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Violent Fighting Erupts In Katanga

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Katanga forces have opened fire on U.N. forces in Elisabethville and have refused to obey President Moise Tshombe's orders to cease firing, the United Nations in Leopoldville reported today.

In New York, a U.N. spokesman said the Congo force "has been instructed to take all necessary action in self defense and to restore order."

Col. Gunnar Samuelson of Sweden, a U.N. officer, reported that U.N. troops had been attacked with bombs and heavy mortars as well as small arms fire. He said six Ethiopians and one Indian were wounded.

A U.N. spokesman in New York said Tshombe apparently had lost control of the police.

Earlier the Belgian radio, quoting diplomatic sources, reported the fighting was very violent and that there were casualties on both sides.

Katanga has seceded from the Congo central government based in Leopoldville and the United Nations has been pressing Tshombe to bring his mineral-rich province under Leopoldville's control. The larger part of the United Nation's 19,000-man Congo force is reported to be in Katanga.

U.S. Smelting Stock Takes \$6 Spurt on Stock Market

NEW YORK (AP) — Common stock of U.S. Smelting and Refining Co. jumped \$6 to \$48.50 in the New York Stock Exchange today. But the company said it couldn't readily explain the big advance.

The firm, whose headquarters are in Boston, produces gold, silver, lead, zinc, copper, coal, oil and gas and some other minerals.

Its officers said Dec. 13 that they planned to give increasing emphasis to diversification through acquisition of natural resources.

In Wall Street, brokers attributed the spurt to Street rumors of an effort by minority stockholders to effect some changes in the firm, possibly through purchase of its stock.

Walter Keith of Anchorage Named Director of Division of Air Commerce

ANCHORAGE (AP) — Walter S. Keith, who has been active in commercial aviation in Alaska for 16 years, has been named Director of the Alaska Division of Air Commerce.

Keith's appointment made by the Public Service Commission, becomes effective Jan. 2. He replaces Jack Scavenius of Anchorage, who recently submitted his resignation.

A resident of Anchorage since 1963, Keith has most recently been doing independent flying, including contract work for the Department of Interior.

Lord Brabazon Suggests Slower Speed for Aircraft

LONDON (AP) — Lord Brabazon of Britain, a pioneer aviator, suggests that they make airliners capable of carrying 250 people but slow the maximum speed to 250 miles per hour. This is more than 300 mph below the cruising speed of modern jet airliners. Brabazon's suggestion appeared in an article in the 1962 Lloyd's List Annual Review.

Dr. Kelsey Will Head New Office to Test New Drugs on Humans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Francis Kelsey, hailed as a national heroine for keeping thalidomide off the American market, today was put at the head of a new U.S. office which will pass on requests to test new drugs on humans.

Her appointment as Director of the Investigational Drug Branch was part of a reorganization at the Food and Drug Administration's new drug division which was approved today by Secretary of Welfare Anthony Celebrezze.

In a statement Celebrezze said the retooling of the drug division into five branches will permit the FDA to cope with its increased responsibilities in the new drug area.

As a backlash of the outcry over the thalidomide—a sedative blamed for deformities of thousands of infants born in Europe — Congress last October enacted a law giving the FDA stronger authority over production and sales of prescription drugs.

Somerset Maugham Seeks Right to Deny Daughter Arv of His Fortune

NICE, France (AP) — Author Somerset Maugham has gone into a French court in an effort to deny his daughter any of his fortune when he dies—and to get back \$2 million he says he has given her since she was born 47 years ago.

The British author, 88, claimed in a suit filed in Nice that Elizabeth Mary Maugham — now the wife of Lord John Hope — is not legally his daughter because she was conceived while her mother was married to another man.

Lady Hope is the daughter of the late Syrie Bernardo Maugham, a well-known interior decorator whose marriage to the writer ended in 1928. She died in 1955.

Maugham contended in his suit that the daughter was conceived while her mother was still married to Henry Welcome. Welcome divorced his wife, naming Maugham as co-respondent, and she and the writer subsequently married.

