



### Arctic Explorer's Feat Memorialized In Statue

By TOM FAIRLEY  
STEINKJER, Norway (CP)—A half-forgotten Arctic explorer, 27 years dead, has been given a place of honor in his home town. A grateful Canadian government joined with Norway in erecting a bronze statue to Otto Sverdrup, whose voyages at the turn of the century helped to chart the Canadian Arctic. And a Canadian explorer of Norwegian birth came to Steinkjer for the unveiling ceremony.

10,000 townsfolk that he hopes some Canadian community will join in recognition of Sverdrup by erecting a replica of the statue in its own park. "The names of Sverdrup and Norway will ever be linked with that of Canada through the great islands in the Canadian Arctic which bear his name and which were first discovered and charted by him and his associates," he preserved as a museum in Oslo, said. Sverdrup's ship, the Fram, is with admission charges being used for other projects by the Norwegian Fram Society, which is responsible for the Sverdrup monument as well as preservation of the old vessel. Larsen lauded the project to save the Fram and wondered if his own ship would fare as well. At present the St. Roch is in Vancouver harbor, its future uncertain.

### Fine Example Set By Blind Housewife In B. C.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. Rudy Matheson, blind for the last 12 years, expertly manages a home here for herself, husband and son. She can cut bread straight, flip flapjacks in one easy motion and iron a shirt without leaving a wrinkle. She finds such tasks easy with gadgets supplied through the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The breadknife has a guide bar, the flapjack lifter a little lever to do he flipping. For the ironing and other household tasks, Mrs. Matheson took special instruction at CNIB offices here. BRAILLE RECIPES She cooks from recipes printed in braille. Her stove timer and oven thermometer have braille markings, and the labels on canned goods are special removable braille tapes. Such equipment is obtained through the CNIB. Greeting a visitor, Mrs. Matheson moves freely to take his hat and show him to a chair. It is quite simple, she explained in an interview. Everything is kept in its place. Mrs. Matheson herself is as neat as her home. She does her own hair, puts on her makeup and selects and buys her clothes. When a person first becomes blind there is a short period adjustment, she said. "Then life can become almost as normal as it was before. CHEERFUL WORKER "Once you find out you are not the only one in the world with a handicap, it isn't so hard." She is helped by her sense of humor. She tells laughingly of her most embarrassing moment—going into a restaurant, sitting on a

table and putting her feet on the chair, believing she was at the counter. Her son rescued her. Mrs. Matheson is considered by CNIB officials as a successfully completed case, completely independent. She belongs to the Gadabouts, a blind women's service club which last year raised \$650 for retarded children.

### Liners Are Busy

NEW YORK (CP)—Passenger traffic between Canadian Atlantic and European ports was up 27.2 per cent in the first six months of 1957, the Trans-Atlantic Passenger Conference reported Wednesday. The conference, an association of 28 transatlantic passenger steamship lines, said the total of 137,000 persons was the largest for the first six months of any year since 1927. The increase was almost entirely in sailings to Canada which rose more than 50 per cent, the conference said. Eastbound sailings were approximately the same. TAPC member lines now have 22 ships providing direct service between Canada and Europe, five

### Appointment Not For Stumping Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower angrily denied Wednesday that a \$30,000 contribution to the Republican party influenced his choice of businessman Maxwell Gluck as American ambassador to Ceylon. He said at a press conference that a man's political contributions would never be considered by him in making an official appointment. And, he added, he didn't take it very kindly that someone should

suggest he would be swayed by such a consideration. He was questioned on the subject by a reporter from the Washington Post and Times Herald, which recently published closed door testimony before the Senate foreign relations committee in which Gluck was unable to name the prime minister of Ceylon. Gluck's appointment has been approved by the Senate. Eisenhower said Gluck is a man of considerable ability and has been carefully investigated. He realized Gluck was no expert on the part of the world which the Ceylon post, would involve. But, he added, certainly Gluck can learn. Later Gluck said he had known the names of the prime minister of Ceylon and India but did not know how to pronounce them because they are "difficult names"

The prime minister of Ceylon is Solomon Bandaranaike and that of India, Jawaharlal Nehru.

MEMORIAL BELL  
BERLIN (Reuters)—A seven-ton bell has been installed in the memorial tower of the former Nazi concentration camp of Buchenwald, the East German News Agency disclosed Wednesday. The bell will ring for the first time in September when a "house of honor" is opened as part of a memorial to the 56,000 persons who died in Buchenwald.

ANCIENT WEALTH  
Nickel, copper, lead and zinc were deposited in Northern Ontario by volcanic eruptions during formation of the pre-Cambrian Shield.

### FROM HARMON TO SUMMERSIDE

The F-80D "Scorpion" aircraft recently displayed at the Summerside Airshow was from the 61st Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Ernest Harmon Air Force Base, Stephenville, Newfoundland. The pilot was F.L. Jerry R. Robiecki from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He entered the Air Force in December of 1950 and has completed

two years of college since his entry on active duty. He was awarded his pilot wings and commission after pilot training in June 1953. After receiving his wings and completing advanced pilot training, Lt. Robiecki was assigned to the Air Defense Command, T-33, and the F-80 jet, also the F-86, F-86D and F-89D all weather interceptors.

