

# Northeastern U.S. Battles Strangling Snowstorms

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The Northeast fought a relentless battle with muscle and machine yesterday to dig out from under a strangling Saturday snowstorm.

The storm was blamed for nearly 100 deaths by unofficial estimate.

Entire communities, including some major cities, were virtually immobilized under snow as high as 30 inches.

Winds that were clocked steadily as high as 75 miles an hour swirled the snow in drifts

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# U.S., Poland Conducting Peace Talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Poland have started informal talks on how to use some \$365 million on various "peace projects" in that Communist country.

The talks, it was learned yesterday, began in the wake of President Kennedy's State of the Union message in which he announced his intention "to explore with the Polish government the possibility of using our frozen Polish funds on projects of peace that will demonstrate our abiding friendship for the people of Poland."

Officials said the talks are in an exploratory stage.

The \$365 million is the total value of surplus food sold to Poland and paid for in zlotys, the Polish currency.

The United States has used some of the zlotys for its embassy in Warsaw, for participation in trade fairs in Poland, and for a limited cultural exchange program. But the bulk of the money remains frozen.

The Battle Act forbids use of such funds to aid Iron Curtain countries.

The present talks, officials said, are aimed mainly at reaching some understanding with the Poles on the character of projects to be considered, should Congress give authorization.

The administration, it was learned, soon will ask for an amendment of the Battle Act. Kennedy told the House and Senate he will request "increased discretion to use economic tools" in Eastern Europe "along the lines I proposed as a member of the Senate."

The President referred to a bill he co-sponsored with Sen. George Aiken, (R-Vt.). It passed the Senate but was stranded in the House. That bill asked authority for the president to make loans to Eastern European countries through the Export-Import Bank.

The State Department, officials said, would be satisfied if a bill in this form is enacted now.

# Sherry Shocks Labor Leader

OXFORD, England (AP) — Ten bottles of golden sherry have plunged Hugh Gaitskell, British Labor party leader, into a spot of political embarrassment.

The sherry was served at a reception Jan. 27 for Gaitskell by Oxford University's Labor Club, which takes its socialism very seriously.

Everyone there enjoyed the sherry, which was served from decanters, so that no bottles with labels were on view.

It was only afterward that he terrible news came out. Gaitskell and company had been drinking South African sherry.

And everyone at the reception was pledged never to buy any South African product as a protest against the South African racial laws.

"This may seem funny to you but it's not funny to Mr. Gaitskell," said club organizer John Gyford Saturday night.

He ordered an inquiry into who brought the South African sherry and who told the waiter to serve it from decanters.

The waiter had the last word "I had specific instructions to get that wine from a member who said the club couldn't afford Spanish sherry."

# Prisoners Released From Pirate Ship

RECIFE, Brazil (AP) — Most water and food and undergoing minor repairs.

A representative of the shipping line, in which Portugal's government has a minority interest, estimated Galvao's adventure cost the company about \$100,000 a day, aside from the blow to its prestige.

Thirty-eight Americans started their journey home last night. They are booked to leave the Amazon delta city of Belem, 1050 miles northwest of Recife, at 3 a.m. this morning aboard the Real Airline flight 802 for Miami, Fla.

Their mission accomplished, the U.S. destroyers Wilson, Gearing and Damato and several U.S. military planes pulled out of Recife. Under command of Rear Adm. Allen E. Smith Jr., who handled face-to-face negotiations with Galvao for the captive passengers, they are returning to Caribbean waters.

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# Rioting Renewed In African Colony

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Renewed rioting broke out yesterday in Luanda, capital of Angola, and four persons were killed and seven wounded, the Portuguese news agency Lusitania reported.

The dispatch said the disorders broke out at funeral services for seven police and soldiers killed in a clash last Friday when a brawling crowd was machine-gunned.

Lusitania said persons involved in an attempted march Friday on a police station in the Portuguese territory in West Africa apparently mixed with the funeral crowd yesterday and suddenly began shooting. The agency did not identify the victims.

Portuguese spokesmen, charging that the Friday outbreak was the result of an attempt to capture police stations, said there were 16 casualties, including seven security men and nine demonstrators. The spokesmen said modern Czechoslovak weapons were seized in the incident.

Three of the dead police were whites, a police spokesman said. About 20 persons were known to have been injured and five were arrested.

An official of Portugal's international police denied the crowd was marching on a police station or taking part in an uprising in this Portuguese West African colony. He declined, however, to issue any details.

Gov. Gen. Alvaro Silva Tavares announced Saturday that an armed uprising, supposedly timed with the ill-fated seizure of the Portuguese liner Santa Maria, had been crushed. He said attacks were made on Luanda's police headquarters and the civil and military prisons in an attempt to free prisoners.

The governor general said both sides suffered losses, but did not say how many. The city was quiet after the shooting. Transportation ran on schedule and no army or police patrols were to be seen on the streets.

Angola is governed as a province of Portugal under the rigid one-party system of Premier Antonio de Alveira Salazar's national union.

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