

New Atlantic-Pacific Canal Seen Great Strategic Value

By ELTON C. FAY
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The vital importance of a transisthmus canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific will continue undiminished far into the future, American strategists say.

This, it is pointed out, is in addition to the even greater value of the canal to the commerce of the United States and the world, as emphasized by President Johnson in announcing the proposal for building a new sea-level waterway across Panama or adjacent areas to replace the 50-year-old, lock-bound Panama Canal.

A U.S. Navy spokesman in an agreed that it is true 24 of the navy's attack carriers cannot get through the existing canal but added that "it can hardly be said that the true strategic importance of the canal is less today than it has been in the past."

He noted that modern nuclear submarines, the new missile cruisers and frigates and anti-submarine warfare vessels, which include rebuilt carriers, can transit the canal.

A sea-level route, with wide channel and no locks, would open the transisthmus route to all U.S. naval craft and cut hours off the time for transiting the canal.

VALUE PROVEN
 The demonstrated value of the dam was destroyed.

In addition, the locks themselves stand as a target for sabotage or missile fire from enemy submarines.

CONCERT CANCELED
 THE HAGUE (Reuters)—Dutch Justice Minister Ynze Scholten Saturday cancelled a prison Christmas concert at which a Jewish woman was to sing before a German war criminal who condemned there to the gas chambers. The decision followed receipt of anonymous telephone calls and letters in which former Dutch Nazis threatened the woman, Mrs. R. Kothhof-Grelingen, a 76-year-old singing teacher.

An essential component of the Panama Canal is Gatun Lake which stands between the locks at the Atlantic and Pacific ends. That lake, 82 feet above sea level, is created by a simple earthen dam impounding the waters of several rivers and small streams.

An ordinary conventional explosion, not a nuclear blast, is all that would be needed to sabotage the whole canal system. This defence official said it would take two years to refill the lake to navigable level if the dam were destroyed.

Basement Apartments Give Income To Pay Mortgages

By DAVE BUTLER
 ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—St. John's building inspector Andy Cahill smiles when he describes his city as "the only place in the world I know where housing is subsidized by basement apartment."

Figures prove almost 80 per cent of the houses built in St. John's in the last five years contain a basement apartment that brings in sufficient revenue for the owner to pay off the mortgage, he says.

He thinks as many as 60 per cent of new home owners in the city "can't afford a new house costing \$18,000 to \$20,000. But, do on the strength of the money they will receive from their apartment tenant."

Nearly \$5,000,000 was spent on homes in the city in 1964 and this, combined with all other types of building totalled more than \$20,500,000.

The figure will double next year if all projects now planned

go ahead. Besides nearly 50 per cent more housing which will result from two newly-opened subdivision areas, at least five major buildings are planned.

More than \$7,000,000 in new buildings are planned on the Memorial university campus alone.

Mr. Cahill said he shudders a little when he wonders how many vacant houses there

would be if apartment-dwellers decided to build houses.

WEDDING BANNED
 HEDWORTH, England (CP) Horace Davison and his bride-to-be attended their own wedding reception weeks early. When they arrived at the Durham church of St. Nicholas to get married, the vicar broke the news that he had forgotten to announce the bans, so the ceremony was postponed, but the prearranged reception went ahead as planned.

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