He is married to the former Miss Marcia K. Wolf of Deer River, Minnesota. They have two children. F-Lt Bob Fencer, the radar observer, is a native of Waltham, Massachusetts and entered the Air Force in November 1952. He started observer training in 1953, received his commission and wings

under combat crew training, then was assigned to the Air Defense Command. He has flown in F-94C and F-89D all weather interceptors. Lt Fencer is married to the former Miss Myrna MacFarlane of Kentville, Nova Scotia. His hobbies include practically all outdoor sports, the main one being hunting.

### Strange Religious Sect Is Discovered In Japan

By SYDNEY BROOKES  
TOKYO (Reuters)—A strange religious sect recently discovered in Japan is thought to be a survival of early Christianity which reached Japan more than 400 years ago. Called the "Kirishitans," the group, some 30,000 strong, was until recently, thought to be extinct. Members of the sect worship in secret according to a ritual involving a strange mixture of ancient Japanese traditions and superstitions and other beliefs and ceremonials identifiable Christian in origin.

#### NEW INFORMATION

The Kirishitans' continued existence now is revealed by Koya Takita, a 60-year-old professor of the Nanzan Catholic University at Nagoya, in central Japan, who has been making on-the-spot surveys in various parts of the country for 25 years. In a recent book entitled The Latent Christians in the Showa Era, Takita describes the life and practices of these survivors of

early Japanese Christianity. They treasure relics which, they believe, work miracles for them, and their statues of Christ often show Him with the ancient Japanese male hair style, featuring the tightly bound topknot. The Kirishitans are scattered in more than 50 villages on islands and along the coast of southern Japan. Christianity was brought to Japan by St. Francis Xavier in 1549 and banned by the Tokugawa shogunate in 1638 which then used every measure to discover and execute all Christians, once thought to number 1,000,000. It was believed that after this time they all vanished until a French missionary found a few Christians in Nagasaki in 1865. Even after the government lifted the ban on Christianity in 1872 and guaranteed freedom of religion in the constitution of 1889, some of the surviving Christians continued to worship underground. Takita found them using Catholic terminology and their own language—a mixture of Latin, Portuguese and Japanese—for their sermons.

### Fine Carillon For St. F. X.

ANIGONISH, N.S. (CP)—A Schulmerich basilican bell instrument and coronation carillon, believed the most complete liturgical bell instruments ever developed, will be installed in the St. Francis Xavier University chapel here next month, university president Monsignor H. J. Somers announced today. The automatic carillon is the gift of Malcolm F. MacNeil of Waterbury, Mass., a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University and president of the Ark-Les-Switch Corporation. Monsignor Somers said "Mr. MacNeil has truly completed our chapel and added much to our campus." The electronic carillon was originally designed for the North American College in Rome and conforms exactly in tonality and program with the bells of St. Peter's in the Vatican City. The basilican bells, used with the coronation carillon, can function automatically with programs selected and played by a calendar clock or may be played manually from the chapel.

were injured. The Ritters live in a small farm house 300 yards from the wreck scene at Nourse, 36 miles east of Winnipeg. Mr. Ritter is employed by the CNR. Mrs. Ritter said the boys were out picking berries Sunday afternoon. But she said she still doubts her boys opened the switch. "You know how cops scare children," she said. "They might say anything." She thought it peculiar that the children could open the switch because "my husband says it takes a lot of strength to move it." She said, the boys "have been given a talking to and they realize what they've done. I don't think it will happen again." No charges have been laid against the youngsters.

### ELEPHANTS DYING OUT

COLOMBO, Ceylon (Reuters)—Ceylon's elephants may be extinct within the next five years if their present conditions of life continue, wild life authorities said Wednesday. C. N. Holmes, acting commissioner of wild life, said farmers killed nearly 200 wild elephants last year.

### Mother Does Not Blame The Boys

WINNIPEG (CP)—The mother of two small boys who admitted they opened the switch that derailed a CNR passenger train Sunday said in an interview Wednesday she doesn't think her sons are to blame "if the lock was left open." "After all, she said, "kids are kids." The mother, Mrs. Rudolph Ritter, said she isn't even certain her sons tampered with the switch. The boys — Bobby, 7, and Ralph, 9—earlier this week told police they loosened the switch. Sixteen cars of the CNR Continental No. 3, heading to Vancouver from Montreal and Toronto, were derailed when the train hit the open switch. Eighty six persons

### Americans Offer To Save An Old English Playhouse

By IAN MONTAGNES  
LONDON (Reuters)—Two American millionaires hit the headlines with their offers to help save historic St. James theatre from the wreckers. London newspapers waxed enthusiastic over the willingness of Huntington Hartford and D. A. Cort to back with cash the fight that actress Vivien Leigh has to put up to save the 122-year-old playhouse. The St. James, one of the liveliest theatres of the Edwardian era, is threatened with destruction to make way for a modern office building. As things stand now, it rang down its last curtain Saturday.

It could not "properly" revoke approval for the office building already granted by London authorities. Aid offers from two American millionaires were announced during the debate. The pair were later identified by Miss Leigh in her dressing room at the St. James Theatre, where she and Olivier are presenting Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus. She said Hartford and Cort "had read reports of our fight and they cabled independently, offering generous help." "Millionaires are full of charm as well as dough," she added, with a smile.

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