The contention that Lady Hope is legally someone else's daughter apparently was made to deny her any share of her father's estate when he dies. Maugham revealed at the same time that last April he adopted Alan Frank Searle, his secretary for 32 years as his son. Searle is 50.

'Mona' Still Locked Up

WASHINGTON (AP) — A public clamor — "Let Mona Lisa Out!" — failed today to release the Leonardo da Vinci masterpiece from her art gallery prison.

U.S. and French officials insisted the young Florentine matron with the mysterious smile must wait until Jan. 8 to make her American debut.

The 450-year-old portrait came here Dec. 19, on leave from the Paris Louvre, and was immediately locked up in an underground vault of the National Gallery of Art.

Word was passed that the French government, with its love for ceremony, wanted to delay her unveiling until members of the new Congress were in town. So on Jan. 8 President Kennedy, with all the required protocol, will introduce her to legislators, diplomats and other notables. The public showing will open the next day and continue for three weeks.

2-Day Celebration Will Mark Egan's Inauguration

JUNEAU (AP) — Formal inauguration ceremonies for Gov. Wm. Egan and Secretary of State Hugh Wade were set today for 2 p.m. Jan. 26, the highlight of a two-day inauguration program, Alaska's first under statehood.

Details of the two-day program were announced by chairman Felix Toner of the Inauguration Committee. Plans for formal ceremonies marking Egan's first term in 1959 were called off when he suffered a near fatal illness.

Toner said the two-day program will start on Jan. 25 with an open house hosted by the chief executive and Mrs. Egan.

Inaugural dinners, each no-host buffets sponsored by the Democratic State Central Committee, will be held at three locations — the Baranof Hotel, the Elks Lodge and Mike's Place — following the reception.

Egan and Wade will visit each of the dining rooms during the dining period, Toner said, although no formal programs have been planned.

Scheduled Saturday, Jan. 26, are a parade through the downtown area and 1½-hour pageants, featuring native dances and other Alaska entertainment.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. The pageants are scheduled for 12 noon and 3 p.m. in the Juneau-Douglas High School Auditorium. The formal inauguration will be held in the High School gym.

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a series of receptions for out of town guests Saturday evening and at 10 p.m. inaugural balls will start at the Baranof Hotel, the Elks Lodge and the Juneau Armory. Other sites will be used if necessary, Toner said.

Admission to the inaugural ball will be \$5 per person and a similar charge will be made for the no-host buffets Friday night.

The inaugural ceremony itself and the Juneau Chamber of Commerce receptions will be on an invitation only basis.

Toner said some 7,500 invitations will be mailed to persons in Alaska and other states.

Top Secret . . .

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — If Pushinka is about to have puppies — it's top secret.

Two weeks ago it was confirmed that Pushinka—one of the Kennedy children's three pet dogs—had taken a pregnancy test. Now the White House is turning coy.

"The iron curtain has descended," Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, quipped when asked about the test results. The 10 days it took for completion are gone and the results should be in. But, Salinger is refusing to confirm or deny the rumors.

Pushinka, a fluffy white dog, is the daughter of the Soviet Union's famous space dog "Strelka" and was given to the Kennedys by Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

Composer Harry Carroll Passes

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Harry Carroll, 70, composer, whose songs included "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," and "By the Sea," died Wednesday two weeks after suffering a heart attack. Carroll wrote "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" when he was 17.

Donovan Says He Alone Responsible for Release of Cuban Invasion Prisoners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney James B. Donovan says that he alone, and not Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy, was responsible for the operation that brought 1,113 Cuban invasion prisoners to the United States.

In a telephone interview Thursday with the Washington Star, Donovan implied he could have finished the job himself without help from Kennedy at all if it had not been for the Cuban missile crisis in October.

Donovan, a New York lawyer and unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the Senate in the Nov. 6 election in New York is counsel for the Cuban Families Committee which negotiated the prisoner exchange for \$53 million worth of drugs, food and equipment.

