

### Canada Buying Light Carrier From Britain

LONDON, Nov. 7 — (CP) — Canada has completed arrangements to buy from Britain H.M.S. Powerful, a light fleet aircraft carrier, a fighting fleet ship to be replaced in its 1951-52 edition.

The authoritative naval year book says Canada is expanding her naval strength considerably and will use the new carrier to replace H.M.S. C.S. Magnificent, on loan from the Royal Navy. The year book adds that seven of Canada's 14 anti-submarine escorts have been laid down and most of 14 scheduled coastal minesweepers launched.

In Ottawa, a Canadian Navy spokesman said H.M.S. Powerful, under construction at Belfast in Northern Ireland, will be given "a more appropriate Canadian name" before it is turned over to Canada. The new name has not been chosen.

The carrier would not be completed for "a few years yet" and Canada would continue to use H.M.S. C.S. Magnificent until then, the spokesman said.

John's says that several navies, notably Britain, Canada and the United States, have had "second thoughts" about scrapping warships in the normal process of wastage and replacement.

Jane's described the U.S. Navy as a "colossal fighting force," as big as all the other navies of the world combined. It added that the U.S. has the largest peacetime fleet ever maintained by any country.

The new Jane's Fighting Ships sticks by old figures in a report on the Soviet Union's submarine fleet, by far the world's biggest.

As in its 1951-52 edition, the year book says Russia has at least 370 submarines afloat and 120 others in various stages of construction.

Soviet security measures make precise information about the Russian armed forces difficult to obtain.

But the Soviet subs, which could wreak havoc on the sea supply routes of the Western World in case of war, far outnumber the 200 now in service with the U.S. navy. Britain has about 50.

Britain, especially vulnerable to undersea warfare because of dependence on food and other supplies from abroad, has concentrated much of her new naval buildings on anti-submarine frigates. A number of existing destroyers also are being converted into submarine killer ships.

At the same time Britain is experimenting with new submarine types of her own and with atomic energy as a means of propulsion. How far this research has gone is still an official secret.

The United States already has under construction an atom-powered sub called the Nautilus.

### Union Members Voted Democrat But Wives For Ike

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 — (AP) — Spokesmen for both the A. F. L. and C. I. O. claimed Friday that organized labor voted overwhelmingly Democratic in Tuesday's elections, but the union members were out-voted by the rest of the population.

Union political strategists conceded, however, that many workers' wives probably cast their ballots for Genl Dwight D. Eisenhower.

They claimed that the size of the Democratic voting in large industrial areas indicated that union members supported Democrats as union leaders had urged them to do. They contended that the Democratic Party polled considerably more votes in these areas this year than President Truman received in 1948.

There was no way of telling, however, whether the A. F. L. and C. I. O. claims of success in delivering union member votes were correct. Many politicians outside the labor unions figure otherwise—contending that Eisenhower's avalanche of votes must have included those of many union members.

It was at least possible that with 10,000,000 more votes cast this year than in any election the unions might have voted fairly solidly Democratic, yet had their ballots lost in the rush towards the Republicans.

Neither union figures it lost too much ground in Congress. Their officials said they figured they hadn't attained many union aims in recent years with the Democrats in power, anyway.

Meanwhile, speculation began on what the new Congress will do about carrying out the Eisenhower and Republican platform pledges to change the Taft-Hartley labor law, which provides, among other things, for injunctions against strikes.

It was conceded by all concerned that the union aim of repealing the law was a lost cause for the present at least.

### Census Figures Disclose Drop In U. K. Birth Rate

By Sidney Welland

LONDON, Nov. 9 — (Reuters) — More than half of Britain's homes have no children under 16, census figures disclosed Thursday. The figures were based on a one-per-cent sample of the national census taken last year.

One of every five married women in the country is childless while only 4.4 per cent have five or more children. In 1911, census figures showed 21.9 per cent had at least five children.

Officials pointed out that a declining birth rate is common to all industrial countries.

A government report crammed with statistics showed this changed pattern of British family life: Three million married couples have no children, while 3,100,000 have only one child. Eight million of the country's 14,500,000 homes have no children of school-age.

The average family size is 1.72 children, but in London it is only 1.56 while in Scotland it is 2.03.

Doctors, lawyers and other professional men have the smallest families.

Government statisticians, who worked out the birth-rate decline, also spotlighted the habits, home life and origin of the 48,000,000 inhabitants of Britain.

Buried in the mass of figures was the statement that nearly 1,400,000 British residents were born in other countries and that Britain had an influx of 500,000 foreigners in the last 20 years of political turmoil in Europe. From Poland came 120,000, from Germany 82,000 and from Russia 38,000.

Sixty-eight thousand persons born in the United States are resident in Britain.

Most children leave school by the age of 15, only one in every 30 staying after 16.

A new generation is growing up in Scotland and Wales without troubling to learn the ancient languages of its fathers, the report showed. Twenty years of radio and newspapers in the Welsh valleys and the Scottish glens have blunted youthful fascination for the lilting tones of Welsh and Gaelic.

