

Hillary Becomes The Law In Vast South Polar Region

WELLINGTON, N. Z. (CP)—Everest climber Sir Edmund Hillary and members of his Antarctic expedition have been given official powers to administer the law in the polar wastes.

Sir Edmund, leader of the New Zealand expedition to the Antarctic, will leave early next month to spend six months in the continent. As well as building a scientific base they will explore inland, probably as far as the South Pole.

Sir Edmund himself has been appointed a stipendiary magistrate and a postmaster, and other members of the expedition have been given the ranks of magistrate, justice of the peace and coroner.

OFFICIAL RICHES

A great territory of 175,000 square miles has thus suddenly acquired a wealth of officials after being years perhaps the most sparsely staffed area in the world. The territory is the Ross Dependency, a sector of the Antarctic extending to the Pole, over which New Zealand claims sovereignty. Until now it has been administered by one official, as a part-time duty.

The current holder of the office of administrator is Captain H. Fuergg, who is also nautical adviser to the New Zealand marine department. He will be going to the Antarctic on a visit in the next few months, but until now he has never set foot in the vast territory he governs.

His duties include taking "all steps necessary or expedient to safeguard, preserve and cause to be observed within the dependency, Her Majesty's rights and sovereignty."

But in spite of this enormous phrasing, he has until now carried the duties of the post from an office in Wellington in the spare time of his work for the marine department.

MORE BASES

The lack of government in the

dependency is less surprising when it is realized that it has until recently been uninhabited and scarcely ever visited.

Since last year, however, the United States has had two bases in the territory. New Zealand will establish one this year, and will man two observation posts jointly with the Americans.

Co-operation with the Americans has always been close and friendly, but New Zealand has nevertheless at all times maintained her claims to sovereignty in view of the much greater activity in the region now and probably in the future, more attention is being paid to formalities than in the past.

Leader Of India's 60 Million Untouchables Dies At Home

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, 63, leader of India's 60,000,000 "untouchables" who broke through the barrier of social ostracism to become a cabinet minister, died Thursday at his home here.

As law minister in Prime Minister Nehru's cabinet, he was the principal author of the nation's constitution which outlawed the ancient ban on untouchables — lowest caste Hindus.

Two months ago, Ambedkar, a lawyer, author and politician, led 200,000 members of the scheduled castes — former untouchables — in a mass ceremony of conversion to Buddhism. His wife, a highest-caste Hindu, joined him in becoming a Buddhist.

Bhimras Ramji Ambedkar, son of a soldier, was the first untouchable to be graduated from an In-

dian university. After finishing at Bombay University, he won a scholarship to Columbia University, New York. There he obtained M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics and sociology.

During the war, Ambedkar served as a member of the viceroys national defence council. He clashed often with Mohandas K. Gandhi over safeguards for the scheduled (lowest) castes.

Later, he disagreed with Nehru over India's close friendship with Communist China and warned this would endanger relations with the United States. He also advocated the partition of Kashmir.

In 1951, Ambedkar quit the cabinet, ostensibly for health reasons, after serving in its since India became an independent nation in 1947.

Queen's Chaplain Weds Heroine

LONDON (Reuters) — Canon Charles Raven, personal chaplain to the Queen, was married Thursday to a Belgian wartime heroine who he says does not call herself a Christian.

Canon Raven twice married previously, is 71 years old. His bride, Helen Jeanty, is 52.

The wedding took place in his parsonage in the Fields Church in Trafalgar Square.

They met on a television program in July. When it was announced in October they were to be married, Canon Raven said: "She does not call herself a Christian. She is an exceedingly honest person, but her difficulties about Christ are theological, and due very likely to ignorance of the theological niceties."

He added that she was "bewildered about Christ."

His first marriage was in 1910

and ended with his wife's death in 1944. His second wife, Mrs. Ethel Paine Moors, 80-year-old widow of a millionaire American banker and lawyer died 12 days after their 1934 wedding in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Jeanty and her husband sheltered American and British airmen in Brussels during the war. When her husband was arrested, Mrs. Jeanty feigned madness in order that he might not be executed because under a German law a husband could not be executed if his wife was insane.

