

Heavy Fighting Creates Panic in Katanga City

Elisabethville, Katanga — Heavy fighting broke out here today between Katanga gendarmes and United Nations

Ethiopian troops. The Katanga forces shot down a UN helicopter and took all nine persons aboard prisoner.

The fight, in which heavy machine guns and lighter weapons were used, lasted about half an hour and touched off wholesale panic among the capital's African population.

Katanga President Moise Tshombe told a news conference there were no known casualties on the Katanga side. United Nations officials had no immediate casualty report to make on the clash that broke out near the giant Union Miniere mining installation.

During the exchange, the Katangese shot at a UN helicopter, forcing it to land, and the three Swedes and six Indians aboard were taken prisoner. Katanga officials said one of the passengers suffered a slight leg wound.

Fled to 'Communes'

At one point the firing seemed to cover a half-mile stretch at the plant. African residents of Elisabethville fled the city for their ramshackle "communes" in the suburbs, abandoning bundles, bicycles and food in their flight.

Tshombe claimed the Ethiopian troops advanced into a slag heap guarded by Katangese at the mining plant and opened fire. He claimed his gendarmes only fired into the air while awaiting further instructions.

Katanga officials said several rifle bullets ripped holes in the fuselage of the UN helicopter.

Indian Gurkha troops of the UN force remained on the alert facing Katangese in the area where the helicopter landed.

Seafarers Win Bargaining Rights

San Francisco — The Seafarers International Union Saturday said it had won bargaining rights for seamen working on Military Sea Transport Service vessels in the Pacific.

The SIU had waged a six-months-long battle with the National Maritime Union for the right to represent the 1,800 sailors on the MSTSS ships. The sailors had previously been unrepresented by a union.

SIU Executive Vice President Morris Weisberger said his organization had received a telegram of certification from the MSTSS Pacific Area commandant, designating the Military Sea Transport Union as a fully credited union. The SIU is affiliated with the MSTU.

Weisberger said certification was the first step toward formal recognition as sole bargaining agent.

House Destroyed Near Ashland in Fire

Fire destroyed a house on Franklin rd. near Ashland Sunday, the Jackson county sheriff's office reported.

The house was apparently vacant, a deputy said. However, the owner, Gale S. Brewer, 1500 Ashland Mine rd., said he had found some wine bottles and cigarette butts in the house earlier.

The house was outside the Ashland city limits.



ALL-GIRL CREW—Lee Quinn, kneeling, a steeplejack turned seafarer, took his all-girl crew on a shakedown cruise aboard his yacht "Neophyte" off Sausalito, Calif. There's only one fly in the ointment—the yacht sleeps five and there's six applicants for jobs, so which girl to leave behind is Quinn's next big problem. They plan to sail for the South Seas. From left, they are Giselle Mayer, 22,

acting first mate; Susie Bird, 20, a dental laboratory technician; Doris Lander, "over 21", a registered nurse; Jackie Miller, 24, an airline stewardess; Cindy All, 28, an accountant; and Jeanne Browne, 32, a cocktail waitress. At Honolulu they will pick up Quinn's wife, who will take over the job of first mate. (UPI)

Much of Nation Slated To Have White Christmas

By United Press International
The Northeast and the Midwest — as far south as Texas and New Mexico — should have a white Christmas. The northern plains and the Ohio valley felt the pinch of a Christmas eve cold snap.

Four to five inches of fresh snow were on the ground at Floydada, Tex., and some spilled over into New Mexico. One inch fell at Lubbock and Midland, Tex., in six hours.

Another snowfall left an inch in Wyoming and small amounts in Nevada.

In New York, seven inches of snow fell in a nine-hour period at Boonville, and a 45-mile an hour wind whipped the snow and cut visibility to almost zero. Boonville had 27 inches of snow on the ground.

Snow Over Great Lakes
Up to 12 inches were expected to fall around Watertown and Pulaski, N.Y. Snow flurries were expected across the Great Lakes into the Eastern Ohio valley.

The temperature dropped to 15 below at Drummond, Mont., early today. It was 7 below at Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., and 3 below at Chicago. The temperature was only 17 at Louisville, Ky., 18 at St. Louis, Mo., and 20 at Kansas City, Kan.

