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Claims Canadian Deserts To Reds

BERLIN (Reuters)—A Canadian soldier, Ralph Bernard Frederick Cross, appealed for political asylum in East Germany on May 11, which was granted, the Communist East German news agency ADP said Wednesday night.

The agency did not give Cross' rank or unit, but only his army number, SM No. 18435.

Cross had been a soldier in the Canadian Army from 1951 to 1955, ADP said. He did not say from where he came to East Germany.

There are no Canadian soldiers in Berlin. The 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade Group is stationed at Soest in West Germany, however.

At Ottawa, the army said it has on its roll call a soldier named Ralph Bernard Frederick Cross.

The army said he is a member of the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, serving in West Germany.

Cross, born Feb. 10, 1922, joined the army at Edmonton in November, 1953. He listed his occupation then as farmhand and his next-of-kin as his wife, Mrs. Edith Isobel Ellen Cross of Pierceland, Sask. He arrived in Europe April 19, 1954.

An army spokesman said headquarters here has no knowledge of Cross seeking and receiving political asylum in Communist East Germany.

DIAMOND SOURCE

About 95 per cent of the world's supply of diamonds comes from Africa.

Ottawa, on Sunday, June 5 next, and will celebrate his First Solemn High Mass on Sunday, June 12 in the Church of the Little Flower, in his native Morell. His many friends will be offering their personal congratulations and good wishes to the new priest at a reception in his honor at the home of his parents throughout the afternoon and evening of that auspicious day.

P.E.I. Link With First Premier Of Newfoundland

By STEWART MACLEOD
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ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A young lawyer from Prince Edward Island sat down in a spanking new stone legislative building 100 years ago as Newfoundland's first prime minister under responsible government, opening the biggest chapter in the island's stormy political history.

In front of that same building this year multi-colored lights will glister through a spraying fountain and busts of four historic figures will be unveiled to commemorate the year this oldest British colony and newest Canadian province became a self-governing Dominion.

P. F. Little, who left Prince Edward Island in 1844 to start practicing law here with his brother, became the country's first prime minister in 1855, just five years after he entered politics under a Liberal banner.

LIVELY CAMPAIGNS

P. F. Little, only 31 when he led the first government, resigned his seat in 1858, the year Confederation with Canada became a live issue. This was one of the big subjects that injected so much color into election campaigns between that year and 1895 when the issue was dropped again and not revived until after the Second World War when it was finally carried through.

Although Newfoundland was not represented at the 1897 conference, the country sent delegations to Canada four times before 1895 to negotiate possible terms. The matter even reached the ballot papers here in 1889, but was firmly rejected in favor of independence.

Even when this issue was not before the government, there were always lots of subjects to keep usually evenly-divided two-party politics colorful. Governments inaugurated services like railways, steam services and telegraphs, and survived bank crashes and the disastrous fire of 1892 that wiped out this city.

The era ended grimly in 1934 when at Newfoundland's own request, Britain suspended the constitution and a commission of government was set up to run the country's affairs. This period is

COLORFUL ERA

At commemoration formalities later this year, his son, now in his 70s, will likely be standing by proudly. The provincial government has invited him over from Ireland, where he was born after his father retired as judge of the Newfoundland Supreme Court in 1866.

The centenary will mark the year Newfoundland successfully completed a long struggle for self-government. And it will mark that era from 1855 to 1934 when responsible government, led by 19 different prime ministers, guided the country through one of the most colorful eras of her history. Those were the days, say old-timers, when politicians were born, not bred.

The provincial government is not planning any flowery celebrations. Instead, the \$75,000 allotted for the purpose will be used to establish

Hearings For Tariff Board

OTTAWA (CP)—The tariff board will hold hearings on a proposed revision of the tariff schedule for primary iron and steel products, it was announced Wednesday.

The board was ordered by Finance Minister Harris to study and report on the tariff schedule, following representations from steel companies who asked for higher tariffs.