She spent two years in an asylum but despite this, her husband was shot in a mass killing in Eastern Europe shortly before the arrival of Russian troops.

Refugees From Egypt And Hungary Meet In Vienna

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VIENNA (CP) — Refugees from two countries — 65 Hungarians headed for Canada and an equal number of British subjects fleeing from Egypt—met here Thursday.

The British, who left Cairo Wednesday, arrived at the airport a few minutes before the Hungarians boarded a Canadian Pacific Airliner in the second-over-the-pole refugee airlift from Austria to Vancouver.

A 23-year-old Budapest nurse named Valla, who both fought with and cared for Hungary's freedom fighters in the early days of the insurrection, travelled to London on the same plane as the British. Valla escaped from Hungary two

weeks ago.

High up on the Russian's "wanted" list, she was forced to leave behind her four-year-old son, born the same year as her husband was killed in a Communist purge. Valla is flying to Canada.

Both groups had one thing in common: They were completely penniless—forced to leave behind all their possessions except a pitifully meagre collection of clothing.

Both had the same feeling about the country they had left behind: "It was mighty good to be away from it."

Panama City, capital of the Central American republic, was founded in 1518.

N. S. Agriculture Minister Suggests Crops For Industry

OTTAWA (CP) — Agriculture Minister E. D. Halliburton of Nova Scotia suggested Wednesday that research be stepped up toward finding means of using agricultural crops in plastics and synthetic fibers.

Speaking to the federal-provincial agricultural conference, he said one possible solution to the problem of crop surpluses lies in developing "industrial crops."

"Sooner or later our minerals will have been exhausted and the demands upon our forests will outstrip production. When that happens, the soil will remain as the potential supplier of the raw material for the plastics and synthetic fibers which may take the place of many of the metals and the fibres of the future."

He suggested more research projects be set up to work "on the possible utilization of crops that can be grown in Canada for industrial purposes."

CAN GO FURTHER

Fibres and oils and synthetics are already being produced, but it is not possible to go much further in this direction.

"Some of our current surplus

crops, like apples, potatoes, grains can be converted into industrial alcohol and starches and these are the basis of synthetic products from rubber to plastics."

New cheap processes as a result of research could easily give these crops much greater value, he added, recommending that the federal agriculture department step up its activities in this direction.

Mr. Halliburton said more fruit alcohol could be used in the making of beverages. He said federal law now requires that all alcohol in such beverages be at least 98 per cent grain alcohol.

Referring to a recent suggestion by British Columbia apple growers that a royal commission investigate the industry, he said Nova Scotia growers would like to see any such commission make its investigation on a national basis.

He also suggested federal financial aid be given to the apple industry. "Certain products of our apple industry, such as concentrated applied juice (used in brandy-making), are marketable in many parts of the world with federal assistance."

To Bring Hungarian Forest Students To British Columbia

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OTTAWA (CP) — The government has announced officially that it is making arrangements to bring to Canada about 300 Hungarian forestry students and their professors who fled the Communists in a group.

The immigration department said Wednesday the refugees have accepted a government invitation to come to Canada. They also have accepted an invitation to live in a camp provided by the Powell River Paper Company of British Columbia.

They are expected to arrive in Vancouver by train in mid-January to continue their studies at the University of British Columbia.

After escaping from their homeland the students and professors took solemn oaths to stick together. To make this possible the Canadian government has agreed to bring them to Canada as a group.

Immigration Minister Pickersgill extended the invitation Tuesday when he visited Dr. Kaiman

Roller, dean of forestry at Bungen's University of Sopron. Dr. Roller and the other refugees are at a refugee camp in the Salzburg, Austria, area.

NOW TOURS GERMANY

Mr. Pickersgill, who returns to Canada by air Dec. 16, now is touring refugee camps in Germany. He told a press conference in Bonn that 6,000 Hungarian refugees will be in Canada by the end of the year.

A report from Vienna said the Hungarian forestry group totals 314 students and professors and 24 wives and other dependents of faculty members. But the immigration department in Ottawa says it understands that the group will number between 325 and 375, including students and professors and 20 wives and 50 children of professors.

