



JAM SESSION FOR MISS AMERICA HOPEFULS

ATLANTIC CITY. — Five contestants for the 1959 Miss America crown hold a jam session during a break in rehearsal Thursday. (left to right) North Dakota, Miss Carolee L. Nelson; Vermont, Miss Sandra Jean Sinclair; Canada, Danica d' Hondt; North Carolina, Betty Lane Evans and New York City, Bette June Piller. (AP Wirephoto)

School Teacher Named Woman Ambassador

OTTAWA (CP) — Margaret Meagher, school teacher turned diplomat, Friday was appointed Canada's first woman ambassador. She steps up from charge d'affaires at the Canadian Embassy in Israel to be ambassador to that country.

Miss Meagher, 47, was the second Canadian woman to take charge of a foreign mission when appointed counsellor and charge d'affaires at Tel Aviv last year. Prior to that she served at Canada House in London.

Israel herself has a woman in high office in Mrs. Golda Meier, foreign minister.

HALIFAX NATIVE
Miss Meagher—she pronounces the Irish name as mar—was born in Halifax and taught school there for 10 years before joining the external affairs department 15 years ago as a temporary employee.

She qualified as a permanent employee in 1947 and served in Mexico and London. At Tel Aviv, she was resident Canadian representative, serving under the Canadian ambassador to Israel who is also Ambassador to Turkey and resident in Athens.

Canada's first woman charge d'affaires was Elizabeth MacCallum who established and headed the Beirut, Lebanon, mission in 1954.

A tall, brown-haired woman with hazel eyes, Miss Meagher was graduated from Dalhousie University, Halifax, with a master of arts degree in political science.

Police Chiefs Name Officers

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Chief J. T. Truatsch of Kingston, Ont., Thursday was elected president of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. He succeeded C.P.R. Ben Bouzan, head of the C.P.R. investigation department at Montreal.

Other officers elected are first vice-president, Chief L. S. Partridge, Calgary, second vice-president, Chief Edouard Moreau, Sherbrooke, Que., third vice-president, Chief J. D. Burger, Sudbury, Ont., and secretary-treasurer, George A. Shea, CNR investigation department, Montreal.

Eastern Canadian provincial representatives were: Quebec; Chief L. Pitre, Lachine, and Chief P. Gatineau, Verdun.

New Brunswick; Chief W. J. VanWart, Saint John and Chief Bryce Neely, Fredericton.

Nova Scotia, V. J. Campbell, Sydney, and Chief John Edge Dartmouth.

Prince Edward Island, Chief Peter White, Summerside, and Chief C. MacArthur, Charlottetown.

Newfoundland, Chief E. A. Pittman, St. John's, and Assistant commissioner, D. A. McKinnon of the RCMP at Ottawa.

U.K. Manufacturers Study Likes Of Typical Couple

By STEWART MacLEOD
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP) — A group of British manufacturers Friday began looking over the Canadian market by studying the likes and dislikes of one typical Canadian couple.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Straker of Scarborough, Ont., were picked as that typical Canadian couple—although they don't own a television set—and they began touring England Friday so British producers could chat with them about the popularity of certain products.

The whole show is officially called Anglo-Canadian Goodwill Week and the Strakers are called goodwill ambassadors. But an official of the tobacco company which is the chief sponsor said "the underlying motivation of this goodwill mission has been the fostering of Anglo-Canadian trade."

HAD WINNING OPINION
The Strakers—Rod is 26 and Gloria is 25—were picked for the job after they submitted a winning paragraph on Anglo-Canadian relations to the tobacco company. They said:

"Apart from the spirit of loyalty to Britain by Canadians, goodwill between both countries is important to trade and immigration which help a young country like Canada."

Judges decided they were typical young Canadians because they own a home and a car and have varied interests. He is a commercial artist.

They got their first test in international diplomacy when a group of reporters began firing questions during a reception. Subjects strayed far away from English products into the field of Canadian immigration and unemployment, and Straker had a few uneasy moments.

Besides London, the couple will visit Southampton, Winchester, Salisbury, Bath, Stratford-on-Avon and Oxford. They will meet townsfolk, attend receptions, talk with factory owners and go on sightseeing tours. Their mission ends Sept. 13.

See Printing Bureau Site Unfortunate

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons public accounts committee, in a majority report, charged Friday there was an "unfortunate" choice of site in constructing the federal printing bureau and that the taxpayers' money was not adequately protected.

It was learned the report, hammered out behind closed doors, was approved on a vote of 19-4, with the four Liberals present dissenting and C.P.F. member Harold Winch of Vancouver East supporting the Conservatives in the majority.

Amendments introduced by J. W. Pickersgill (L.—Bonaville-Twilligate) to ease the committee's criticism of the former Liberal administration were voted

Anti-Radiation Drug Is Sought

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — Efforts to find a drug to protect people against radiation in an atomic attack were reported Thursday to the American Society of Physiologists meeting at the University of Western Ontario.

Dr. R. R. Overman, of Memphis, Tenn., said three compounds being tested at the University of Tennessee's college of medicine afford protection in varying degrees to mice, dogs and monkeys.

Predict All Electric Power From Atom Source In Future

By JAMES TOMLINS
GENEVA (Reuters) — Some of the world's leading nuclear scientists from East and West Thursday described how atomic power plants eventually will supply man with all the electricity he needs.

American, Russian and British told the "atoms for peace" conference about pioneering advances in atomic power stations.

They indicated that in a generation or two, when coal and oil supplies become harder to extract and transport, the atom will begin to replace them at no higher cost, despite the vastly increased demands for electrical power anticipated by that time.

Dr. Norman Hilberry, director of the United States Argonne National Laboratory, told the 5,000 delegates from 69 countries that the U.S. will have five atomic power stations feeding industrial needs by the summer of 1960. The cost per kilowatt-hour then will be about the current European level of between one and 1½ cents—nearly twice the cost of conventionally produced power in the U.S. at present.

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