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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

CHARLOTTETOWN CANADA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1957

Cloudy with coastal fog and widely scattered showers; not much change in temperature. Light variable winds.



THE QUEEN VISITS JERSEY

Queen Elizabeth II wears a radiant smile as she chats with a group of nuns on Jersey, one of the Channel Islands, July 25. The Queen, accompanied by Prince Philip, made a one-day visit to Jersey and was introduced to persons engaged in honorary service on the island. (AP Wirephoto)

Emphasis On Mobility But Division Has No Equipment

CAMP GAGETOWN, N.B. (CP) The 1st Canadian Infantry Division, in its current week-long atomic exercise, is placing heavy emphasis on increased mobility. But the emphasis is on paper only. The division simply hasn't the equipment to transport troops rapidly, either on the ground or in the air.

This was demonstrated Monday night and Tuesday when the 1st division was unable to follow up quickly on a withdrawal by the "enemy" force and lost all contact with it on one front for 12 hours.

A group of reporters spent the night in an abandoned schoolhouse at a main crossroads and just in front of the new "enemy" positions after their withdrawal across the Neropsis River. But not even a division patrol showed up anywhere near the scene.

BREN GUN CARRIERS
The standard infantry transport is the Bren gun carrier, in service for at least 15 years. It was not even designed as a troop carrier but as a mount for a machine gun. It can carry only six men at the most.

Bren gun carriers are out of production and as they wear out the division has fewer and fewer. Those thrown on the junk pile are "cannibalized" for parts to keep the survivors going.

One officer said the transportation problem has reached the point where four-man jeeps are being used as infantry carriers. They normally carry no armor.

The army for years has been working on development of a new armored carrier able to transport 12 soldiers over rough terrain at about 25 miles an hour. But it is still in the prototype stage and has not yet been thoroughly tested.

It thus appears it will still be several years before the army acquires a new carrier suitable for atomic battlefield conditions.

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HAS TO PRETEND
Right now the army has to pretend certain troops have been moved quickly from one point to another just as it pretends a medium battery is firing atomic missiles.

The army may get some air transport before new ground transport. De Havilland Aircraft Company of Toronto is developing the Caribou a plane designed to lift troops and supplies from rear areas to the front. It will be able to take off from and land on air fields.

The first Caribou is expected to be ready within two years. Maj.-Gen. John Rockingham division commander, said Tuesday one lesson learned from the exercise is need for more advance preparation of alternate code names for atomic targets.

One battalion adjutant captured by the "enemy" was carrying two sets of codes. It took an hour to prepare a third.

Gen. Rockingham said morale of the troops was good despite heavy rain early Tuesday which made life uncomfortable for everyone in the field and turned roads into greasy pans.

Sheppard's Lawyer Says He Believes Convict's Confession

WELLAND, Fla. (AP) — Donald J. Wedler Tuesday signed a statement that he killed Marilyn Sheppard, a Cleveland lawyer for Dr. Samuel Sheppard reported.

William Corrigan said the 23-year-old Florida convict "will ingly signed the statement in the presence of sheriff's deputies Howard Demott and Jack Lynady."

The lawyer's belief in Wedler's story is directly opposed to conclusions of Cleveland police officials when they talked with the prisoner a week ago.

Dr. Samuel Gerber, coroner of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and James McArthur, former chief of Cleveland detectives, said Wedler knew only as much about the sensational July 4, 1954, slaying case as he might have read in newspapers and magazines.

Corrigan, on the other hand, said "I think this guy did it."

The lawyer who defended Dr. Sheppard in the trial which resulted in his conviction for the slaying of his wife and a life term, said:

PLAN OHIO MOVE
"We plan to move immediately in the state of Ohio to bring this case to a successful conclusion. There's nobody who can set aside a confession of this nature with all its possibilities."

How Corrigan would bring a murder charge against Wedler before a grand jury for indictment was not disclosed. Such a step would be necessary to bring him to trial in Ohio.

JETS TO EUROPE
NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—High-ranking RCAF officers and government officials are in North Bay to attend the formal departure ceremonies of No. 419 all-weather CP-100 fighter squadron for Germany.

The Moote Squadron will leave Aug. 1 for overseas duty with NATO forces. It will be based at Baden-Soellingen in Germany.