The report showed 3,978,000 British homes lack baths. 96,000 are without lavatories and 37,500 had no stove on which to cook.

The first English Prince of Wales, who afterwards became Edward II, was so designated in 1301.

### Plan Festival For Playwrights

OTTAWA, Nov. 9 — (CP) — There's a new twist coming in Canadian dramatics—a festival for playwrights.

The Ottawa Little Theatre Workshop, chief booster in a drive to build Canadian playwrighting talent, has decided to sponsor a three-night stage run starting Nov. 13, featuring the plays of four talented Canadian writers.

These are the winners in the workshop's 14th annual playwrighting competition, a country-wide contest, carrying \$225 in cash awards.

The playwrights themselves will be here to see their creations staged, as well as Governor-General Vincent Massey, who is expected to attend the Nov. 14 performance.

The winning playwrights are Neil Harris of Saskatoon, John Stuart Harvey of London, Ont., Graham Murray of Hamilton and Mrs. George Cadogan of Durham, Ont.

Harris won the \$100 first prize in the competition with an item called "The Dream Unwinds." This is the story of a transient worker who comes back from the wars with a nostalgic vision of home, only to have reality serve him a bitter pill.

Harvey and Murray split the \$75 second prize. Harvey's "And Battles Long Ago" is a rather tragic tale of a dead officer and his widow's influence over his three officer friends. Murray took honors with a philosophic commentary on conventions in "The Line."

Third prize of \$50 went to Mrs. Cadogan, with "Rise And Shine," a droll comedy dealing with two lardy humans on Judgment Day.

### Eye Bank Gives New Hope To Many In U. K.

Derek Jameson

LEEDS, England, Nov. 9 — (Reuters) — New hope was given Thursday to thousands of sightless Britons on hospital waiting lists for cornea grafting operations.

The delicate operation by which a section of the eye of a dead person is removed and grafted to a living, but sightless, eye has long been recognized. But the problem has been one of supply and waiting lists are long.

A panel of doctors, first of its kind in Britain was set up here Thursday to speedily remove eyes from dead persons who have bequeathed them to restore sight to the blind.

This is the outcome of a new law, passed in Parliament last September, sweeping away the outmoded restrictions of the Anatomy Act of 1871—designed to foil body-snatchers—which hampered cornea-graft surgery until Britain lagged behind most of the world.

The Anatomy Act decreed nothing could be removed from a dead person within 48 hours of death without the consent of the next-of-kin. Eyes have to be removed for cornea-grafting within 10 hours.

The only eyes available were those removed from patients suffering from other diseases and a few from donors who had taken the trouble to surmount the complications of the Anatomy Act.

Eye hospitals, which required 80 eyes a week received only two or three.

Now that the obstacles have been removed, the only problem is to get to the home of a donor and

operate to remove the eyes quickly after death. For this purpose, medical panels like the one here will be set up throughout the country.

Chances of success, doctors say are up to 80 per cent. But only a small percentage of blindness can be remedied through cornea-grafting since blindness may be due to many other causes than a faulty cornea.

**EMYVALE SCHOOL**

The following is the report for the month of October for Senior Department, Emysvale School.

Grade X—1. Florence Clarkin; 2. Stella Flood; 3. Rosaleen Callaghan.

Grade IX—1. Verna Clarkin; 2. Anita Murray; 3. Rosaleen Flood.

Grade VIII—1. Jean McQuaid; 2. Teresa McCloskey; 3. Wilfred Griffin.

Grade VII—1. Marie Clarkin; 2. Inez Flood; 3. Clifford Callaghan.

Grade VI—1. George Carragher; 2. Reta Flood; 3. Paul McCloskey. Principal: Martina McCloskey.

The statue of Jupiter Olympus, one of the seven wonders of the world, was made of marble inlaid with gold and ivory.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

All war veterans are invited to take part in the Remembrance Day parade and service at the Cenotaph in Charlottetown, November 11th. Parade will fall in at the Charlottetown Canadian Legion Home at 10:30 a.m.

The Ladies Auxillary of the Branch will also meet at the Branch Home at the same time.

Medals and poppies will be worn.

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### Freighter Races Freeze-Up With Goose Bay Supplies

MONTREAL, Nov. 7 — (CP) — The coastal freighter Mary Sweeney sailed late yesterday with medical and other supplies for the air station at Goose Bay. Shipping officials said they hoped she can land them safely before the freeze-up.

Supply ships to Goose Bay were caught in ice last year while some distance from there and had to return to Montreal. The ice-breaker C. D. Howe, just back from a trip to Arctic posts, will join the supply service next week because later use of regular freighters may not be feasible because of ice danger.

During the week-end more than a score of grain-carrying lake freighters are expected to arrive with more than 1,000,000 bushels of grain. At least a dozen ocean ships are here or on the way to take on the grain.

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