

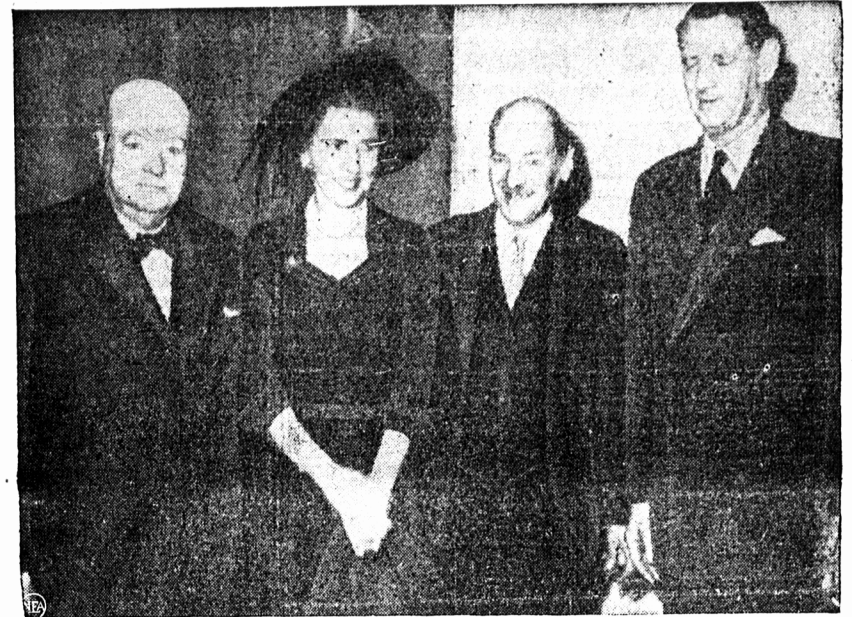
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With a firm belief her husband can do anything, Mrs. Donald Gordon is not at all anxious about his management of world's largest railway, the C. N. R., which he takes over Jan. 1. Mr. Gordon will be replaced as vice-president of the Bank of Canada by James E. Coynes.



Christmas will be brighter for hundreds of thousands of low-income Canadians if the House of Commons speeds up its handling of business so the budget is passed. There are cheques worth more than \$20 each on the average ready to go out to nearly 300,000 Canadians, but they can't be mailed yet. These cheques are going to people who now are not paying income taxes, because of the increased exemptions, but who did have taxes deducted from their pay during first four months of the year. Mary Shields, Ottawa, above displays rebate cheque.

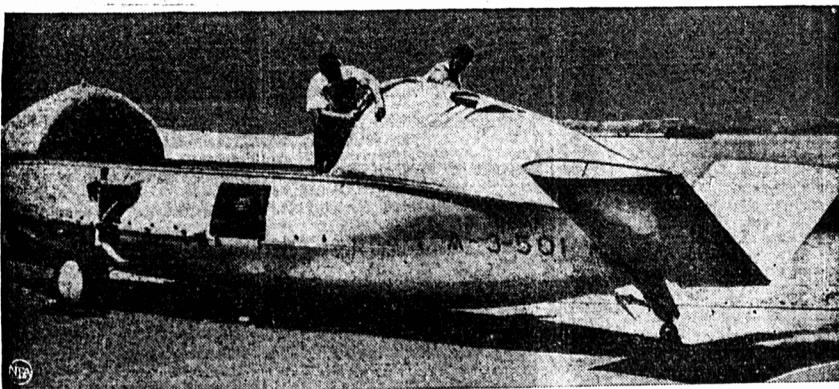


Happy Birthday, Dear Winnie

Winston Churchill (left), Great Britain's war time prime minister, celebrates his 75th birthday at a luncheon at the Danish Embassy in London. With him are (left to right) Queen Ingrid of Denmark; Britain's prime minister, Clement Attlee; and King Frederick of Denmark.



Geiger counter used here to probe for radio-active minerals may be outdated by new gamma ray spectrometer developed by University of Manitoba scientists. It is claimed the instrument can distinguish between uranium and thorium.



LAST WORD IN AIR-BORNE LIFEBOATS — This new lifeboat, designed to be carried by airplane and dropped by parachute in air-sea rescue operations, would have come in handy during the search for the B-29 that crashed near Bermuda recently. Largest and most completely equipped craft of its kind, the A-3 is nearly 30 feet long and weighs a ton and a half. It has a four-cylinder motor and carries fuel enough to cruise 500 miles. It stocks food and clothing for 15.



Ralph Kilbon, 56-year-old mining engineer, was committed for trial at Cobourg, Ont., for the mercy killing of his wife, Irine. In a statement given police, accused admitted he fired a second shot into the temple of his mentally ill wife, after a suicide attempt left her racked with agony from a .22 calibre bullet in the chest.



New president of the Young Progressive Conservatives of Ontario, by two-vote margin, is Jack McNie of Hamilton. Here enthusiastic supporters hoist him to their shoulders after vote taken at convention in Royal York Hotel, Toronto.



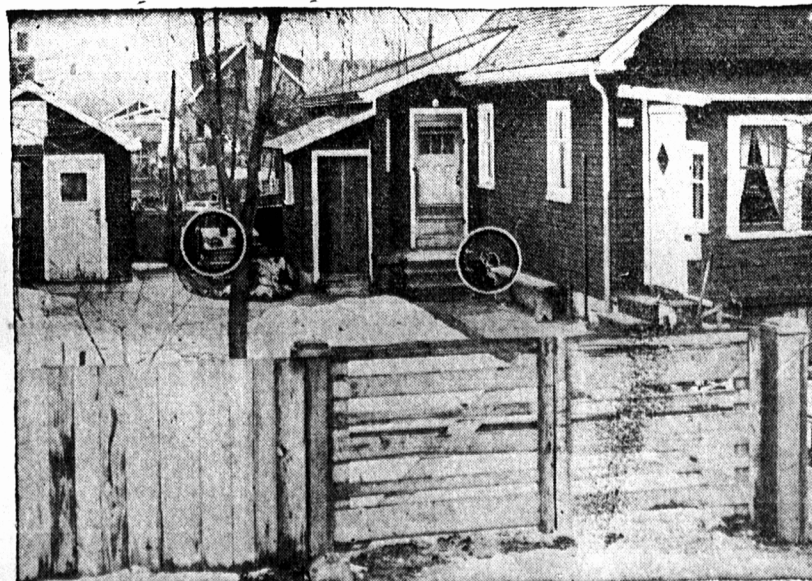
VISITING U. S. — British Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery had a wide smile as he arrived in New York aboard the Queen Mary for a two-week visit. The general sees no immediate threat of war in Europe. "If there were any, I wouldn't be here," he said.



From Ginza Street in Tokyo to "Petticoat Lane" on Middlesex Street in London, the world's shopping centers are all of a kind at Christmas. At left above, Londoners by the thousands jam the famous "Petticoat Lane" looking for Christmas bargains. At right, a



department store Santa Claus looks down on Tokyo's not-so-numerous Yuletide shoppers. Only a small percentage of the Japanese observe Christmas, but businessmen do their best to promote the holiday spirit by decorations such as these.



Scene of brutal slaying of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Katerynych, Ottawa, Ont., was their three-room cottage. Both were bludgeoned to death. Mrs. Katerynych had, in addition, a stab wound in her throat. Their two cats, circled, were the only witnesses to the crime. Worried because blinds were drawn, Mrs. Shoddy, next door neighbor, investigated, found bodies.



Police believe couple shown were slain in attempt to find supposed "secret hoard."