COMPOSER DEAD
THE HAGUE, Netherlands (CP)—Dr. Sem Dresden, 78, Dutch composer and former director of the Amsterdam and Hague academies of music, died here Tuesday.

COST 600 MILLION TO BUILD
WASHINGTON (AP) — North America's air warning system was extended to a 3,000-mile radar chain across the Canadian Arctic fringe of the continent Tuesday.

The United States Air Force announced the Distant Early Warning line ready for operation. The electronically connected system of detection and warning devices, costing more than \$600,000,000, will go into full scale operation today.

It rounds out a vast array of devices installed to give America maximum warning of the approach of hostile aircraft by the short route across the Arctic between the centres of the Communist and free worlds.

The DEW line was begun late in 1954. It stretches from Western Alaska across the upper rim of the continent, through Canada to Baffin Island. The line is actually a series of radar posts isolated from each other in the northern wastes, except for electronic connections.

RELATED TO COMMANDS
The information gathered by these electronic devices will be relayed through an elaborate chain of automatic and semi-automatic relay points to the Continental Air Defence Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., and to the Canadian Air Defence Command headquarters at St. Hubert, Que.

The building of the line was handled by the Western Electric Company. Its actual operation and maintenance will be turned over to the Federal Electric Corporation, a field service organization of the International Telephone and Telegraph System.

Both the building and the operation are under the direct supervision of the United States Air Force with the active co-operation of the Canadian government.

DEW line is the last and farthest north of three radar chains across the continent. The first, called the pine tree line, stretches along the U.S.-Canadian border and was primarily a United States project.

LL-CANADIAN
The second line, called the mid-Canada, is Canadian-financed and operated. It stretches across Canada at about the latitude of the southern part of Hudson Bay.

All three lines are extended seaward by the use of specially equipped aircraft and surface ships. Closer-in warning is also provided by the Texas towers that are being built at key locations of the Atlantic coast.

When first conceived, the DEW line was expected to provide at least six hours warning of approaching aircraft. The Russian development of fast jet bombers, however, has theoretically cut the warning time to about three hours for key points in the northern tier of United States.

Takes Off Vertically

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "VertiJet" as experimental craft sponsored by the United States Air Force and the navy, took off vertically in a searing jet blast Tuesday and then went on a brief test flight.

Manufactured by Ryan Aeronautical Company, it was flown by the company's chief engineering test pilot, Peter F. Girard.

He took off from a contraption that looked something like a hot-air balloon. Under the nose of the plane, which in level flight looks like a modern fighter plane, is a metal hook.

Girard started with the hook over a metal rack at the top of a mobile platform which steadies the plane for takeoff. Turning on the jet's blast, he lifted the hook off the rack, and backed the plane away to clear the platform.

He then turned on full power to complete the takeoff, climbing sharply away.

Upon his return, Girard turned the aircraft's nose upward and slid down, then in that vertical position moved slowly toward the platform and hooked back onto the rack.

LAUNCH SHIP AFTER DELAY

DUM BARTON, Scotland (Reuters) — Princess Alexandra launched a ship Tuesday — after she ignored protocol, the champagne bottle refused to break and the ship failed to slide down the ways.

With a heavy shower from the sky, she was assisted by a hastily-repaired hydraulic system—the frigate Jaguar finally smashed into the sea.

Everything was set for the first royal launching from the William Denny and Brothers yard.

But protocol went by the board when Alexandra, Queen Elizabeth's cousin, arrived. Instead of climbing the steps up the dais she walked around the ship, talking to men knocking out the last of the ship's bilge blocks.

When the launching ceremony started Alexandra grabbed the champagne bottle and gave a hefty heave. It didn't break.

Alexandra burst into fits of laughter as chairman Edward J. Denny put up his umbrella to protect her from the non-existent shower of champagne. On the second try the bottle broke.

The order to launch was given. But the ship did not budge as a jet of water shot out from beneath the launching platform.

Workers scurried about to patch up the leaking hydraulic launching system. Finally the ship slid gently down the runways into the sea. Later Alexandra said: "I thought it was never going to go. It was wonderful to see her going down at last."

Dasco Business Continues Kick

MONTREAL (CP)—Earnings of Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, Limited, in the first half of 1957 compare favorably with those of the corresponding period last year, President C. B. Lang said Tuesday in a letter to shareholders.

