

India's Robin Hood Says He's Retiring To Hindu Shrine

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—India's Robin Hood, Man Singh, has told his followers that he is retiring from his lifetime career of robbing the rich to give to the poor. He headed for retirement in a Hindu shrine as police rallied for a final attempt to catch him. Every available policeman in the district is trying to shoot him down before he reaches his destination, a shrine in the jungles of Nepal where he said he intends to devote the rest of his life to God. Now 65, he told his loyal friends and followers he wants to give up his past life of terrorizing rich landowners and merchants, and making the police the laughing stock of the countryside. Police have heard that he left

his band of Indian "merry men" in his "Sherwood Forest" among the deep ravines of the Chambal river in the state of Uttar Pradesh, to embark on a solitary pilgrimage to Muktinath shrine, 120 miles northwest of Katmandu. Whether this destination is just a rumor to decoy police, no one knows. But many police believe India's No. 1 bandit will never be captured. Once a rich landlord, he was sent to jail in 1928 for his part in a family feud with a Brahmin family, the Tilafis. He came out of prison 10 years later, swearing to wipe out every member of the Tilafi family. The last member was shot and killed two years ago.

Talks Aimed At Settling Ford Strike Break Down

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—The latest talks aimed at settling strikes at three Ford of Canada automotive plants in Ontario collapsed completely Monday. Ontario Labor Minister Daley, who had invited the company and the United Automobile Workers union (CIO-CCL) to resume negotiations under his guidance, said the two parties deadlocked over the question of province-wide bargaining. He said his department will take no further steps in the dispute until invited to do so by either the company or union. Only top officials of the two parties were directly involved in Monday's talks. Mr. Daley met first with union spokesman Emil Mazey, secretary-treasurer of the UAW international. Tom McLean, acting Canadian director of the UAW and John Eldon, Mr. Mazey's representative on special invitation of Mr. Daley.

meet with the union except on a separate basis, starting with Local 200, which represents the 3,700 workers in Windsor who have been on strike for 10 weeks. The union has insisted that representatives from the three striking locals—here, in Oakville and in Etobicoke, a Toronto suburb—be present at the bargaining table. **REFUSE NEGOTIATION** Both sides have refused to negotiate until this question is resolved. The strikes now involve more than 10,000 workers, of whom 7,500 are on strike. The others have been put out of work because of the shutdowns. In Oakville, 800 assembly workers left their jobs nine weeks ago and 150 workers at the Etobicoke parts department walked out three weeks ago. Workers' demands for wage increases are spread from four cents an hour in Windsor to 15 cents an hour in Oakville and Etobicoke and also demand fringe benefits. Average wage of the workers is \$1.57 at Etobicoke and \$1.60 here and in Oakville.

TALK TO COMPANY

He then invited company representative T. J. Emmert, executive vice-president of Ford of Canada and Wallace Clark, vice-president of industrial relations, to his rooms for a brief conference. The two groups came together only for a few minutes before Mr. Daley called in the press to announce the failure of the meeting. "I have found two immovable forces," he told reporters. "At the present moment there doesn't seem to be any compromise in either." The company has refused to

Truckers Plan 'Copter Service'

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Three city truckers said Monday they are planning to operate a helicopter service between here and Bell Island in Conception Bay. The three, Gerald Summes, Douglas Ledrew and Bert O'Brien, said preliminary plans for the service had been ironed out but no applications have yet been filed with the transport department. Bell Island, an iron ore mining centre, is about eight air miles from St. John's. A ferry service operates across the three-mile bay but because there is no hospital on the island residents have been seeking a helicopter service for some time.

