

# Red China, India Clash; Death Toll 17

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Red China's troops killed 17 Indian border policemen in a new strike in a disputed border area in north Kashmir, Prime Minister Nehru's government charged last night.

Three other Indians were reported wounded and an undetermined number missing from a patrol surprised by sudden, heavy fire Wednesday 40 miles or more inside India's traditional frontier.

A stronger Chinese force, entrenched on a hilltop, supplemented its rifle fire with grenades and mortar shells, but the Indians fought back, the government said, only to be overwhelmed. A few survivors have returned to their base camp.

There was no estimate of the Chinese casualties.

The Indian and Chinese government exchanged protests. While the Indian government was suppressing the story to assemble facts for a note to Peiping, the Chinese fired a note here Thursday charging the Indians with responsibility.

The action was by far the fiercest in a series of border clashes that reached crisis stage two months ago, with each side accusing the other.

It came just three weeks after Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, visiting China's Mao Tse-tung in Peiping, declared world differences must be settled through negotiations. "We must do everything possible to preclude war," he said.

It followed by four weeks a letter from Nehru to Red China's Premier Chou En-lai calling for a Chinese withdrawal from Indian territory to open the way for negotiations on specific differences about the frontier. Chou has never answered that letter.

Wednesday's battle took place in Kashmir's Ladakh province, a largely barren plateau land fronting on the Tibetan Himalayas.

# Living Costs Ascend; Reach Record Level

WASHINGTON (AP) — The consumer's dollar lost about a third of a penny's worth of buying power last month as the cost of living mounted to another record peak.

The Labor Department's index for September, made public yesterday, showed a rise of three-tenths of one per cent in consumer prices. It was the fifth increase in six months.

All major costs of city families rose except transportation, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said. The index stands at 125.2 per cent of the 1947-49 average. The previous high was 124.9 in July.

Some 1,236,000 workers gained pay boosts under self-adjusting wage contracts intended to keep pay in line with changing prices.

These included 850,000 railroad workers who will get a three-cent hourly increase under contracts adjusted semiannually. 370,000 electrical equipment and aircraft workers whose quarterly adjustment is worth about one cent an hour on the average and 16,000 others who will receive two cents an hour more.

The bureau's price chief, Hersey S. Riley, said part of the price rise was seasonal. He rejected a reporter's suggestion that inflation was creeping again.

But there seemed to be at least an even chance that the index for October would show another increase. This report will be completed a month from now.

# Electric Plant Explosion Hurts 4, Slows Work

SHARON, Pa. (AP) — Four men were slightly injured Thursday in an explosion at the Westinghouse Electric Corp. plant here.

The blast halted production for the day, idling 5,200 employees. All but 70 returned to their jobs Friday.

# Leaflet-Dropper Ex-Castro Aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Maj. Pedro Diaz Lanz, former head of Fidel Castro's air force, was the man who dropped leaflets from a plane over Havana, it was learned from the FBI last night.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was asked whether it had made any inquiry in connection with complaints by the Cuban government that the plane which flew over Cuba had come from U.S. territory.

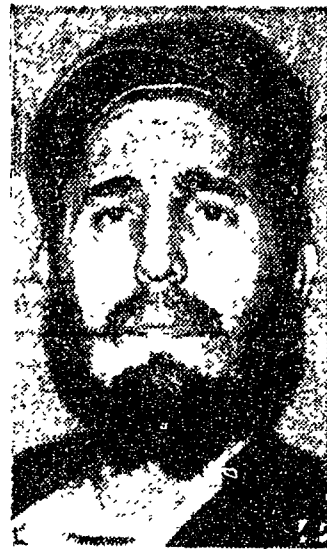
An FBI spokesman said Diaz Lanz was questioned in Miami yesterday afternoon.

"He admitted to the FBI that he headed the flight," the spokesman said.

Diaz Lanz, the FBI said, told investigators he flew the plane and dropped the leaflets.

"He was the instigator of the whole idea," the FBI spokesman said.

The FBI quizzing of Diaz Lanz was made in connection with an



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investigation by various agencies of the United States government to see whether there had been

any violation of federal law. There was no immediate indication whether any legal action would be taken against Diaz Lanz. He was branded a traitor by Castro after he quit as air force chief and fled to Florida.

Diaz Lanz has repeatedly described Castro as a Communist.

Lanz said at Miami during the day that he had definite information Fidel Castro "will order some bombings in different places so he can blame the United States."

The former Cuban air force chief made that statement in an interview with newsman Dick Lobo of Miami television station WCKT.

Castro said in a lengthy television broadcast which ended Friday that the United States allowed planes to fly from its territory to bomb Havana.

There is some question as to whether bombs actually fell from planes which showered Havana Wednesday with anti-Castro leaflets bearing the signature of Diaz Lanz.

# Reds Urge East-West Summit Talk

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union insisted yesterday the job of easing world tensions is one for the heads of government, and announced it wants a summit meeting quickly—the sooner the better.

The Kremlin position was made plain in a statement issued by the official Soviet news agency Tass. It came at a moment when international developments in the West indicated a summit meeting might be delayed until spring.

The timing of the Tass announcement left the impression that Premier Nikita Khrushchev urgently wants a summit meeting, but that if he cannot get it this year he will take it later on.

Tass mentioned no proposed date for the gathering of the government chiefs of the United States, the USSR, Great Britain and France.

