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CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA CITRUS CROP THREATENED

BIG PROGRAM SHAPES UP FOR ARMED FORCES

Farm & Public Health Problems Reviewed At Junior Farmers Course

Sailing Of Queen Mary Postponed

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Jan. 4 (AP)—Sailing of the damaged liner Queen Mary for New York today was postponed for another 24 hours.

A Cunard White Star Line official said the decision not to sail was made because a 120-ton temporary concrete patch deep in the hull of the 81,335-ton vessel had not hardened sufficiently.

More than 200 workmen labored all night to put in the repair job in an area of strained and loosed rivets, damaged when the giant ship ran aground at Cherbourg Saturday.

G. F. Hughes, Cunard general manager at Southampton, said "the cement was not set—and it's pure hard luck."

Announcement of the delay in sailing was made five minutes before the deadline for departure of vessels of the size of the Queen Mary. Right up to the last minute, an announcement on the ship's bulletin board said she would sail. Smoke poured from the vessel's stacks and the "blue peter" departure flag was flown.

The Mary now is three days behind schedule. If she gets off tomorrow she could reach New York next Monday.

Uncertainty over the Mary's sailing delayed for a few hours the maiden trip of the new Cunard ship, the 34,000-ton Caronia, also bound for New York.

The Caronia was held in its berth for a while with the idea that the Queen Mary would have the whole harbor to herself in which to maneuver.

The swifter Queen Mary, even if she sails a day later, would still be expected to beat the Caronia to New York.

Enthusiastically carrying out a variety of activities, from early morning outdoor exercises until well into the night preparing for tonight's Mock Parliament, the Junior Farmers attending the Junior Course at St. Dunstan's, talks by Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture on "Better Farm Practices"; Rev. Lewis Murray on "Youth Camps and Rural Programs"; Dr. Harold Shaw on "Our Public Health Problems"; Rev. Father Adolphus Gillis and Mr. Alex Laidlaw, both of St. P. Extension Department on the Co-operative Movement, and also viewed a couple of excellent films.

The loud clanging of the dormitory bell at 7:15 a.m. roused the majority of the Junior Farmers to a 15 minute period of P.T. under the energetic leadership of Mr. Leo MacIsaac. It is an indication of the good spirit of the participants that all seemed to enjoy this short period of exercise, although it was suggested that a short period of P.T. be included in the program.

St. Dunstan's was "a good trade" for a round of chores and cow-milking considerably earlier at home.

The practice of selecting one of the number to act as chairman and conduct the proceedings for the day is being followed. William Cairns, Fredericton did an excellent job in this capacity yesterday and Mr. O'Hanley of St. Margaret's is carrying on today.

Discusses Farm Practices

Substituting for Dr. Lloyd W. Shaw who was indisposed, W. Leo Shaw, B.S.A., M.B.E., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, gave his talk on "Better Farm Practices" which was scheduled for the afternoon, at the first period in the morning.

Warning against the insidious thief of fertility, erosion, Mr. Shaw emphasized that all farmers must take steps to retain the valuable topsoil. He advocated the use of cover crops after the harvesting of early crops, contour plowing and a mixed farming program based on dairying which is the "keystone" of New York.

Provinces Win In Rates Skirmish

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 (CP)—Seven Provinces opposing railway freight rate increases today won a preliminary skirmish in advance of the main battle over a new 20-per cent rate hike.

They gained from the Board of Transport Commissioners an order compelling the Canadian Pacific Railway to furnish certain financial information for the case. The C.P.R. opposed the move.

Margarine May Be White, Lemon Or Green

By George Kitching
OTTAWA, Jan. 4 (CP)—When margarine hits the market in full flood, don't be surprised if the pound you buy turns out to be a flat white, a meekly-toned lemon or even seaweed green.

One thing seems certain. It won't have the rich, gold hue of butter.

The expectation here is that the dairy industry, including the man who milks the cow and the man who makes the butter, will press for legislation to bar any attempt to produce butter-colored margarine. They want to make sure the consumer knows he is buying margarine and not butter.

No one here is sure just who is going to establish the standards for margarine, whether it is to be the Dominion or the Provinces. The Dominion is waiting to see what attitude the Provinces adopt and the Provinces have an equally cautious eye on Ottawa.