Coming Events

- Hazelbrook Christmas concert, December 17.
- Dance Fortune Hall, Tuesday, December 14th.
- Lady Fane School Concert, December 23rd.
- Variety concert Marshfield hall, Dec. 30.
- East Royalty Christmas concert in school, Dec. 14, 8 p.m.
- Cherry Valley School Concert, December 21st, 8:00 p.m.
- Christmas Concert, Dromore School, December 22nd.
- South Melville Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 21st.
- Dr. J. D. Reddin has resumed practice at Mt. Stewart, full time.
- Special meeting Boyce Lodge tonight, Royal Arch Purple Degree.
- Bingo, geese and chickens, North Rustico, this Wednesday 8 p.m. 50c for 20 games.
- Rennie's Road Christmas Concert, December 17th, 1954, at 8:00 sharp.
- McRae's Mills are broken down, will be closed until further notice, D. A. McRae.
- Bingo and dance, St. James' Church, Georgetown, Monday December 27th.
- Sunday School and Choir Concert, December 17th, in Stanhope Church, 8 p.m.
- Crapaud District Scarlet Chapter meets in Lorne Lodge, on Dec. 16th.
- Springvale Concert, Wednesday, December 15th, at 8 p.m. Admission 30c and 15c.
- Annual Meeting Kingston Telephone Company, December 13th, 8:00 p.m. Edgar Newson, Secretary.
- Come to the Cherry Valley Y. P. U. Christmas concert at Cherry Valley hall, Wednesday night, Dec. 15.
- Regular Dance, Stanley Bridge Rink Hall every Tuesday night. Music, Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- Community Bingo at Morell tomorrow, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Twenty cash prizes, plus Jack pot. To win the Jack pot you must have the top and bottom lines on your card. Admission 25 cents.
- Junior Farmers short course, Vocational School, December 22 to 31. Open to all young men and young women between the ages of 15 and 30. Apply Department of Agriculture, Box 9, Charlottetown.

NAB UNCLAD SUSPECT

TORONTO (CP)—It was well below freezing early Monday but police said Allan John Smyth, 18, was wearing only long underwear, a shirt and black gloves when they discovered him shivering in the shelter of a laneway fence. Police charged Smyth with shopbreaking when they found his suit and overcoat at the rear of a business establishment. They gave no reason for his scanty attire.

TV In Classroom Needs Planning

OTTAWA (CP)—Upshot of a country-wide trial last month to bring television to the classroom may be further experiments. Reports from principals and teachers of some 200 schools which participated in the four-week experiment now are being studied, analyzed and tabulated by CBC officials in Toronto. Results of the survey will form a report to be presented to the CBC's national advisory council on school broadcasting meeting in Toronto Feb. 9-11. Officials are light-lipped on the results, and won't say whether the teachers' reports offer a trend of approval or disapproval.

ONLY BEGINNING

However, one expert view is that the first attempt to broadcast educational programs to classrooms equipped with television receivers was only the beginning. There is doubt that on the basis of the returns there would be any recommendation for a series of television school broadcasts comparable to school radio programs started several years ago. One source said some teachers and broadcasters hope there will be a recommendation to continue to expand and improve the experiment before a definite decision is reached concerning the value of television to education. However, it was indicated that the response of teachers and the expense involved in producing educational television films will be major factors. **WIDE INTEREST** Another question is whether similar results at lower cost can be obtained by using motion picture screens. The cost of equipping

NATO MILITARY CHIEFS DRAFT NEW STRATEGY; MAJOR DISPUTE POSSIBLE

1,300 En Route From The Far East

Canadian Troops Land At Seattle

SEATTLE (CP)—Thirteen hundred Canadian soldiers who served in Korea and Japan with the 25th Infantry Brigade returned here Monday, bound for their homes and Christmas leave. They landed from the U. S. navy transport Gen. John Pope, which also carried 1,900 U. S. army officers and men. It was the largest draft to date in the current movement which will see two-thirds of the 6,000-man force home for Christmas. Senior officer aboard was Lt.-Col. J. W. D. Symons, commanding officer of the 3rd Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, of Victoria. He has been in Korea since January, 1954. The troops returning comprised men of the 3rd Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, of Victoria. He has been in Korea since January, 1954. The troops returning comprised men of the 3rd Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, of Victoria. He has been in Korea since January, 1954.

(By Harold Sieve)
PARIS, Reuters)—Atlantic pact military chiefs met here Monday to complete a new Western plan for immediate atomic retaliation in the event of Soviet aggression. The two-day discussions of the Allied chiefs of staff will pave the way for final decisions at a conference of the foreign and defence ministers of the 14 North Atlantic Treaty Organization powers Friday and Saturday.

