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EDEN IS CONVALESCING IN OTTAWA

Appearing in good health Sir Anthony Eden arrived in Ottawa Monday for a 23-day rest. Sir Anthony, 59, was operated on April 13 in a Boston hospital for a bile duct obstruction. Meeting the British Prime Minister and his wife were Lionel Massey, (left) secretary to Governor-General Massey, and Trade Minister Howe (right). Sir Anthony and Lady Eden will be guests of Governor-General Massey. (CP Wirephoto)

Atlantic Premiers Will Discuss Problems Today

HALIFAX (CP)—Power, trade and transportation problems in Canada's Atlantic region will be discussed at a conference of provincial premiers here today. Premiers Flemming of New Brunswick, Matheson of Prince Edward Island and Smallwood of Newfoundland with some of their cabinet ministers and government officials were here Tuesday to join Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia and members of his government. The one-day conference is the second of its kind. The first was held last July in Fredericton. Electric power is expected to be a big discussion subject. The premiers and their advisers are expected to exchange views on the federal government's recent offer to build thermal power stations in the Maritimes and transmission lines to connect provincial distribution systems.

TRADE REPRESENTATIVE The question of Atlantic region trade representation abroad is another likely topic. The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council recently surveyed prospects for an area trade official in the United Kingdom. The Prince Edward Island causeway is due for discussion. The federal government is making a survey of the proposed Northumberland Strait crossing that would join the island province to New Brunswick. Premier Matheson is a strong advocate of the cause-way. The Nova Scotia and New Brunswick governments are understood to feel the crossing would benefit the whole maritimes. The conference is expected to consider the status of interprovincial educational institutions. The Dalhousie medical school and schools for the blind and deaf in Halifax draw students from all four provinces. Increasing enrollment has raised the question of how to finance expansion.

FOUR ADDRESSES The conference will be held in the legislature chamber at Province House. It will open at 9:30 a.m. with addresses by the four premiers at a public session. Later meetings will be closed to the public. The New Brunswick delegation was the last to arrive. Besides Premier Matheson it includes Health Minister McInerney, Education Minister Taylor, Provincial Secretary Patterson and Edgar Fournier, chairman of the New Brunswick electric power commission. Accompanying Premier Matheson from Prince Edward Island were Provincial Secretary MacDonald, Industry Minister Kinnon, and Education Minister Clark.

Sydney Ice Blockade Eases But Other Parts Are Clogged

SYDNEY (CP) — Ships moved through thinning ice in Sydney harbor Tuesday has a change in winds lightened the mass that has stalled shipping for a week. The ferry William Carson left nearby North Sydney and headed for Newfoundland and four freighters, held in port for about a week, went out in her wake. The ore carrier Louisbourg made her way into port here. But while there was improvement in harbor conditions here, the ice still pressed tightly against other parts of the island. Glace Bay was reported blocked. Officials of a Glace Bay fish plant said that ice-jammed port has "lost" 2,000,000 pounds of fish to other ports because fishing boats could not enter the harbor to unload. Ashore and afloat the general hope was for a strong west wind to clear the ice away from the coast and move it into the open Atlantic. J. C. Theakston, transport department agent in Halifax, said the icebreaker Saurer has been sent to aid the motor vessel Mary Ruth, trapped in ice six miles northeast of Scatarie Island. The 108-foot vessel was reported in no immediate danger but running short of food. The Saurer was being bunkered at Sydney when called out to aid the Mary Ruth. SHIPS ATTACK ICE The transport department icebreaker N.B. McLean aided ships held through marine radio at in and out of Corner Brook on the Newfoundland coast and the Fitzroville attempted to keep shipping lanes free at Sydney. The supply ship Edward Corawallis was smashing ice floes at Louisbourg.

Disputes Claim 1,000 Will Die

LONDON (CP) — The British government Tuesday disputed the claim by an American Nobel prize-winning scientist, Linus Pauling, that 1,000 people will die of leukemia if Britain carries out her H-bomb tests in the Pacific. "The medical research council takes the view that there is insufficient evidence to justify making the kind of estimate which has been attributed to Dr. Pauling," said the Earl of Home, leader of the government in the House of Lords, in reply to a question. The council is a group of scientists which advises the government on medical matters. Pauling, a chemist at the California Institute of Technology, was told a scientific meeting in Chicago April 30 that 10,000 people are dead or dying of leukemia around the world because of atomic or hydrogen bomb tests and that a 1,000 more will die if Britain fires her first H-bomb. Lord Home told the peers "we have information that any deaths have been caused by the Russian and American explosions during 1956-57."

