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Party Leaves To Study Caribou, Ice In Arctic

(By The Canadian Press) MONTREAL, May 5 — Into the northland went 20 scientific experts by air today to study on the rim of the Arctic such unrelated questions as how high is up, how are the caribou doing these days and how strong is a snowflake.

Their five-day, 3,000-mile jaunt over the frozen north is on official records as "Operation Caribou."

Dual purpose of the operation is to count caribou herds to determine the state of these animals whose good health means, in turn, good hunting and good living for Canada's Eskimos and to observe ice conditions in Hudson Bay.

The snowflake question belongs to Dr. R. F. Leggett, and he said, that from the defence standpoint the strength of a snowflake is mighty important.

If the precision men who handle specifications for building military equipment don't know just how strong a snowflake is there could be times when a snowmobile or snow tractor would work well in the snows of the Churchill area but bog down 1,000 miles west of there.

Piloted by Ft. Lt. Jack Mills of Montreal, the scientists' four-engine R.C.A.F. North Star will follow the tree-line from Churchill to Coppermine, counting caribou herds. A. W. Banfield of the Federal Government Wild Life Service is responsible for taking a census of these nomadic animals.

Professor F. K. Hare, of McGill University headed the ice-observation project and he said Canadian theory always has been that Hudson Bay freezes over completely during the winter months. United States scientists, on the contrary, are convinced that no matter how severe the winter, there is always a patch of open water in the heart of the Bay.

The "how high is up" query is to be answered by W. B. Smith of the Department of Transport. He is going on the trip to spot locations of ionospheric observations.

Also in the party was Miss Margaret Montgomery, Winnipeg student doing post-graduate work at McGill. It is believed that she will be the first woman to fly across Hudson Bay from east to west.

Ottawa Announces Naval Appointment

OTTAWA, May 4 — (CP) — Cmdr. A.H.G. Storrs, 41, D.S.O., and Bar has been appointed director of naval plans and operations, Naval Service Headquarters announced today. Cmdr. Storrs has been deputy director of naval plans at headquarters since April, 1946.

A native of Overton, Eng., he received his early training in the Royal Naval Reserve. He served in the destroyer Galineau, commanded the corvette Drumheller and the minesweeper Caraqueet. He became senior officer of the 31st Minesweeping Flotilla shortly after being promoted to the acting rank of commander in February, 1944.

He transferred to the R.C.N. with rank of commander in March, 1946 and a month later became deputy director of naval plans.

Former director of naval plans and intelligence was Commodore H.N. Lay, who recently was appointed assistant chief of naval staff.

Expect Coalition After So. African Election

JOHANNESBURG, May 6 — (Reuters) — Informed political observers here believe that Prime Minister Smuts can only return to power at the head of a coalition after the May 26 South African general election.

The Nationalist opposition party confidently expects the Prime Minister to lose about 20 seats in rural areas where the Afrikaans vote will be decisive.

Neither the Nationalists nor anyone else are prepared to forecast what will be the result of polling in the towns, with their mixed European and Afrikaans population.

But if the Nationalists are right about the rural areas, the result will in all probability be a dead heat between the United Party (Government) and the Nationalists (Opposition), with other groups holding about 12 seats, in a position to decide whether Smuts or Dr. D. F. Malan, the Nationalist leader, shall form the new government.

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Predicts Communism To Influence Christianity

(By The Canadian Press) OTTAWA, May 5 — Gen. Albert Orsborn, world leader of the Salvation Army, predicted today that Communism will force European Christianity back to its fundamental beliefs and that nominal Christianity will die.

Gen. Orsborn, now on a Canadian tour, said his army had a mixed reception in Russian-dominated Eastern Europe and admitted the Russians might be excused for being confused about an organization that still uses martial terms like "fire a cartridge" (pay fees), "articles of war" (rules), "blood and fire" (slogan).

The English leader conferred with Prime Minister Mackenzie King, held a press conference, addressed a Canadian Club luncheon and a public rally.

MUD-HOLE SHOCK

EDMONTON — (CP) — "Mud-hole shock" put Martin E. Berg in hospital here. Witnesses said the automobile Berg was driving hit a mudhole at fairly high speed and came to a sudden stop. Berg was found slumped over the wheel. Hospital authorities said his collapse was caused by the sudden jar and shock.

Russian Action In Olympic Games Still Uncertain

(By Jack Spillivan) LONDON, May 6 — (CP) — Russian participation in the Olympic Games July 29—Aug. 14 remains a big question mark, Lord Burghley, chairman of the British organizing committee, today told more than 100 sports writers and columnists. "Anyone's guess is as good as mine," he said.

Lord Burghley, who competed in the British Empire Games at Hamilton, Ont., in 1928, told a luncheon given by the London Press Club that Russia has not yet formed a national Olympic committee—a necessary requisite if her athletes want to compete. "What will happen in the future, I don't know. Your guess is as good as mine."

He predicted that there will be people "who will lose their temper" during the games and appealed to newspaper men to refrain from "blowing up incidents when they happen and put them in their proper perspective."

He said that the organizing committee was "fully alive to the difficulties" when London was awarded the games two years ago but that most of these have been surmounted by the teamwork of officials connected with the organization.

"We want to see the 6,000 men and women athletes go home feeling not only that they have seen a great sporting spectacle but also that they've had a chance of understanding, and therefore liking, the young men and women from other countries," Lord Burghley said.

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Port Strike Ties Up St. John's, Nfld.

(By The Canadian Press) ST. JOHN'S Nfld., May 6 — This Newfoundland Capital's waterfront was completely idle tonight as a total of some 3,000 port workers joined a strike that began Saturday.

Longshoremen walked off the job Saturday over a wage dispute. Truckmen, freight handlers and the Brotherhood of Steamship Clerks joined the strike today. They said they would not handle goods until the dispute is settled.

There was a battle of words through the mails, meanwhile, as the opposing sides argued their points.

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