A three-day fog in California clogged transportation and stranded thousands of travelers. A nun was killed and about 50 persons were injured Saturday when 200 cars piled up in the dense fog on the Santa Ana freeway.

The fog finally lifted during the week end and airlines relied on extra planes and accelerated schedules Sunday to clear up the remainder of the passenger jam.

Stocks Narrowly Mixed at Opening

New York — Stocks were narrowly mixed in quiet pre-holiday trading early today.

Profit-taking in many issues reflected the fact that today is the last day on which profits taken for delivery within five days, can be recorded in 1962 transactions for tax purposes.

IBM tacked on close to 3 in an irregularly higher electronics section. Oils were generally firm with General American up more than a point. Steels, autos, and chemicals were narrowly mixed.

Some metals, foods, and tobaccos softened but a few drugs moved slightly higher.

MEN IN BLUE

Fort Madison, Iowa — Some children in Lee county may think that Santa Claus wears a blue suit. Handicapped and crippled children received toys and clothing from Iowa State Penitentiary prisoners, who bought them with their prison wages. The gifts were signed simply, "Men in blue."

Pope John Sounds Optimism Note For New Year

Vatican City — Pope John XXIII sounded a note of optimism for the New Year Sunday by citing the rapid easing of the Cuban crisis as a sign of "confidence and courage of an anxious world."

The Pope, with the signs of a recent illness still obvious in his face, told assembled cardinals and prelates in a Christmas audience that "our humble life, like the life of any of us, is in the hands of God."

Later, in a second audience for the diplomatic corps, the 81-year-old pontiff spoke of man's scientific achievements, and expressed hopes for an improvement in world affairs after the overcoming of the Cuban crisis.

Cause for Fear
"The past year, as you are well aware, gave cause for fear and trembling on the part," he said.

"But is it not a heartening sign for the year that is coming that the danger was so speedily dissipated, that wisdom and prudence triumphed so happily, renewing the confidence and courage of an anxious world?"

The two audiences, which together lasted an hour and 12 minutes, were the most strenuous part of the Pope's Christmas activities, which started Saturday night with a broadcast message to the world.

The Pope, suffering from gastric trouble believed to be a bleeding ulcer, looked somewhat tired but happy as he addressed the audiences.

TRAFFIC TAGS

Chicago — About two of seven auto drivers in the U.S. have been given police tags for one or another kind of traffic violations over recent years.

Foreign Briefs

SOUTH KOREAN SAILORS KILLED IN CLASH
Seoul — The Defense Ministry announced today that three South Korean sailors were killed in the clash of a ROK patrol boat and a Communist North Korean naval vessel in the Yellow sea Sunday.

A ministry spokesman said three other South Korean navy men were wounded. Casualties on the Communist side were not known.

CHINESE NATIONALS BLOW UP COMMUNE
Hong Kong — The Hong Kong Times reported today that about 50 Chinese Nationalist commandos landed on the China mainland Dec. 20 and successfully blew up a people's commune.

Quoting arrivals from the mainland, the rightwing paper said the commandos landed in four or five boats on the Kwangtung province coast.

HUNGARY BLAMES DROUGHT FOR FAILURES
Budapest — Communist Hungary Sunday blamed agricultural failures on last summer's drought.

It gave no figures for agricultural production but said output did not reach the planned figures. Industrial production, it said, increased by 8 per cent.

The rise in food prices ordered by the government resulted in a lower standard of living, it added.

Portland Warehouse Damaged by Flames

Portland — A four-alarm fire razed the interior of a big brick warehouse in the city's near northeast side industrial area today, resulting in injury to one fireman.

Fireman Al Besinius was taken to a hospital with broken ribs and other injuries. He fell from a ladder onto the burning building while carrying a hose.

The structure was occupied by E. J. Bartells Co. and Insulation and Wires, Inc. A. D. Schinnerer, branch manager for Bartells, estimated his company's loss at between \$30,000 and \$75,000 in glass pipe covering and industrial insulation supplies.

The first alarm came in at 6:13 a.m. Five alarms were sounded, but the last was recalled almost immediately when firemen decided they could put out the flames with the equipment on hand.

A city police officer, Donald J. Spady, was trapped inside his patrol car for several minutes when a live power wire fell across it. He was removed safely.

Police closed off two lanes of four-lane Interstate ave. for about two hours.