Crank Makes Life Nightmare For Family In Hamilton, Ont.

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP) — Police and arson investigators began a search for a crank who has been making life a nightmare for a Hamilton Beach family for a whole year. A year of annoyances, disturbances and shock was climaxed for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mudge and their three children Monday when fire drove them from their home. The frame structure in which the Mudges had a basement apartment was gutted by a fire of unknown origin. Damage to house and contents was \$8,500. The other apartments were unoccupied. Mrs. Mudge slipped while escaping and injured her back. The three children, Diane, 11, Linda, 8 and Annie, 5, and Mr. Mudge made good their escape. FRIGHTENING EVENTS The fire was a link in a chain of frightening events which has struck the family. Two months ago Mrs. Mudge received an anonymous phone call saying Mr. Mudge was in hospital critically hurt. She rushed to the hospital, saw a body being wheeled into the morgue and collapsed. The call was a hoax. Mr. Mudge had not even been hurt. But Mrs. Mudge spent four weeks in hospital recovering from her shock. Then Monday afternoon the first motorcycle of fire engines and police cars stopped at the Mudge home. A false alarm. Later two hearse reported to the Mudge home. Another hoax. Then came a florist's truck full of flowers. Still another hoax. In the early evening, a fire department inhalator and two ambulances. Another false alarm. The last call, at 12:29 a.m. was a real alarm. It took firemen two hours to bring the blaze under control.

Premier And His Ministers In Halifax

Premier A. W. Matheson accompanied by Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, Hon. B. Earle MacDonald and Hon. Keir Clark left yesterday for Halifax, where they will attend a three day conference of Atlantic Premiers. Mr. Robert MacLeod, Executive Assistant to the Premier preceded the Government delegation on Monday. During the Premier's absence, Hon. George MacKay, Minister of Highways, will be acting Premier.

23 Forest Fires Reported In N.S.

HALIFAX (CP) — At least 23 forest fires were reported in Nova Scotia Tuesday. All were believed under control. The province's chief forest ranger, R. H. Burgess, said Tuesday night complete information on the outbreaks was not available "because they are coming so fast rangers haven't got time to complete reports." The most serious fires were reported in Queen's county near Lake Major where 15 acres was burned. There was another outbreak near Liverpool in an area closed to the public, and officials said they suspect arson. The outbreaks came as temperatures climbed close to 70, and with more fine weather predicted for today. Mr. Burgess said it may be necessary to ban burning permits. Continued dry weather would result in the woods being closed to all travel.

Forest Fire Damage In Ont. Mounts

TIMMINS, Ont. (CP) — A chain of vicious forest fires flared Tuesday across the bone-dry and wind-swept northern Ontario timberland. Property damage mounted and two communities were feared in danger. The worst outbreaks were near Matheson, a farming and mining community of about 750 persons 50 miles east of here, and at Bowland's Bay, near the village of Skead, 24 miles north of Sudbury. Forestry "shock troops" specially trained and equipped to fight forest fires moved into the Bowland's Bay area on Lake Wapiti in a desperate effort to halt the flames' advance. An Ontario department of lands and forests spokesman said "thousand of acres of forest" were going up in smoke there after two 300-acre fires were linked by high winds. Dense smoke covering the area prevented firefighting planes from getting a clear picture but first reports said six houses were engulfed. Communications were cut off except through the lands and forests station.

350 PATIENTS ARE EVACUATED

Fire Sweeps Wing Of Big Hospital In Quebec City



URBAN LAUGHLIN GARTH COFFIN

To Represent The Province In Inter-Provincial Debate

Urban Laughlin of Sherbrooke and Garth Coffin of Head of Hillsboro have been selected by the Provincial Department of Agriculture to represent the Province in a debate between two Junior Farmers of Ontario. The debate will be held at Shediac, N.B. in June. Mr. Laughlin was a member of the 1952 4-H Championship team for P.E.I. and last year Mr. Coffin was a member of the Junior Farmers' team from Head of Hillsboro, who were the runners up in the Island Championship.

"Tommyrot" St. Laurent Says When Queried Re Retirement

REGINA (CP) — Reporters at Regina's airport Tuesday asked Prime Minister St. Laurent to comment on what they described as recent reports that the 75-year-old Liberal leader will retire after the federal election June 10. "Tommyrot," replied Mr. St. Laurent. "I'm wearing the hat I wore in the 1953 campaign. I got it cleaned for this one. And I'm going to send it back and have it cleaned for the next one."

