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GOV'T COUNTS ON FREE ENTERPRISE TO PROVIDE WORK

Russia Extends Boycott Of U. N. Committees

R. C. A. F. Planes Leave S'ide Tomorrow On Long Training Flight

The two well known Lancaster bombers, Zenith and Polaris, will take off from the R.C.A.F. station, Summerside tomorrow morning at 10:45 bearing the members of the No. 2 specialist navigation course on a trip that will take them over a giant triangle to Washington, D.C. then to California, back to Long Island and home.



Sqdn. Ldr. W. L. Gillespie

The purpose of the operation, which will be under the command of Sqdn. Ldr. W. L. Gillespie of Toronto and Summerside, is to visit military and civilian navigational establishments in the United States.

A similar trip was made this time last year by the No. 1 course which culminated in a non-stop flight from Sacramento, California, to Summerside, this year a different itinerary has been planned.

It will be practically going home for Captain L. G. Phillips of the United States Air Force who is one of the members of the course. His home town is Albany, Kentucky.

Purpose Of Trip
The purpose of the trip, according to information received from the Summerside station, is specifically to give the students and instructors an appreciation of the current U.S.A.F. and U.S.N. navigational problems; to show the students and staff the developments and trends of developments in the field of navigation and the processes by which this development is being achieved; to broaden the students' practical knowledge by actual flight experience and provide an opportunity to practice those techniques already taught in the classroom.

The trip will be an interesting one. The first stop will be at Washington to study the processes used by the U.S. Navy in making air navigation maps and charts and other navigational publications.

They will then cross the continent to the U.S. Air Force bombardment school, Mather Air Force base, Sacramento, California, to see the navigation training being given in the U.S. air force and to discuss and compare American and Canadian techniques.

Then will come the longest flight of the trip from California to Tampa, Florida, probably stopping in Texas, en route, for a visit. In Tampa the course will meet the Strategic Air Command units to

examine and discuss the navigational technique and equipment used by the U.S.A.F. Strategic Air Command and see the problems involved in their work.

On the way back they will stop at Great Neck, Long Island, to visit the Sperry Gyroscopic Co. plant to see the work involved in modern navigation instrument production; also to fly with the Sperry "zero reader" and "A-12 gyropilot."

The last visit will be at the Wright-Patterson Air Force base to inspect U.S.A.F. development work on navigational instruments. If everything goes according to schedule the course will return on Saturday, February 4th.

Those Making Flight
Pilots of the aircraft are Sqdn. Ldr. J.C.R. Brown, Toronto, captain of the Zenith and Flt. Lt. R.H. Mungall, Milton, N.B., captain of the Polaris.

Members of the instructional staff going along in addition to Sqdn. Ldr. Gillespie are: S/L G.T. Harman, R.A.F., Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, F/L G.C. Peck, Saskatoon, Sask., F/L J.J. Thurmeier, Southey, Sask., F/L H.V. Firniesz, Wakaw, Sask.

Members of the course are: F/L E.J. Haugen, Port Hope, Ont., F/L G.T. Sweeney, Port Hope, Ont., F/L N.W. Emmott, Nelson, B.C., F/L J.H. Riva, Rivers, Man., F/L W.M. Burnett, Vancouver, B.C., F/L O.S. Combs, Regina, Sask., F/L W.M. Garnett, Shulmount, Man., and Captain Phillips, U.S.A.F., mentioned above.

NEW CZECH ARRESTS
PRAGUE, Jan. 16 — (AP) — Unofficial but reliable Czech sources today reported new arrests in Prague, said to be connected with the nipping of an army revolt plot. In the absence of official comment it could not be determined how widespread the arrests were. Reasons for the arrests were not known.

Sees Good Prospects For Lumber Market This Year
OTTAWA, Jan. 16 — (CP) — Gordon Rochester, Canada's timber controller, says that Canadian lumber shippers can look with confidence to United States outlets in 1950.

"Prospective demand for lumber in the U.S. this year appears favorable and indications point to a continuation of the firm conditions in that market during the last quarter of 1949," says Mr. Rochester.

He reviews the 1949 lumber situation and prospects for 1950 in the Trade Department's weekly publication, Foreign Trade.