Lessening steel demand remains unchanged, he said, making it necessary for the company to accept business at a smaller margin of profit.

"However," he added, "the physical volume of back orders is satisfactory and indicates, barring unforeseen difficulties, a satisfactory year."

"At Trenton, Halifax, Montreal and at Canadian Bridge in Windsor, Ont., our shops are active and the backlog of business is being maintained," the letter said.

A new open hearth furnace at Sydney, N.S., raised to an all-time high, the steel making capacity of the corporation which is now in excess of 1,000,000 tons a year, he said.

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Horticultural Council Sees Threat From U.S. Producers

Pensioners Receive First \$46 Dollar Cheques Today

Mr. Alfred S. Tait, Regional Director of Old Age Security, Charlottetown, announces that today 7,012 Old Age Security Pensioners in P.E.I. will receive out of Federal Government funds, cheques in the amount of \$46.00.

This is the only increase in payments since the first cheques were issued in the month of January, 1952.

The \$6.00 monthly increase represents an increased Federal expenditure on P.E.I. of \$42,072.00 for the month of July, 1957. At that rate Old Age Security pensioners in this province will be receiving increases amounting to over half a million dollars during the next twelve months. The amount paid out to pensioners in P.E.I. this month totals \$328,690.00.

Old Age Security Pensions, provided by the Government of Canada, under the Old Age Security Act, 1951, are payable to all persons who have reached 70 or more, and who meet the residence requirements. Under the legislation, applications received from persons under 69 1/2 years of age cannot be accepted.

To avoid delay in receipt of pension, however, application should be made to the office of Regional Director, Old Age Security, as soon as possible after the age of 69 1/2 years has been reached. Payment begins with the month following the applicant's 70th birthday provided the application form is received in the office of the Regional Director after the applicant reaches 69 1/2 years of age and before becoming 70.

In those cases where the application form is received in the office of the Regional Director after the applicant's 70th birthday, payment of the pension commences with the month following the receipt of the completed application. Application forms are available at the Regional Office or at any post office.

Cases have been coming to the attention of the Regional Director's office where prospective applicants have delayed forwarding their application forms because it was thought necessary to submit with the application a birth certificate to prove age.

If the applicant's birth is not already registered with the Provincial Vital Statistics authorities, it is unnecessary to do so before registering for Old Age Security. The Regional Director urges all persons who qualify under the existing legislation to apply as soon as possible after the person becomes 69 1/2 years of age even though no documentary evidence of age is available at the time.

If no evidence of age is sent along with the completed application form, the regional office will give direction and assistance to any applicant as to what steps are to be taken to obtain and produce evidence of age for Old Age Security purposes.

35 Million Needed For Nfld. Health Services

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Deputy Health Minister Dr. Leonard Miller told a three-man royal commission Tuesday Newfoundland needs more than \$35,000,000 to bring health services up to an "acceptable" standard.

He told the commission investigating Newfoundland's economic progress since Confederation the province needs a regional hospital somewhere in the eastern section between Clarendville and Grand Falls, a new home to accommodate 300 student nurses and more clerical workers.

The province was short 1,000 hospital beds. Statistics showed there were only 2.5 beds for each 1,000 people.

Superintendent Dr. Edward Wilson said there are enough beds at St. John's General Hospital for those needing acute medical attention but the hospital lacks facilities for overall medical care. He introduced photographs to illustrate crowded conditions in the wards and nurses' residence.

Dr. Miller said the government last year spent \$9,749,725 to bring medical services to their present level but it would cost an estimated \$36,350,000 to bring the services up to an acceptable standard.

Dr. Miller and Dr. Wilson were called as witnesses for the province which earlier presented a 633-page brief to the commission, outlining the need for a \$17,000,000 annual grant from the federal government to keep public services at their present level.

Businessman - Journalist Albert B. Perlin outlined the development of hospital services in Newfoundland.

Until the establishment of the cottage hospital system in 1935, he said, medical services were available to the people of outlying areas only if nearby communities had been able to persuade a doctor to open up practice there.

The nucleus of the general hospital was first used as a military hospital prior to 1871. Through the years, additions and renovations were made, and today its total bed capacity was 475.

BELOW STANDARD
"The average occupancy of the main centre for 1955 was 93.1 per cent, as against an average acceptable standard of 70 to 75 per cent."

