

100, Maybe 300, Killed In Rio Train Collision

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Two electric commuter trains crashed together in a rain near here last night. Police said more than 100 persons were killed. Scores were injured.

Dr. Guilherme Romano, municipal health director, was quoted by Continental Radio as saying the death toll might go to 300.

Rescue workers toiled in a mist under floodlights to remove survivors and the dead from the wreckage of cars piled along embankments under a highway overpass near Mangueira Station, 10 miles north of Rio de Janeiro. Apparently all the victims were Brazilians.

President Juscelino Kubitschek went to the scene.

The last big Brazilian train wreck killed 119 persons March 4, 1952.

The two British-built, government-owned electric trains crashed just two months after a collision of three trains on the same line claimed 67 lives.

Railroad officials said this is what happened:

A train of five cars and electric engine was hit in the rear by a train of eight cars and engine. The engine of the eight-car train hit with such force that it rammed three-quarters through the rear car of the front-runner. Both trains were loaded with commuters headed home from their jobs in the capital.

Original reports had said it was a head-on collision.

Dulles Hits Red Aims In Berlin

PARIS (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles arrived Thursday from Berlin where he declared in a hard-hitting speech that Red China and the Soviet Union are bent on dominating the world.

Dulles is here to brief U.S. ambassadors in Europe after the North Atlantic Treaty Organization conference in Copenhagen. The NATO foreign ministers backed Dulles' tough approach to the question of a summit conference world tensions.

Dulles left no doubt in his speech to West Berlin's Parliament that the United States will look carefully behind any Communist words, no matter how alluring.

He declared the Soviet Union was using talk of disarmament as a smokescreen to "produce a world dominated by the military power of the Chinese-Soviet bloc."

"The Soviet government," he added, "is attempting by every act of propaganda to compel the abandonment of our military shield."

National Guard Helps Rescue Flood Victims

CATLETTSBURG, Ky. (AP)—A National Guard detachment moved into Catlettsburg Thursday as residents began fleeing a flood threat from two brimming rivers, the Ohio and Big Sandy.

"We are preparing for the worst," said Mayor Charles Gibbs. "We are getting ready for 58 feet of water, which would be nearly six feet over flood stage."

Gibbs, who requested the governor's help, said guardsmen would be used in evacuation work, manning roadblocks, and keeping out sightseers. Some 250 families already have retreated to higher ground.

A city of 4,000 Catlettsburg is the meeting place for both rivers, swollen by rains which pushed the Big Sandy out of its banks at Pikeville, Prestonsburg and Paintsville. The Ohio has done little damage thus far.

Officials estimated the Big Sandy caused one million dollars' damage in Pikeville and Pike County, where 700 families evacuated their homes.

Russia Rejects Invitation To Pacific Atom Tests

LONDON (AP)—The Soviet last night rejected an invitation to observe U.S. nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific.

A Soviet Government statement carried by the Tass Agency and broadcast from Moscow said Russia is "unable to accept the proposal of the United States government to send Soviet scientists and press representatives to take part in the Observation of an American nuclear bomb explosion."

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U.S. Recops Air Record Through Jet

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The United States regained the world altitude record back from France with a jet flight to 91,249 feet—17.28 miles—the Air Force announced yesterday.

Maj. Howard C. Johnson, 38, piloted a Lockheed F104A Starfighter up to a 45-degree angle above the Southern California desert town of Mojave to the new mark Wednesday.

He topped by more than two miles the height of 80,190 feet—15.19 miles—claimed for a French experimental Trident Isere-06 at Istres, France, last Friday.

The French flight had exceeded the mark of 76,928 feet, or 14.57 miles, reached last April 16 by a U.S. Navy Grumman F11F1F flown by Lt. Cmdr. George C. Watkins.

How did the stratospheric climb feel?

"No particular sensation," replied Johnson, operations officer of the 83rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif.

The sky at extreme altitudes is "sort of a dark purple," Johnson said. "It gets darker the higher you go."

Others have flown higher in experimental ships released from the bellies of mother planes, but his was the highest airplane ascent made from takeoff to landing.

At a news conference, Johnson described the flight:

His plane, powered by a General Electric J79 engine, left Palmdale with a full load of fuel—almost 5000 pounds of a mixture made mostly of light kerosene.

"I flew a pattern to get the fuel down to where I wanted it," Johnson related.

Underground Flood Traps 22 Miners

SHARPLES, W. Va. (AP)—An underground flood trapped 22 coal miners Thursday, but officials gave out reassuring word for their safety a few hours later.

The accident occurred at 1 p.m. (EST) when a large pool of rainwater collapsed the roof of the Boone County Coal Corp's No. 2-A mine.

The company issued a statement nearly five hours later which said that Mine Supt. Russell Ward had reached a point within 150 feet of the break.

Based upon conditions in the main passageways, Ward said it looked as if all of the men had an excellent chance for survival. There had been no direct communication with any of the entrapped miners.

Rescuers made their way through the muddy debris and set up the pumps.

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Hospital Services May Be Curtailed

HARRISBURG (AP)—The Leader administration Friday raised the possibility that general and mental hospital services may have to be cut because of the Republican-controlled 1957 legislature.

Dr. John H. Ferguson, secretary of administration, said the hospitals and teachers' college face a prospective financial crisis because of a lack of funds.

He said the situation is the worst at the general hospitals in Philipsburg, Scranton and Nanticoke. The board of trustees at Philipsburg has hinted it may be forced to close down.

A wing at the Nanticoke State Hospital already has been shut down.

"It's too bad from every point of view that there is so much rigidity in the appropriations," Ferguson told a newsmen.

The last legislature passed a law making specific appropriations to individual institutions and prohibited the transfer of funds from one to another.

Plane Lands Safely With 65 Aboard

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (AP)—An Eastern air lines super constellation with a crew of seven and 58 plucky passengers was landed here yesterday despite a broken nose wheel.

For three hours Capt. J. J. Randall of Miami circled the Charlotte Airport while his crew worked frantically to raise or lower the faulty wheel which supports the front section of the plane on landing. Hundreds of onlookers who swarmed over the modern municipal terminal grew tense when word went out that the plane would attempt the landing.

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Students Stone Nixon In Peru Appearance

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Vice President Nixon was met by a hail of rocks at ancient San Marcos University yesterday.

One stone grazed his neck, another hit a member of his Secret Service escort.

Some jeering students spat upon the touring vice president. He finally canceled a talk at San Marcos, saying he feared someone might be badly hurt.

Nixon was followed to his hotel by Peruvians shouting "Get out!" But he got a friendly reception at Catholic University. Even at San Marcos, some students shook his hand.

Nixon told a news conference later that Peruvian Foreign Minister Raul Porras gave him official and personal apologies for desecration of the United States flag.

No formal protest was made, Nixon said.

Then the vice president said demonstrating communists "think they won a victory... but they suffered, as time will tell, a great defeat."

He said a demonstrator who spat in his face at the Hotel Bolivar actually spat on the good name of Peru.

The student federation at 400-year-old San Marcos had adopted

a resolution saying Nixon was unwelcome in Peru because "he represents the plutocratic and imperialist interests of the North American government."

Peruvian authorities were understood to have urged Nixon to give up his plan to call on the San Marcos rector and talk to the students.

Ike Will Dedicate Atomic Power Plant

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower plans to dedicate the atomic power plant at Shippingport, Pa., on May 26.

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission made this announcement during a luncheon talk to 55 Nations yesterday.

The White House said later that Eisenhower will not go personally to Shippingport for the ceremony.



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