

Biggest Civil Defence Exercise Planned At St. John's For Today

By STEWART MacLEOD Canadian Press Staff Writer ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The city's sirens will scream over this city today to set off the biggest civil defence exercise ever tackled by a Canadian city.

If all goes well, local officials hope that 50,000 of the city's 70,000 residents will be evacuated in a matter of minutes, trucks and buses as Canadian and American planes carry out a mock air attack.

The goal is not total evacuation. School children, hospital patients and mothers of young children are expected to be evacuated to safe areas where they can get away from work, have been asked to leave town for the half-hour drill. Those who don't leave the city have been asked to put their vehicles under cover and get off the street during the raid period.

SEKS CO-OPERATION Maj. P. J. Cashin, director of civil defence here, has been planning the mass evacuation exercise for several months. In repeated radio speeches he has pleaded for public co-operation and outlined plans for the "tactical withdrawal" which he said was essential in the event of actual attack.

Public sentiment appeared mixed, but the evacuation is voluntary. Maj. Cashin said earlier he hoped 50,000 people would leave town. Some 18 special civil defence constables were flown in to help city police direct traffic and keep an eye on vacant property.

Civil defence firefighters will speed through deserted streets to fight mock fires, and ham radio operators will drive around town sending in reports to civil defence headquarters. The big exercise will be watched by Maj.-Gen. F. P. Worthington, Canadian civil defence director.

SERIES OF EXERCISES The evacuation climaxes a series of exercises held during the last year to show people what to do in an attack. Streets have been closed.

Dionne Sisters 21 Saturday

NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—A day spent quietly and solemnly, a day which included a visit to the grave of their sister Emilie, marked the 21st birthday Saturday of the four sisters Dionne quintuplets.

Annette, Yvonne and Cecelia came from Montreal to join Marie and other members of the family at the Dionne's home at nearby Collingwood to observe the quint's coming of age. They also saw the girls come into their share of a million-dollar fortune.

However, they took no steps Saturday towards obtaining their share of the nearly \$1,000,000 in the Dionne Quintuplet trust fund. "They didn't get around to signing anything," said Olivia Dionne, the father. "The signing will be done at a later date."

Coming Events

- Your Saturday night Jamboree - Forum.
Dance, Fortune Hall, every Tuesday night.
Dance, Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, May 31st.
Regular Dances, Crapaud Rink Wednesday nights, starting June 1st.
Dance Lorne Valley Hall, Tuesday, May 21, Webster's Orchestra.
Tracadie Players present their Play at Tracadie Hall, Monday, May 20th.
Dance Tuesday night, St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, Burns Orchestra.
Benefit dance for Orwell fire victims, Millview Hall, Wednesday, June 1st.
Fresh South Side Lobsters daily at Edison's General Store, Vernon Bridge.
Regular Dance, Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night, dance from 9.30 to 12.30, Toole's Orchestra.
Edmont Bay Bicentennial Celebration and Tea Party, Wednesday, July 6th, next.
Buying good pigs over 35 lbs. Paving highest market prices, Wellington McNeill & Son, Buxton & Bell's Wharf.
Old time fiddling and step dancing contest Bonshaw Inn, Friday, June 3, All entries to Stephen Toole, Bonshaw.
See Bedoues Players present their 3 act play "Mama's Angel Child" in Wheatley River Hall, May 21st, 8.30 p.m. Sponsored by W. M. S.
The Breadbasket-Fredrickson Y. P. S. will present a Variety Concert in the Brookfield Hall, Monday evening, May 20th, at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Brookfield Y. P. S. All are welcome.

Expect Commons To Speed Work

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons is expected to start meeting tomorrow, afternoon and night June 6 in an effort to wind up the work of Parliament before July 1.

The back of the session now has been broken and the government hopes the extra sitting hours will permit prorogation sometime during the last week of June.

Finance Minister Harris, government leader in the Commons, gave notice Saturday he will propose morning sittings starting June 6. House committees, which usually meet in the morning, are expected to finish most of their deliberations next week.

The Commons at present meets from 2:30 to 6 p. m. and from 10 to 10 p. m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Moncton Resident Killed On Highway

MONCTON (CP)—A Moncton man was killed and two others injured Saturday evening when their car overturned near here.

The victim was identified as Gerald R. Leger, 22, injured were Gerald Dugan, 17, of nearby Point St. John, and Douglas McKay, 20, of Moncton.

Maritime Postmasters To Convene Here This Week

Prince Edward Island Postmasters will welcome the members of the Maritime Branch, Canadian Postmasters' Association, when they meet at the Charlottetown Hotel this Thursday and Friday for their 21st annual convention.

Mr. J. S. Humphrey, Hampton Stn., N.S., will preside.

land. Acting as master of ceremonies will be Mr. N. A. Moore, postmaster at Chatham, N.B., other officials attending will be Mr. D. O'Brien, district director for Nova Scotia; Mr. F. E. Ketchum, district director for New Brunswick; and Mr. F. A. Coyle, district director for Prince Edward Island.