The uncertainty arises from the Supreme Court decision which said, in effect, that the Dominion had no right to ban the manufacture and sale of margarine, even though it had been doing it for 62 years. The authority over margarine, the court went on, belonged to the Province.

The Dominion, under the Food and Drugs Act, is known to have drafted some sample regulations for margarine, and these are understood to touch on the question

Truman To Deliver Annual Message Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (CP)—President Truman tomorrow will deliver to congress his annual message on the state of the union. It is he may touch on plans for military aid to countries in the front line of democracy's "cold war" with Russia.

The message to be read personally by the President to a joint session of the two Houses of Congress, will deal chiefly with domestic issues, but in view of the seriousness of the world outlook almost certainly will make some reference to foreign affairs.

U. S. Air Force Transport Crashes

COLFAX, Calif., Jan. 4 (AP)—A United States Air Force C-47 transport crashed eight miles southeast of here in the Sierra Nevada foothills tonight. Searchers reported finding seven persons dead.

Capt. Harry G. Fisher said at McLean Field, Sacramento, before leaving for the crash scene that his information was that the plane was a weather ship.

Fisher said he had no further details. It was snowing at the crash scene.

Reds Rebuff Peace Talk By Chinese Nationalists

SHANGHAI, Jan. 4 (CP)—The Chinese Government's "peace offensive" was rebuffed tonight in a Chinese Communist broadcast terming it "nothing but a blunder."

From the Government side came a rising clamor for a truce and a negotiated settlement. But the Communists, who have been wincing the civil war, indicated they would have no part of it.

The Communist radio, monitored here, said that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek had claimed that his Nationalist forces were 10 to 20 times stronger than the Communists. The broadcast quoted the (Communist) New China News Agency as saying the Communists have 3,000,000 men under arms and asking how the Nationalists could have an army of 60,000,000.

Nanking reported growing anxiety among Chinese. Neutral observers in that nationalist capital predicted that the Communists would demand that the Government armies—not the Red armies—lay down their arms.

A usually-informed source in Nanking said:

Lost Money By Undershooting Bacon Target

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 (CP)—Canada lost \$12,000,000 in American Economic Co-operation Administration funds by being unable to meet a British request for bacon, a Government source disclosed.

He said last night that because of British and Canadian difficulties, the Dominion could not deliver some 220,000,000 pounds of bacon the United Kingdom wanted during 1948. Canada undershot her target by more than 21,000,000 pounds.

As a result a \$12,000,000 E.C.A. authorization for Britain to buy Canadian bacon in the fourth quarter of 1948 was cancelled in Washington.

However, the source said Canada did expect to complete her initial 1948 contract to ship 195,000,000 pounds of bacon during the next few weeks. So far more than 180,000,000 pounds had been shipped.

The source gave two main reasons for Canada's failure to reach the target:

1. Britain, because of her dollar shortage, was unwilling to take a surplus of bacon when it was available during the early months of 1948.
2. Lifting of the United States cattle embargo in August brought up the price of beef in Canada and porkers turned to bacon and pork. As a result there was little bacon left over for shipment in the latter months of 1948.

However, the source believed Canada would be able to live up to her 1949 commitment to ship 190,000,000 pounds of bacon to Britain in 1949.

Shipment would start soon, he said, Britain paying the same 1948 price of \$36 a hundredweight for grade "A" Whitehead under the new Anglo-Canadian food agreement.

S' side Air Station Gets Wings Back

Interesting Ceremony At R. C. A. F. Station As Aircraft Is Christened.

News In Brief

BERLIN, Jan. 4 (AP)—The Russian-licensed newspaper National Zeitung today accused British and United States officers of shunting more than 8,000 tons of air-lift coal into the black market of fuel-short Berlin. Anglo-American officials promptly retorted: "Nonsense" and "poppycock."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—The United States today boosted foreign aid to China by \$16,490,000 to provide emergency food supplies of wheat and rice to seven large population centres in that civil war-ravaged country.

LONDON, Jan. 4 (Reuters)—Snow continued to fall in Northern Britain today, with danger of outlying places being cut off. In southern districts heavy rain started floods. Snow was reported on a line from Aberystwyth on the Welsh coast to Yarmouth in East Anglia.

