

Weather Forecast

Considerable cloudiness, windy and milder, highest in low 60s today. Colder tonight. Tomorrow partly cloudy, rather windy and colder.

Noon -47	6 p.m. -45	11 p.m. -48
2 p.m. -48	8 p.m. -47	Midnight -49
4 p.m. -46	10 p.m. -48	1 a.m. -49

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18 From B-29 Saved in Atlantic After Drifting 3 Days on Rafts; 2 of 20 on Plane Died in Ditching

Survivors Aboard Canadian Vessel; Condition Weak

B-29 FLEET GROUNDING MAY LAST FOR WEEKS. Page A-4.

By the Associated Press
HAMILTON, Bermuda, Nov. 19.—Eighteen American airmen were rescued from rubber life rafts in the Atlantic late today after surviving the ditching of a B-29 bomber that killed two of their mates. They had spent three days on the open sea.

The Canadian destroyer Haida took them aboard.

Official announcements in Hamilton, Ottawa and Tampa, Fla., told of the break in an epic search by air and sea.

"Survivors in weak condition," said a radio message from the Haida.

She is expected to land the men here about noon tomorrow.

Ship in Heavy Gales.

Canadian naval officials in Halifax said the Haida was encountering heavy gales. If the weather quiets down, they said the survivors may be transferred to the aircraft carrier Magnificent, which is accompanying the Haida, so they can receive more adequate care. The carrier has better medical facilities, including a small hospital.

The hunt started when the bomber crew, with navigation equipment failing and fuel gone, radioed Wednesday morning that it was making a crash-landing.

A B-29 bomber sighted the survivors' two rafts in mid-afternoon about 330 miles northeast of Bermuda and dropped a life boat. Then it summoned surface craft and circled above the men as an aerial guidepost.

The rescuing destroyer, the Haida, was one of three Canadian warships diverted from autumn maneuvers to the search.

The hunt for the bomber, lost on a flight to England from March Air Force Base, Calif., had centered northeast of Bermuda for about 36 hours after two flares and faint radio signals were reported in that area. Search pilots last night reported sighting a trail of debris which might have been from the plane.

Names Not Disclosed.

The names of the rescued and the missing were not disclosed. However, March Air Force Base announced Wednesday night, that Lt. John Grable, 31, of that base was in command and issued a list of all aboard. The plane, from the Second Squadron of the 22nd Bombardment Group, was one of a group of B-29s being sent to Britain under a rotational training system.

Fifteen of its mates had landed safely in Bermuda when it strayed in bad weather and was forced into the sea. The other B-29s remained to help in the hunt. Canadians and British joined the Americans in the search.

First news of the climax came from Brig. Gen. James E. Briggs, commanding general at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla., and general director of the search. Word that a destroyer had picked up the 18 was relayed to him through the Kindley Air Force Base here.

Canadian Naval Service headquarters in Ottawa identified the destroyer as the Haida. She and a frigate had cruised with the carrier Magnificent in the hunt.

Lt. Comdr. E. T. G. Madgwick was commanding officer of the Haida. The search cost the lives of five other B-29 crewmen yesterday.

Taking off from MacDill Base for a sweep over the Atlantic, they were killed when engine trouble developed and their plane crashed.

(See RESCUE, Page A-4.)

Sergeant on Searching Bomber Credited With Spotting Men

D. C. Born Lieutenant, Pilot of B-17, Tells How Men Were Sighted in Open Sea

By the Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Nov. 19.—Sergeant Ralph E. Hawes of Asheville, N. C., was credited today with spotting the two life rafts carrying the 18 survivors from the B-29 which ditched in the Atlantic off Bermuda Wednesday.

"Certainly I was excited, especially when I saw men in the raft," Sgt. Hawes said.

The pilot of the Air Force B-17 that found the rafts, First Lt. Edward Lynch, New Haven, Conn., said some of the survivors were so weak it took them 45 minutes to transfer from the rafts to a lifeboat dropped from the rescue plane.

