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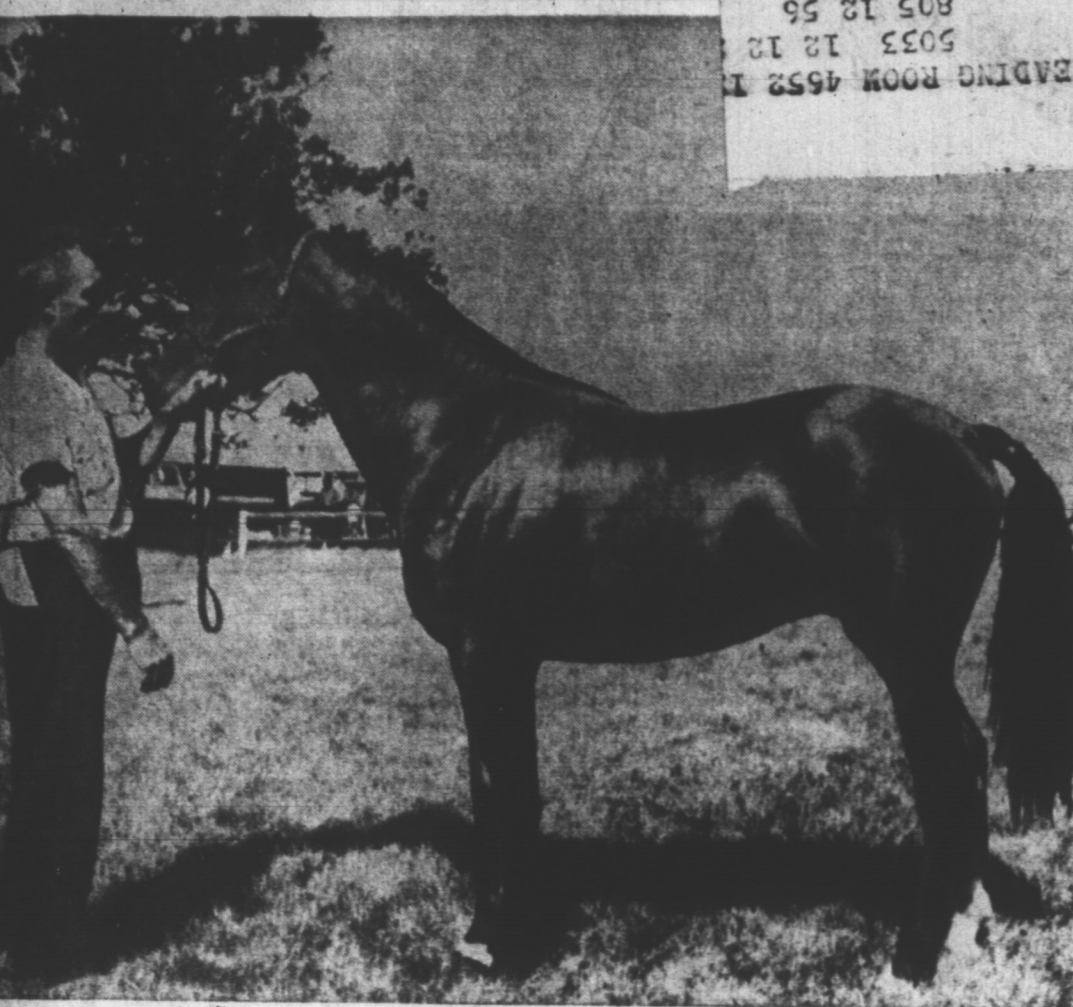
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**BEAUTIFUL HORSE**  
A beautiful two-year-oldilly owned and shown by Willard Coughlin of Alberton captured first place in the roadster class at the Alberton Fair on Wednesday. The fair, said to be the largest in history, is continuing today. (Other pictures and story on page 13.)

