

# Britons Find Much To Be Thankful For



**REVEALS OLD CRIME**  
The recent arrest of Henry Mueller (above) 48, on a minor charge in Chicago is reported to have led to the revelation of an old killing. Mueller told of being robbed in 1909, when he was 12, and of slaying the bandit 10 years later in San Jose, Calif., allegedly in "self-defense." He said he escaped to Chicago and went into the junk business. Mueller has a wife and 5 children.

## Return to Homeland Predicted For Douks

**VANCOUVER, Dec. 8** — Nick Hudakoff, 38, Canadian born ex-serviceman and Doukhor, predicted in an interview here that 15,000 of the 25,000 sect members in Canada would go to Russia to "fulfill the Doukhor destiny."  
Hudakoff, a carpenter, lives here with his wife and 13-year-old daughter, Kathleen, in his own home, a three-room frame bungalow.  
He prophesied that recent disturbances in British Columbia were not nearly over and that they would lead to "bloodshed" before quieting down.  
Hudakoff joined the Canadian army in defiance of the traditional Doukhor ban against bearing arms and served 14 months in Canada. "I was in the army, I smoke, and then I take a drink, just like anyone else."  
"In other words, I am following the Canadian way of life. But I was born a Doukhor and I'll die a Doukhor, and I would gladly give up all these things and move to Russia with my family, if the other Doukhorists will have us when they go."  
He said he had no fears of tyranny or suppression in Soviet Russia or that he would be compelled to join the Russian army.  
"I don't think we'll stay long in Russia anyway. According to ancient prophecies, when the thousands of Doukhorists return to Russia from North America they will remain there only a short time before moving, probably to a district in Turkey which has never been bloodshed in its entire history. There we will stay forever."

## COCOA'S BIRTHPLACE

The cacao tree was first known in Latin America.

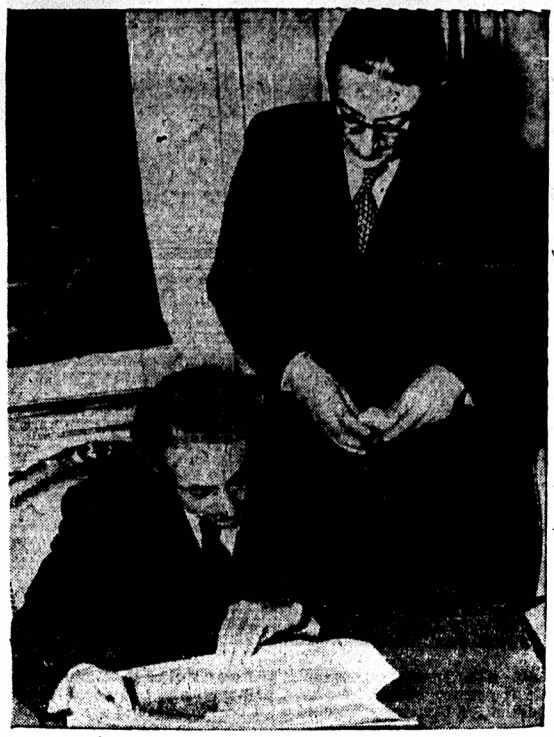
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## Science Probes Unique Sex Life Of Warlike Ants

**NEW YORK, Dec. 8** — (AP) — On a lush island in Panama, scientists are trying to solve three mysteries in the sex life of army ants, including a unique assembly-line precision in births of sexless workers.  
These mysteries govern the behavior of the big ants, which get their popular name from their military habits.  
The science team is headed by Dr. Theodore C. Schneirla, psychologist and curator of the department of animal behavior at the American Museum of Natural History. Studies of animal behavior promise new insight into problems of genetics and evolution and possibly of human behavior.  
Army ants probably have existed in some form for 55,000,000 years, Dr. Schneirla said. There are many species, mostly in tropical areas. One kind of underground army ant lives as far north as southern Ohio.  
Dr. Schneirla now is making his sixth visit since 1932 to Barro Colorado Island in Gatun Lake on the Panama Canal to study the species (Eciton Hamatum) of army ants there. Colonies of 50,000 to 100,000 worker ants, ruled by a single queen, roam and battle in the dense island forest.  
The three puzzles to be investigated particularly are the clock-like regularity in production of huge worker broods, the appearance of new queens and the once-a-year birth of males.  
The light brown workers are an eight to half an inch long. The queen is nearly an inch long and when reproducing is 20 to 30 times the size, in volume, of the largest workers. Raiding war parties of workers forage for food, killing other insects, and sometimes even snakes, frogs, or small animals.  
Tracking the ants, Dr. Schneirla found that for 17 days they are nomads, moving nightly in a long column to a new bivouac under a fallen tree or other shelter. During this time they send out highly-developed raids. Then for 20 to 21 days they suddenly halt, staying in one spot with little raiding. After this pause, the nomadic life begins again.  
He discovered this strange precision was due to the queen's sex cycle. With unvarying regularity, the queen lays up to 30,000 eggs every 35 days, and these hatch into sexless female workers. The colony, Dr. Schneirla said, remains in one spot until the workers are stimulated to travel by the increasing activity of the developing brood, which they carry along with them. High mortality from natural enemies keeps the ant colony from expanding to undue size.  
Sometimes during the dry season, between mid-December and April, the queen lays a smaller number of eggs, and from these come not only the usual workers but also a number of queens. A bit later, the queen lays only some 3,000 eggs and all of these become winged males. Part of a colony may follow a young queen and the queen is mated no more than once a year, and perhaps only once in a lifetime.



