

# Probe Expected To Start Today

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VANCOUVER—RCAF investigators are expected here sometime today to start an investigation into the crash of an air force North Star here Wednesday in which the 51 persons escaped death or serious injury.

RCAF officials were mystified about what caused the huge North Star to flip over, and cause the first major crash at Vancouver's International airport in 24 years.

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THE COMPARATIVE quality of their furs is discussed by mink-coated Alix Taiton and a white poodle by the name of Champion Pavanne Pegasus de Bo-Mi, often called "Here, pooch" for short. The meeting of the proud fur-bearers took place at the 49th annual All-Breed Dog Show at the Los Angeles Pan-Pacific Auditorium.

## Market Followers in '53 Looked For New Splurge

Spectacular and dull, hopeful and discouraging, describe the fluctuating action of Canadian stock exchanges in 1953.

Spectacular refers to the high jinks of the early year when discovery of base metal and uranium bodies in New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Ontario sent thousands of persons on a two-month chase after easy money.

In February, Toronto stock exchange's normal daily turnover of 2,500,000 shares, jumped to above 12,000,000; high-speed ticker tape ran five minutes behind the market; and brokerage houses doubted their staffs to handle the flood of orders.

Penny issues jumped into the dollar class and various speculative stocks added \$2, \$3 and even \$4, in a single session. Some

of the amateur traders won, some lost. Some still aren't sure what happened as they hang onto their holdings.

Outside of those early months, market followers spent their time hoping for something to start the market off on a new splurge, and for the most part were disappointed.

Industrial stocks, however, after sinking tendencies for most of the year, did pick up faith in the state of the economy and in October started a slow climb which was continuing to the year-end, with occasional dips.

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The burly, black-haired, handsome actor has always come close to playing romantic parts but usually winds up as the strong, silent hero, gallantly battling men and elements and righting wrongs.

Hawkins, married and the father of three, topped Bob Hope and Alan Ladd in the list of the most popular stars appearing in movies in Britain.

Best liked in cowboy pictures were Gary Cooper, Randolph Scott and John Wayne.

The Coronation film, A Queen is Crowned, was the most popular movie shown in Britain in 1953, followed by The Cruel Sea.

Hawkins played the corvette captain in the latter picture.

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