NATO may be in for one of its first major disputes as a result of the "new pattern" strategy for immediate atomic retaliation. Reliable sources said some European members, especially Denmark, will insist that permission for an atomic counter-attack must first be given by member governments. The military argument is that the initial battle could be lost if political consultations were required first. Allied sources said a compromise probably will be worked out, whereby different types of counter-attacks, atomic and otherwise, will be planned to meet every situation. **NEW ARMS EVOLVED** The sources said NATO cannot match Communist military strength man-for-man and must therefore depend on technological superiority. In the last year, a technological evolution has taken place in Western arms. Atomic cannon are deployed in Germany, the newest jet fighters are stationed at NATO air bases and new sunights have been fitted to Allied tanks. The military committee met for four hours Monday with French Gen. Auguste Guillaume presiding. It was learned that the committee report will recommend the maintenance of well-equipped ground forces as well as atomic air power. The U. S. 12th Air Force announced simultaneously that two

Pilot Keeps Clear Of Houses

Blazing Aircraft Over Dartmouth

HALIFAX (CP)—A Royal Navy pilot stuck to his burning aircraft Monday long enough to aim it away from nearby houses, including his own, and then made his first parachute jump to safety. He was its only occupant. Lieut. Robert T. Moore, 33, of Carmarthen, North Devon, North Devon, said his Avenger anti-submarine plane was only 250 feet from the ground when the tower at the Shearwater navy base sent a radio warning that the craft was on fire. Moore said he noticed the flames at about the same time. "I had decided at first to land the plane. I thought the trouble wasn't serious but things got worse quickly. I wanted to get to somewhere that was fairly open. The harbor seemed to be the best place." "The last time I looked at the altimeter it was about 600 feet," he said. "Then the cockpit got so full of smoke I couldn't see a thing. I aimed her towards the harbor and jumped out." By the time his chute opened he was only 200 feet from the ground. He landed on the station's football field unharmed. The plane thundered into shallow harbor waters off the end of a jetty about a quarter mile away from Shearwater's crowded married quarters where the pilot's family lives. Many other homes also are in the district. Moore, a Second World War combat pilot, joined the Royal Navy in December of 1941 and trained in the United States. He is on loan to the Canadian Navy.

Report Pope Has Trouble Eating; Is Somewhat Weaker

By ALLAN JACKS
VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Pope, although still reflecting improvement from a near fatal collapse 12 days ago, was reported somewhat weaker Monday. He was having difficulty eating. An authoritative source said the 78-year-old Pontiff's condition remained grave and required constant watching. Prof. Antonio Gasbarrini, one of three medical specialists consulted after the Pope's collapse Dec. 2, was called here from his Bologna clinic and examined the Pope again. This was called "purely a checkup." After his first examination, Gasbarrini prescribed an alkaline washing of the Pontiff's stomach and a special diet to build his strength. Until Monday, the Roman Catholic leader had been eating increasing amounts of food. Hiccups that harassed him intermittently since last January ceased after Gasbarrini's treatment was started. The Pope's slight weakening was the first break in his steady improvement for more than a week. Vatican associates attributed it to a five-minute speech recorded Saturday and to extreme emotion over the consecration Sunday of Magr. Giovanni Battista Montini as Archbishop of Milan. A statement issued by the Vatican press service said the Pope's condition continued to show "a slight improvement." However, two high Vatican officials said the statement was originally written in a "somewhat less optimistic" vein and had toned down at the request of the Vatican secretariat of state.

Israeli Frees Five More From Syrian Plane

TEL AVIV (Reuters)—Israeli Monday released five more of the 10 persons who were aboard a Syrian DC-3 airplane forced down on Sunday by Israeli fighters. Freed were two passengers and three members of the plane's crew. Ralph Krohn Hansen of Wayne, N.Y., American agent for an agricultural machinery company, was released immediately after the twin-engine aircraft was forced to land at Lydda airport, south-east of Tel Aviv and six miles from the Jordan border. Two Syrian passengers and two crew members were still being detained at Lydda airport Monday night, pending completion of investigations. Israeli authorities said the plane, on a flight from Damascus to Cairo, was intercepted over the north Israeli coast and obeyed a signal from Mustang fighters to land. The Israelis said the plane intruded over Israeli territory. The pilot said he did not. Both Syria and Jordan protested to the United Nations truce supervision headquarters in Jerusalem about the plane's detention and both are expected to raise the issue at the next meeting of the mixed armistice commission headed by Canadian Col. J. E. L. Castonguay.