Daniel Mayer (left), the new French minister of labor, and Mr. Jule Moch, the new minister of the interior, are pictured as they read the French newspapers' reaction to the selection of the new French cabinet by Premier Robert Schuman. Minister Mayer's job is not a top pleasant one, with almost all of France's industries snarled by Red-inspired strikes.

## It Swims, Moons But What Is It

**By LESLIE BRODIE**  
(Canadian Press Correspondent)  
**SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 8** — (CP) — Residents of the little town of Gundagai in the south-west of New South Wales believe they have discovered a freak animal to rival the platypus.  
The "thing" has been seen by more than one of the townfolk and each has verified descriptions given by the original discoverers, Ern Elphick and Phil Slater.  
It is said to have a long black body covered with hair, and a thick, swan-like neck, but no head. Two floppy ears hang from the upper part of the neck and it spouts water from a point near its rump.  
It makes a sound like the low moaning of a bull and swims with its neck about a foot out of the water.  
Elphick and Slater, who are described by friends as "almost totalitarians," were on a fishing trip about three months ago when they saw the strange creature in a lagoon about seven miles from Gundagai.  
Since then several people have gone out at night with spotlights attached to their automobiles to hunt for it and all have reported seeing it. One man fired several shots at it with a heavy calibre rifle without results.  
Local bookmakers are taking bets on what the creature is. Some maintain that it is a seal escaped from a circus; others say it is an amphibious sheep; but the favorite guess is that it is one of the local boys taking a swim.

## Crop-Dusting Machine

**WINNIPEG** — (CP) — A new machine for dusting field crops, said to distribute weed killer through a 40-foot boom, is scheduled to go into construction shortly.  
L. A. Ash of Winnipeg, its inventor, says the machine can be adjusted to any tractor or jeep and is designed to dust wheat, oats, barley and flax.

## DOES COURTESY PAY?

**'MOOSE JAW, Sask.** — (CP) — Alderman Gordon Ferguson, a member of the city police commission, isn't sure whether or not it pays to obey traffic by-laws — when he stopped at an intersection recently to let a pedestrian cross, another automobile crashed into the rear of his car.

## Oil Complicates Racial Problem In Middle East

**(By James D. White, Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst)**  
Jews and Arabs in Palestine are writing another bloody warning that an old foe of human peace remains unconquered.  
Around the world racial hatred burns in the hearts of men who often cannot distinguish among races until they see their fellow creatures eat or worship, or hear them talk.  
Racism knows no frontier and travels with ignorance, greed, bigotry and violence everywhere.  
Palestine illustrates how racial hatred complicates and confuses an already muddled situation.  
It is bad enough that Jews and Arabs bear each other the misprison of long religious, political and economic friction. It is worse that minorities among Jews and Arabs have piled recent excesses on these historic differences.  
It is still worse that both communities blame each other collectively for what minorities have done.  
To tie the knot harder, Palestine is a world crossroads essential for access to Middle Eastern oil. To tie it still harder, the twin giants of world power, Russia and the United States, are vitally concerned. Such external interest cannot easily encourage Jews and Arabs to subside, because each could obtain decisive help against the other.  
Palestine's explosive potential is partly responsible for the first Russo-American agreement of importance in some time—when the two powers agreed on partition and independence for Palestine. This confronts the United Nations with the problem, in case Arabs and Jews do not settle their differences peacefully in the meantime of replacing British authority there next summer.  
Delicate balances are involved at every step, and are menaced by one more source of trouble as long as Arabs and Jews kill each other simply because they are Jews and Arabs.  
Palestine, however, is merely the hottest test-tube in the racial laboratory. Men hate each other throughout the globe for many reasons, but among them usually can be found reasons reducible to the simple fact that the hated have inherited real or fancied traits from ancestors they did not