Sgt. Hawes, who was watching the sea from the port side of the plane, said he spotted the rafts at 1:30 p.m.

"There was no mistaking what I saw—there were two life rafts," he said here later.

"Previously we had a false alarm by one of the other spotters and we circled and found nothing. This time I was sure as we circled, and all of us then saw the life rafts."

Lt. Lynch, 28, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Lynch, was born in Washington, but spent much of his life in New Haven.

3 Die as Freight Plane Crashes in Flames Into Detroit House

2 Crewmen and Man In Demolished Building Killed; 4 Others Hurt

(Picture on Page A-3.)

By the Associated Press
DETROIT, Nov. 19.—A big freight plane laden with Christmas gifts crashed today in a mass of flames.

Three persons were killed as the twin-engine DC-3 plunged into a house, unleashing a blazing torrent of gasoline.

The two crewmen, Arthur Dedee, 26, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the pilot, and O. L. (Gus) Morrow, 31, of Hacksack, N. J., the co-pilot, were trapped in the wreckage. Their bodies could not be removed until two and a half hours later.

Harold Witzke, 36, died in Saratoga Hospital. He was taken from the demolished house with both legs almost cut off. Four other persons in the house were injured—one seriously.

J. E. Scott, research chief of Meteor Air Transport Co., owners of the ship, said engine failure was apparently the cause. The Civil Aeronautics Board began an immediate investigation.

Hero of the crash was Raymond Perry, owner of the house.

"I saw it coming," he said. "Couldn't believe it at first. It just looked mighty low. Then there was a terrible noise. I saw it bounce off the house next door. I grabbed my wife and we ran. Then everything fell apart."

Mr. Perry said he shoved his wife, Edna and his 14-year-old daughter, Judy, through a window as the house crumbled around them.

Another occupant of the house, Mrs. Bertha Witzke, 76, mother of Harold, managed to get to the back porch where she was trapped. When rescuers finally got to her, (See FREIGHT PLANE, Pg. A-3.)

3-Nation Group Sails This Week For 2-Year Stay in Antarctic

Norwegian-British-Swedish Expedition to Leave 14 for Winter in Queen Maud Land

By L. P. Kirwan
Director of the British Royal Geographical Society

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LONDON, Nov. 19.—The Norwegian-British-Swedish Antarctic expedition, which is sailing next week from London to the Norwegian dependency of Queen Maud Land to spend two years in scientific exploration, is the first of its kind in polar history.

The expedition, which is organized by the Norwegian Polar Institute, will sail under the Norwegian flag, and the wintering party of 14 men will be led by the Norwegian polar explorer, Capt. John Gaver.

The British party of four scientists will include a Canadian and an Australian, and the ship will also carry an official Australian

A graduate of Bassick High School, Bridgeport, he entered the Air Force in 1942 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1943. He made 31 missions over Germany during World War II, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross and four other medals.

Lt. Lynch told this story of his plane's part in today's rescue operation:

"We left about 8:30 a.m., assigned to an area 380 miles northeast of Bermuda. We arrived at the area at 11:09 and at 12:00 noon had sighted the aircraft carrier H. M. S. Magnificent. The sea was of fairly good size and there were swells and a spray.

"There was good weather generally in the search area. You could see a ship probably 10 miles away, but a life raft, not more than five miles off.

"At 1:30 p.m., the left scanner called that two life rafts were spotted about a half-mile off. The aircraft turned in the direction indicated and within three minutes two life rafts were in sight.

"The rafts began to use sea markers—green dye—and we knew then that there was life aboard. We circled the raft and (See SPOTTER, Page A-4.)

West Europe Rearms In Fear of Russians, U. S. Says in U. N.

Soviet Charges Threat to Itself in Asserting That Its Arms Are Peaceful

U. S. AND BRITAIN URGE U. N. Approval of Plan for Libya, Somaliland. Page A-7.

By the Associated Press
LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 19.—The United States said today it is helping Western Europe rearms because the West fears the intentions of the Soviet Union. Russia replied its intentions are purely peaceful and that it, not Western Europe, is "threatened."

