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## Naval Aviation vs. Surface Ships

Should the "Maggie" Go?

By DOUGLAS HOW (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, Oct. 21 — (CP) — Should the "Maggie" go? That's the crux of an argument within the Canadian Navy about the future of its young, small fleet air arm and the 18,000-ton aircraft carrier *Magnificent* that is its core.

There are those among the Navy's officers who think Canada made a mistake when she decided to create a post-war air arm that now absorbs one-fifth of the navy's annual budget. They say Canada should quit this field and concentrate on small surface ships in preparation for revival of another convoy fleet if war comes.

The argument has gone on for years but there is no sign that it has shaken established policy based on the belief that naval aviation is an essential part of anti-submarine work and that Canada should, even on a small scale have her own facilities for training, and if necessary, for action.

In the face of published reports about it and the state of the arm's facilities, high naval sources said today "no consideration whatsoever" is being given to sending the *Maggie* home to the Britain where she was born.

Informed sources said the cabinet has never considered the issue formally and that there is no indication at this stage that the *Maggie* is on her way out, taking the air arm with her.

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## Quebec, Dominion Views Differ On Lottery Question

(By John D. Hamilton, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

MONTRÉAL, Oct. 24 — (CP) — Should lotteries be legalized? Quebec's Premier Duplessis says "Yes"; the Federal Government merely says lotteries are illegal.

Many Protestant Church leaders and a number of non-clerical groups have expressed opposition. The Roman Catholic Church in Quebec has yet to express an opinion.

But thousands of Canadians, in Québec and elsewhere, express at least tacit approval by buying tickets on the two biggest lotteries of the English-speaking world—the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes and the Quebec-run Army and Navy Sweepstakes.

Canada's criminal code makes lotteries illegal. However, smaller lotteries which give away turkeys, sacks of sugar, automobiles, are winked at. These small-scale gambling games are popular all over Canada but they are almost an institution in Québec.

For many years, Québec's political leaders have agreed that there is a contradiction in Canada's gambling laws which permit mutual gambling at race tracks but negative large-scale lotteries.

Mr. Duplessis raised the old cry in a speech at Chicoutimi, Québec, he said his Union Nationale Government favored establishment of a provincial lottery for "legitimate purposes, such as education and public health."

Federal authorities made little comment on Mr. Duplessis' proposal except to point out that the Criminal Code said lotteries are illegal. The proposal itself only echoed a 1935 bill passed unanimously by Québec's Legislature authorizing a state lottery.

## Creed-Annand Wedding In Truro

At First United Church, Truro, N.S., on Saturday afternoon the marriage took place of Helen Marie Annand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Annand, with Mr. Murray Prescott Creed, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Creed, Highfield, P. E. I.

The Rev. C. Earl Gordon officiated at the ceremony. The wedding music was played by Prof. Douglas Baker. White chrysanthemums backed with autumn leaves were arranged in the church for the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and attended by Miss Alexa Wright and Miss Kaye Annand. Mr. Vernon Fraser was groomsmen and the ushers, Messrs. Archie McCurdy, Don McLeod, Murray McKenna and Haddon McLeod.

The bride's gown was of white embroidered organza with long sleeves pointed over the wrists, full skirt gathered in a bustle in the back, net yoke at the neck with organza in an off-the-shoulder effect. Her three quarter-length veil was of tulle illusion and she carried an arm bouquet of red roses and white boudardas.

The bridesmaids wore taffeta gowns in pastel shades of green and yellow with organza overskirts. Juliette caps to match and they carried baskets of baby mums in bronze, yellow, and white.

The bride's mother chose a navy blue crepe with navy accessories and pink roses and the groom's mother wore a wine crepe gown with brown accessories.

After a reception at the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. Creed left on a motor trip through Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. They will live in Halifax.

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Harold Hanrahan, 27, of Sydney, died in hospital several hours after the accident. Harold Burchell, 32, and Archibald Pyke, 19, were slightly hurt while Fred Kite, 20, escaped. All three are natives of Sydney.

Hanrahan apparently lost control of the car while driving from Louisburg to Sydney. The machine upset and rolled 115 feet.

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TORONTO, Oct. 24 — (CP) — 12-year-old boy suffered the loss of both legs when he fell beneath the wheels of a slowly-moving Canadian Pacific Railway freight train today. Police said little hope is held for the recovery of the victim, John de Conkey. The wheels severed both legs above the knees.

CHINGFORD, Essex, England — (CP) — Chingford council have registered under an Essex county council act so that they can give themselves permission to sell ice cream.

UP AND ABOUT AT 101  
STRATFORD, Ont., Oct. 21 — (CP) — Mrs. Jemima Bowie was up and around the house as usual today as she marked her 107th birthday. "My people have always been free," said Mrs. Bowie, who may be the oldest living Canadian-born Negro.

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