## Work Of Far Eastern Commission Is Halted

**By CLYDE BACKBURN**  
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 8** — (CP) — Russian refusal to compromise has virtually halted the work of the Far Eastern Commission which holds weekly, futile sittings here in the former Japanese Embassy, it is learned from a reliable source.  
The commission of the 11 countries, including China, which contributed to the downfall of Japan, seems completely snagged on the question of reparations and on plans for a preliminary conference on a Japanese peace treaty.  
Russia, which came into the war against Japan where it was virtually won, is reported to be demanding a comparatively huge percentage of the total reparations to be collected.  
That stand alone has contributed to a deadlock on the reparations question which saw original claims for more than twice the amount that experts have estimated can be collected.  
About the only unquestionable claim was that of Canada which asked for little more than one per cent.  
Members of the commission maintain the utmost secrecy about their deliberations but it was learned on good authority that Soviet intransigence has rendered the weekly meetings comparatively pointless and unproductive.  
It is understood that the commission has disposed of virtually all problems that can be dealt with in spite of Soviet obstruction.



Assistant director of the Korean National Police, Talk S. Chang, leader in the fight against communism in South Korea, warns that Red agitators in the U. S. zone are spreading word that when U. S. troops withdraw, Soviet forces will take over and put patriots to death. Chang, who also is chief of the Seoul police department, said propagandists are working to win Koreans over to Russia.

A compromise plan on reparations recently presented by the United States has been ignored by number of members as well as Russia but the belief seems to be the others would compromise if Russia gave the lead.  
The long-standing American proposal for a preliminary conference to plan for a peace conference has been rejected by Russia and the understanding is that China refuses to go into such a meeting unless Russia goes along.

## Hot Eviction Notice

**HASTINGS, N. Z.** — (CP) — When Bridget Veronica Hanly, a widow, appeared in court on a charge of setting fire to her own house, police said she told them she had been driven to setting the fire to get the present occupants out. She pleaded guilty and was committed for sentence.

## POLICEMEN NEEDED

**VANCOUVER** — (CP) — Scarcity of applicants has resulted in a drive for police recruits in Vancouver. Fifty-six new constables are needed to fill the gap caused by the newly-granted 44-hour work week. Constables previously worked 48 hours.

## Victory Song Named Harness Horse Of '47

**(By The Associated Press)**  
**NEW YORK, Dec. 8** — Victory Song, champion trotter from the Castleton Farms stables of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Johnson, Jr., at Lexington, Ky., Saturday was named "harness horse of 1947" by a committee of 50 sports editors, race writers and radio commentators.  
Creator of a world mile record of 1:57 3/8 for stallions, Victory Song was awarded the honor by a narrow margin over his stablemate, Hook Mon, winner of the Hambletonian in a record 2:00 flat as well as the Hopeful trot in California and the Kentucky futurity.

## Clarke Opens New Winter Service

**MONTREAL, Dec. 8** — A new winter fast freight service between Halifax, N. S., and St. John's, Newfoundland, has been announced by Clarke Steamship Co. Limited. The service will be maintained by their steamer "North Pioneer", well-known on the St. Lawrence.  
The "North Pioneer" handles 1000 tons of general cargo and is of the latest type, being equipped with radar, direction-finding devices, and echo-sounding gear. The vessel has "tween decks and double gear throughout.  
Known already as the "rescue ship," the "North Pioneer" first earned fame last August when she was used to rush supplies to remote places on the Arctic rim scry of the ill-fated "Manoel". The ship was chartered by Hudson's Bay Co. to complete the "Nascopie's" original itinerary. She also figured in other rescues this past season, notably with relief of the "Manchester City".  
The "North Pioneer" is under command of Capt. J. A. Ouellette. Her first sailing will be from Halifax on December 19th with sailings to Newfoundland regularly every ten days.  
Clarke have appointed agents in Toronto, Halifax and St. John's to promote the new service. In Toronto, Montreal, Steamship Ltd., in Halifax, T. A. S. De Wolf & Sons Ltd., will act as Clarke representatives.

## ROBERTO ALGER STORY

**LONDON** — (CP) — L. Tobin, who 12 years ago was an office boy, recently completed a \$940,000 (\$2,500,000) property deal for his firm.

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