LONDON (AP) — Authorized informants reported yesterday the British—and possibly the Americans, too—intend to contest a French inclination to delay an East-West summit meeting.

Diplomatic informants in West Germany reported French President Charles de Gaulle issued bids for a Western summit meeting in Paris. This report, along with other developments, seemed to cast doubt on the likelihood of a summit meeting before the end of 1959.

# Hannan Quints Laid to Rest

TAYLOR, Tex. (AP) — The Hannan quintuplets were buried yesterday in impressive Roman Catholic services known as the "Mass of the Angels."

Everything was white—symbolic of the innocence of the five tiny girls who lived less than a day.

The doll-size white caskets were lowered into separate graves on the breeze-swept church cemetery just outside this small central Texas city.

On each casket was a tiny spray of white flowers with the quint's names—Deborah Lynn, Janet Lee, Karen Denise, Melissa Jane and Suzanne Kay.

They were born at Lackland Air Force Base Hospital, San Antonio, Tuesday afternoon, the daughters of Lt. and Mrs. Charles G. Hannan, natives of this area.

The babies died within 18 hours. They were three months premature and too undeveloped to survive.

# Golden Age of Ships

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Adm. Sir William Davis, commander-in-chief of NATO East Atlantic Forces, predicts the world is on the threshold of a ship building revolution. "Definitely," he told interviewing reporters, "all warships will become nuclear propelled. The strategic advantages are so staggering that it is bound to come."

# 'Porgie' in Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — A series of recitals of American music has been arranged by the Georgian State Philharmonic Society in Tiflis, Tass reports. The program, featuring both vocal and instrumental selections by American composers, will include excerpts from Gershwin's "Porgie and Bess."

# Life's a Breeze Over the Seas

## Wet St. Pats?

DUBLIN (AP) — Ireland is moving to liberalize pub drinking and the only antis so far are barmen. Proposed new liquor laws would permit pubs to open on St. Patrick's Day for the first time in the republic's history and would extend regular drinking time by one hour—until 11:30 on week nights in summer, 11 in winter. Barmen object to extra hours without more pay.

## Prize Bared

LONDON (AP) — A young British couple yesterday won a free weekend in a nudist camp—top prize in a contest run by a local movie house. Denis Daines, 28, a laboratory technician, and his wife, Eileen, 27, plan to take baby Angela, along. "We'll certainly go," said Mrs. Daines. "In the spring I think." "I'm not a nudist," said her husband. "I'm Church of England." But I'll try it with pleasure.

## Benched

BIRKENHEAD, England (AP) — When Judge G. N. England dismissed the court for lunch and left the room, four witnesses neglected to stand. No contempt proceedings were filed. The sun was warm, the central heating was hot, and the varnish on the old mahogany benches had softened and was sticky.

## Why Not?

LONDON (AP) — Moscow radio began yesterday a new series of daily programs beamed to North America, entitled "Let us be good friends."

# Rape Suspect Frees Girl, 14

LYNDONVILLE, Vt. (AP) — A 14-year-old Maine baby sitter, missing since last Saturday night, was freed early yesterday and told a story of abduction and repeated rape by a knife-wielding ex-convict.

After hearing the story of the girl, Sharon Simmons of Damariscotta, Maine, state troopers set in motion one of the biggest man-hunts in Vermont history for Rodney Austin, 44, of Newcastle, Maine. He was quoted by the girl as saying he "would not be taken alive."

Austin let the girl out of his car at 1:30 a.m. and sent her into the house of his brother, Albert, in this northern Vermont town.

Austin had been in the house previously to talk briefly with his mother. He took off after telling the girl he was heading up country to get a gun.

Maine State Detective Camille Carrier questioned the girl at state police headquarters at St. Johnsbury, Vt., about eight miles from here.

# Girl Adjudged Delinquent After Poisoning Parents

OLATHE, Kan. (AP) — Diane Roberts, 15-year-old girl who admitted poisoning her parents, was adjudged yesterday a delinquent child at a juvenile court hearing.

Judge Joseph S. Davis Jr. said no commitment order would be issued pending a determination of psychiatric tests.

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# Van Doren, Bloomgarden Change Quiz Statements

NEW YORK (AP) — Two big-money winners, Charles Van Doren and Hank Bloomgarden, changed their original stories yesterday about their television quiz show activities.

The discrepancies they admitted were not revealed. Both men at one time claimed they were not involved

in a rigging of NBC's now defunct "Twenty-One" quiz. Van Doren won \$129,000 on the show and Bloomgarden \$98,500.

They voluntarily returned Friday to the district attorney's office where they first made statements a year ago. Dist. Atty. Frank S. Hogan said they made "substantial changes" in their original statements.

Hogan was asked if their amended statements indicated they had lied to his office a year ago.

"I wouldn't want to answer that question," he replied.

Asked if the two had come in to purge themselves, Hogan said: "I don't want to adopt that language."

Hogan said Bloomgarden, a 30-

year-old public relations consultant, signed a statement correcting answers he gave to the district attorney's office some months ago prior to his appearance before a Manhattan grand jury.

Van Doren, Hogan added, admitted also that his original statement was not correct. As for Friday's conference, arranged by Van Doren presumably upon advice of his lawyer, Hogan said: "I think he gave truthful answers."

It was after his 1958 conference in Hogan's office that Van Doren complained: "It's silly and distressing to think that people don't have more faith in quiz shows."