Mountain Home Prisoner's Family Will Share Dinner

Mountain Home, Idaho — A-1C Gerald M. Anderson has little chance of getting out of the Mountain Home AFB stockade for Christmas, but he has his family here to share Christmas dinner with him Tuesday.

The 24-year-old San Diego, Calif., airman, freed by the state of Idaho from a first-degree murder charge, then re-arrested by the Air Force, charged again, and clapped in the stockade, will share his dinner with his mother and father, sister and brother-in-law, some nephews and nieces and all the other inmates of the base stockade at a dining hall.

His guests are Mr. and Mrs. Martin M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Braden, and their children. All are from San Bernardino, Calif.

Anderson's freedom from more than eight months confinement in connection with the murders to which another man has confessed, still waits the decision of the Air Force.

Air Force reviewing officers at March AFB, Calif., will decide in about a month if a military hearing last week at the base gave proof another man did the slayings or Anderson did them. If the officers decide he did them, Anderson will stand a general courts martial.

He was turned over to civilian authorities last April for the death of Mrs. Nancy Joy Johnson, 22, wife of A-1C Alec Johnson. The state freed Anderson when a Beise man confessed to killing Mrs. Johnson and her two-year-old son, Daniel, but several hours after the state charges were dropped, the Air Force charged Anderson with knifing to death both mother and child.

Prisoner Released From Jail in Cuba Recalls Long Hours of Waiting

Editor's Note: Hollow-cheeked Cuban invasion prisoner, Edgardo Buttari Jr., 26-year-old son of a former Cuban secretary of labor, detailed for United Press International what a day was like in Fidel Castro's Maximum security prison on the Isle of Pines where he spent more than seven months with 213 other captured invaders. Here is the story in his own words.

By EDGARDO BUTTARI
As Told To UPI

Miami — For more than seven months, the day began about 6:30 a.m. with a push, a shove, a loud noise. Each day was like another. And always the glaring light—the sun in the daytime and the electric bulbs when it was dark outside.

About 300 of us—some were political prisoners—were crushed in a cell maybe large enough to hold 50 beds.

For bedding we had the floor. For covers, we had whatever clothes we had on, on that particular day.

After our rude awakening by the guards, we waited for breakfast. Sometimes it came, sometimes it didn't.

We had to warm it up when it did come. Normally we were served coffee and bread, sometimes coffee and plantain.

The rest of the morning we just sat and waited to be mustered.

Sometimes, for as long as a month, we would be given our breakfast at 11 a.m., our lunch at 12:30 p.m. and our supper at 2 p.m. Normally, however, we would get our lunch—usually cornmeal with nothing to drink—at about 1 p.m.

After long hours of waiting we would be permitted take turns at the two shower baths provided for us. Then we would be served supper.

It was macaroni. Always macaroni. For as long as I can remember.

Man Bound Over to Grand Jury Today

Roy Ward Jr., 35, of 826 East Jackson st., was bound over to the grand jury in district court this morning on charges of obtaining property by false pretenses.

He is charged with issuing a check for \$20 to the Phoenix Pharmacy, Phoenix. He is scheduled to be released this afternoon after posting \$1,500 bail.

It was terrible, just terrible. Then the waiting began, always with a warning we must be very quiet.

Makes Chess Board
Once we managed to make a chess board out of cigar boxes and we played chess.

Very little bodily harm was done to us—shoves mostly—although on one occasion or two we saw some of our companions in prison being beaten up by guards.

The Communists don't try to break you by force. They just bother you to death.

They give you something one day and take it away from you for the next two months.

We never received mail. Somehow, though, we managed to keep informed generally of what went on in the outside world. We learned with glee about the Cuban blockade.

But nobody will ever, ever believe things that happened to us happened to humans. We weren't just worms, as Fidel Castro called us. We had to be pigs to exist in that. It's a wonder only one of us died.

Filthy Conditions
Enrique Borrás, who was 41, died from a stomach pain

in July of 1961. It may have looked like a natural death, but he would have lived if they had taken him to a hospital.

Instead, they just let him lie on the floor and get worse until he died.

Conditions were filthy. There was no soap, no toilet paper, little water and everybody stunk.

Despite the hardships, I do not remember that any of us ever lost our faith—we would be rescued some day from that horrible cell.

Now that we are here, thank God, we would be willing to go back again to try to liberate our country from that oppressor.

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