National Farm Unity Sought

WINNIPEG, (CP)—A clarion call for national farm unity in Canada was sounded across the Prairies during the last few weeks. The question is, was it heard loud and clear or did it fall on deaf ears? Leading the trumpet section was Albert Cormack, president of the Ontario Farmers' Union, who sounded the same note at farm union meetings in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. He called on J. L. Phelps and Jake Schultz, retiring presidents of the Saskatchewan and Manitoba farmers' unions respectively, to form a team in the organization of a national farm union. The name of Henry Young, president of the Farmers Union of Alberta has also been suggested as a third partner. **CONNECTION WITH EAST** "We have a definite connection between east and west. Problems are arising of which we know nothing until we had a farmers' union," he said. Mr. Cormack said requests for a union in Nova Scotia have been received and with the proposed formation of a union in British Columbia next year, there would be five provinces from which to draw support for a national body. However, in Winnipeg, Mr. Schultz said formation of such an organization "is a little remote at present."

Boats Deliver Food In Flood Areas of Ireland

DUBLIN (Reuters)—Hungry families marooned in widespread floods swamping the Irish countryside Monday leaned out of top-story windows to grab eagerly for food parcels brought to them by rescuers. A fleet of small boats left the town of Athlone to deliver the food to people stranded in the surrounding countryside. On the way, crews saw farmhands in other craft towing cattle to the safety of high ground. The floods—which began last week—are the worst experienced in the Republic of Ireland in living memory. The river Shannon and its tributaries have put more than 60 square miles of farming country under water after abnormally heavy rains. About 4,500 farms are flooded. And in Dublin itself the river Tolka, a little ambulating stream turned into a raging torrent by the rains, has invaded 5,000 homes. **Dies Following Sting By Two Bees** SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—David Leach, 66, a part-time beekeeper, died Sunday night after being stung by two bees, the coroner's office reported. His wife told the coroner Leach became ill after the first sting but, thinking little of it, returned to the hives and was stung again. He died five hours later.

Damaged Freighter Towed From Halifax

HALIFAX (CP)—The New York tug Joseph H. Moran sailed Saturday for Baltimore towing an American freighter that had lain in port here for more than a year. The 7,250-ton cargo vessel Atlantic Water was damaged when she grounded off Goose Bay, Labrador. She will be repaired at a Baltimore shipyard.

Potato Storage Holdings & Marketing Board Report

Potato storage holdings in Canada as of December 1st are estimated at 19,523,000 bushels which is substantially below the 23,294,000 figure of a year ago and is the lowest in recent years with the exception of 1951, reports Mr. Donald A. MacDonald, chairman of the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board. The final crop production estimate for the United States will not be available until next Friday, Dec. 17. In the meantime, the potato markets remain rather dull. Maine shipments are still the lightest in years and only about one-third of last year's movement up until this time. Loaded cars have been bringing \$1.80 to \$1.85 per cwt. F.O.B. The expected shrinkage in Maine stocks is now becoming evident and is expected to represent at least 25 per cent of their total production. Almost 2,000 carloads of poor quality potatoes have already been delivered to starch factories. Long Island movement is steady—the farmers receive about \$2.40 per cwt. F.O.B. Prices in New York State and Pennsylvania range from \$2.25 to \$2.40. Montreal reported last Friday that demand was moderate with ample supplies for present requirements. Island 75's were bringing \$1.90 to \$1.95. Small packages were in weak demand because the trade was buying some cheaper Maine and New Brunswick potatoes. Toronto reported some 75's being sold at \$2.05 with slow trading—especially on small packages. "Those prices," states Mr. MacDonald, "would warrant our producers receiving about \$1.00 per bushel at all island shipping points." Rail movement from this Province has been averaging about 25 carloads per day for the past several weeks. Seed movement to the Southern States has been fair, but the export market for tablestock has been very small. It would appear that a heavier movement from the Island, New Brunswick and Maine will be necessary before too long in order to prevent too large a buildup of supplies in the East.