Mr. Harris received briefs recently from Algoma Steel Corporation Limited, Dominion Foundries and Steel Limited, Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation Limited, the Steel Company of Canada Limited and Atlas Steels Limited.

Mr. Harris said in a letter to the board that the government is considering revising the tariff provisions for primary iron and steel products.

It was understood that the revision may provide increases for some tariff items, and decreases for others.

Mr. Harris told the board it should also consider rates now applicable to finished steel and iron products.

He said that there should be no general change in preferential

Peron Ignores Church Service

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—For the first time in Argentine history, the president and other top government officials Wednesday ignored Roman Catholic religious services commemorating the anniversary of the country's independence.

Santiago Luis Cardinal Copella, the Argentine primate, also was not present at the traditional te deum service at the cathedral on Independence Day. The custom has been for the cardinal primate to conduct the service while the president and his cabinet attend in a body.

But President Juan D. Peron and his ministers, who have been feuding with the church's hierarchy for six months, stayed away. Msgr. Antonio Rocca, Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires, officiated.

No official explanation was advanced for the absence of either the cardinal or of the president and his cabinet.

Fifty-three priests have been arrested during the six months of controversy between the Argentine church and a dstate.

Welfare Plan Under Study

OTTAWA (CP) — Financial and welfare authorities from the 10 provinces meet with federal officials today to begin the initial phase in developing the St. Laurent formula for federal contributions for the relief of Canada's unemployed.

Bushels of statistics on the number of Canadians unemployed and physically unable to work as well as provincial and municipal costs for welfare relief have been gathered by the provinces for the meeting.

These will be sorted out at a federal - provincial conference of deputy ministers to open here next

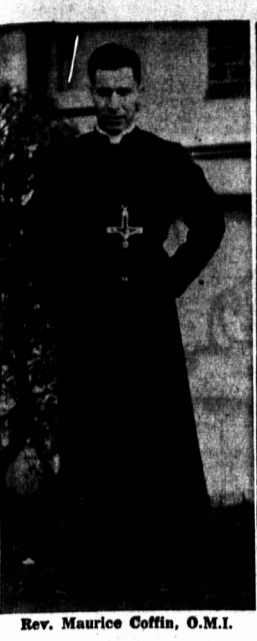
To Make Extended Tour Of Europe

VANCOUVER (CP)—The tradition-steeped Grey Cup may compete for attention with a candle-labra next November.

Mayor Fred Hume's Grey Cup committee met here Tuesday night and fired enough ideas around for the Grey Cup football festivities Nov. 26 to turn the Mardi Gras pale by comparison.

Mayor Hume proposed that the celebrated pianist Liberace be asked to give a candlelight concert here as part of the celebrations. The Mayor said he will write Liberace to see if he will be available at that time.

The U. S. flag that Admiral Robert Peary flew when he discovered the North Pole in 1909 was stitched by his wife in 1898.



Rev. Maurice Coffin, O.M.I.

To Be Ordained To Priesthood

It has recently been announced that Holy Rosary Scholasticate, Ottawa, Ont., that the Rev. Maurice Cleveland Coffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover H. Coffin, Morell, P.E.I., will be among a number of young men who will be ordained to the Priesthood in the Oblate Order in a forthcoming ordination ceremony.

Brother Coffin was born in Morell on August 27, 1916, and received his primary education in the village school and his high school education at St. Dunstan's College. Upon completion of his high school he joined the Morell Consumers' Co-op Association and under the patronage of that organization he entered Guelph Agricultural College where he obtained a licence to operate a Creamery. Having successfully operated the Morell Co-operative Creamery for a number of years he resigned that position in 1948 and joined the English-speaking Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and began studies for the Priesthood. Brother Coffin will be ordained by Bishop Jordan, co-adjutor Archbishop of Edmonton, Alta., at the home of his parents throughout the afternoon and evening of that auspicious day.

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