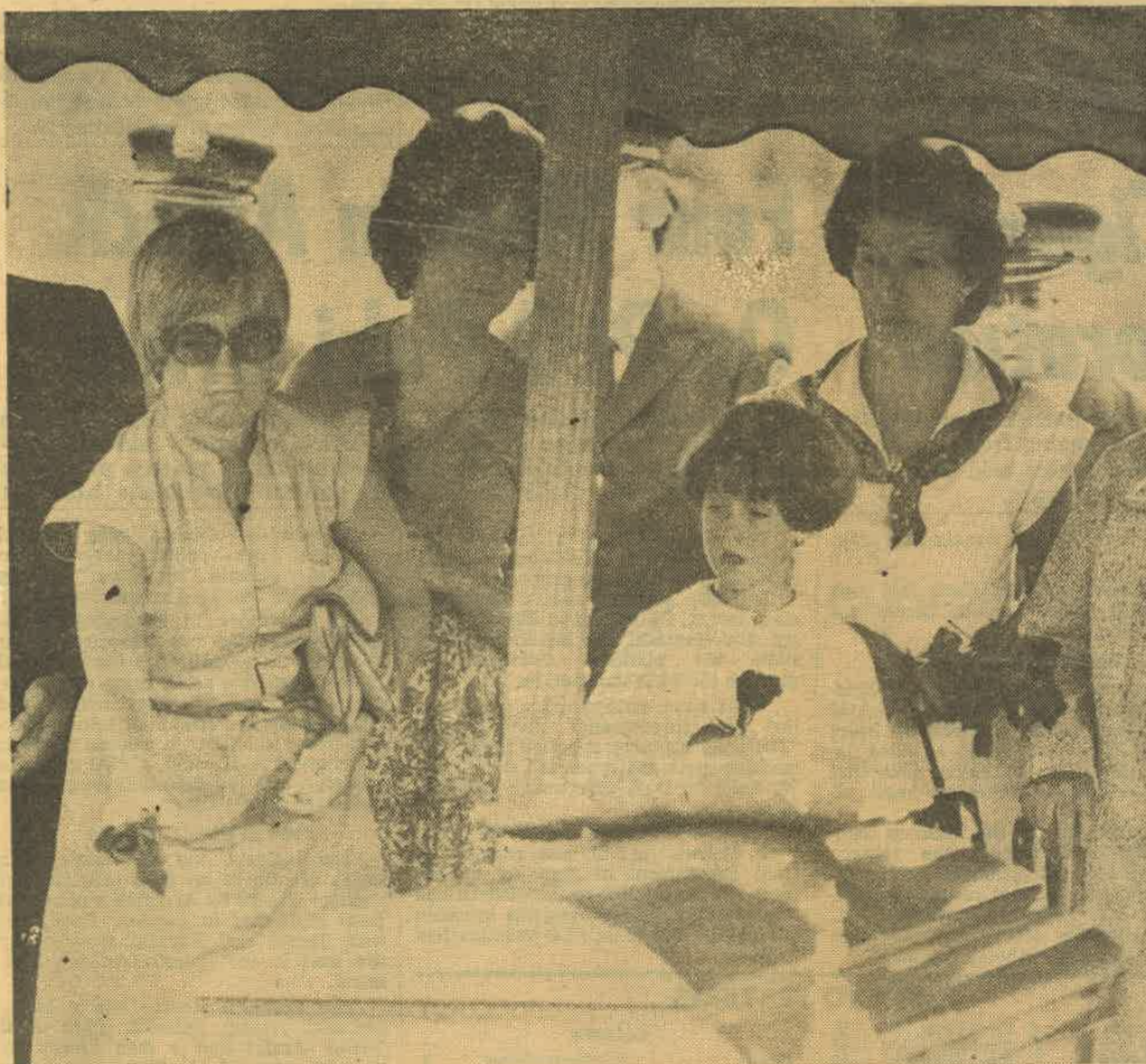


AMA: CIGARETS DAMAGE HEART

Tobacco Firms Financed Study

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Bury Fireman. Barbara Ann McManus, widow of Fireman James P. McManus, reaches to place a rose with her husband's casket yesterday at Moravian Cemetery, New Dorp, S. I. Their daughters (second and third left) Caroline, 13 and Tara, 9, hold flowers for their own farewells. Funerals were held yesterday for two of the six firefighters killed in Brooklyn supermarket fire. —Story on page 3; other pix centerfold.