Gives Outline Of Gas Pipeline May Dwarf Seaway Power

SUDBURY, Ont. (CP)—The proposed west-east natural gas pipeline would give Canada new energy equal to four St. Lawrence power projects. A. P. Craig, vice-president in charge of sales of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines, Ltd., said Monday night. Mr. Craig, addressing the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, said contract negotiations for sale of the gas to community distributing companies necessarily take a long time but this should not lead anyone to conclude that the \$300,000,000 project is faced with anything but normal problems of an undertaking of this size and scope. The statements were contained in a prepared address issued to the press before delivery. The company had the problem of offering gas to distributors at a low price as possible, and at the same time offering producers as high a price as possible. **LINKS ECONOMY** Despite contract and financing problems, preparations were well under way for a start of construction this spring as planned. The project, a 2,200-mile pipeline from the Alberta-Saskatchewan border eastward as far as Montreal, was comparable in many ways to the building of the great trans-continental railway and, like the railways, would be a powerful force for integration of the Canadian economy, said Mr. Craig. The impact of a new fuel or source of energy on an economy was immeasurable, especially when the area was rich in other natural resources and occupied by a progressive-minded and highly-skilled population. Under these circumstances, a new economic fuel could start a chain reaction of industrial development and improvement in living standards that would continue to expand as long as skill and imagination were applied to its use.

Plan Inauguration Of City's Centennial Year

Plans have been finalized for the official inauguration of Centennial Year in Charlottetown. On New Year's eve a dance will be held at the Charlottetown Hotel as well as at the Queen Charlotte High School where Phat groups of the Y.M.C.A. are sponsoring an entertainment for the younger set. At midnight a Town Crier in period costume will read to the dance patrons the official proclamation from the Mayor and City Council declaring Centennial Year opened. Centennial novelties will be in evidence at both these official functions, which will be attended by Mayor Stewart. On New Year's morning, the Mayor, accompanied by the City Clerk and the chairman of the Centennial Committee, will visit either of the two Charlottetown hospitals where the first baby of the New Year has been born. The child will be presented with a sterling silver mug and the mother will receive a bouquet of flowers. At 2 p.m. the official opening of Centennial Year will take place in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present for the occasion besides the Mayor and Councillors will be His Honor, Lieutenant Governor Prowse, Premier A. W. Matheson, the two Charlottetown members of the Legislative Assembly, the Queen's County members of Parliament, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, the heads of the various city departments and all former living mayors. Clergy will be represented by the President of the Charlottetown Ministerial Association and a representative of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Charlottetown. The Council Chambers are being completely renovated under the supervision of Mr. Barry Bugden. The City Hall will be brilliantly outlined in colored lights during

the opening ceremony, which will include the reading of the Proclamation by Mayor Stewart and the cutting of a huge 100-pound birthday cake by His Worship, a public address system will carry the proceedings to citizens in the streets. Of special interest in the ceremony will be recorded greetings from the nine Mayors of the Provincial capitals across Canada. A Hammond organ will provide suitable music. Immediately following the deliberations at City Hall, His Worship will leave for his home for the annual New Year's Day reception, at which the birthday cake will be served. Plans call for a distribution of the memorable cake to the various public institutions which will include the two orphanages. The Centennial birthday cake has been generously donated by the F. W. Woolworth Company.

CONDITION SERIOUS

FREDERICTON (CP)—The condition of James Bambury, 19-year-old Halifax steepleback, remained serious in hospital here Monday night. He suffered fractures of both legs and an arm when he fell 115 feet off a smokestack at Chipman Saturday.

9 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

WHAT'S BECOME OF THE GENT WHO WORE A PLUG HAT 'ROUND THE SNOW BALL SEASON?



Deny Talk Duchess To Wed

LONDON (Reuters)—The Sunday Express has published what it calls an "official" denial of rumors "sweeping European capitals for the last few days" that the Duchess of Kent, 48, is soon to marry Crown Prince Olaf of Norway, 51. The newspaper quotes a spokesman of Kensington Palace, the duchess' new home, as saying: "We are interested to hear it ourselves. But we are certain there are no grounds for it. As far as we know, the Sunday Express says the French magazine Paris Match stated that the story originated in London 'among people who usually know what is going on in royal circles.'" The duchess' husband was killed in an air crash in 1942. Prince Olaf's wife died last April in hospital from a liver ailment.

High Tide Today at Charlottetown

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:04 a. m. and 2:24 p. m. Sun rises today at 7:43 a. m. and sets at 4:31 p. m.