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TCA Plane With 62 Aboard Vanishes In Coastal Mountains

MAJOR GENERAL E. L. M. Burns of Ottawa, commander of the United Nations Middle East police force, inspects Canadian guard-of-honor at Abu Suweir in Egypt where Canadians are serving with the force. Behind General Burns is Major I. R. Green of Ottawa and at left is Seargeant Alex Lafferty of Fort Simpson, N. W. T. (CP from National Defence).

Four Roughriders Among Passengers

By LARRY STANWOOD
Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Trans-Canada Air Lines plane carrying 62 persons vanished in turbulent weather over the mountains of southwest British Columbia Sunday night after developing engine trouble.

Whether the four-engine North Star had crashed or made a forced landing has not been determined. No word has been received from it since 7:09 p.m. last night.

If worst fears were realized and all aboard were dead, it would be Canada's worst aviation disaster.

Four of the passengers were football players of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, one with his wife, returning east following Saturday's East-West all-star game here.

The plane was on a tourist flight to Montreal, with stops scheduled at Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg and Toronto.

ENGINE FAILED

The plane, carrying 59 passengers and a crew of three, was forced to turn back at Hope, 100 miles east of here, after an engine failed on a flight from Vancouver to Calgary and points east.

It was reported overdue by TCA here at 11:15 p.m. five hours and 15 minutes after setting out.

Unconfirmed reports in Vancouver said the aircraft was last heard from at about 7 p.m. when it asked the air traffic control centre for permission to drop from 8,000 feet to a lower altitude.

At about the same time, these reports said, it was seen on air-control radar from Vancouver.

The weather in the Hope district was extremely bad, reports from that community of 1,200 said the wind was in gusts up to 50 miles an hour and the sky was overcast.

The area where the plane was assumed to have come down is mountainous and rugged, pocked with lakes and carved by canyons and gorges. Hope itself is at the western entrance to the Fraser canyon.

CONTACT LOST

Radio contact was lost immediately afterwards.

TCA estimated the plane should have returned to Vancouver by 7:40 p.m. It said it was advised that the plane had been picked up by a radar station at the time last radio contact was made.

At 7:25 p.m., TCA notified RCAF search and rescue headquarters that flight 810 was missing. Four planes soon took off to search.

Robert Donnelly, in charge of the TCA side of the search, said:

"If the aircraft jettisoned its reserve fuel tank, it would have had fuel to last until about 11 p.m.

"If not, it would have had enough to last to 1 a.m."

VETERAN PILOT

Skipper of the missing North Star was Captain Allan Clarke, 35, of Montreal. He first commanded TCA aircraft in the West in June, 1946. His first officer on Sunday's flight was John Boon, 26, of North Vancouver, B.C., and the stewardess was Dorothy Bjornsson, 24, of Swan River, Man.

A TCA spokesman emphasized that no distress call had been received from the aircraft. He said that under ordinary circumstances the crew could get in touch with its base at any time.

Paul Brindamour, an official at Hope airport, said his wife heard the plane when it was over Hope.

"We didn't see it—we just heard the engines," he said.

An RCMP officer at Hope said a number of other persons had reported hearing planes at various times but that the police had no information about any crash in the vicinity.

AIRBORNE ONE HOUR

Capt. Clarke's flight plan showed he would go up to 10,000 feet between Vancouver and Calgary.

At 7:02 p.m. PST he made his first radio report to Vancouver. He reported his No. 2 engine—the inner one on the port (left) side, had stopped. He said he had passed Hope, 100 miles east of Vancouver, and was heading for Princeton, 50 miles farther east.

At 7:09 p.m. he radioed that he was turning back. The plane's altitude then was 10,000 feet.

Capt. Clark requested permission from air traffic control to descend to lower altitude, planning to land at Vancouver.

The four members of the Saskatchewan Roughriders aboard are among the football team's best linesmen. Two are Americans.

The four are centre Mel Beckett, 27, a graduate of Indiana University in his third year with Riders, guard Mario DeMarco, 28, a veteran lineman who had professional experience at Detroit, Montreal and Edmonton before going to Riders three years ago, end Gord Sturtridge, 27, a Winnipeg junior graduate with four years as a Rider; and guard Ray Syrnyk, 23, Saskatoon junior who joined Saskatchewan in the Western Interprovincial Football Union three years ago.

Becket and Sturtridge, both Western Interprovincial Football Union all-stars, played Saturday in the Shrine East-West game at Vancouver. DeMarco, a perennial all-star until 1955 and Syrnyk went to the coast city as spectators.

Sturtridge's wife, Mildred, was aboard the plane with her husband.

British Patrol Ambushed

Fighting Flares In Port Said

PORT SAID (AP) — Egyptian guerrillas attacked a British patrol from a rooftop in Port Said's Arab quarter today with a burst of machine-gun fire and a hail of hand grenades.