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Canada Bus Falls Into Lake; Divers Seek 41 Victims

Eastman, Quebec (AP) — Divers groped along a murky lake bottom yesterday searching for a bus holding the bodies of 41 passengers, most of them handicapped, who were trapped and drowned when the bus apparently lost its brakes on a hill and plunged into the water.

Only the driver and six volunteers accompanying the handicapped people on a theater excursion managed to escape after the vehicle failed to make a sharp turn at the bottom of the hill and shot off the roadway into Lac d'Argent, 50 miles southeast of Montreal.

Alain Pouliot, one of the survivors, said the bus floated for about five minutes before it sank in 60 feet of water. "Everybody in the bus was yelling, 'Help! Help!'" he said. Moments later it sank.

Police said it had drifted about 150 yards onto the lake before it went down.

The Friday night tragedy was the worst bus accident in Canadian history.

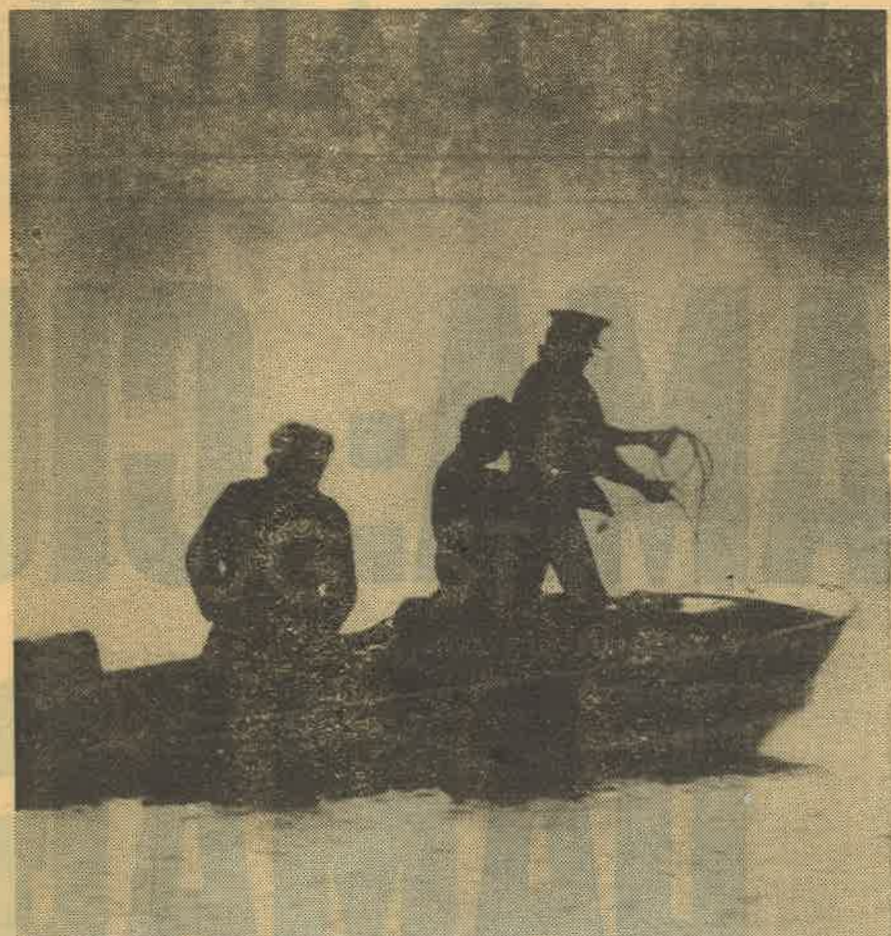
Most of the victims were members of the Society of Infirm and Handicapped of the Asbestos Region and ranged in age from 14 to 86. Two were in wheelchairs. Some were mentally handicapped and others had physical ailments.

Among the dead were two nuns, a priest and parents of the disabled persons.

A 98-Degree Turn

The group was returning home to the nearby mining town of Asbestos about midnight after seeing a French-language comedy called "A Simple Double Wedding" in Eastman. It was a special performance for the handicapped group. Free tickets had been provided by a supermarket chain.

Pouliot said the driver realized the



Quebec provincial police drag Lac d'Argent early yesterday in search for some of the 41 passengers who died when a bus plunged into the lake.

Associated Press photo



News map by Bill Kresse

Map locates area of tragic Canadian bus accident.

brakes had failed as he headed down the hill.