## 400 Experts In Plant Life Attend Botanical Congress

**By GEORGE FRAJKOR**  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
MONTREAL (CP)—The Ninth International Botanical Congress was formally opened Wednesday night with an outdoor ceremony in McGill University's football stadium.  
Some 4,000 plant-life experts from both sides of the Iron Curtain are attending the 10-day congress, held every five years to discuss subjects from the lowliest fungus to the lordliest fir.  
The congress opened with an address by congress president W. P. Thompson, world authority on cereal genetics and president of the University of Saskatchewan, with the posthumous awarding of a medal by the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Chicago, Ill., to another Saskatchewan botanist Dr. Kenneth W. Neathy.  
Dr. Neathy, who at the time of his death Oct. 23 was about to be appointed assistant deputy minister in charge of research for the Canadian agricultural department, was honored for his research on the genetics of rust-resistance in wheat.

## MACDONNELL IS 74

**By DON PEACOCK**  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
OTTAWA (CP)—Age caught up Wednesday with 74-year-old J. M. Macdonnell. He resigned his cabinet post as minister without portfolio to make way for a younger man.  
The man expected to move into the cabinet today in place of Mr. Macdonnell is David Walker, 54-year-old Toronto lawyer and long-time friend of Prime Minister Diefenbaker.  
Mr. Diefenbaker announced Mr. Macdonnell's resignation Wednesday following a cabinet meeting. On his way into the cabinet meeting, the prime minister said two new ministers will be sworn in today before Governor-General Massey.  
He said one of the new ministers will be from Ontario and the other from Quebec.  
Speculation is that Mr. Macdonnell resigned, with the intention of continuing as a private MP for the Toronto constituency of Greenwood, to make it easier for Mr. Diefenbaker to name Mr. Walker as public works minister.

## Coal Enquiry To Be Made

**By JOHN LeBLANC**  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government is expected to announce today the creation of a commission of inquiry into problems of the hard-pressed coal industry.  
Prime Minister Diefenbaker told a reporter Wednesday there will be an announcement "on coal," but without specifying its nature.  
Informants said later it is likely he will be announcing the passage of a cabinet order-in-council setting up a promised inquiry, mainly centered on the ailing Nova Scotia coal business.  
It is understood that cabinet action up to now has been mainly on the general principle of such an inquiry and that no personnel has yet been selected for the investigating body. This is to be done in consultation with the Nova Scotia government.  
One informant said it has not yet been decided whether the inquiry will take the form of a full-fledged royal commission, which could consume considerable time, or whether it will be a faster-moving look into the coal situation in view of the urgency of finding measures to prop up the sagging industry.

## Mexican Mushrooms Cause Insanity, Cures

**MONTREAL (CP)**—Mexican mushrooms that drive men mad—for a while, anyway—can help make them sane again.  
Dr. Roger Heim of the Museum of Natural History, Paris, described the weird plants Wednesday in an interview at the Ninth International Botanical Congress, which opened here.  
Dr. Heim said he and a co-worker in Paris have succeeded in cultivating the mushrooms in quantity, have discovered the drugs in them that produce their strange effects, and have succeeded in making the drugs synthetically.  
The mushrooms, of the psilocybe and stropharia species, have been known and used in religious rites for centuries by natives of Central America. They produce vivid hallucinations and a splitting of the personality. No one has heretofore tried to use them for medicinal purposes.  
Dr. Heim, following up the work of New York anthropologist R. Gordon Wasson, investigated the use Mexican Indians made of the mushrooms for religious rites and took some of them back to France.  
**TOOK TREATMENT**  
Dr. Heim has taken the mushroom treatment eight times.  
"I saw the most vivid colors, colors that do not exist in nature," he said.  
"I saw scenes of the most splendid grandeur. It is almost impossible to describe adequately. I remember that I was conscious all the time that I was having a hallucination."  
"It is not like a dream, when you actually believe what you are dreaming. I knew all along, with one part of me, that I was having hallucinations. The personality is split. I felt a deep feeling of peace and satisfaction. Everything was perfect."