Mr. J. J. Connolly, postmaster at Charlottetown, will host the visiting delegates which will be welcomed to the convention by His Worship Mayor J. D. Stewart. The Maritime Branch Association has a membership of 1,300 and will over 100 of these will be present.

The following are the officers: President, J. S. Humphrey, Hampton Stn., N.B.; Vice President, Ira Good, Westville, N.S.; Sec. Treas., George Hudraski, Stellarton, N.S.; Executive, Mrs. Jennie Cruickshank, Sherbrooke, N.S.; Mr. N. A. Moore, Chatham, N.B.; Arthur Wright, Souris; Robert Synett, Dalhousie, N.B.; Mrs. Bessie MacLeod, Hunter River; J. W. Dunbar, Eureka, N.S.

Four Die In Kemptville, Ont. Blaze

KEMPTVILLE, Ont. (CP)—Four persons died here early Sunday when fire swept through the Finnelly block, largest building in this Ottawa valley town.

The dead are Oswald Taylor, 37, garage mechanic; his wife, Mildred, 31; their six-year-old son, Richard, and a neighbor, Bowper Thompson, 28. Eleven other persons, including five children, escaped.

The blaze started in the Taylor apartment about 5:30 a.m. and was brought under control by the Kemptville fire department at 11 a.m. Damage to the building is estimated at \$100,000.

Uncertainty clouds the origin of the fire. It is expected that an investigation will be held by local and provincial authorities.

The flames swept through five apartments in the building. Two of them were vacant but contained stored furniture.

Two of the eleven persons who escaped were sleeping in the Taylor apartment.

Mr. James S. Humphrey, President of the Maritime Branch Canadian Postmasters' Association, Hampton Station, N.S.

EDEN MAKES DRAMATIC APPEAL TO RAIL WORKERS TO END STRIKE; ISSUES WARNING

Four Killed When Big Bus Hits Stopped Car On Highway Near Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—Four persons died Friday night when a nine-ton bus bulldozed over a stopped car in suburban West Hill and drove it 120 feet off the highway and into a lilac grove.

Dead are Mrs. Annie Matson, 65, and her son-in-law, Bernard A. Fox, who had been returning to Toronto from Montreal; and two hitchhiking soldiers from Barriefield camp near Kingston, bound for Galt for the weekend.

Sigmn A. Porter, 19, of Galt, and K. D. Dewitt, also 19, an orphan whose home is in the Maritimes.

Bus driver Ray Hinan, 32, of Toronto was charged with criminal negligence. A lawyer Harold Sanders said.

The four bus passengers praised the cool-headedness of Hinan, who helped them through an emergency door after flames from burning gasoline cut off their escape through the front door.

STOPPED AT GREEN LIGHT Hinan said in an interview: "I was driving at about 40 miles an hour and I could see the green light ahead. Suddenly this car stopped at the green light."

"I wrenched at the wheel to try to miss it. It was no good. The corner of the bus hit under with the back of the car under

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New Union Offer To Ford

DETROIT (AP)—The United Auto Workers (CIO) Sunday rejected their demand for a Guaranteed Annual Wage from 100 per cent of take-home pay to 80 per cent of gross pay for a 40-hour week.

The union made the new offer to Ford Motor Company negotiators at their first Sunday contract talks.

Union spokesmen described the moderated demand as a new attempt to reach a "peaceful settlement" in a dispute which may cost 140,000 Ford production workers out on strike. The union Saturday officially sanctioned a strike any time after Wednesday midnight.

There was no immediate comment on the union offer from Ford negotiators.

Former Ontario Chief Justice Dies

TORONTO (CP)—Robert Spelman Robertson, former chief justice of Ontario, died Saturday at his home. He was 84.

Mr. Robertson retired in 1952 and had been in ill health for some time.

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Suspected Bank Robber Arrested

TORONTO (CP)—Arthur Aronson, ex-convict and former minister wanted on a charge of armed robbery in the \$2,300 holdup of a bank here May 19 in which a teller was killed, was arrested Saturday night as he walked into nearby Malton airport to catch a flight to western Canada.

The 26-year-old suspected bank robber, who had been considered dangerous, was unarmed and gave up without a struggle as officers who had staked out the airport buildings closed in on him.

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Dal Student Queen Of Apple Blossom Festival

By GERRY MARTIN Canadian Press Staff Writer KENTVILLE, N. S. (CP)—Marilyn Ann Oyley, 19-year-old Dalhousie University sophomore, was crowned queen of the Annapolis valley apple blossom festival and said she didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

Premier Henry Hicks crowned Queen Annapolis XIII before 10,000 jubilant celebrants crowded into the ballpark and perched on cars outside.

"It all happened so fast I guess I'm still getting over the shock," said the attractive queen who won the title sought by 10 other "princesses" from valley communities.

