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MARITIME ELECTRIC EMPLOYEES HONORED

At a banquet held last night at the Queen Hotel, employees of the Maritime Electric Company's generating plant, were honored for having established a record of 797 accident free days. This period represents some 174,536 man hours, during which no time was lost due to injury through accident. Here, plant superintendent, Warren Henderson, right, is presented with a safety plaque from general manager, R.W. Smith, who congratulated the plant employees on their safe working habits and good housekeeping, which he said was "a serious and important business."

ELECTION CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK

Promises, Split In SC Party, Assault On Liberals Featured

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A flock of promises both new and old, a split in the Social Credit hierarchy on the nuclear issue and a three-party assault on the Liberals shared the spotlight this week in campaigning for the April 8 federal election.

All four party leaders strewed promises along their paths through the hustings. Most of them were holdovers from last year's platforms.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, who opened his formal campaign drive in Winnipeg, said a new Progressive Conservative government would establish a special fund to pay the railways for losses on unprofitable branch lines pending their abandonment under a new national policy.

He gave no details of the proposed fund or policy.

Mr. Diefenbaker also pledged his party to immediate pay raises for the armed forces and postal workers and said he would summon parliament "as soon as possible" after the election should he win.

Liberal Leader Pearson dusted off promises on farm policies, medical insurance, a national scholarship fund and the extension of family allowances to students over 16. He also said he would go to the United Nations to lead Canada's search for peace if elected prime minister.

BALANCE BUDGET

In a series of speeches in Ontario, Mr. Pearson said a Liberal government's first aim would be to get the economy rolling and raise the national income. Any new spending on social benefits would have to await a balanced budget made possible by national prosperity.

Robert Thompson Social Credit Leader promised the Atlantic provinces a special $1,000,000,000 fund to develop new roads, canals, harbor improvements and possibly a causeway in the region.

He also outlined a policy to let homeowners deduct depreciation of their houses for income tax purposes and extend National Housing Act mortgages to cover existing homes.

T. C. Douglas, national leader of the New Democratic Party, restated policies for an increase in old age pensions to $75 a month from $65, medical insurance and a national development fund.

He added a new one: A national transportation authority to integrate all forms of transport and eliminate duplication of service.

The Social Credit split began when Mr. Thompson said he and his deputy leader, Real Caouette, agreed that if a non-political committee of parliament decides that nuclear weapons are essential for defence Canada should obtain them.

Mr. Caouette denied this, declaring he would leave the party and form his own organization rather than accept nuclear arms under any condition.

ENDORSES VIEWS

Then Premier Manning of Alberta, the senior statesman of Social Credit, endorsed Mr. Thompson's nuclear views.

Near the week's end, all three were sticking to their positions.

The Conservatives, New Democrats and Socreds found themselves on common ground with attacks on the Liberals in general and Mr. Pearson in particular.

One of Mr. Douglas' aides, Harry Pope, later apologized for some of the remarks he made about Mr. Pearson in a public speech.

The Liberal leader welcomed the blasts, saying they indicated the other parties expect a liberal victory and are desperately trying to prevent it.

LOST GUARDS SPARK 'FLAP'

LONDON (Reuters)—British police and war office officials Friday night were trying to find out what happened to 25 soldiers in the crack Scots Guards Regimen who walked out of their camp a few hours before they were due to take up sentry duty at the Royal Castle of Windsor near London.

Military police accompanied by policemen from the local station near the guard's barracks went to an apartment where the soldiers were believed to be holding a meeting but found no trace of them.

While other soldiers went on duty at Windsor, the army and the police continued their search without success.

A Scots Guards officer commented:

"There is a terrific flap over this. Nothing like it has ever happened—ever."

Officially there was "absolutely no comment."

2 Children Die In Quebec Fire

BUCKINGHAM, Que. (CP)—Firemen said Friday night they believe two infants died in a fire that destroyed a building housing an apartment and a co-operative here.

Firemen said the missing infants, aged eight months and 18 months, were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Chartrand.

They said Mrs. Chartrand, 22, escaped with her two other children. Firemen tried to enter the second - floor apartment but were driven back by fierce flames.

Warhead Query Answered

By HAROLD MORRISON

WASHINGTON (CP) — State Secretary Rusk indicated Friday Canada-United States talks on Canadian acquisition of nuclear warheads are continuing from time to time.

But he gave no evidence of anticipating any early settlement of the issue which has become part of the Canadian election campaign.

Asked for comment on Prime Minister Diefenbaker's statement that the negotiations are being held on a "continuous and intermittent" basis, Rusk told a press conference:

"Well, those negotiations, as indicated from north of the border, are continuing intermittently and we expect that these discussions will go forward."

