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## BOAC Jet Disaster Kills 124

Tokyo Suffers Second Crash  
18 Hours After CPA Mishap

(From AP-Reuters)

GOTEMBA, Japan (CP) — A British Overseas Airways Corporation jetliner crashed in flames today in the tangled forest at the foot of Mount Fuji, Japan's sacred mountain, killing all 124 persons aboard.

Eighty-five Americans and one Canadian were among the victims.

The Canadian was identified as Theodor Vaskevich, a 53-year-old engineer from Toronto.

The crash came only 18 hours after a Canadian Pacific Airlines DC-8 jetliner was wrecked landing at Tokyo Airport with the loss of 64 lives.

It was the third major air disaster in the Tokyo area in a month.

The Associated Press quoted reliable military sources, who declined to be named, as saying they understood a Japanese military plane had collided with the BOAC Boeing 707 jet.

Japanese defence sources said they had no report of a collision.

Other Japanese officials dismissed this idea after discovering that no other planes were reported missing in the area, about 70 miles south of Tokyo.

Rescue workers who reached the crash site Saturday said they found no wreckage.

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## OAU Faces Crisis

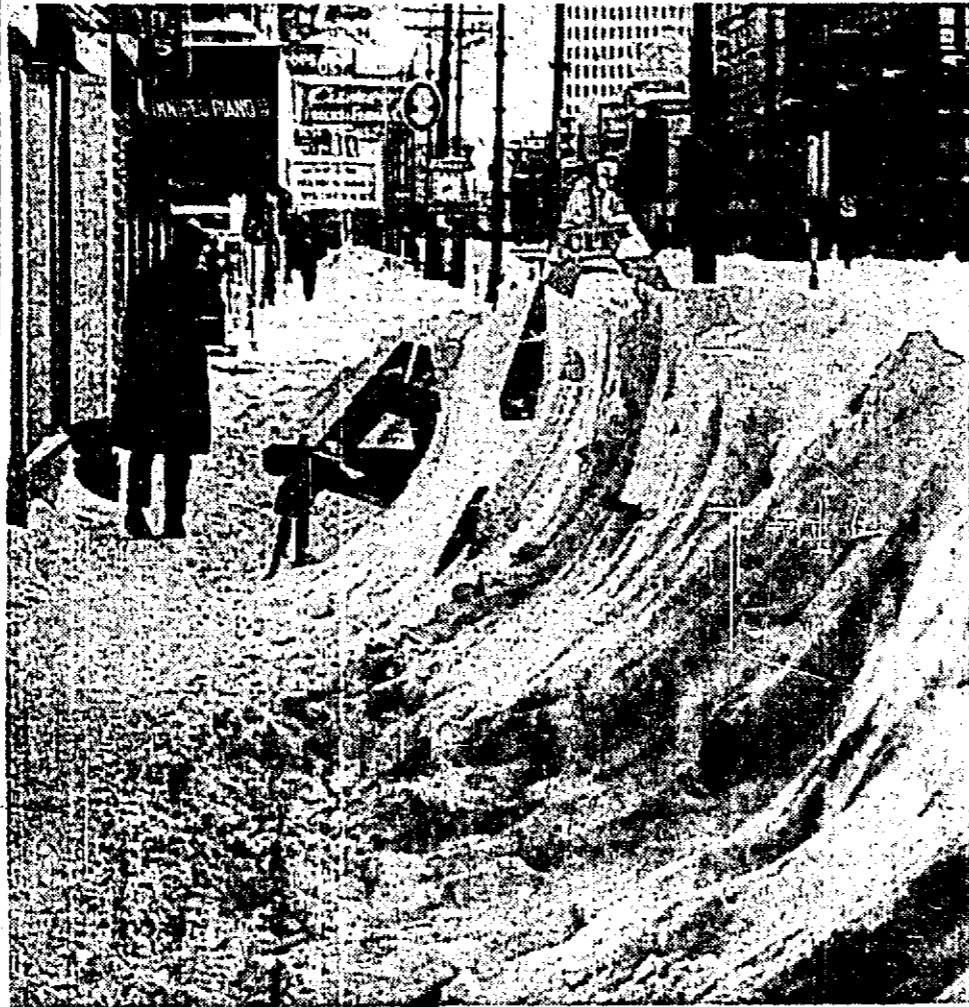
By JOHN TALBOT

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (Reuters)—The Organization of African Unity faced one of its biggest crises Friday following the walkout of seven of its 38 member-states from the current session of the organization's ministerial council.

Five of the seven — Mali, Guinea, Tanzania, the United Arab Republic and Kenya — walked out over the issue of Ghana's representation.

## TRAFFIC STARTS MOVING

# Big Digout Under Way, Aching City Stretches



Surveying the results of Friday's blizzard was part of the game Saturday as pedestrians along Portage Avenue gaped in wonderment at snow hurled high along the sidewalks.