Assistant Secretary of State John D. Hickerson, chief American United Nations expert on atomic energy, spoke for the United States in a Special Political Committee debate on a proposed world census of ordinary (non-atomic) arms.

He backed the American program of arms aid to European countries, instead of disarmament. In a brief, blistering passage of a speech reply to Soviet charges that the United States wants to dominate the world.

"Disarmament Not Opposed." "The nations of Western Europe are not arming themselves because they are opposed to disarmament," Mr. Hickerson said. "The United States is not assisting them in their efforts because it is opposed to disarmament."

"They are rearming themselves, and the United States is helping them to do so, because they fear the intentions of the Soviet Union."

Jacob A. Malik, Soviet deputy foreign minister, replied that Mr. Hickerson's statement was a "distortion of truth."

Renewing Soviet charges that the United States hopes to rule the world through use of the "ag-

(See U. N., Page A-3.)

Panama Rebels Hand Ultimatum To President

Seize Police Station, Three New Officials, Surround Palace

By the Associated Press

PANAMA, Panama, Nov. 19.—Rebellious Panama police officers tonight sent an ultimatum to President Daniel Chanas, Jr., to resign by 2 a.m. (1 a.m. EST).

The rebels earlier had placed troops about the presidential palace and throughout the city. They also seized three new police officials appointed by the president in a shakeup of the department. The rebels also were in control of the police station.

The seizure occurred while the department was holding ousted Police Chief Col. Jose Antonio Remon under arrest at the presidential palace.

Just before the ultimatum, President Chanas called the seizure of his new officials "an act of rebellion."

"I am remaining president," he said, "until I am killed because I am determined the law will prevail." He did not elaborate on this statement.

The ousted police heads besides Col. Remon were identified as Lt. Col. Bolivar Vallarino, deputy chief, and Maj. Saturnino Flores, third commandant.

The president said he had decided to remove them because of irregularities in the beef cattle slaughtering business and commercial bus routes, with which he said Col. Remon was connected.

Government Minister Abilio Belido as well as the three new appointees were seized on their arrival at central police headquarters and were held incommunicado. The three are Col. Rogelio Fabrega, former Panamanian consul in New York, chief; Maj. Oscar Oceana and Maj. Manuel Pallau.

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British Foreign Secretary Bevin was reported to have taken a middle-of-the-road stand. The others were represented by their high commissioners in London. They are: Canada, India, South Africa, New Zealand, Ceylon, Pakistan and Australia.

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2. The Netherlands has told her North Atlantic treaty partners that premature recognition would give new heart to Indonesian Communists and might upset the recent Dutch-Indonesian agreement to set up the United States of Indonesia before the new year.

3. Australian general elections, December 10, and New Zealand elections, November 30, would be out of the way by that time and the Chinese issue would not be risked as a football of commonwealth party politics.

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Brussels Man Lives After 100-Foot Drop

By the Associated Press
BRUSSELS, Nov. 19.—Passersby watched a 47-year-old Belgian fling himself from the Brussels Palace of Justice today, drop 100 feet and crash through the roof of an automobile—and live.

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Late News Bulletin

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China Red Recognition Reported Approved by British Commonwealth

Time to Act Is Question For Britain and 7 Other Nations After Talks

CHENG TU EXPECTED TO BE Chinese Nationalists Next Refugee. Page A-7.

By the Associated Press
LONDON, Nov. 19.—Eight British Commonwealth nations were reported today to have decided they would recognize the new Chinese Communist government.

But when is still a question. Official sources disclosed that representatives of Britain and seven other governments met in London last Tuesday and all accepted the principle of recognizing the Peiping regime of Mao Tse-tung.

India and Canada were said to favor an early move, while South Africa and New Zealand advocated deferring action as long as possible.