# All 32 Passengers Perish As Big Airliner Crashes

## West German Government Gets Offer Of West Berlin

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Soviet Premier Khrushchev has offered secretly to give the West German government control over West Berlin—with guaranteed access—in return for a pullout of Western forces, it was reported Wednesday.  
Informed sources said Khrushchev sent his proposal to President Eisenhower by way of Milton Eisenhower, the president's brother.  
The Russian leader, due to visit the United States next month, was reported to have outlined his plan to Milton Eisenhower during a private talk. The sources said the talk was held while Eisenhower was in Russia recently with Vice-President Richard N. Nixon.  
There was no immediate indication of how President Eisenhower reacted to this Khrushchev proposal for a long-term solution of the Berlin problem.  
He has let it be known he will listen to any new idea Khrushchev may put forward on the issue when they meet in mid-September.

## Mountain Slide Hides Mystery Of Death Toll

**WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP)**—A 50,000,000-ton mountain of rock, dirt and shattered trees—loosed by the earthquake that ripped southwestern Montana—Wednesday hid the mystery of how many died.  
The great mass cascaded from another mountain onto a camping area as the mighty quake rocked this beautiful vacation area late Monday night.  
The known death toll stands at eight. One woman was missing. Twenty-seven of the scores of injured still were in hospitals. At least six were in critical condition.  
On the basis of reports from survivors, the death toll may go to at least 12, perhaps higher.  
"It is presumed that some people may have been buried by the large land mass which slipped into Madison Canyon," said A. E. Zion of the Montana state highway department.  
"The slide is approximately one-half mile long and a minimum of 150 feet deep at the lowest point and approximately 300 feet at a point over the road."  
**STILL QUIVERING**  
Searchers assembled equipment to claw at the great hill in a grim hunt for more victims. But their start was delayed until land movements cease in the still-quivering area.  
Skindivers were brought in to explore deep river holes where bodies might be submerged.  
All known survivors—about 300 persons—have been brought out of Madison Canyon, where they were trapped between damaged Heben Dam and the landslide.  
Damaged Heben Dam still held back its 37,000 acre-feet of water. An acre-foot covers an acre one foot deep. The owner of the dam, Montana Power Company, said it will be repaired as soon as possible.  
"It was horrible," said Mrs. Clarence Scott of Fresno, Calif. "The children were screaming for help, crying for their mothers. Husbands begged their wives to answer."

## Labor Plan Is Broader

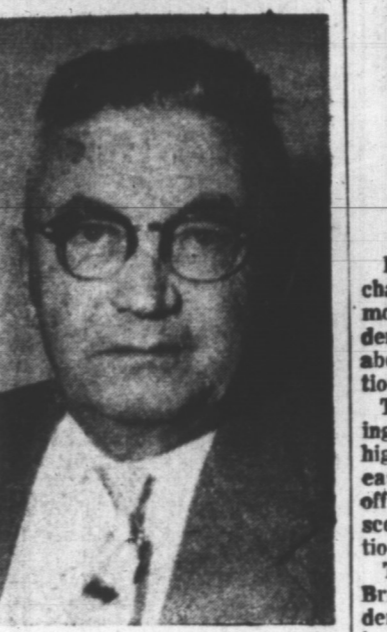
**FOREST PARK, Pa. (AP)**—AFL-CIO leaders said Wednesday broader union politics activity will be the inevitable consequence of stricter labor controls.  
They pledged at a strategy meeting of the federation's political organization to step up organized labor's efforts to help the friends and defeat its enemies at the polls.  
The AFL-CIO chiefs frankly consider they have taken major political lickings in the separate labor control bills voted by the House of Representatives and Senate. They have little hope any compromise legislation finally adopted will suit them much better.  
"What happened would indicate we'll have to do much more work," said George Meany, the federation's president.  
"I don't think any new direction is needed for our political work, but we've got to do a better job to educate our own people to the value and need for political activity."