## Two Men Die At Blizzard's Height;

1,600 Spend Night In Downtown Stores

The expensive and arduous job of digging out began early Saturday after a 14-hour blizzard that brought activity in Greater Winnipeg to a standstill. Metro crews began shortly after midnight to remove buses that blocked streets after 14 inches of snow was whipped into high drifts by winds up to 70 miles an hour.

## Policemen Act As Midwives

By ED UNRAU

Delivering a baby was part of Friday's work for two Winnipeg police constables but although neither one had done it before they treated it as a routine case.

"It all happened so smoothly," one of them commented after it was over. "It was just like taking a bath."

At approximately 3 p.m. Friday afternoon Const. Fred Martin and Const. Robert Mills were called to the home of Helmut Herbstreit, 472 Lansdowne Avenue.

They left the North End Police Station in a cruiser car accompanied by a front-end loader. It took them two hours to get there.

Upon arrival they found Mrs. Herbstreit in the last stages of labor. They contacted a doctor who said that under the circumstances they had no choice but to deliver the baby by themselves.

Following instructions given by the doctor on the phone, the baby was born — a boy.

Although no apparent complications developed, they asked headquarters to try and locate a doctor or a nurse in the area.

"They located one about four blocks from here," Const. Mills said. "He arrived about 45 minutes later examined our work, the baby and the mother and declared that all four of us were doing fine."

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## Staff Answers Call

By MARION LEPKIN  
Publisher, printer, pressman or just plain peeped-out reporter — the Free Press people who made it to work Friday morning just kept on working till Saturday afternoon's paper was ready for delivery.

The storm wouldn't let "day-side" people get home after their normal shift ended Friday afternoon and it wouldn't let the "nightside" people get to work at midnight to put out Saturday morning's Free Press.

So, with an occasional nod in the Free Press Building on blankets from the Salvation Army — only a few hotel rooms were available — many dayside people worked from 7 or 8 a.m. Friday into the early hours of Saturday. Some would still be working at 1 or 2 p.m. Saturday.

About a third of the whole Free Press staff had been able to reach the paper Friday. With everyone helping everyone else, this skeleton staff was able to put out Friday afternoon's paper and Saturday's morning and afternoon editions as well.

R. S. Malone, publisher, said, "I'm proud of the fine, workman-like job the staff did. They did it with a minimum of fuss and confusion, as newspapermen do."

He mentioned two people in particular: Dave Johnson of Digout, the only qualified operator of the vario kilschograph on duty (the kilschograph is a machine which reproduces pictures for newspaper use), and Marsha Rodgers, on duty at the Free Press telephone switchboard.

Mr. Johnson began his shift at midnight Thursday. He would still be on duty Saturday afternoon, perhaps Sunday, too, if no relief arrived.

## Crisis Briefs

• The Winnipeg post office announced that mail delivery would be cancelled Saturday. Clerical post office employees were instructed not to report for work until Metro bus service was back in operation.

• About 11 p.m. Friday, radio stations began broadcasting appeals for food for crews at work clearing Greater Winnipeg streets. Restaurants close to working crews were apparently running out of food and an appeal was made for milk, bread and eggs.

Men and machines were available to transport the food to the crews once it was located. Reimbursement for food was promised.

• The Greater Winnipeg Safety Council announced "Operation Snowbound" would get under way at 11 a.m. Saturday. Working from headquarters in Eaton's catalogue department, the emergency program will offer any necessary help to old people, invalids and other people unable to help themselves under the storm conditions.

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## Storm Scene

• FORT FRANCES, Ont. — Winds were still gusting up to 60 miles an hour here Friday night and the only non-wind-driven movement was on Canadian National Railways lines.

Vehicular traffic in and out of town was at almost a dead halt in the powerful northern wind, which had brought up to 18 inches of snow to 3 p.m.

Stores and offices all closed early in the afternoon and there had been no deliveries or pickups of any kind. The temperature was steady at 20 degrees.

• LORETTE, Man. — More than 50 hockey players, aged 11 to 13, plus about 20 adults, were still holding forth — however unwilling — as the snow mounted higher and higher.

The boys, from Winakwa, Archwood, Notre Dame and St. Boniface Community clubs, all were overwhelmed by hospitality shown by town residents and Mr. and Mrs. Pawlus, managers of the lone hotel.

The boys were marooned when the blizzard swept into Manitoba Thursday night. About 20 of them were billeted in local homes. Another 33 played shuffleboard and checkers, while taking up every inch of floor space in the three hotelrooms allotted them.

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## Pearson Grants Spencer Inquiry

By VICTOR MACKIE  
OTTAWA (Staff) — A day of political drama, punctuated by angry outbursts and shouting matches in the Commons, ended finally with an offer by Prime Minister Pearson to grant a judicial inquiry into the firing from the civil service of alleged spy Victor Spencer, former Vancouver postal clerk.

Later, the prime minister, having talked with Spencer by telephone, announced that the government would proceed without delay to set up the inquiry. The opposition had demanded that the government back down and allow a closed inquiry.