A state department spokesman said later that when Rusk spoke of "intermittently" he meant "from time to time." The spokesman said there would be no further amplification.

However, it is known that George McGhee, undersecretary of state for political affairs, will make a further observation on the Canadian issue in a Sunday television broadcast at Rochester, N.Y.

McGhee, who soon will switch to the ambassadorial post at Bonn, will appear with Congressman Frank J. Horton, New York Republican, who has shown keen interest in the Canadian affair and has conferred with Canadian officers at the North American Air Defence command at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Quebecers Seek New Steel Mill

BRUSSELS (AP) — A group of Quebecers, headed by Rene Levesque, provincial natural resources minister, has arrived here to discuss plans for a proposed Quebec province steel mill.

The group has arranged meetings with Belgian industrials, businessmen and government officials.

Joining the minister on the visit are P. E. Auzer, natural resources deputy minister, Michel Belanger, assistant deputy minister, J. B. Bergevin of the industry and commerce department and Arthur Dion, director of the mining engineering and metallurgy department of Laval University.

Judge's Ruling Aids Peronists

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Peronists scored a political breakthrough Friday as newspapers reported a climate for a pre-election coup is building up in Argentina.

Electoral Judge Leopoldo Insurralde ruled the Popular Union party, a Peronist front whose election victories a year ago sparked a military coup, is eligible to field candidates for the June 23 national elections.

There was no immediate reaction from the government.

HUGE HERD REPORTED

2 Captains Decide To Try Luck In Gulf

ST. JOHN'S Nfld. (CP)—Two Halifax owned sealing vessels which had planned to sail for the northern front off the Labrador coast will turn around and go back to hunt seals in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, their captains said Friday.

Capt. Frank Shaw of the Arctic Sealer said a report from Halifax indicated a patch of seals stretching across 30 miles of Gulf ice about 50 miles from shore—"A ship could load every mile."

Capt. Jim Gillett of the Arctic Endeavor who arrived here Thursday on his way to the front, said he too would turn back to the Gulf.

Both vessels are owned by Shaw Steamship Company of Halifax. They were to leave late Friday for the trip back along Newfoundland's southwest coast.

Heavy ice in the gulf already has jammed two sealing vessels. Capt. Shaw said the North Star VI, commanded by Capt. Bill Moss of St. John's and the Polar Star—Both of Halifax—are stuck.

Capt. Gillett said the Artic Sealer and Artic Endeavor had originally planned to go to the front because they figured the seal herds in the gulf would be "chopped up" by land - based hunters from the Magdalen Islands.

However, he thought the seals were too far from land to be easily reached by helicopters from the Magdalens.

Newfoundlan's four-ship sealing fleet was reported moving toward the front through slob ice off the northern part of Bonavistia Bay. One report said they were within 80 miles of a seal herd.

VIA SATELLITE

This picture of Mrs. Betty Miller of Santa Monica, Calif., is transmitted from copy received in New York, Friday morning during an experimental transmission via NASA's Relay 1 satellite. The associated Press transmission to Europe was sent via the Satellite by International Telephone and Telegraph facilities. The signal received in London was relayed back to AP's New York office by cable. Mrs. Miller plans a solo plane flight to Australia next week. (AP Wirephoto)

Syrian Army Rebels Claim Bloodless Gov't Takeover

Arab Unity Stressed But U.A.R. Cautious

CP from AP-Reuters

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Army rebels claimed Friday night they won control of Syria "without a drop of bloodshed" after a sunrise coup.

But reports of fighting persisted and Iraq's own revolutionary regime sent troops to the border to support the Syrian uprising.

Revolutionary leaders clamped a state of emergency on the country, closed its borders and imposed a curfew after seizing power in the Mediterranean Arab state.

Premier Khaled El Azem and his family were reported to have jumped a garden wall to seek asylum in the Turkish Embassy adjoining the premier's house. But there was no official word on the fate of President Nazem Kudsi.

Cairo radio said "some ministers" were with Azem and that he "sought asylum" in the embassy. In Ankara, the Turkish cabinet met to discuss the situation after it was reported Azem had sought refuge.

WANTS ARAB UNION

The revolutionary command said over Baghdad radio it aimed at putting Syria, former partner with Egypt in the United Arab Republic, back on the road to Arab union and "extended hands" to Cairo and Baghdad.

But U.A.R. officials in Cairo were cautious, mindful that old enemies made when Syria and Egypt were united might have had a hand in the uprising in Damascus.