One soldier of the eight-man Royal Scots Regiment patrol was wounded slightly. The British-French command sent off an urgent protest to headquarters of the United Nations Emergency police force against the violation of the cease fire.

The patrol called reinforcements and cordonned off the area. An undisclosed number of Egyptians were arrested.

The ambush was the first such attack in Port Said by the Egyptian underground since the cease-fire became effective Nov. 8. Previously there had been scattered shots fired occasionally.

GONE IN THREE DAYS

The aim apparently was to harrass the diminishing British-French force as it rushed its withdrawal ordered by the UN General Assembly. The bulk of British and French troops are expected to be gone from Egypt within three days.

The Egyptian underground has been growing more openly hostile as the day of the final British-French withdrawal nears. The occupation commanders have put the men on the alert for a final Egyptian show of defiance.

A barbed-wire barricade has been stretched around the Port Said dock area in preparation for the final withdrawal. Patrols have been strengthened. Troops are barred from streets except on essential duties. British tanks are in position around the harbor.

PREMIER D. L. CAMPBELL of Manitoba (left) and Henry S. Wingate, president of the International Nickel Company of Canada Limited, announced at Winnipeg a $175,000,000 nickel project in the Mystery-Moak Lakes area of northern Manitoba. They pose for photographers in the council chamber of the Manitoba legislative building, Winnipeg, where they made the announcement. (CP Photo).

SALARY ISSUE

Fred Jones Resigns Civic Centre Position

Fred Jones, general secretary of the Prince Rupert Civic Centre for the past four years, has tendered his resignation and it has been accepted, it was announced today.

Dr. L. M. Greene, chairman of a special Civic Centre publicity committee, said that Mr. Jones resigned after a dispute with the Civic Centre association board of directors over salary. He tendered his resignation, with a month's notice Friday and it was accepted at a meeting of the Centre executive yesterday afternoon, Dr. Greene said.

Mr. Jones' resignation is the third by a key member of the Civic Centre staff in the past four months, two of which came about after disagreements over salary.

Rowley Miles, former craft director at the Centre went on his annual holidays during the summer and sent his resignation by mail from Vancouver.

Miss Rusty Thain, program director for the Centre resigned and left for Vancouver when the board would not meet her request for increased wages. Miss Thain, who worked at the Centre all last winter was paid $250 per month by the Parks Board to be playground supervisor in the parks during the summer months. The Civic Centre association refused to pay her the same to supervise programs within the Centre.

Dr. Greene said that Mr. Jones' leaving his post came as a result of a difference in opinion as to what Mr. Jones thought the job of general secretary should pay and what the Civic Centre board of directors thought it was worth.

He said that there would be a special meeting of the board of directors Wednesday night to consider what the Centre should do to meet the situation.

Mr. Jones came here from Vancouver in July, 1952.

THIS MAP SHOWS location of the Mystery-Moak Lakes area of northern Manitoba where International Nickel Company of Canada Limited, will initiate a new $175,000,000 nickel project including the opening of two new nickel mines. The new mine sites are about 400 air miles north of Winnipeg and about 225 miles north of The Pas. A new town will be built on the site. (CP Photo).

Active Worker In Community Mrs. Bacon Dies

Well-known and active community worker in the city, Mrs. Martha Isabella Bacon of 133 First Avenue West died in Prince Rupert General Hospital Saturday afternoon after a long illness. She was 66.

Born in Inverness, Mrs. Bacon went to Port Simpson, at an early age where she remained until 1910 when she moved into Prince Rupert.

Her husband, Bertram James Bacon, was owner of Bacon Fisheries before it was sold to Babcock Fisheries.

Mrs. Bacon was an active worker for the Women of the Moose, the Ladies' Orange Benevolent association, Queen Mary Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughter's of the Empire, the Prince Rupert Rod and Gun Club and the Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Cathedral.

She was predeceased by her son, William, three years ago.

Surviving besides her husband is a nephew, Robert Smith at Port Edward.

Memorial service will be held in Ferguson Funeral Home at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Funeral service will be held in St. Andrew's Cathedral Wednesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Canon Basil S. Prockter officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Leighton Dies Aged 52

Former long-time resident of Metlakatla, Mrs. Robert D. (Constance) Leighton died in Prince Rupert General Hospital Sunday night after a lengthy illness. She was 52.

Born in Steveston, B.C., Mrs. Leighton went to Metlakatla at an early age. She remained there until two years ago when she moved to Prince Rupert.

