

Asbestos Consolidation Move Threatens Que. Town Group

THETFORD MINES, Que. (CP)—A consolidation move designed to promote economic health for an asbestos industry threatens economic hardship for 600 residents of this southeastern Quebec mining centre.

Some 600 mine workers here and in neighboring Black Lake face layoff within the next few months as a result of the recent merger of Canada's two oldest asbestos-producing companies, Asbestos Corporation Ltd. and Johnson's Company Ltd., together with its subsidiary, Johnson's Asbestos Company.

The presidents of the two companies say, in effect, it is a case of merging and letting 600

employees go or not merging and letting 1,400 go within the next five years.

In a joint statement, A. J. Penhale, president of Asbestos Corporation, and A. S. Johnson, president of the two Johnson companies, said:

"The acquisition of the Johnson's mines will assure Asbestos Corporation of additional ore reserves of from 40,000,000 to 45,000,000 tons, equivalent to nearly 50 per cent of the reserves already held by Asbestos Corporation, excluding the northern Ungava ore-body at Asbestos Hill, Prolonging Economic Life."

"Such concentration of reserves will greatly extend the productive life of the mines and

Lighthouse Operated By Nuclear Power

WASHINGTON (AP)—The first nuclear-powered lighthouse was put into operation by the U.S. Coast Guard Wednesday in Chesapeake Bay.

An atomic generator was put into place in the Baltimore lighthouse, which has been powered by conventional means since 1908.

Operation of the generator will be monitored by means of a radio signal transmitted from the lighthouse to the coast guard at Curtis Bay, Md.

The atomic lighthouse will be tested for about a year before a decision is made on whether to use similar equipment in isolated areas.

TEL AVIV (AP)—The first Japanese archaeological expedition to excavate an important Biblical site will arrive here in June to work with Israeli archaeologists at Tel Zeev and Haifa.

The six Japanese members of the expedition, which has been organized by the Near East Studies in Japan, which has royal connections.

MALAWI BANK
BLANTYRE, Nyassaland (AP)—A new national bank, with pound unit currency based on sterling and with a Bank of England official as governor, will be formed after Nyassaland becomes independent and takes the name Malawi July 6. As the Reserve Bank of Malawi, it will take over here from the Bank of Rhodesia and Nyassaland.



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1,000 Entries Received In Lyrics Contest

TORONTO (CP)—A contest worth at least \$1,000 in prizes to provide new lyrics for The Maple Leaf Forever has drawn 1,000 entries from three continents, George Salverson, office manager of the Canadian Author's Association, sponsors the contest, said Wednesday.

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HAMILTON, Ont. (CP) — "I'm trying to put long pants on Percy."

And unless he goes Ivy League, Percy, a 72-year-old who resigned from the human race eight years ago, will have to resign from the human race. Percy, who is now 72, said he is still with his presence for the last four years.

Percy, who rejects in his title of "Hamilton's oldest beatnik," said he is wearing black and rubber) he will be banned from the Midtown Senior Centre and "I will not dress to conform."

Wednesday, he said, he would call on Mayor Vic Coppo via a protest letter which would make the call in his shorts (khaki), his undershirt (yellow) and his boots (large, black and rubber).

"I will not dress to conform," he said, "I will not wear a tie."

He gets up at 5 a.m. walks and exercises and goes back to bed at 9 p.m. He swims daily, lifts weights, keeps his 72-year-old frame in 40-year-old condition.

"I don't let the air get at me," a massage man. No socks, My body breathes."

The problem is, says Mrs. Fred Agate, director of the Midtown Centre, is "we have had Percy feel that at the centre and well. Percy's costume is perhaps, you could say it's new."

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