Arrangements now are being made for free ship and train passage of the refugees. It is hoped that they will arrive in Vancouver about Jan. 15.

It is likely that the Hungarians will travel from the east coast to Vancouver in one train.

Suez Canal Clearance Still Snarled In Technicalities

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LONDON (CP)—Clearance of the Suez Canal under authority of the United Nations is expected to begin as soon as technically possible. It will probably prove to be one of the most difficult salvage operations of modern times.

At least 51 obstructions — two bridges and 49 wrecks of various sizes — have to be cleared away before the canal is restored to normal state. In Port Said, at the northern entrance to the canal, a channel free of obstructions and 30 feet deep has been cleared already by a British naval salvage fleet.

After aerial surveys of that part of the canal under Egyptian control — about 70 miles of the 103-mile waterway — the British admiralty says a channel suitable for ships of 25-foot draft and 60-foot beam can be achieved by moving only nine wrecks and repairing two bridges.

But the job is not in British hands.

The UN has assumed responsibility for clearing the waterway. UN experts are reported making on-the-spot surveys now. Two salvage firms — one Dutch and the other Danish — have been hired by the UN to supervise the task.

following Israel's attack in the Sinai Peninsula Oct. 29.

France And U. S. Want To Draw Together Again

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The American ambassador to Paris told President Eisenhower Thursday France wants to "draw together" with the United States in defence of basic liberties threatened by the Soviet Union.

The ambassador, C. Douglas Dillon, said Eisenhower in turn gave him a verbal message for French Premier Guy Mollet "indicating his great interest" in closing the split which developed between the United States and France over the Suez situation.

To Allocate Relief Funds

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government has decided to make an immediate allocation of \$500,000 to Hungarian relief, the external affairs department announced Thursday.

The amount will be made up of grants of \$250,000 each to the Canadian Red Cross Society and the United Nations high commissioner for refugees. Both sums will be charged against the vote of \$1,000,000 for Hungarian relief approved at the special session of Parliament last month.

SOVIETS MAKE CHARGE

MOSCOW (AP) — The newspaper Soviet Russia charged Saturday the United States is taking in refugees from Hungary because it plans to use them in special "sabotage units" in its armed forces. The accusation carried a step further the Soviet campaign charging "forced deportation" to the United States of Hungarian refugees.

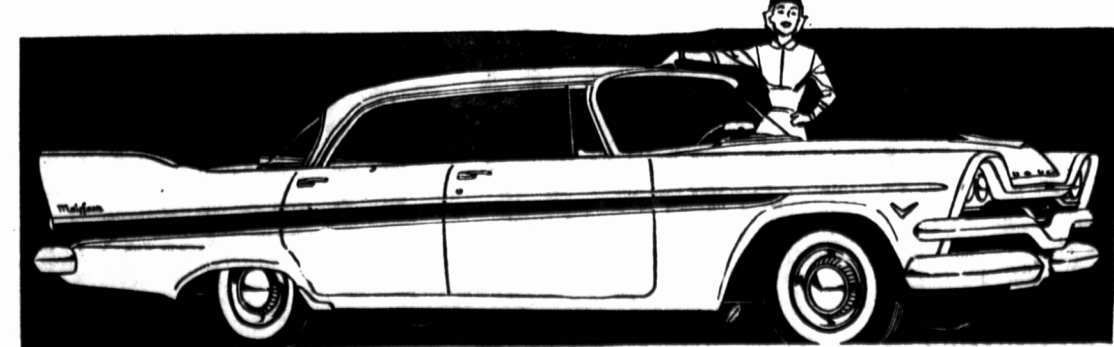
The Danish-Dutch team, working with a three-man committee appointed by Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, probably will ask for help from salvage companies of other countries. Britain, which has assembled a large, comprehensive salvage fleet in Port Said, has offered every help.

A huge armada is congregating in the Suez area. Two big German light craft left Hamburg three weeks ago. Tugs, dredgers and cranes are also on their way or have arrived.

Many of the vessels sunk in the canal apparently belonged to the Suez Canal Company, nationalized by President Nasser July 26. They were scuttled by Egyptians during Anglo-French armed action



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