Mr. Rochester estimates Canada's 1949 lumber production at 5,250,000 board feet, down about four per cent from 1948's 5,464,000,000.

More than half — 64.5 per cent — of the total output was absorbed by Canadian construction and manufacturing and other industries. The United States took 31 per cent, the United Kingdom nine per cent and all other countries 5.5 per cent.

"Prosperity of the Canadian lumber industry is closely linked with its ability to market a substantial

May Return When Chinese Question Settled

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 16 — (CP) — Russia today walked out of three United Nations committees, laying down a pattern of boycott against all U. N. bodies in protest over Nationalist China's presence in the U. N.

High U. N. authorities expressed belief, however, that Russia does not intend to quit the U. N. altogether. They predicted that the Chinese question will be settled and the Russian delegates then will return.

Informed sources said the Chinese representation problem revolves around how many countries in the U. N. recognize the Chinese Communists. So far only 14 members have done so.

Little chance is seen that the Nationalists will be expelled until more than half of the 59 U. N. members break relations with Chiang Kai-Shek's Formosa Government and recognize the Peiping regime.

The council meets tomorrow, with Tsiang presiding as president for January, going ahead despite Russia's absence of world non-atomic armaments.

Non-representatives of Communist China have shown up here yet. The Russians contend they are protecting the U. N. charter by demanding Tsiang's expulsion; that seating of Chinese Nationalists in the U. N. is illegal; that Russia will not participate in illegal meetings.

Explosion At Oil Refinery
DUMAS, Tex., Jan. 16 — (AP) — A terrific explosion tonight rocked the Phillips Gasoline Refinery, seven miles southwest of here.

Ken Duke, manager of a radio station at Dumas, said the blast was felt in Dumas and that townspeople could see flames leaping high into the sky.

Duke said there was no indication of what portion of the big refinery had blown up. The plant is in operation 24 hours a day, he said.

MINTO, N. B., Jan. 16 — (CP) — Alfred West, 12, was drowned in Grand Lake yesterday when he broke through the ice while skating near his home at Weber Beach, eight miles from Minto. The body was found in eight feet of water early today. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest West, five sisters and two brothers. No inquest will be held.

Former Airman Claims \$200,000 For Invention
OTTAWA, Jan. 16 — (CP) — A man who claims he was hurt by using something he invented in 1939, is seeking \$200,000 from the Government for \$220,000 worth of practice bombs.

Gordon C. Wilson, an Ottawa inventor, doesn't claim physical damage from the bomb. He claims the Government saved \$3,200,000 by using something he invented in 1939.

He seeks the \$220,000 as compensation in the form of royalties at 10 cents a bomb on all the practice bombs the R.C.A.F. used. Prior to his invention, the Air Force used practice bombs filled with acid. They were hard to manufacture, handle and store and they could produce only black or white smoke when they exploded.

Massey Commission Is Not "Highbrow Inquiry"

By DAVE MONTOSH
FREDRINGTON, Jan. 16 — (CP) — "The Royal Commission on Arts and Sciences is not a 'highbrow inquiry' but one that interests the public as a whole, chairman Dr. Hon. Vincent Massey said in an interview here today.

Seven briefs were presented here today as the five-member commission began its 12-day Maritime tour. It will sit here tomorrow and move on to Saint John Wednesday.

Mr. Massey said that by the time the Commission has wound up its hearings it will have heard some 400 briefs. About 98 per cent of these had been presented spontaneously.

Pattern of the briefs had been the same across Canada generally speaking, except for local deviations.

There was some feeling in the West and in the Maritimes of being remote from the centre of things and a desire to have serv-

ices such as the National Gallery and Museum extended from Ottawa to touch both coasts.

The briefs seemed to embody a wish, Mr. Massey said, that cultural resources in Canada be developed and cultivated much as had been done with material resources. There was a desire for Canadian self-reliance.

There had been a great variety of briefs not only from professional and other groups directly concerned with arts, letters, and sciences, but from groups such as trade unions, farmers federations, the Canadian Legion, women and religious bodies.

"A very large proportion of the population was making its views known to the commission."

The Commission had not expected there would be such response. Briefs presented today included those of the New Brunswick Education Department, Provincial Council of Women, University of New Brunswick and the Fredericton Art Club.

