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Typhoon Toll Is Counted

MANILA (AP)—The toll of dead and missing—including 32 of the 61 persons who were aboard the sunken motorship Kina—stood at 49 tonight as the Philippines mopped up for its worst December typhoon in three decades.

Twenty nine of those aboard the Kina, a Danish ship which sank in Samar Sea after grounding during the typhoon Christmas night, were reported safe. There was no word of the other 32, who attempted to ride out the storm in lifeboats and on rafts.

Press reports listed all killed at Laguna Bay, an entire family was blown into Laguna Bay with their house; five in Manila and one in Cavite.

There was no word of casualties in other sections irrevocably by the 124-mile-per-hour storm, but communications still were down and that the day may pass before a complete check is possible.

The Bureau of Posts reported a telegraphic communication with only five provincial cities had been re-established and that the rest of the radio transmitters were out.

The reports of damage ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars. The coconut and sugar crops ruined in Samar province, 80 per cent of the buildings and 80 per cent of the 500 houses destroyed at Catbalogan, capital of Samar.

Normal air schedules were expected to be restored by Monday.

Several ships delayed by the storm, including the U. S. Army transport General Meigs, with 1,361 passengers, arrived today.

The East Asiatic Co. reported that 32 of its 61 passengers, including three American women, all employees of the U. S. Army Department, who were traveling from Shanghai to the Far East and in Cavite.

The company, agents for the Kina, made the report after an exchange of messages with the merchant ship Samal, anchored at Manila. The ship was reported earlier had erroneously reported that all but five aboard the Kina were safe.

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Congressional View

Russian Squeeze On Greece Seen

By DOUGLAS B. CORWELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Greece predicted today that Russia will increase pressure on Greece by extending official recognition to a new "independent Communist" regime in the northern part of the Mediterranean nation.

Some said the results may be a call for more American military aid to Greece. Rep. Hiram B. (Calif.) suggested that the administration might ask as much as \$400,000,000.

This would be in addition to the \$200,000,000 Greek share of the \$400,000,000 Congress appropriated last Spring to aid resistance against Soviet encroachment in Greece and Turkey.

Rep. Eugene (D-Tex.), one of those who thinks Russian recognition of the new "state" will be the next move detailed by Moscow, said a reporter the administration would never have devalued if "the Greek Army had made a decent effort to clear up that Greek situation."

Marion Vilafra, leader of the forces fighting the Greek Government in the North, proclaimed by radio Wednesday the creation of an independent Communist state but did not name the boundaries or capital.

Soon afterward, Athens police announced the arrest of 454 persons accused of a Red conspiracy to assassinate former Premier Stylianos Gonatas and other political leaders.

Rep. Jonathan (D-Mich.), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said the announcement of a new Communist state "has been cooking for some time and Russian recognition is the next logical step."

Rep. Engel (R-Mich.), who is on the Appropriations Committee, said if additional money is requested for Greece, America's decision should be governed by the "overall picture" of this nation's security requirements.

Palestine Toss Mounts

By CARTER L. DAVIDSON

JERUSALEM (AP)—The spluttering war of the Middle East brought death today to four Jews and six Arabs, raising to 379 the number of fatalities since partition was announced a month ago.

Throughout the Middle East, 300 lives have been lost since Nov. 29. Police said the Jewish underground force, Hagana, made a reprisal raid on the Arab village of Silwan on the slope of the Mount of Olives. One Arab was killed and two were wounded. Five houses were destroyed. A second Arab was found dead later on the village outskirts.

BORDER CLASH

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Arabs attacked a Jewish chivalry in the fashionable Katamon quarter of Jerusalem with revolvers and grenades, but police announced no casualties.

Police reports said two Jews were killed defending a pipe line from Beersheva to Tel Aviv. The pipe line was in the hands of the Jewish underground force, Hagana, and was being used to transport oil from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea.

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Army Still Battling Bands Of Guerrillas

Konitsa Garrison Is Under Siege

By L. S. CHARLES

ATHENS (AP)—Fighting between the Greek Army and Communist guerrilla units continued in the Konitsa-Ioannina region of northwestern Greece today as the Government reportedly rushed plans for outlawing the Communist Party.

Greek troops fighting on the main highway from Ioannina, made contact with guerrillas holding the village of Konitsa. The Konitsa area, key to the main communications line from Ioannina.

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ROMA (AP)—An ANSA news agency dispatch from Milan said that a truck carrying 50 skiers from Milan to Cortina, Italy, crashed killing 21 occupants and injuring the others, some seriously.

The Italian news agency said the accident, which occurred near the town of Cortina, was caused by failure of the truck's brakes.

Some of the larger night clubs had more entertainers than customers.

The storm had caught even the weatherman by surprise. It moved in from the Atlantic Ocean area where the Weather Bureau said the snow would not reach the city.

A pair of skiers tried to cut their way through the snow on the slopes of the mountain. They were sking in Central Park, and were sking in Central Park, and were sking in Central Park.

The liner Queen Mary, one of those passengers brought their luggage to the pier aboard today after the storm had delayed her departure nearly twelve hours.

Facilities Disrupted

Bitter Snowstorm Hits New England

BOSTON (AP)—At least 100,000 people were stranded today as a blitting northeast storm covered most of New England with a snow blanket that covered two feet in depth.

Connecticut and Massachusetts bore the brunt of the howling disturbance. Highways were in a hopeless tangle of stalled automobiles, trucks and buses. Transportation was almost at a standstill. Power facilities were disrupted.

The weather bureau said the fall was over twenty inches in Connecticut and western Massachusetts and might reach two feet before a tapering off sometime this morning.

The snowfall will continue in the mountains of New Hampshire and Vermont until at least mid-day and probably will not cease in the valleys.

Drifts six feet deep hampered Connecticut highway workers who rescued a motorist and children from stalled cars on the Meriden Parkway. A school bus was overturned in filling stations.

The New Haven Railroad called the storm the worst in many years and said trains were running from one to six hours behind schedule. Commuters were so bad on the Stamford-New Canaan branch that a commuter train running behind a snowplow stalled and was three hours late reaching its destination.

Gov. Bradford of Massachusetts appealed to motorists to stay off the highways. Hundreds of cars were helpless in wind-piled drifts on the Worcester and Newburyport turnpikes. Main arteries west and north of Boston.

Six persons succumbed in Connecticut, two in Rhode Island, two in New Hampshire, one in Maine, and three in Massachusetts; all heart attacks.

Boston was hit by rain up until midnight when the temperature fell below freezing. The snowfall here was expected to be about two inches. No snow was reported on Cape Cod.

Speculation Probe

Next List May Include Officials