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RED ARMED MIGHT PARADED

Thousands line streets of Magdeburg, Germany as a long column of tanks of the East German armed forces parades. The scene was of Germany as Reds made a show repeated in most major cities of armed might in annual May Day parades. (AP Wirephoto)

Fire Causes Damage To Dwelling

Fire early this morning caused considerable damage to the interior of the residence of Fred G. Kelly at 89 Green Street. Firemen used a booster hose to extinguish the blaze but were at the scene almost an hour. The outbreak is believed to have originated around an electric refrigerator, firemen said. Mr. Kelly, a retired tailor, discovered the fire himself about 12:30. For a time it was thought that a woman and child were still in the up stairs section of the dwelling but they made their way out without assistance and were not harmed.

Six Children Escape Death; Uncle Charged

TORONTO (CP)—Six children ranging in age from two to 13 narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation and police charged their uncle early Tuesday with attempting to murder them by turning on a gas burner before quitting the house. William A. Wood, the 31-year-old uncle, was remanded to May 14 when he appeared on the attempted murder charge before Magistrate W. W. McKeown. Mr. and Mrs. Wray Annis, the parents, were on a trip to Oshawa 30 miles east of here, when Wood's brother-in-law phoned police and reported a man told him the Annis home was filled with gas and on the verge of blowing up. Three constables raced to the spot. One turned off the hissing gas burner—which sat on a lighted coal stove—while the other two policemen rounded up the children and bundled them into the street. The children were Eleanor, 13, Barbara, 7, Bruce, 6, Susan, 4, Patrick 3 and Edna 2. None suffered prolonged ill-effects. They were taken by police to a Children's Society shelter. When Annis and his wife returned from Oshawa early Tuesday they found a note pinned to the door of their rundown two-storey brick home. It read: "Family is o.k. Contact No. 3 police re children." The uncle was arrested by police when he showed up at the Annis home with the brother-in-law who phoned police, Norman Lockwood. Inspector Adolphus Payne said he was amazed that the fire in the coal stove didn't trigger an explosion.

Diefenbaker Aims His Appeal At Farmers And Fishermen

KAZABAZUA, Que. (CP)—In a twin appeal to farmers and lumbermen, John Diefenbaker Tuesday charged the Liberal government has given agriculture a ride and has "struck a deadly blow" to the lumber industry. Agriculture had been hurt by heavy imports from the United States of farm products grown in Canada, the Progressive Conservative leader said. The government's tight money policy had reduced house building and lumber surpluses were building up. The government had been asked in Parliament what it would do about agriculture. Trade Minister Howe wouldn't say. Agriculture Minister Gardiner merely had said farmers were well off, and Prime Minister St. Laurent had spoken of riding a golf cart last fall with President Eisenhower when the president had expressed surprise at Canada's adverse trade balance with the U.S. "The ride the Canadian farm-

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patients were moved to a new wing of the Hotel Dieu Hospital. Water still poured down Palace Hill long after the last jet had been turned off. Two hoses were left in position on the roof in case fire should break out again. The blaze started about 4 p.m. and three alarms were sounded immediately. Huge clouds of smoke rose in the air and moved over Quebec old Latin quarter nearby. A brisk wind blowing towards the St. Lawrence River fanned the flames. Firemen placed three high ladders to reach the roof 110 feet from ground level. From there three hoses doused the flames. Meanwhile, construction workers at the new wing hauled up firemen by means of ropes and swung them on to the roof. There, with axes and picks, they chopped away part of the roof to expose the heart of the fire. UNDER CONTROL A little more than an hour later the fire chief said the blaze was under control. The hospital is operated by the women's religious order of Les Augustines de la Misericorde des Jesus. The historic institution, which with Montreal's Hotel Dieu are the oldest institutions of their type in Canada, was in the limelight in March 1947 when \$50,000,000 worth of Polish treasures were removed from its vaults by the Quebec provincial police and taken to the Quebec provincial museum. The treasures, moved from Poland during the Second World War, had been kept here ever since despite repeated requests from the Polish government.

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HISTORIC INSTITUTION

The institution is one of the most historic in ancient Quebec. It was established in 1639. The wing where the fire started was built only 26 years ago, however. Fire damage was restricted to the roof area but water damage was reported heavy on the top floors. There was no immediately available estimate of the losses resulting from the hour-long blaze. Patients, wearing topcoats over their hospital shirts, were outwardly calm. The only incident occurred in the staircase of the wing when a man who said his son was in the hospital tried to reach one of the top floors. A hospital attendant firmly blocked his way and assured him there was no danger. Most of the patients were taken to four hospitals, two of them suburban military institutions. Some

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