



Winter Work On Seaway Project

Work on the St. Lawrence Seaway continues in winter as well as summer and construction crews even work at night to clear up this sprairie Basin near Montreal. Here vessels will be raised or lowered at the western end of the level of Lake St. Louis and that of the channel between this lock and the St. Lambert lock downstream. (CP from Seaway Authority)

Scientists Putting Bite On Black Flies And Mosquitoes

By ALAN DONNELLY
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OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian scientists are putting the bite on biting flies.

Black flies and mosquitoes, scourge of the north, are finding that man is fighting back, not just with futile slaps at bitten ankles but with all-out DDT attack whose strategy is guided by intensive research.

Dr. Cecil R. Twinn, agriculture department entomologist who reads the scientific side of the campaign, describes these blood-sucking pests as one of the chief limitations to development of the north.

Some 1,500 scientists from more than 60 countries will attend the 10th International Congress of Entomology at Montreal Aug. 17-25. It is the first time that body has ever met in Canada.

Dr. Twinn described the black fly as the north's worst pest. "Children can become quite ill from their bites," he said. Concern was so great that doctors had been searching, so far without success, to see whether any disease organism is injected with the fly bite.

Black flies also have killed many livestock on the Prairies. DDT treatment at one point on the North Saskatchewan river can kill black fly larvae as far as 100 miles downstream. But last year black flies there produced a second generation later in the summer and the outbreak resulted in deaths of some livestock.

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years ago at Churchill, Man., has been adopted in many parts of the world.

But black flies and mosquitoes aren't the only biting flies which plague people and animals in Canada. The country has about 300 species of blood-sucking insects which challenge control attempts of scientists.

What Canada and other countries are doing about these pests will be discussed next summer at one of the world's biggest gatherings of insect experts.

Scientists, however, have found the insects' vulnerable point and have developed better ways of attacking, he said.

One stage of the life cycle of the two insects is spent in the water as larvae. Then—before adult insects emerge to start biting—is the best time for slaughter.

Larvae of mosquitoes prefer still water; those of black flies require flowing streams and rivers.

The goal is protection of settlements. Travellers and those who work in open country remain at the insects' mercy. Thus entomologists have aimed their efforts at devising the best means for spraying the pools, swamps and rivers around communities.

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Colour Barriers Falling Peacefully In Many Parts

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Negroes have followed quietly. Other southern states with Negro students ranging from a handful to hundreds include Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee and Louisiana. In none of these states there has been any violence. Many of the Negroes live in campus dormitories and most eat in school cafeterias with the white students. A few have been admitted to professional fraternities, but there is little social mingling.

Most of the schools which have admitted Negroes, either voluntarily or under court order, give exact figures available on the number of non-white students. Estimates range from 500 to more than 1,000 in the eight states which practise integration at the college level.

Dr. Guy Johnson, professor of social science at the University of North Carolina, has completed a study of the subject and estimates that about 1,000 Negroes are state-supported southern colleges with another 1,000 in privately endowed institutions.

South Carolina has no Negroes in its white schools, and no suits are currently pending. The same is true of Mississippi.

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Czechoslovakia's Regime Nears Eighth Anniversary

By TOM REEDY
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP)—In a few days the Communist government of Czechoslovakia will observe its eighth anniversary.

Here in the capital of 1,300,000 Czechs and Slovaks, the date is always referred to in conversation as "February." The year, 1948, is never given because it isn't necessary. In any discussion involving time people simply date things by saying it happened before or after "February."

Everyone knows that Feb. 20, 1948, is meant. That was the day the ministers of the late president Eduard Benes resigned under Communist pressure. Klement Gottwald, Moscow-trained revolutionary, proclaimed a new regime from a balcony in the old city square which had run red with blood many times in a thousand years.

The Red minister of the interior, with police and all the weapons under his control, issued guns to trusted militia. Everyone else was helpless.

INDUSTRY ENCOURAGED
Well, what is it like in Czechoslovakia now?

The Communist regime has nationalized nearly everything but the little repair shops. With Russian help they are industrializing Slovakia which was once principally agricultural. Workers have guaranteed employment, sick benefits, subsidized vacations which cost them practically nothing, old age pensions and free recreation centres in the old palaces of the nobles.

The average wage is 1,256 crowns a month (\$179). That is double a decade ago but does not tell the whole story. Rents usually

Fire Loss Is Suffered By Former Resident

Fire caused by explosion of a gas lantern caused damage of \$12,500 when Mulligan's store at Clayhurst was burned to the ground.

Owner of the store, John Mulligan, was lighting the lantern when it caught fire and exploded, showering burning fuel through the store. Mr. Mulligan suffered burns to both hands.

Two neighbors, on the scene at the time the fire started, helped the Mulligan's in their attempt to extinguish the flames, but they could do little for the store and concentrated their efforts on saving the Mulligan's home, close to the store building.

The Mulligan's were unable to save anything from the fire, except for a number of money order banks in the Post Office, which they operate. Insurance covers a part of the loss.

John Mulligan, son of John T. Mulligan, is a former resident of Kinkora, P. E. I. His wife was the former Miss Mary Coady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coady, Ennyvale, P. E. I.

ORDER INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Tuesday ordered an investigation of whether a proffered \$2,500 campaign donation to Senator Francis Case (Rep. S.D.) was an effort to influence his vote on the natural gas bill which completed passage in Congress Monday night by a vote of 30 to 0, the Senate adopted a resolution by Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson to create a four-member committee to inquire into the incident.

take less than 10 per cent of the worker's pay. State centres are established for children so wives can work in factories. Most families have two incomes.

PROPAGANDA BLANKET
The public lives, eats and sleeps under a blanket of propaganda. Farm workers are brought into the city on free trips.

The regime has acted much more confidently in the last year or two, as though the Red leaders feel they can command at least a majority of support from the population.

Some of the bars to foreign travellers have been lowered. Trusted Czechs are sent abroad on government trade missions in increasing numbers.

The churches are full and are generally left undisturbed. Nevertheless, the constitution emphasizes not so much the right to worship as to ignore it. The exact language is: "Every citizen shall have the right to be without any religion."

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