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Afternoon temperatures slid to 21 degrees below zero as the cold wave surged across the border from Canada. The U. S. weather bureau in Chicago warned that overnight temperatures would dip to as much as 35 below in northern Minnesota.

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N. B. Teachers To Tighten Up On Membership

SAINT JOHN, N. B., (CP)—The executive of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association decided Tuesday to take action aimed at excluding from its membership all persons who are teaching under "local licenses" and have not taken a teacher training course.

At the first session of its annual two-day meeting, the executive also decided to request commission administration of the teachers' pension fund. Membership of the proposed commission would present equally the provincial education department and the teachers' association.

Price of Tea To Increase In Britain

LONDON, (Reuters)—The price of tea in tea-drinking Britain will be increased generally by about four pence (4 1/2 cents) a pound on Jan. 4, leading suppliers stated Tuesday. They said the rise in price was due to the all-around jump in world prices, a general shortage of tea and poor crops last year.

Danish Jet Pilots To Be Trained In Canada

COPENHAGEN, (Reuters)—Danish jet pilots will be trained in Canada for the first time during 1954 and 1955, reliable sources said here Tuesday.

Canada will bear the estimated cost—\$5,600,000 to \$7,000,000—under the Dominion's \$500,000,000 defence aid program. Denmark will have to provide only for the airman's pocket money and transportation expenses.

Previously, Danish pilots have been trained in the United States, navigators and observers in Canada. Some 200 Danish jet pilots

Queen Elizabeth And Duke Resume Tour

AUCKLAND, (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh resumed their tour of New Zealand today with a slow ceremonial drive to Hamilton, 70 miles to the south.

After the welcoming ceremonies at Hamilton, the royal couple planned to split up for the first time on their Commonwealth tour. The duke will fly tomorrow to the capital, Wellington, to attend a memorial service for the 146 persons known dead in New Zealand's disastrous Christmas Eve train wreck.

The Queen will visit the famous Waitomo underground caverns without him.

Last night, Elizabeth honored 60 New Zealand men and women at an investiture ceremony at the town hall, the first investiture held by a British monarch of New Zealand. It was her last official function in Auckland, where she and her husband arrived a week ago.

McDowell \$50,000 Ransom Note Is Suspected Hoax

TORONTO, (CP)—A crude note demanding \$50,000 for the return of 17-year-old Marion McDowell was disclosed Tuesday but authorities consider it a hoax and the writer a crank.

The letter, signed "the kidnapers" was written to Ross McDowell, father of the blonde junior typist missing since Dec. 6. It said Marion is alive and safe.

Harold Sanders, assistant York county crown attorney, said the note was received five days ago. He said instructions "in the two-page, crudely-penned letter were complied with but no answer has been received."

"There are about 99 chances in 100 that it is the work of a screwball but we have to take that single chance," he said.

"It's not likely that a kidnapper would let so much time go before sending a ransom demand," said Chief Constable Wilfred McLellan of Scarborough township police.

9-Year-Old Girl Fatally Injured

AMHERST, N. S., (CP)—Nine-year-old Jean Comeau died early Tuesday morning, several hours after being shot through the stomach by a shotgun while playing with her brother Philip, 12.

Police said the gun had apparently been left loaded in an upstairs bedroom and the children were playing with it. An inquest was ordered.

Fire Threatens Famed Mt. Wilson Observatory

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Tired firefighters, gaining in their battle against flames threatening famed Mt. Wilson observatory and nearby \$4,000,000 television installation, heard an ominous weather bureau forecast Tuesday.

Winds of 25 to 35 miles an hour and even stronger gusts were anticipated late Tuesday night and early today. A slackening of winds Tuesday greatly aided the firefighters.

Fingers of flame reached over the crest of Mt. Wilson to within 200 yards of observatory buildings before being beaten back by crews.

Homes in foothills communities of the San Gabriel mountains, east of the Mt. Wilson section of the fire, are believed to be out of danger. The blaze, with a 12-mile perimeter, has blackened 10,900 acres. It started three days ago.

Newsman Finds Shopping Tough Job In Soviet Union

How do people live in the Soviet Union? Russian-speaking William L. Ryan, back from a three-month news assignment in the Soviet Union, provides an insight in this report on the shopping problem.

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
Associated Press
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A Soviet department store is a good place to go to lick on an ice cream cone and rubberneck. It's not a good place to go to buy anything.

The system of merchandising, more fantastic than the prices, makes shopping often a nightmare. Soviet stores—both the big gastronomies which sell the groceries and the univermags which are the Russian version of a department store—are perpetually clogged with people.

Many go about the stores looking at goods, but not buying.

As explained earlier, the ruble has no exact equivalent in dollars. Only its purchasing power means anything to the Russian, any way.

The working man in a factory is likely to receive 700 rubles for a month of four 48-hour weeks; thus the price of an ice cream cone is equivalent to about a half hour's pay.

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- *M-G-M Movies, Fredericton Hall, Thursday, December 31st. Shows 8 and 10.
- *Gordon Lamont will haul cream to Craopaud Creamery for Churchill and Bonshaw, starting January 4th, 1954.
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