## Dead Airman Is Identified

**OTTAWA (CP)**—Air force headquarters Wednesday identified the airman killed Monday night in the crash of a T-33 jet trainer in France as LAC Alfred Edmund Pitman, 23, of Britannia, Nfld.  
Authorities say they believe the airman's ejection seat failed to work. The aircraft crashed about 10 miles southwest of Murvaux, France.  
The pilot, FO Gordon O. Rice, 28, of London, Ont., parachuted to safety and suffered only minor injuries.



**CANADA COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Dr. Frank MacKinnon, principal of Prince of Wales College, and the P.E.I. representative on the Canada Council, is shown above with several of the Council members in front of the historic Provincial Building prior to a meeting. From left to right are: Dr. MacKinnon, Dr. Norman A. M. MacKenzie, president of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver; Sir Ernest MacMillan and Lady MacMillan, Toronto, and Very Rev. G. H. Levesque, Quebec City, vice-chairman of the Council, who presided at yesterday's meeting in the Confederation Chamber. The chairman, Hon. Brooke Claxton, was unable to attend because of illness.



**PRESIDENT**  
Edward D. MacPhail of Southport was named president of the 106th Battalion Association at the association's sixth reunion last evening. He succeeds Cecil Palmer of Charlottetown. (Story on Page 5.)

## Energy Board Named In B.C.

**VICTORIA (CP)**—Premier Bennett Wednesday announced formation of a five-man British Columbia energy board to be headed by Dr. Gordon Shrum of the University of British Columbia.  
The premier said other members of the board, which will advise the government on all phases of energy developments, production and use, are:  
Hon. James Sinclair, one-time Liberal federal minister of fisheries and now president of the B. C. Fisheries Association; Dr. H. F. Angus, chairman of the public utilities commission; Dr. Hugh L. Keenleyside, chairman of the B. C. power commission; A. F. Paget, comptroller of water rights in the province.

## Newfoundland's Electors Take Over Spotlight Today

**By DON HOYT**  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Politicians step aside for the voters today as the people go to the polls in the most important provincial election since Newfoundlanders became Canadians in 1949. Voting begins at 8 a.m. NDT.  
Premier Smallwood's Liberal government is seeking for reelection for the third time since 1949 and has entered 33 of a record 95 candidates in the field for the 36-seat House of Assembly.  
The opposition Progressive Conservative party, headed by former Magistrate Malcolm Hollett, has 32 candidates.  
For the first time a third party, the labor-backed Newfoundland Democratic, has enough candidates—19—to form a government if all were elected. The United Newfoundland Party, formed by dissident Progressive Conservatives, has entered nine men, including three in St. John's ridings which the Liberals are not contesting. There are two Independents, one backed by the Democrats.

## PARIS ASHCANS ARE SILENCED

**PARIS (Reuters)**—One of the early morning street noises in the "symphony" of Paris is heading for extinction.  
Police decreed that ashcans must be "fitted with a temporary silencing device." By 1965, only noiseless ashcans of a police-approved design will be permitted.  
The decree follows years of complaints from Parisians who claim the din of garbage being collected in the streets disturbs their sleep.

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## Most Crash Victims Are British Students