Cairo joined the Iraqi regime, however, in warning outside nations to keep hands off the Syrian revolution.

Their warnings were obviously aimed at monarchist Jordan and Israel, whose army facing Syria was reported on the alert.

The cabinet of Jordan, uneasy about what appeared to be successes of pro-Nasser factions in Syria and Iraq in four weeks, held an emergency session under King Hussein. Afterward Premier Nasfi Tell said he considered the Syrian revolt an internal affair.

Washington reported the 400 United States citizens in Damascus safe. There was nothing to indicate the 200 other Americans elsewhere in Syria were in any danger. British subjects also were reported safe.

Premier El Azem, who tried to steer a middle, compromising course in the stormy seas of Syrian politics, by taking refuge in the Turkish Embassy possibly escaped the fate of Iraqi Premier Abdel Karim Kassem, executed by the rebels in Baghdad.

CLAIM SUCCESS

The coup - leaders said over Damascus radio the revolution "achieved success from the very beginning" and received popular support from the start because it was a people's revolution, "a free internal movement."

Damascus radio played the same music that was played by Baghdad radio on the first day of the Iraqi revolution. The same songs are frequently played on Cairo radio's Voice of the Arabs program.

The revolutionary command said it was against the policy of "opportunism, exploitation and chauvinism." In the Arab world the term chauvinism usually is used to refer to communism.

While Damascus radio proclaimed victory, diplomatic reports indicated there was at least some resistance.

Accounts reaching Ankara reported fighting in the streets of Damascus. Diplomatic reports to Beirut said there was fighting during the morning at Tiberias, where strong Syrian army forces are concentrated near the frontier with Israel.

Resistance to the revolt could be expected from inside Syria's army. Powerful army units staged the uprising of September of 1961, denounced Nasser, and took Syria out of the U.A.R. partnership with Egypt.

Radio broadcasts called the withdrawal of Syria from the U.A.R. a "separatist disaster."

50 Injured In New York School Fire

BELLPORT, N.Y. (AP)—Fire with explosive fury injured more than 50 children Friday in Bellport High School in this eastern Long Island community.

No fatalities were reported among the 900 students but almost two score were taken to hospital, mostly suffering from smoke poisoning, shock and cuts.

Firemen investigated the possibility that a boiler had exploded although the smoke first was noticed in a ceiling over a stage in the auditorium of the wooden building.

Some of the children leaped from windows. Others were helped down ladders by firemen and volunteers.

Ferry Bluenose Resumes Monday

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP) — The CNR's 6,000-ton ferry Bluenose will resume service Monday between Yarmouth, N.S., and Bar Harbor, Me.

The vessel has been in dry-dock at Halifax for annual refit. She will make three trips a week until June 15 when daily service begins for the tourist season.

French Gov't Refuses To Budge In Walkout

PARIS (AP)—Despite growing labor unrest, President de Gaulle's government refused to give ground Friday night to 500,000 striking coal miners. But it raised no new threats to break the week-long walkout.

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Pompidou offered no olive branches, however, and repeated the government's opposition: No negotiations until the miners return to the pits.

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He also promised stern measures to halt the rapid surge in prices, particularly good costs.

But Pompidou's offer did not go beyond the previous government package of a 5.7 percent wage increase spread over the next year.

His appeal came after gas and electric workers staged a two-hour walkout in the morning in sympathy with the miners' strike that has paralysed France's rich coal fields.

CREATES CHAOS

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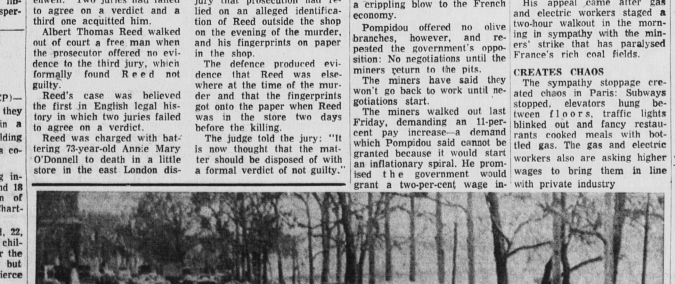

CARS AND TRUCKS ride bumper to bumper along a main thoroughfare in Paris Friday as workers utilized surface transportation due to halting of subways for two hours because of a strike of electricity and gas workers. A week-old walkout still paralyzed France's coal mines. (AP Wirephoto via cable from Paris)

LONDON BUTCHER IS FREE AFTER 2 JURIES DISAGREE

LONDON (Reuters)—A 19-year-old butcher was found not guilty Friday of murdering the "Holy Lady of Clerkenwell." Two juries had failed to agree on a verdict and a third one acquitted him.