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Display of Hapsburg Collection Opens at Gallery Here Today

At Least Million Visitors Expected to See Masterpieces During 2-Month Exhibit

(Pictures on Page A-5.)

The connoisseur, the curious and other visitors expected to total more than a million will start looking today at the Hapsburg collection of paintings, sculpture, armor and other treasures on public display at the National Gallery of Art.

This special exhibition, valued conservatively at \$800,000, will open at 5 p.m. today. It will continue daily thereafter for two months. Closing time tonight is 10 o'clock.

The prospect of at least a million visitors also seems conservative to gallery officials. They recalled yesterday that 970,000 viewed the showing of a German collection of art for five weeks last year.

The gallery will be open to the public weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sundays, except today, the hours are from 2 to 10 p.m.

The centuries-old art cargo from Austria arrived here a month ago. Unpacking and placing of almost 300 varied items of art has been a science that required many days of work, patience and expert care.

The result, noted in a preview yesterday, not only sets off the separate art pieces to good advantage but also adds to the convenience of the individual visitor, even in a large crowd.

Titles of paintings and names (See ART TREASURES, Pg. A-5.)

Chesl Leaders Seek Another \$350,000 Before Thanksgiving

Volunteer Solicitors Urged to Speed Work, Reach Goal Quickly

Community Chest leaders hope to keep up full steam this week in their \$3,991,719 area-wide fund drive, despite the interruption of the Thanksgiving holiday.

At least \$350,000 of the remaining \$1,230,000 is hoped for at the week's two report meetings, tomorrow and Wednesday. Chairman Frank J. Luchs would like to get \$500,000.

Thereafter, the leaders are hopeful that volunteers will use every available hour to complete solicitation and carry the drive to a quick finish.

Mr. Luchs announced Friday that the campaign would continue until its goal is reached. All units have been asked to step up their efforts, especially the lagging counties and some business groups in Washington.

Best performance in the campaign so far is the big Government division's 80 per cent, compared with 69 per cent for the drive as a whole. Government, with the largest quota, made 95 per cent last year and is counted on this time for its full quota.

At the other end, Montgomery, Prince Georges, Arlington and Fairfax counties are trailing badly, with none of them yet up to 50 per cent. Only Alexandria, among out-of-town units, has pulled ahead to achieve 71 per cent and take the runner-up position in the entire drive.

Campaign leaders are making no guess—publicly, at least—on (See CHEST, Page A-3.)

Hoyas Upset by G. W., 28-7; Tulane Stops Virginia, 28-14

George Washington confounded the experts by wallowing Georgetown, 28-7, yesterday at Griffith Stadium in the final game of the regular season for both teams. The Shah of Iran was among the spectators, witnessing his first game of American football.

Tulane knocked Virginia from the ranks of the unbeaten, 28-14, at Charlottesville, in a game that may have cost the Cavaliers a post-season bowl bid. Participants in the Rose Bowl appeared to have been selected, however, as California romped over Stanford, 33-14, to win the Pacific Coast crown while Ohio State tied Michigan, 7-7, to share the Western Conference crown with the Wolverines.

Ohio State is expected to be invited to meet California in the Rose Bowl as Michigan is ineligible this year.

North Carolina rebounded from its defeat by Notre Dame to edge Duke, 21-20, and capture the Southern Conference title. The Irish continued their winning ways with a second-half surge that carried them to a 28-7 triumph over Iowa.

Yale trampled Harvard, 29-6, and Princeton, reigning Big Three champion, outlasted Dartmouth, 19-13.

Oklahoma continued unbeaten after a grueling struggle with Santa Clara, 28-21. Baylor smacked down Southern Methodist, 35 to 26, and Rice mastered Texas Christian, 20-14, to set the trappings for their game next week that may decide the Cotton Bowl host.

Tennessee punctured Kentucky's conference title dream, 6-0, and bowl-minded Villanova polished off North Carolina State, 48-21.

(Details in sports section.)