Early in the sitting, Mr. Pearson and Justice Minister Lucien Cardin had refused to alter their stands because they felt the country's counter-espionage system might be endangered. They also emphasized that while Spencer might have been "branded," he had not complained. On the contrary, he had thanked the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for courteous treatment.

David Lewis, deputy leader of the New Democratic Party, disclosed he had from Vancouver lawyer John Laxton, a telegram which said Spencer wanted an inquiry because he felt he had not been treated fairly with respect to his insurance and pension.

That disclosure sent Mr. Pearson into hurried consultation with several of his cabinet, including Mr. Cardin. Mr. Pearson then rose to inform the house that the government would not agree to any inquiry into the security aspects of the case. But it would allow an inquiry into the aspects which concern Spencer as a civil servant, the denial he now claimed.

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## Unknown Case Puzzles

By VICTOR MACKIE  
OTTAWA (Staff) — What is the Muntzinger case? That is the question being asked on Parliament Hill Saturday following explosive debate in the Commons Friday.

(The case is understood to have involved an RCMP investigation into security aspects of an alleged relationship between an East German woman and a member of the Diefenbaker government.)

Flaring tempers, angry outbursts, accusations and counter accusations led to Justice Minister Lucien Cardin's referral to the "Monsieur case." Having put the name on the record, he said no more.

Blinded by Opposition Leader Diefenbaker, the Justice minister exploded as he was interrupted frequently while striving to explain why he was opposed to the case.

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## Wheels Begin To Turn

Transportation facilities in and out of Winnipeg eased back into service this morning. All air, train and bus schedules are expected to be functioning normally by early afternoon.

Metro transit introduced limited emergency services starting at 10 a.m.

Transportation will be available on Main Street and Portage Avenue and sections of Maryland Street, Stafford Avenue, Corydon Avenue, Osborne Street, St. Mary's Road, Fermor Avenue, St. Anne's Road, Redwood Avenue, Henderson Highway and Selkirk Avenue.

Full service has been returned only to the North Main route. Buses will be operating on Portage Avenue from Main Street.

Another route has been established along Portage to Maryland, south on Maryland to Stafford, east on Stafford to Corydon, north on Corydon to Osborne and back down Osborne to Memorial Boulevard to Portage Avenue and Main Street.

The St. Mary's Road bus will be running to Fermor Avenue, down Fermor to St. Anne's Road and north on St. Anne's back downtown.

The East Kildonan bus will run north on Main Street to Redwood Avenue, across the Redwood Bridge to Henderson Highway and north on Henderson to the end of the normal East Kildonan line.

The Selkirk bus will be running from Main Street and Selkirk Avenue west to McPhillips Street and return.

The Winnipeg International Airport reopened at 10 a.m. Weather conditions had cleared hours earlier, but snow removal equipment — which went into operation at 11 p.m. Friday — hadn't finished clearing runways until this morning.

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# Winnipeggers Take Crisis In Stride



By one means or another . . .



. . . an amazing number of shoppers got downtown . . .



. . . although the buses may have had to search for them . . .

## Air Waves Skim The Snowdrifts

By BOB NOBLE  
It was scramble day for Greater Winnipeg radio and TV stations.

With essential transportation services crippled, the public leaned heavily on the broadcast media.

To meet the demand — and cover the biggest blizzard in the city's history — took plenty of ingenuity, endurance and plenty of extra effort.

● CJOB radio newsman Steve Halinda decided at 7 a.m. Friday to call Mayor Stephen Juba to ask what measures could be taken to combat the storm. The mayor — unaware of the blizzard — thanked his caller, rushed to city hall and set up an emergency centre which subsequently issued news bulletins to all news media.

● Television station CJAY sent out a camera crew on a

motor toboggan. Ray Torgrud, CJAY announcer, said drifts in the vicinity of the station made automobile traffic impossible. He said one snowdrift near the entrance of the station was 19 feet high.

● A CKRC radio newsman and his wife Olga walked to the offices of the station in the Free Press Building from Enniskillen Avenue in West Kildonan.

● Bob Washington, an an-

nouncer for CKRC, realized the distribution difficulties plaguing The Free Press and proceeded to read the front page headlines to his listeners.

● CKY announcer Porky Charbonneau went on the air within minutes of walking from the Paddock Restaurant at Portage Avenue at St. James Street to the radio station on Main Street between Portage and McDermot.



. . . on streets that could not be cleared till midnight . . .



. . . which somewhat curtailed distribution of the Free Press . . .



. . . on Winnipeg streets that looked like THIS . . .



. . . to many who spent 13 hours in bogged buses.



## A Thank You

to our employees  
 who reported at  
 work yesterday,  
 and to those  
 customers who were  
 in the store early  
 and due to blizzard  
 conditions remained  
 for dinner, the  
 evening and break-  
 fast — 1482 meals  
 prepared by  
 a loyal and hard-  
 working cafeteria  
 staff . . .

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