Albert Thomas Reed walked out of court a free man when the prosecutor offered no evidence to the third jury, which formally found Reed not guilty.

Reed's case was believed the first in English legal history in which two juries failed to agree on a verdict.

Reed was charged with battering 73-year-old Annie Mary O'Donnell to death in a little store in the east London district of Clerkenwell where she sold religious statues and rosaries. Her battered body was found last Oct. 13.

The judge told the third jury that prosecution had relied on an alleged identification of Reed outside the shop on the evening of the murder, and his fingerprints on paper in the shop.

The defence produced evidence that Reed was elsewhere at the time of the murder and that the fingerprints got onto the paper when Reed was in the store two days before the killing.

The judge told the jury: "It is now thought that the matter should be disposed of with a formal verdict of not guilty."

Life On Venus And Mars Aired By Space Scientist

WASHINGTON (AP) — That ancient but endlessly fascinating question—does life exist on the other planets?—Got another airing Friday in a darkened basement hearing room here.

It seems that all hope for Venus is not lost.

Last week the results of the space probe Mariner II, which flew close by Venus were announced. It turned out that the surface temperature of the earth's sister planet was 800 degrees fahrenheit, far too high for life to exist "as we know it."

That apparently ruled out Venus as a possible habitat of some forms of life, leaving principally cold and arid Mars to keep the prospect alive.

But then came Homer E. Newell, director of space sciences for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who had a new slant on it for members of a House space subcommittee. The room was darkened so they could see slides to illustrate the talk.

Newell said recent experiments with balloons in the earth's upper atmosphere have proved that "at times the stratosphere does contain large numbers of micro-organisms."

QUESTION UNSETTLED

And if it is found by future investigations that these micro-organisms "live out their entire life cycle at high altitude," Newell said, "one may conclude that the question of whether life exists on Venus is not necessarily settled by the very high surface temperatures that appear to exist there."

As for Mars, Newell said, "the truly exciting phase of the space biology program, when we shall place instruments on Mars in search of life on the red planet, is yet to come."

But the hardware is ready. NASA now has a new improved "sticky string" machine, called Gulliver. It would fire out two sticky strings, supposed to pick up living organisms on the surface of Mars.

Then the strings would be reeled back into a tank of nutrient solution. If live organisms were picked up they would burgeon and change the fluid. That tipoff would be radioed back to earth.

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Flu Closes Schools In Minto Area

MINTO, N.B. (CP) — Schools in the Minto district are to remain closed until next Thursday. Clements Fanjoy, school board chairman said Friday schools will reopen Thursday, March 14, after being closed for a week and a half due to a sweeping epidemic of influenza.

The Queen-Sunbury School district, affecting 14 schools, about 90 teachers and 7,000 students, was closed March 4 when about 1,000 pupils failed to show up at classes. About 37 teachers also were stricken at that time.

At the outbreak, Dr. E. F. O'Rafferty, district public health officer, advised the school board to close all schools in the district and requested that public meetings be cancelled and that parents keep their children at home.

Coal production in the mining community also was affected.

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N.Y. Paper Shutdown Appears Nearing End

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York City newspaper shutdown that began three months ago appeared near an end Friday.

Negotiators for publishers and striking printers agreed to accept terms proposed by Mayor Robert F. Wagner in the dispute that has cost the industry at least $100,000,000.

Loose ends remained to be tied up. Rank and file printers have yet to ratify the agreement, two other unions still are striking, but the big logjam was broken.

The agreement announced by Wagner seemed to open the way for eight newspapers with a circulation of more than 5,000,000 daily, to resume publication shortly. But it was not possible for them to set the date when they will start rolling their presses.

Eugene Buttrill, New York Herald Tribune vice president, said the pact negotiators agreed upon calls for a weekly pay package increase of about $6.50 a man the first year and about $6 the second year, a total of about $12.50.

Bertram A. Powers, president of striking Local No. 6 of the AFL - CIO International Typographical Union, said the union made concessions on the money issue but that it had obtained three major objectives.

He named these as a common contract expiration date, a share in the increased productivity resulting from automation and a shorter work week.

LIMIT ITS USE

The automation involved is the use of outside teletypesetter tape. The contract, Buttrill said, calls for the use of outside tape only to set the stock and bond markets of the New York and American stock exchanges.

Buttrill said that in the pact is an agreement that printers who held situations when the strike started or were substitutes that day cannot be laid off as a result of the use of tape. They do not, however, have to be replaced when they leave the papers. Eventually natural attrition would reduce the work force, Buttrill added.