**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)**—A chartered airliner crashed into a mountain peak Wednesday in a dense fog, killing all 32 persons aboard. Most victims were vacationing British students.  
The plane burned after smashing head-on into the 2,400-foot high peak of San 25 miles north-east of Barcelona. Flames drove off rescuers who rushed to the scene from a nearby weather station.  
The plane, chartered by the British National Union of Students, crashed minutes after taking off from Pral de Llobregat Airport for London.  
There were at first conflicting reports on the exact number of passengers aboard, but authorities said Wednesday night the passenger list showed there were 21 British students returning home from vacations in Spain.  
The three crew members—pilot, co-pilot and stewardess—also were British.  
The British victims were 12 men and 12 women, officials said. Others were a German, two Iranians, an Irishman, three Spaniards and a Malayan.  
**MOST ON BOARD YOUNG**  
The passengers were said to be between 18 and 23 years old. The British group arrived in Spain from London Aug. 3. Some of the Britons had spent their holiday at Palma de Mallorca, while the others scattered throughout Spain.  
The twin-engine Dakota airliner of the Trans Air Company, arrived earlier Wednesday, bringing in 20 other students to spend their vacations in Spain.  
The cause of the accident could not be determined immediately, but a heavy fog covered the mountains at the time.  
Ten ambulances from Barcelona hospitals hurried to the scene but the flames from the plane wreckage made rescue efforts impossible.  
Bodies scattered around the crash site were burned beyond recognition.  
**HIT "PEAK OF MAN"**  
The plane crashed head-on into the Turo l'Home—the Peak of Man—only about 100 yards from the Montseny weather observatory station.  
Fernando Garcia Castro, the weatherman on duty, gave this account:  
"I heard a tremendous blast, and immediately afterward I saw a fantastic flash. I thought the entire station had blown to pieces. Then I realized it was just 100 yards from the station."  
"I urged the few men around and all of us rushed to the station. It was awful to see. The fuel tanks of the plane were still exploding one after the other, sending pieces of the plane all over the place. We could do nothing to rescue the passengers for they obviously perished instantly."

## Polio Death Toll Rising

**MONTREAL (CP)**—Forty-three new polio cases were admitted to Montreal hospitals in the last 24 hours bringing the number of cases being treated here to 351.  
One person died, raising the death toll to 24.  
Montreal and suburbs have reported 225 cases and 14 deaths. The remaining 126 cases and 10 deaths were among persons from outlying districts who were brought here for treatment.  
The outbreak has been officially labelled a "mild epidemic."

## NOT AT PEAK

**Dr. Adelard Groulx, Montreal's city health director, said the outbreak "has not yet reached its peak" but still must be considered an epidemic.**  
Dr. Groulx said "95 per cent of all the cases being treated in Montreal hospitals were not immunized with Salk vaccine before being stricken."

## 220,000 MAY VOTE

Possibly 220,000 people are eligible to vote. A voters list tabulated over a 10-month period in 1955 was not revised for this election, presumably because of the shortness of time after the legislature was dissolved July 28. Many districts are believed to have more or fewer voters than there were in the 1956 election because of natural migration, population growth and a government plan to move residents of coastal communities to population centres.  
The weather is forecast to be sunny with some clouds.  
In the 1956 provincial election, more than 115,000 of the eligible 190,000 voters gave Premier Smallwood 32 Liberal members. The Progressive Conservatives won four seats but two members quit the party shortly before dissolution to form the United Newfoundland after differing with Mr. Hollett and Rex Renouf, PC member for St. John's South, over the financial terms of union issue. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5.)

**IRRIGATION TRIED WITH SALT WATER**  
**MONTREAL (CP)**—An Israeli husband and wife botany team has proved with experiments in Israel's Negev desert that salt water irrigation can be successful in a desert region.  
Dr. Hugo Boyko and his wife Dr. Elizabeth Boyko, attending the Ninth International Botanical Congress here, said in an interview Wednesday their experiments are the first in the world in which salt water has been used to irrigate plants.  
They discovered that salt water may be used on premeable or sandy soils but not on earthy dense agricultural soils.  
They said sand dunes and gravelly soil allows salt to pour down to depths where it doesn't affect the roots of plants which absorb what they need from the water.  
The Boykos started experimenting 10 years ago in Eilat, a Red Sea port which has summer temperatures as high as 110 degrees. They grew 180 species of plants over a broken debris of rocks with "brakish" water—like that of the Baltic Sea, too salty to drink but not as salty as ocean water.