Strachey Claims Food Crisis In Britain Is Over
(By Alan Harvey)
LONDON, Jan. 16 — (CP) — Food Minister John Strachey asserted today that Britain's food crisis is over and that the British people now are eating better than they did before the war.

Political sources interpreted the speech as a clue to the Labor Government's strategy for the Feb. 23 general election. Party campaign chiefs have indicated they expect food policy will rank with full employment and the cost of living among the main election issues.

"I say that we have largely overcome the crisis of the world food shortage and the crisis of dollar shortage," Strachey said. "That is not to say of course that we have reached our goal of a fully adequate food supply in every particular, but I do feel entitled to say that the crisis situation has passed."

St. Laurent Says Public Works Not The Answer

MONTREAL, Jan. 16 — (CP) — Canada has a greater potential wealth per person than any other country, Prime Minister St. Laurent declared tonight in an address prepared for delivery to the Canadian Construction Association.

"Much of that wealth, and I believe most of it, remains to be developed, and development means construction and still more construction. That is why I believe construction will long remain the watchword of the Canadian nation."

"I also believe—and I am convinced that the majority of Canadians also believe—we can best develop our resources and build up our national economy by giving the widest possible scope to private endeavour."

"But I do not believe that private endeavour and action by Government are naturally opposed to each other. In all our great periods of development there has been close co-operation—sometimes almost a partnership—between private endeavour and public enterprise."

Function of Government
"We do not want to see the greater part of construction undertaken by Governments. Of course we know Governments today have much more to do than maintain law and order and build a few roads and breakwaters."

"We must try to direct all our economic policies in such a way as to create conditions in which businessmen, builders, contractors, workers, in fact all our people, are encouraged to make their most useful contribution to the activity of the whole community."

"In looking to its future every one counts upon the construction industry to do its full part in maintaining a high level of employment throughout the country. But it would be wrong to assume that the construction industry alone can be an adequate instrument to stabilize the whole economy."

"I don't believe the industry itself would want us to try to meet all employment problems with additional construction programs. If we tried that policy, the result would be great swings in construction activity."

Place For Public Works
"What we should try to do is to pursue public construction policies which will keep the industry reasonably stable and maintain a high level of employment in construction."

"On the other hand there is no question that the maintenance of a high level of construction will greatly help to keep up the general level of employment."

"Some people seem to assume that a high employment policy means that when a pocket of unemployment appears anywhere the Government simply lets a contract—and presto! the unemployment vanishes."

"In general terms the level of employment and income depends upon the level of our export trade, the demand at home for consumer goods, upon private investment in capital goods, and only to a limited degree upon public investment and Government construction."

Mr. St. Laurent said the prospect for private construction in 1950 are bright, "but we intend to go on maintaining a backlog of postponable public projects to be available as a 'floor' whenever it may be required."

Decline Seen In Demand For Housing In Canada

OTTAWA, Jan. 16 — (CP) — Demand for housing may be falling off slightly in Canada. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation suggests the possibility in its monthly review of the housing situation, issued today.

"The 'factual summary' covering the period up to the beginning of October, 1949 said that for the fourth consecutive month there was a decline in the number of houses on which construction started."

"Although starts may have been adversely affected by the current shortage of a few building materials like cement, the decline in starts could be indicated of a falling off of effective demand," said the review.

"There has not been a sufficient protracted drop in starts yet, however, to indicate a definite turning down of effective demand."

As a result of the "trend," the number of units under construction at the beginning of October was 61,000—a four-per-cent decline from the same date in 1948.

Here are some other figures provided by the review: The number of new houses completed during the third quarter of 1949 maintained the record level set in the first two quarters. During the first nine months of 1949 63,959 new houses were completed, representing a 26-per-cent increase over the same period of the previous year.

The number of houses on which construction started during the nine months was 68,000, four per cent lower than in the same period of 1948.

Starts were falling off more rapidly in smaller urban centres and rural areas than in the larger cities. In metropolitan areas and municipalities of 5,000 people or more, the decline was only one per cent.

The number of families formed during the year, either through marriages or immigration, is an important factor in the housing picture.

For the first three quarters of 1949 the decline in marriages and immigration indicates "that for the first time since the pre-war years net family formation in 1949 will be significantly smaller than the number of housing completions."