Contacted at Lake Placid, N.Y., where he is resting after long negotiations with Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro, Donovan told the Star that he has "enormous respect for the Attorney General, but it is absolutely and unqualifiedly so that the policy and negotiations were entrusted to me."

Government sources had reported previously that Kennedy had directed a team of government officials who helped manage the massive operation.

CASTRO WON'T RELEASE ANY MORE RELATIVES

HAVANA (AP) — A diplomatic source said today an offer to permit 1,000 Cubans to leave has been canceled.

The information came from a Swiss diplomat. Prime Minister Fidel Castro had said the 1,000 additional relatives of released Bay of Pigs prisoners could leave aboard an American freighter.

The diplomat said he had received his information on the cancellation from the Ministry of the Interior. He added that he is seeking further confirmation.

Army May Be Denied Right to Make Guard and Reserves Combat Ready

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chiefly to save money, the Army reportedly may be denied authority to put into full effect a key part of a plan intended to make National Guard and Reserve forces more combat ready.

The total amount of money involved is perhaps \$7 million a year. The Army has proposed sending as many as 100,000 Reservists to summer training for two weeks with high-priority Guard and Reserve units.

Defense Department officials were understood to have moved to trim this number to about 55,000.

Questions other than money are involved, including whether a reorganization of the Guard will be far enough along by summer to permit utilization of the full 100,000.

The Army plan stems from a desire to avoid troubles that cropped up during the Berlin crisis mobilization last year.

Difficulties developed then with the assignment of individual Reservists to fill the gaps in understrength Guard and Reserve units.

It was found that many of these "fillers" lacked necessary military skills. They had to be trained to handle jobs to which they were assigned and this held back the combat readiness of some of the outfits.

U.S. Biologist Charges

Canada Withholds Certain Data About Radiation in Arctic

EDMONTON, Alta. (AP) — A United States biologist says the Canadian government is withholding certain facts about radiation levels in the Arctic. Federal officials immediately denied the charge.

Dr. William Pruitt, 40, said Thursday night in a telephone interview from Fairbanks that because no one is worried about whether radiation is affecting reindeer, caribou or Eskimos, the seriousness of radioactive contamination is not being made known.

He said the government is "hushing up" information on radiation.

Dr. Pruitt, formerly associated with the University of Alaska, added:

"Contamination in Canada's Arctic regions has far surpassed considerable safe levels. Autopsies performed on the bodies of four Alaskans revealed bones which had four times the concentration of strontium-90 than other United States residents. This indicated an extremely dangerous situation."

He urged a non-government international study into the question of radiation in the Far North, a region he described as a radiation "hot spot."

Dr. Pruitt said the U.S. Federal Radiation Council has set a safe limit for humans of exposure to strontium-90 at about 17 strontium units. Studies revealed levels of contamination in Arctic caribou bones now ranged from 100 to 200 strontium units.

Dr. Pruitt said the situation probably has been aggravated recently because of Russian and American nuclear tests and said his studies were made prior to recent explosions.

Contamination is highest in caribou and reindeer because they feed on lichen, a type of northern moss, which retains virtually 100 per cent of the radioactive particles which fall upon it and may remain contaminated for many years.

Because caribou is the base of the food chain in the Arctic, Dr. Pruitt said contamination spreads from lichen to caribou to human.

Dave Dunsuir, executive assistant to the Federal Health Minister, said government tests of radioactive contamination in the Northwest Territories and the Arctic indicated levels far below the national average.

He denied the government was suppressing information.

"Our figures are released monthly and I can assure you we are not faking them. We still have a long way to go before the levels present any real problem."

TWO TO ONE . . .

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — For every two marriages in California this year there was nearly one divorce.

Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, State Health Director, released figures in his annual report showing there were 114,000 marriages, 48,000 divorces and 5,700 annulments.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

Continued fair. Low tonight -20, high tomorrow -8. In the last 24 hours: High of 23, low of -8. Max. wind 16 mph from the north. Sunrise at 10:03 a.m., sunset at 2:04 p.m. Temps. a year ago today: High of -35, low of -41.