Surviving are her husband, Robert D. of Metlakatla; three sons, Leonard and Alec in Prince Rupert and Harold at Metlakatla; three daughters, Mrs. John Pahl of Prince Rupert; Mrs. Leonard Brigham of Kitwanga and Mrs. George Pettipiece of Kamloops, B.C.; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Davidson of Prince Rupert and Mrs. Henry Ryan of Metlakatla and two brothers, Peter and Frank Robinson, both of Metlakatla and several grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Ferguson Funeral Home. Funeral service will take place Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Ferguson Funeral Home.

Remains will be forwarded to Metlakatla for burial there.

Ex-City Man Rescued

VANCOUVER (CP) — An RCAF helicopter pilot bucked gale winds and rain Sunday to rescue Tony Budenick of Vancouver, formerly of Prince Rupert, after he became stranded aboard an oil barge when it went aground on rocks about 10 miles northwest of Nanaimo. Budenick was aboard the barge when it was driven up on the rocks of Winchelsea Islands after the tug Sea Chief II, which had been towing it, broke down.

Another tug took the Sea Chief in tow, but was unable to reach the stranded man because of the 40-mile-an-hour gale and heavy seas.

Pilot Max Chapin flew the RCAF helicopter from the Sea Island base here to the scene, arriving at 11:20 a.m. Two minutes later he had picked Budenick from the barge, using a rope sling, and was on his way back to Vancouver where he landed at noon.

35 Die In Canada On Weekend

By The Canadian Press

Two accidents which claimed a total of 12 lives in Ontario marred a weekend during which at least 35 persons died accidentally throughout Canada. The roundup excludes the 62 persons aboard a Trans-Canada Airlines plane missing in the coastal mountains of B.C.

Seven Spanish River reservation Indians, six teenagers and a 41-year-old woman, were asphyxiated Saturday night when fumes from a faulty muffler leaked into their parked car.

Near Port Maitland on Lake Erie a privately-owned United States twin-engined plane crashed into 12 feet of water, killing the pilot and his four passengers. All were from Michigan.

In addition, 10 other persons died in traffic accidents in the province, making a total of 22 lives lost. This was the largest toll for any province, a Canadian Press survey taken from 6 p.m., local time, Friday until midnight Sunday showed.

Eight were killed in Quebec, seven in highway accidents and three the same way in New Brunswick, while two died in British Columbia, one in traffic. In spite of snow storms, icy roads and generally poor driving weather in every part of the country, all six other provinces reported no fatalities up to midnight.

Crash Killed 15 Last May

By The Canadian Press

The last major air disaster in Canada was May 15, 1956, when an RCAF CF-100 crashed into a convent of the Grey Nuns of the Cross at Orleans, Ont. Fifteen persons were killed.

Thirty-seven persons died April 8, 1954, in a collision of an RCAF trainer and a Trans-Canada Air Lines North Star over Moose Jaw, Sask. Thirty-six died in the planes. One woman was killed on the ground when parts of the TCA plane fell into a house.

A United States transport disappeared Jan. 26, 1950, en route from the Yukon to Texas with a loss of 44 lives.

Major Canadian plane disasters include:

Feb. 6, 1941—12 killed, TCA, Armstrong, Ont.

Oct. 30, 1941—20, American Airlines, near St. Thomas, Ont.

Oct. 26, 1942—16, RAF Ferry Command bomber, Dorval, Que.

Dec. 20, 1942—13, Canadian Pacific Airlines, Vancouver.

Oct. 10, 1943—24, RCAF Liberator, near St. Donat, Que.

April 25, 1944—10, RAF transport, near Montreal.

Oct. 4, 1944—11, bomber crash off Vancouver Island.

July 13, 1951—14, RCAF Liberator, on Vancouver Island.

Sept. 15, 1946 — 21, RCAF transport, near Estevan, Sask.

April 20, 1947—15, TCA, near Vancouver.

July 24, 1948—20, Rimouski Airline, Gaspe peninsula.

Aug. 21, 1949—20, RCAF, between Churchill, Man. and Winnipeg.

Sept. 9, 1949—23, CPA, Sault au Cochon, Que.

Jan. 26, 1954—44 lost with U.S. transport over Yukon on route from Alaska to Texas.

July 21, 1951—38, CPA DC-4 lost en route to Anchorage, Alaska, from Vancouver, on Korean airlift.

Oct. 17, 1951—23, Queen Charlotte Airlines, Nanaimo, B.C.

Nov. 24, 1952—12, RCAF, Comox, B.C.

Jan. 18, 1953—14, U.S. Army C-54 transport plane, Stephenville, Nfld.

March 16, 1953—23, U.S. RB-36, Smith Sound, Nfld.

March 18, 1953—10, U.S. B-29 St. George's Bay Nfld.

April 8, 1954—37, TCA-RCAF collision at Moose Jaw, Sask.

Bingo Number

Today's March of Dimes House-Bingo number is G-50.

Numbers called so far are: I-23, B-4, O-64, B-14, O-65, N-31, B-5, I-18, G-57, G-48, I-30, B-3, O-73, N-41, G-59, I-16, O-74, O-67, B-13, B-7 and N-40.

