

22 Seized In Raids At Belfast

BELFAST, Jan. 15 (UPI) — British soldiers in Belfast were attacked by angry women and youths Saturday when the troops raided suspected hideouts of the illegal Irish Republican Army and arrested 22 men.

The soldiers drove off the mobs with rubber bullets and nausea gas, then took away the prisoners seized in the Catholic Ardoyne and Andersonstown sections of Belfast.

The raids brought the total of arrests since the beginning of 1972 to more than 200, a security spokesman said.

British army patrols were fired on by snipers at least nine times Friday night and Saturday in Belfast and in Maghera, County Londonderry.

One British soldier was reported to be in serious condition. He had been wounded by sniper fire in the Lower Falls area of Belfast.

Along the County Down border with the Irish Republic, security forces searched for six masked men who has burned down a pub frequented by British soldiers in the town of Warren Point.

In London, Scotland Yard warned Conservative Party members of Parliament to be on guard against bombs in the mail and to set up security checks on mail and parcels sent to the House of Commons and government ministers.

The alert was called after a telephoned threat Friday night to the British news agency, Press Association, from a man who said he represented Saor Eire (Free Ireland) extremists.

"We issue fair warning that certain British politicians of Tory (Conservative) stock will be receiving by post deadly parcels," the caller, who spoke with an Irish accent, said.

Welfare Paid To 14,500,000 In September

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UPI) — The number of persons on welfare rolls increased to 14,500,000 in September, the Government reported Friday.

In the same month, welfare costs declined \$10,000,000, to 1.5 billion dollars.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare said that the decline in costs was largely due to discontinuance of payments for medicine in Texas and to delays in billing by vacationing doctors.

However, the number of persons on welfare rolls went up 219,000, after four months of decline.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia cut payments in aid to families with dependent children, HEW said, and 40 states and territories reported increases in the totals of needy families getting aid.

The number of persons on welfare rolls in Illinois increased 18,500, and in Missouri, 3700. These increases ranked second and tenth, respectively.

Group Based Here Helped Find Plane

Wreckage of a Peruvian airliner that crashed in the jungles of eastern Peru on Christmas Eve was located from a light plane owned and operated by an interreligious group with headquarters in St. Louis.

Joseph G. Fabick, vice president of John Fabick Tractor Co. and president of United Missionary Air Training and Transport (UMATT), said that the wreckage was located from one of two Cessna 182 planes based in Peru by the organization. UMATT is known also as Wings of Mercy and uses light planes for relief purposes in several remote areas of the world.

The airliner had 92 persons aboard when it crashed. Included were the pilot, who was given his multi-engine and instrument flight training in St. Louis under UMATT sponsorship, and two passengers who had been active in the Wings of Mercy program in Peru. The two planes based in Peru fly about 200 hours a month, primarily on medical missions and carrying food and other emergency supplies.

HDC Gives Bonuses To Six Employees

Six antipoverty workers have received merit bonuses for "sustained superior performance," the Human Development Corporation said Saturday.

Checks of \$200 each were given to Mrs. Geneva E. Howard, administrative assistant in the Head Start Program; Mabel Humphries, professional parent co-ordinator for the Head Start Program; Johnny Lee, twice acting director of the Chouteau-Russell Gateway Center; Gwendolyn Washington, secretary for the Head Start Program; Linda Lake, secretary to the general manager, and Bill Grimes, neighborhood developer for the Pruitt-Igoe District Community Corporation.



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