Soldiers' Home Grounds May Be VA Hospital Site

Plan to Take Over Entire Reservation Is Being Studied

By William J. Wheatley

Construction of a \$9,000,000 veterans' hospital, originally scheduled for the so-called Nevius tract in Arlington County, is expected to be started soon on a site within the present Soldiers' Home reservation here.

Tentative plans to turn over the entire reservation and its activities to the Veterans Administration are being studied. They are understood to include the possibility of an executive order for a transfer. Some officials believe, however, that the changeover could be accomplished without need for such a formal order.

The newly enacted Property Act of 1949, it was said, contains provisions whereby property declared surplus by one Government agency could be turned over to another agency under certain circumstances. The agency acquiring it would have to pay for it at an appraised value.

No Final Decision Made.

No final decisions have been made and no formal advice has yet been asked of the Justice Department on several legal problems that might have to be worked out, officials said.

Under the plan, VA will run the home as well as the present hospital, now operated and staffed by the Army Medical Corps.

The present government of the home will cease. It is now operated by a board of governors, consisting of retired officers of the Regular Army. This will involve increasing the size of the proposed hospital above the 500 beds projected.

Ultimately, it is planned to locate a central office activities of the VA, now scattered over the Capital, in buildings to be erected on the reservation. But that would be a matter for subsequent appropriations for construction by Congress. However, the hospital construction funds now are available and work on this structure will be started just as soon as the legal matters are cleared.

No Legal Impasse.

The program, it was said, is better worked out in a deal involving the White House, the Budget Bureau, the Secretary of the Army, the General Services Administration and the Veterans' Administration. A spokesman for the Budget Bureau said no insurmountable legal difficulties appeared in the fact that the home is a trust vested in the personnel of the United States Army, under which the Army Secretary is the trustee.

Under the plan now being worked out, the Army Secretary will declare the property surplus, which puts it under the General Services Administration. Some special plans were being drawn for a structure on the 25-acre Nevius tract at the time President Truman ordered the cut-back in veterans' hospital construction, now January 10. At that time the Army Secretary was then put in a claim that the property is needed for governmental use. The property, then might be turned over to the VA when that agency is ready to let contracts for the construction.

There will not be any long delays in the preparation for plans, time a 750-bed hospital was projected; but in the cutback order this was reduced to 500 beds for the proposed local hospital.

One of Last Projects.

The proposed building will be one of a standard type that Veterans' Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., and the medical officers of VA say is ideal for such institutions. The plans, and even the specifications now are available from similar projects now being carried on in various parts of the country.

Many of the other hospitals delayed by the cutback order have been underway for some time, and the local hospital is one of the last in the hospital construction program. Its delay was caused by the many objections to the Arlington County site, which developed soon after it was selected, during the time that Gen. Omar Bradley, now chairman of the (See HOSPITAL, Page A-7.)

Czechs Ban Used Book Sale

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 19 (AP).—The Czechoslovak government today stopped the sale of secondhand books, thus cutting off the last source of books lacking Communist approval.

Holiday Gift Column Starts Next Sunday In Star Classified

Beginning next Sunday The Star will publish, as a convenience to advertisers and readers, a Christmas Gift Suggestion column every day in the classified section through December 22.

Classified ads in the column, will offer for sale both new and used articles suitable for Christmas gifts.

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Wiley Proposes TV Legislating As Atom Defense

By the Associated Press

Senator Wiley, Republican, of Wisconsin, who has repeatedly expressed concern over the possibility of an atomic attack that would destroy the Capital, suggested yesterday that Congress consider plans for:

1. Legislating by television.

2. Administering the Nation's affairs from a mobile capital, mounted on a railroad train.

At the same time, he renewed his demand that defense planners take immediate steps to disperse key Government units. He expressed skepticism that any plans have been made for dispersion and defense of the civilian population in the event of a sudden emergency.

He said legislators could gather around television sets in 30 or 40 points scattered around the Nation and cast their votes.

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