Trans-Canada Highway plan. The provincial road program would take several years to complete.

- Development of a forest fire protection system that would cost \$13,000,000 initially and an additional \$1,750,000 annually for maintenance. Forest protection was in the national interest, Premier Bennett said, but the province did not have sufficient funds for an adequate system.

HELP MARKETS

Extension of the Pacific Great Eastern would tap more of the Peace River products for Asiatic trade, particularly to expand trade with Japan. It also would help bring the big Vancouver market in closer touch with the northern producers.

However, in case the federal government did not favor the granting of funds for B.C. rail extension, Mr. Bennett suggested alternative measures for federal consideration.

The federal government might consider the outright purchase, turning over the provincial line to the publicly-owned Canadian National Railways. The line would be sold at its "present fair and reasonable value" on the understanding that the federal government would add northern and southern extensions within a "reasonable time."

Or the federal government might consider joint ownership with the provincial government. The price of federal partnership would be the cost of adding the extensions. The CNR then could take over operation of the line on behalf of the "joint owners."

The brief said development of the province's resources was of major importance to Canadian economy.

Wrap Parcels Carefully; Mail Early

Careful wrapping, clear addresses and early mailing are the three cardinal rules of Christmas gift mailing, and persons who haven't already observed that third rule, may disappoint their friends and families in other parts of Canada.

Mailing deadlines for parcels and two-cent Christmas cards are past, for all provinces except British Columbia, and that's tomorrow!

Postmaster Jack Burgess, whose staff already is snowed under with extra Christmas mail, told Prince Rupert residents today that if they mailed their parcels and cards tomorrow or Wednesday, for anywhere in Canada, they "probably" would reach their destinations by Christmas, but he doubted if they'd be so lucky if they postponed mailing any longer.

The post office started taking on extra staff on Saturday and expects a total of about 20 extras by Wednesday, six of whom will be on delivery service and the remainder sorting.

MARK CLEARLY

Mr. Burgess once more reminded residents to address parcels and letters clearly, with the street and number as well as name and city. He said the local post office already had received dozens of cards addressed merely to a name, sometimes without even initials, and Prince Rupert. Those cards, he said, would have to stay in the post office until after the Christmas rush.

Just as important, he said, was careful wrapping. Every year hundreds of Christmas parcels fell apart in the mail.

Best plan is to double-wrap the gift. Gift wrap your parcel and place it in a corrugated container. Don't count on sticky tape to hold it. Tie it with strong cord.

And finally, be sure you have enough postage on it.

Crashed Tug Raised

VANCOUVER (CP)—Salvage crews Sunday raised the C.P. Yorke, 75-foot tug which crashed a reef and sank with a loss of five lives 50 miles northwest of here Friday morning.



LT.-GEN. GUY SIMONDS, chief of the general staff, takes the salute from Canadian troops at Hohna, Germany, near Hannover. The troops, members of C squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers and the 79th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, were on a final march at the old camp—since replaced by a new one at Soest—before being rotated to Canada.



LOVELY BETTIE HARBIN, who reigns as "Miss Fort Worth," shows off the rabbit business to good advantage. She's modelling rabbit furs which were exhibited at the Southwest Rabbit Breeders Association show in the Will Rogers stock barns in Fort Worth.

Ex-Prime Minister's Wife Arrested in British Guiana

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana (AP)—Police Sunday arrested Mrs. Janet Rosenberg Jagan, United States-born wife of British Guiana's ousted prime minister and nine other leaders of the Progressive People's Party. They were charged with holding an illegal meeting.

All 10 were released on bail of £75 (\$44.25 U.S.) each. Hearings were for Tuesday.

Woman Charged With Murder Put in Oakalla

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. Alberta Brown, 25-year-old mother of three children, was transferred to Oakalla prison farm at suburban Burnaby Sunday, charged with the rifle-slaying of a Canadian Pacific Railway linesman at her Mission, B.C., home Saturday.

Dead is Ollie Johnston, 40, of Vancouver. Police said Mrs. Brown admitted freely she shot Johnston "because he had been bothering me."

She has been remanded to Dec. 21 for preliminary hearing. Police said Johnston died of a rifle bullet in the abdomen. The shot was fired through the door of Mrs. Brown's home.

Don Pattison, Mission taxi driver, said Johnston staggered up to his car and said: "Get me to hospital quick. I've been shot."

He died later in Mission Memorial Hospital.

Chief Constable Sam Service of Mission said "the woman was very frank about the incident."

He said Mrs. Brown told him the man bothered her repeatedly, knocking loudly at the door and asking to be let in.

He refused to leave and the woman fired through the door, the chief said.

Mrs. Brown's husband is working at Kemano.

Missing Girl Reported Seen In Orillia

TORONTO (CP)—An elderly woman today looked at a picture of Marion McDowell, kidnapped eight days ago, and told police: "That's her. That girl came to my door Saturday."

The woman, whose name was not given by police, said the girl and a man stopped at her lonely farmhouse near Orillia and asked for coffee.

The man told the woman his "girl friend" had been in an accident. (See earlier story, page 6.)

only 9 more Shopping Days 'til Christmas

Junior Chamber of Commerce Home Light-up Contest Entry Form

Name _____
Address _____
Judging will commence December 20th. Mail your entry to:
Jaycee Light-up, 642 East Fourth, no later than December 19.
This contest is made possible by various local merchants in co-operation with the Jaycees.