Drunk Sits In Car In Path Of Train

PLASTER ROCK, N.B., Jan. 4 (CP)—The drama of a fast freight train roaring toward an automobile parked on the tracks, with its driver remaining behind the wheel, was unfolded in police court today before Clarence Mowbray's conviction on a charge of drunken driving New Year's eve.

Station agent L.E. Snarr said that after giving clearance for the train he noticed the car on the tracks and found the Arthurette man at the wheel.

Warnings of the danger aroused no response. Snarr then called police, grabbed two flares and ran down the track in an effort to stop the train. Meanwhile a constable arrived but was unable to remove Mowbray.

Snarr lit a flare but the snow extinguished it as the train neared. A second flare was seen by the engineer just in time to avert a collision. The train stopped a few feet from the car.

Mowbray was sentenced to three months in jail and fined costs of \$150, with an alternative of another month in jail.

Britain To Get Bacon, Eggs In Deal With Poland

By Robert Jewett
LONDON, Jan. 4 (AP)—An encouraging gain in British-Polish relations was seen tonight in a five-year bacon and eggs pact expected to be signed soon.

A board of trade spokesmen said the two countries would exchange about \$50,000,000 (\$200,000,000) worth of goods under the proposed trade agreement—greatest east-west commercial deal since the war.

The spokesman said Poland and Britain had reached agreement on "all major details" in three months bargaining. A British negotiator left for Warsaw yesterday to wind up the deal.

A Foreign Office spokesman said trade treaties with the Soviet satellite states were an "encouraging gain toward better relations."

The last of the new pieces of equipment to come into the limelight is the American Fairchild

Report Canned Whale, Seal Meat Nutritious

By Kay Rex
OTTAWA, Jan. 4 (CP)—The Canadian diet may be broadened and Newfoundland may develop an important industry due to a chance discovery by a Health Department official.

While visiting Newfoundland he found canned whale and seal stocked in groceries. Back in Ottawa analysis showed the marine meat "actually more nutritious than ordinary beefsteak."

Newfoundlanders are fish-eaters rather than meat-eaters, but they are most partial to the occasional bit of whale or seal. However, despite the Island's large sealing and whaling industry, this type of canning is done on a small scale and only for home consumption.

If they got encouragement it could become quite an industry," said the official. "Meat is a protein food and both the whale and seal meat average a considerably-higher protein content than any of our common meats—such as beef and mutton."

Known as "Polar Steak," the canned whale is put up with onions and gravy, similar to the ready-to-serve steak and onions found on Canadian grocers' shelves.

New Plane For Airborne Brigade

BY DOUGLAS HOW
OTTAWA, Jan. 4 (CP)—On the eve of her first defence alliance, Canada is embarking on an armaments program that will equip her three small regular forces with new air and sea craft whose cost will tower well into the millions of dollars.

A definite and concerted program, marking the first post-war upsurge on military equipment, has been shaping up here over the past few weeks.

Its full financial impact won't strike the Federal budget this coming fiscal year by any means, but it will eventually embrace indefinite quantities of two jet fighters for the air force, a new type of surface craft and a fighter plane for the country's anti-submarine navy and now a transport plane to guarantee the mobility of the army's airborne brigade.

The armaments program will certainly strengthen Canada's hand as a participant in Atlantic security pact discussions later this year. It also promises not only that defence costs will be up again this year but that they will stay high for some indefinite period.

It will be 1950 before production of the new craft really begins to roll. There has been no official estimate of cost but one of the new sub-hunting craft alone will cost at least several million dollars.

It is one of the complicating factors of defence planning that costs all along the line have soared since the war.

The last of the new pieces of equipment to come into the limelight is the American Fairchild

The R. C. A. F. station at Summerside got its wings back yesterday at a ceremony in one of the hangars before the officers of the station and invited guests. The first aircraft to be attached to the only air navigation school in Canada was officially christened "the Zenith" by Air Commodore F. C. Wait, C.B.E., group commander of 10 Group, Halifax, who said that the occasion, in a sense, also was the official opening of the school. As Air Commodore Wait pushed a button that caused a silver pitcher to tip and pour its contents of champagne over the nose of the plane and at the same time the flags which covered the name to fall away he said: "I christen thee Zenith. May all your courses be true ones and all your landings be happy ones."