R. M. French of the highways department wound up his summary of road conditions. Using a large mat he explained it would cost \$90,000,000 to build Newfoundland's share of the Trans-Canada Highway. He also outlined the necessity of building local roads to connect isolated communities and stimulate industry.

Higher Tariff Protection Is Needed, Spokesman Claims

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Horticultural Council, representing fruit and vegetable growers in most parts of Canada, says that unless higher tariff protection is provided for producers in this country, United States producers soon will dominate the whole Canadian market.

"We have lost all control of our prices," M. M. Robinson of Toronto, president of the council, told the tariff board Tuesday. "Our prices are controlled entirely by American imports."

In its brief to the board, the council gave shipment details of various fruits and vegetables which it said show "the trend toward complete domination of the horticultural field by American producers — unless something is done and done quickly to give the Canadian producer some encouragement so far as tariff protection and farm costs are concerned."

The council seeks a variety of increases in tariffs, mostly in seasonal ones, and in the periods such tariffs apply. It also urges that the revenue minister set so-called "fair market values" as a basis for assessing duty against imports.

The idea is that products shipped into Canada at prices below these "fair market values" would come under stiffer-than-otherwise duties.

NO SUBSIDIES
The council said Canadian growers don't want subsidies. These would not solve their problems since most fruits and vegetables can't be stored long and subsidies did not encourage efficient production or marketing.

"We feel that a system of minimum fair market values will go a long way to solve the problem."

The council blamed U.S. agricultural subsidies for having built up large surpluses in that country that now are being marketed to the detriment of Canadian growers.

By selling these surpluses at cut rates or giving them away in one way or another, the U.S. was violating "the spirit if not the actual word of trade agreements."

But the U.S. government "has not allowed this to stand in the way of its attempt to dominate world trade, a ruthlessly aggressive economic imperialism."

The council was first of several interests to be heard by the tariff board studying the whole question of fruit and vegetable tariffs. The board has been asked to recommend to the government specific changes in any existing rates the board feels need revision.

The council brief covers almost every fruit and vegetable that appears on the Canadian table. It asks for higher tariffs on, among a host of other items, tomatoes, cumpers, apricots, peaches, pears and corn on the cob.

EKTEND DUTY
W. R. Shaw of Charlottetown, as opposed to "Communist or any other totalitarianism." Its membership includes a number of members of the Society of Friends — Quakers.

Threaten Walk Into Nuclear Area In Nevada As Protest

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Committee for Non-Violent Action against Nuclear Weapons said Tuesday some of its members will walk into the nuclear test area in Nevada Aug. 8.

The committee said it plans to organize protests at Las Vegas, New York and other cities if possible, against what it called the senseless folly of nuclear tests.

A new test explosion is planned for Aug. 8 in Nevada.

Walking into the test area, the announcement said, "will be an act of civil disobedience against a law of the United States. It is undertaken in a spirit of prayer and from leadings of conscience."

A committee member said about 70 persons will assemble in Las Vegas Saturday to discuss ways to protest the explosion, which falls between the Aug. 6 anniversary date of the Hiroshima atom bomb attack and the Aug. 9 Nagasaki attack.

"It seems a hollow mockery to schedule an explosion right between those two dates," said committee member Albert Bigelow. The committee describes itself

Two Cargo Ships Sail For Arctic

MONTREAL (CP)—Two cargo ships sail Thursday from Montreal for Arctic destinations with freight including everything from prefabricated buildings to helium for weather balloons.

The ships — the Hillcrest and Kingsbridge — will join the heavy government icebreaker d'Iberville in Quebec, and then rendezvous in the eastern Arctic with three other vessels that sailed last month.

The convoy carries a total of 11,000 tons of cargo for various points in northern Canada, chiefly radar stations, weather outputs and RCMP camps.

Three ships already in the area are the transport department's supply ship, C. D. Howe, and the icebreakers N. B. McLen and Montclair.

After unloading supplies in the Arctic, the convoy will return to southern waters.

EMBASSY BUILDING BADLY DAMAGED

This 12-story building on Mexico's famed Caballito, the city's Times Square, housed the Canadian Embassy and the house office of former New York Mayor William O'Dwyer prior to the earthquake Sunday. Virtually all windows were broken, up-torn down.

rights cracked and the building tilted to the right. Engineers found the structure unsafe and it will be torn down.

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