Up to October the wholesale price index of residential building materials dropped one per cent while the average level of hourly wage rates paid to building workers rose six per cent.

In August, 1949, the labor force in the construction industry reached the record level of 382,000, indicating a rise in the volume of activity over 1948.

OPPORTUNITY FOR AUSTRALIA
SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 16 — (CP) — Devaluation has thrown Canada "wide open" for trade and now is Australia's opportunity to increase exports, G. Roulston, manufacturers' representative, said today. Roulston, who returned from the Ruler Aorangi, is Australian representative for a group of Canadian and American manufacturers.

Potato Boat Sails From Georgetown

The Danish freighter S.S. Lalla Dan sailed for Savannah, Georgia, yesterday morning from Georgetown with a cargo of 51,964 bags of seed and table stock potatoes. The boat was loaded by the Associated Shippers Incorporated and consigned to J.L. Boudreau and Company, Savannah. The Georgetown ferry with pilot Temple Goulet aboard escorted the ship out harbor in entirely ice free it is not expected that any more ships will be loaded at Georgetown this winter.

Official Figures In N.B. By-election
ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Jan. 16 — (CP) — Final, official figures for last Monday's Provincial by-election in Charlotte County were announced tonight by the returning officer, Sheriff Melville W. McCormick. They showed a total of 5,589 for the winning Liberal candidate, William N. Campbell, and 3,186 for his only opponent, Douglas Everett, Progressive Conservative. Spoiled ballots numbered 144.

New Chief of Police Named in Halifax
HALIFAX, Jan. 16 — (CP) — Verdon Mitchell, formerly a sergeant, was named chief of police for Halifax today, succeeding George Fox who resigned.

Mitchell, 33, is the youngest chief constable in the city's history. A member of the City Police Force since 1938, he is a native of Halifax and the son of the late Malcolm Mitchell, county jailer.

Convict Escapes Again, This Time In Underwear
By MARTIN DIER
HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan. 16 — (CP) — The small police force of these tiny, normally peaceful, holiday islands is engaged in a day and night hunt for a Negro convict whom no prison can hold. George LeRoy Matthews, 29, has made his fifth break from Hamilton Jail, despite special precautions taken to guard him. He cut through wire-meshed glass and half inch metal bars and squeezed through a 10-inch square gap, leaving his prison clothes on the floor of the cell where he was kept in solitary confinement.

Heading across the prison courtyard, he used a rope to scale a 14-foot wall with barbed wire on top and leaped down into an alley on the other side to freedom, clad only in his underwear.

Police and wardens have searched the colony for him in vain. Matthews stands 5 feet 7 inches, but he is a strong man. His last jail break was Nov. 11, when he was serving a 10-year sentence for burglary and unlawful wounding. During his spell of freedom then, he stole a revolver and was wounded in a gun fight after he had broken into a store. He subsequently limped into hospital and surrendered, after having dug four bullets out of his leg.

Wardens at the jail are baffled at Matthews' latest escape. His cell had been regarded as escape-proof. The electric light was kept burning in it at night and wardens looked in about three times an hour.

Apparently Matthews had been at work cutting through the bars for some time. He covered the cuts with soap and rust. Having cut through the bottom of the bars, he used his strength to force them into a horizontal position. He took along a rope which he must have laboriously weaved out of ticking and the inside of his mattress. To one end of the rope he tied the handle of a prison bucket and to the other he fixed a weight. He hurled the rope to the top of the courtyard wall, so that the bucket handle acted as an anchor hook. Scrambling over, he left the rope dangling from the wall.

How Matthews obtained a saw or file to cut through the bars is a mystery. His cell was separated from the others in the jail and he never came into contact with other convicts. He received daily exercise in the company of two wardens.

"How Matthews got through that 10-inch space baffles me," said A. J. Croke, warden of prisoners. "I tried putting my head through the gap but could get no further. No jailer in the world could have taken more precautions than we did."

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island—Clear and colder of Tuesday. West winds 25, gusts to 40, diminishing by evening to 15. Low and high at Charlottetown 24 and 33.

High tide today at 10:35 A.M. and 9:29 P.M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

AN OLD FASHIONED MAN IS ONE WHO STILL STEALS SUGAR FROM THE BOWL TO FEED HORSES!



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