Everybody's been so good to me I don't know whether to laugh or cry."

Her reign, which lasts throughout the year, reached its climax Saturday the weekend when she presided at a host of celebrations the length of the 100-mile Annapolis valley.

During the summer, Marilyn will reign over festivities marking the 200th anniversary of the expulsion of the Acadians who planted the seeds that sprouted into one of Nova Scotia's most famed industries.

Queen Annapolis paid her first official visit Sunday to Grand Pré Park, site of the statue of Evangeline, legendary Acadian heroine made famous in Longfellow's poem.

She tours the valley today.

FULL OF SURPRISES Marilyn's father, Donald, skipped a Kentville rink to the Canadian curling championship in 1951.

When her daughter's selection was announced last Friday, Mrs. Oyley said she "couldn't actually believe it."

Said the proud mother: "This family is always surprising me."

By James F. King LONDON, (AP)—Prime Minister Eden Sunday coupled a dramatic personal appeal to railway workers to end their country wide strike with a warning that the government will use any power necessary to "protect the nation."

The 57-year-old old prime minister tackled the first crisis confronting his new Conservative administration by going direct to the people in a national radio broadcast just 13 hours after 70,000 railway engineers and firemen went on strike at midnight.

Chaos developed almost immediately. Thousands of Britons were stranded at resorts where they had gone for the Whitsun holiday weekend.

Eden cautioned that the nation's whole booming economy was threatened with "unemployment on a rapidly increasing scale."

Appealing to the railwaymen to begin negotiations at once, Eden said the stoppage of trains has already been felt.

"Whatever happens now, the country is going to be hurt," he said.

He gave assurances that the government will "do all we can to protect the nation from the worst effects of this strike."

Although only the railway engineers and firemen are on strike, all of the country's regular trains came to a halt shortly after midnight.

DEMAND PAY INCREASES The strikers are members of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF), who are demanding pay increases to give them more of a differential over other train workers such as conductors, ticket-takers and porters.

The bulk of British rail workers belong to the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR), which is standing aloof in the current dispute.

All workers on the government-owned railroads were granted raises last November—but the engineers and firemen claim they were entitled to more of a differential over lesser skilled employees.

The engineers and firemen are demanding a pay raise of 3s a week over their present basic rate of £9 15s.

DIFFERING VIEWPOINTS Eden blamed the strike on the "differing points of view between the unions involved."

Granting the engineers and firemen new raises would lead to more demands by the NUR and confront the British Transport Commission with "an endless succession of pay raises in the industry."

Without taking sides directly, the prime minister said "the prospects for peace in this great industry would be transformed if only these two unions would talk and work together."

Eden announced emergency steps the government has already taken to cope with the strike. He said they would "ensure supplies of food for all and sufficient fuel for the essential public services, such as water, sewerage and hospitals."

The Royal Automobile Club issued special windshield stickers to members marked "lifts" signifying they were ready to give stranded holidaymakers a ride.

NO BOAT TRAINS Cross-channel travellers from the continent were forced to make their way to London the best they could. Shipping firms are making arrangements for buses to meet trans-Atlantic passengers arriving at Southampton.

The usual "boat train" is not running. Along with the rail strike, the new Eden administration was plagued by a dock workers strike tying up 196 ships in four big ports.

The dockers strike grew out of rivalry between unions. The 18,000 members of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union (NASDU) have refused to go back to work in a jurisdictional fight with the bigger Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU).

CLAIM NEW PROCESS FOR SYNTHETIC OIL TOKYO (AP)—Peiping radio claimed today that the Communist Chinese Academy of Sciences had developed a new process of making synthetic petroleum which increases the yield 50 times from the same equipment.

The broadcast did not say so, but the Chinese Reds operate synthetic plants in Manchuria built by the Japanese before the Second World War to make gasoline from vast coal resources there.

The broadcast heard here said academy researchers in four years of experimentation have found how to use iron instead of cobalt as the catalyst in the process which extracts hydrocarbons from coal and re-forms them into those of petroleum, which in turn can be refined into gasoline.

Final Standing LONDON (CP)—Final standing in the British election, with the comparative figures at dissolution:

Table with 3 columns: Party, 1955 Seats, Dissolution Seats. Includes Conservatives, Labour, Liberals, and Other.

EVERY GOOD SURGEON'S OFTEN FALL DOWN AT CARVING THE ROAST? Illustration of a chef.

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. John's.

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office here says unsettled weather will continue over the Maritimes today. A band of showers and scattered thunderstorms is expected to cover Nova Brunswick and spread to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Regional forecasts: Northern New Scotia, Prince Edward Island: A few showers and widely scattered thunderstorms today; cooler; northeast winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 45 and 68.

Eastern N.B. counties: A few showers; cooler; northeast winds 15. Low-high at Moncton 45 and 60.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 5.46 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.; at Rustico at 1.23 a.m. and 12.38 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. St. John's rises at 4.31 a.m. and sets at 7.50 p.m.