Squadron Leader W. C. Langstaff, D.F.C., commanding officer of the station opened the proceedings by welcoming those present and expressing his regret at the absence of Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard, who was unable to be present. He commended the work of the personnel for making this occasion possible and said that the arrival of the aircraft on the station means a great deal to them.

Air Commodore Wait also added his own words of welcome and said it was an important day for the station. The main purpose of the gathering was to christen the new aircraft, and to officially open the air navigation school. He reviewed, briefly, the history of the station since the end of the war and said it had gone through difficult periods when there were rumours that the station would close down. The road is now clear for the station to go ahead and take its place in the defence of Canada. The new runways are nearly finished, he said, and a good job has been done on them. Lots of other changes would be seen, he told the gathering, such as new construction and the tearing down of old buildings.

The job of the new school would be to teach the basic principles and advanced ideas of navigation and to carry out research and experimentation. The school is now staffed by experts

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Tito Nabs Him



Dr. Oren Blagojevich, above, deputy finance minister of Yugoslavia, has been arrested while trying to flee the country, according to Belgrade. One of Yugoslavia's top economists, Blagojevich supposedly confessed that he intended to "flee the country and defraud it."

Funeral Yesterday Of Senator Sutherland

INGERSOLL, Ont. Jan. 4 (CP)—Funeral services were held today in a quiet farm-home setting near here for former farmer-politician Senator Donald Sutherland, who died New Year's Day at 86. Rev. George Murdoch of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church told the congregation "the quality of thoroughness predominated all through the life" of the former Progressive Conservative Senator, member of Ontario "Whatever he did was done well."

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 (CP)—A new round of financial demands is developing in Canadian labor as 1949 opens. However, the pressure in many unions may be turned towards obtaining security benefits such as pensions rather than outright pay boosts.

Record Freeze Threatens Huge Loss

Blizzards Rage Over Large Areas; Rail And Highway Traffic Stalled.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 (AP)—Thousands of train passengers were marooned by a raging midcontinent blizzard today after rampaging winter raked the Southern United States with tornadoes and gave the California-Arizona citrus belts their worst killing freeze in 23 years.

At least 59 persons were killed and more than 300 injured in tornadoes that ripped across sections of Louisiana and Arkansas late Monday. A blizzard stopped all major trains in two states and smothered highway travel in parts of Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Kansas.

The California freeze, worst in 36 years, threatened the rich orange and lemon crop with heavy damage.

The blizzard, whipped by winds of gale velocity, also killed livestock and halted industrial operations.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4 (AP)—Even Florida didn't escape today's Southern California freeze.

At 20th Century-Fox Studio, a set representing a Florida lake for a hurricane scene froze over. Water lilies and other tropical plants withered.

Old-timers in South Dakota called it the "worst storm" they ever saw.

Blizzard conditions also continued for the third day in parts of Colorado. Schools closed in many Wyoming and Colorado communities.

An estimated 2,000 motorist bus passengers and others were

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TORONTO, Jan. 4 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 9b 3b; Vancouver 22 23; Jasper 15 21; Edmonton 5 29; Regina 30b 7b; Winnipeg 2b 5b; Port Churchill 19b 7; Port Arthur 23 34; White River 10b 25; North Bay 7 20; Toronto 20 36; Ottawa 19 26; Montreal 25 29; Quebec 25 26; Saint John 30 30; Moncton 27 28; Halifax 32 34; Charlottetown 30 36; Sydney 30 34; Yarmouth 33 34.

Below:

HALIFAX, Jan. 4 (CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Wednesday.

Synopsis:

A large area of high pressure covers Eastern Canada and the weather is good, although skies remain overcast. However, on Wednesday there should be sunny periods in almost all districts.

A disturbance over Northern Quebec is moving southeastward and will bring snowflurries to the northern regions Wednesday evening. Another disturbance over the Central United States is likely to affect all forecast districts Thursday.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island—Overcast with widely scattered snowflurries tonight. Wednesday cloudy, with little change in temperature. Light winds. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 23 and 32.

High tide this morning at 1:58 and this afternoon at 3:09.

Sun sets this evening at 4:30 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:42.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Daily Except Sunday
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Leaves Tormentine 10:35 A.M. 2:40 P.M. 7:50 P.M.
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Leaves Borden 6:45 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 8 P.M.

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