Hearing Starts On Charge Of Possession

Conducting his own defence, a 47-year-old logger appeared in city police court this morning before Magistrate W. D. Vance for a preliminary hearing on a charge of possession of a watch knowing it to be stolen property.

During the morning hearing Crown prosecutor, A. Bruce Brown brought forward two witnesses both of whom testified the accused, Colin Francis MacDonald, of no fixed address, had attempted to sell a $110 watch to them for $10.

The watch was believed obtained in a smash and grab raid upon a city jewellers, November 14.

Proprietor of the robbed store, John Bulger, testified that three watches were stolen. He described the watches as having a value of approximately $100 each.

MacDonald who elected to be tried by a judge without a jury will appear in court tomorrow morning at the resumption of the hearing to bring forward one witness.

Earlier this month a charge against another logger, Adelardo Joseph Ducharme charged separately with the same offence was dismissed ofr lack of evidence.

Funeral Held For Infant

Funeral service for Lynda Miller, 10-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thorold W. Miller of 408 Eighth Avenue West who died Friday, was held from Ferguson Funeral Home at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Elder Donald Hainsworth of the Latter Day Saints Church officiated at the service. Hymns played were, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Oh, My Father."

Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

B.C. NEWS ROUNDUP

Eaton To Hang March 12 For Murder of Young Girl

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP)—Gerald Eaton, found guilty of murdering eight-year-old Carolynne Moore, was sentenced Saturday to be hanged March 12.

The jury, bringing in a verdict after two hours and 20 minutes, recommended mercy for the 50-year-old boat operator.

Asked if he had anything to say before sentence, Eaton replied:

"I am not guilty of murder. That's all I have to say, Sir."

Eaton was charged in connection with the death April 26, of the little girl.

The girl's mother, Doris Ellen Moore, broke into tears when the verdict was given.

Eaton testified Friday that he struck the girl with his car, panicked, and disposed of the body. He said he had struck her a number of blows with a wheel wrench before leaving her.

VANCOUVER (CP)—A 4½-year-old girl, Angela Almer, was killed in a traffic accident here Sunday night. She was on her way home from a Christmas party. She was a resident at a Protestant home in Vancouver.

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — A man found dead on a dike near Pattullo bridge here Sunday has been identified as Charles Norberg, 38, of California. The man apparently died of a heart attack.

Man Fined $115 After Slashing

For causing actual bodily harm to a local resident by slashing his forehead with a broken bottle, a 35-year-old man was fined $100, ordered to pay the doctor's bill, or in default of payment, was sentenced to two months in jail when he pleaded guilty before Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court this morning.

Charged also with fighting in a public place, William Jurisich of no fixed address, was fined $15 and costs or in default sentenced to 14 days in jail. Default sentences are to run concurrently.

Cpl. Robert Milnthe, prosecuting, told the court that the complainant, Clarence Green, was slashed by a broken bottle causing a deep gash on the right side of his forehead when he attempted to protect his mother from being molested by Jurisich.

RESIDENT WITH LETTER TO POST FINDS BOXES TOO COMPLICATED

It's not very often that cases of absent-mindedness warrant mention but the one that happened in Prince Rupert the other day had sudden consequences.

Armed with a letter for mailing, a resident approached the box at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Fulton Street and proceeded to follow out the instructions inscribed on the box.

Lifting the lid he attempted to insert the letter but found its way was barred by a further obstruction which he assumed would be released if pushed down a little further. So he pushed. He was still pondering what next to do to force the letter through when he was confronted by a screaming fire truck bearing three eager firemen.

Sheepishly the letter-poster admitted his mistake, a little too late to discover the mail box was across the street and what he'd been working on was a fire-alarm box.

Taxi-Operator G. C. Ross Dies at 65

Well-known co-owner of the Ross Brother's Taxi Service and billiard hall, Gust Christoff Ross died in Prince Rupert General Hospital Saturday evening at the age of 65.

Mr. Ross, who lived at the Besner Apartments, 1034 First Avenue West, had lived in Prince Rupert for 35 years. He came to Canada from Bulgaria with his two brothers George and Paul 47 years ago.

Surviving are two brothers, George and Paul in Prince Rupert; two nephews, Nicholas of Toronto and Thomas Christoff of Prince Rupert; and two other brothers, Samuel and Peter in Bulgaria.

Funeral service will be held in Ferguson Funeral Home tomorrow at 7 p.m., with Rev. Canon Basil S. Prockter officiating. Remains will be forwarded on Wednesday afternoon's train to Terrace for burial there.

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian authorities Sunday forced an Iraqi Airlines passenger plane to land at Damascus airport. Two Meteor jet fighters were sent aloft to escort it down.