"The bus started to speed, and the driver told me to tell everyone to get set because he was going to do a 90-degree turn," said Pouliot. "But at the speed we were going, he couldn't turn and drove right into the water."

Pouliot said he got the bus door open and the first thing he saw was a boat anchored offshore. "I swam for the boat. There was nobody on shore, so I yelled for help."

He said residents came running from nearby summer cottages but they could not free the boat from its mooring.

Pouliot said his wife escaped from the bus through a window. "I don't know how she made it to shore, because she doesn't swim."

Driver Found Okay

Constable Alain Perron told a news conference that police "have already investigated the driver and he was in perfect condition — no alcohol, nothing."

The worst previous Canadian bus accident was July 31, 1953, when an express bus traveling from Toronto to Montreal crashed into a ditch at Morrisburg, Ont., killing 20 and injuring 19.

Study Links Cigarettes, Heart Deterioration

Chicago (UPI)—Cigarette smoking can cause irreversible heart damage and may be responsible for other maladies ranging from indigestion to cancer, American Medical Association researchers said today in a report funded in part by the nation's tobacco companies.

The \$15 million, 14-year research project was sponsored by the AMA Committee for Research on Tobacco and Health, and most of the funding was contributed by the tobacco industry's Tobacco Institute, which expected the AMA panel to refute the surgeon general's report of 1964.

"The committee believes that the bulk of research sponsored by this project supports the contention that cigarette smoking plays an important role in the development of chronic, obstructive pulmonary diseases and constitutes a grave danger to individuals with pre-existing diseases of the coronary arteries," the AMA report said.

Strokes and Heart Disease

The 365-page report is composed of more than 750 abstracts of individual research projects on the effects of cigarette smoking on various bodily functions.

Dr. Ira Singer, secretary of the committee said research into cancer-causing properties of cigarettes was minimal because "they thought the National Institute of Health had covered that area pretty thoroughly."

But the committee did find cancer-causing agents in nicotine. Researchers also found possible links between cigarette smoking and a variety of other prob-

lems — most notable strokes and heart disease.

"It makes it pretty clear that anybody with heart trouble better not smoke," Singer said.

Risk of Blood Clots

Researchers found that a combination of nicotine and a temporary lack of oxygen can cause irreversible heart damage. They also found smoking increases the risk of blood clots that could cause fatal strokes or heart attacks.

A spokesman for the Tobacco Institute, which represents the tobacco industry, declined comment on the report, saying he had not yet read it. Officials of R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc., parent company of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., also withheld comment.

Four Slain in Attack On PLO Paki Office

Islamabad, Pakistan (UPI)—Two terrorists shot their way into a Palestine Liberation Organization office yesterday and machine-gunned four persons to death in the bloodiest attack yet in a worldwide vendetta between the PLO and more radical Palestinians based in Iraq.

The gunmen killed a Pakistani policeman and three Palestinians then escaped after hurling two grenades.

But the gunmen missed their primary target, PLO Chief of Mission Yusuf Abu Hantash, who hid in his office while his would-be assassins ran through the halls shouting for him.

"This was a serious action plotted by the Iraqi government," Hantash said. "The Iraqi Embassy supplied them with machine guns and organized the attack. We hold the Iraqi government responsible."

Iraqi Government Accused

In Beirut, the PLO also accused the Iraqi government of planning the assault and said police in Bangladesh had intercepted a load of weapons intended for another attack on PLO headquarters in Dacca.

Palestinian officials have warned that the Arab vendetta threatens to start a full-scale "civil war" among Palestinians scattered around the world.

In the attack in Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, the two terrorists began shooting after police guards stopped them to examine a bag containing their guns and grenades. They killed Saad Abu Nassar, a Palestinian telex operator; Omar Khan Far, a medical student; Mohammed Al-Hussein, a PLO guerrilla studying with the Pakistani army, and a Pakistani police officer.

Feud in High Command

The incident was the latest in a series of attacks on PLO officials and reprisal attacks by Al Fatah gunmen on Iraqi diplomats in London, Paris, Kuwait, Beirut and Karachi spawned by the feud in the Palestinian high command.

The vendetta stems from a bitter personal rivalry between PLO chief Yasser Arafat and a man known by the code name of Abu Nidal, who broke away from Arafat and established his own, more radical group in Bagdad.

In Beirut five radical Palestinian groups called yesterday for an end to the clashes and said all differences

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