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Mother, Six Children Die In Newfoundland Blaze

4 Escape From Fire

ST. ANTHONY, Nfld. (CP) — RCMP said late Thursday night that reporters were still being awaited about a fire in an isolated northern Newfoundland community that took the lives of a mother and six children.

Inspector Arthur Argent said in Corner Brook he had not yet received a detailed report on the Thursday morning fire at Roddickton, 50 miles south of here on Canada Bay. Four of 10 children in the house escaped.

The victims were identified as Mrs. Roland Reid, her five daughters and one son. The children ranged in age from one to 16 years.

Mrs. Reid was 32. The children killed were: Ida, 16; Betty, seven; Linda, four; Winnie, two; Barbara, five months and Ray, 11. The four Reid children who escaped were: Winston, 18; Hilda, nine; Patsy, seven-year-old twin of Betty, and Gary, three.

RCMP said the fire broke out at 7:30 a.m. NDT. The cause has not been determined. Mr. Reid was working at a logging camp 19 miles away at the time.

Further details were unavailable Wednesday night.

Cubans Seize 100 Invaders

By RONALD BATCHELOR PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuters) — Cuban forces have seized a ship carrying more than 100 armed men intended to reinforce invaders in Panama, it was announced here Thursday.

The announcement came from the Organization of American States commission sent here to investigate the five-day-long invasion of "Cuban freebooters" who have made a beachhead and taken the Caribbean coastal village of Nombre de Dios.

Commission chairman Fernando Lobo told a press conference that Cuban authorities at Santiago de Cuba stopped and detained the vessel Corintia as it headed to Panama to bolster the 60-odd invaders there.

Meanwhile, military aides of the commission left in two helicopters from Panama City to attempt to make contact with the invasion force at Nombre de Dios.

CHECK VESSELS (The organization, represented in Panama by investigators from the United States, Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina and Costa Rica, was reported in Washington to have asked member states to supply ships to check vessels suspected of reinforcing the invaders.)

Chairman Lobo told newspaper men that Ecuador had offered two planes to keep watch for invasion boats.

3rd Ferry Discussed

OTTAWA (Special) — Hon. Alex Matheson, premier of Prince Edward Island met Transport Minister George Hees Thursday to discuss transportation problems of the Island, especially the Borden-Tormentine ferry service.

Mr. Hees said at the meeting the department would give "urgent and fast consideration to any suggestions for ferries which could be purchased or hired for use between the Island and mainland."

Department officials estimated it would take at least a year to alter the U.S. ferry Vacationland and the docking terminals so that she could be put into operation.

Also present at the meeting were Hon. Angus MacLean, Minister of Fisheries; John A. MacDonald, Kings MP; Heath Macquarrie, Queens member and Dr. Orville Phillips from Prince.

Discussions were of a general nature with consideration being given to the alternatives of purchasing a new boat of the class of the Abegweit; buying a cheaper boat; using a second-hand ferry such as the Vacationland or renovating the Scotia II so that she could go into full-time service.



Iron Miners Are Laid Off

By IAN MACDONALD BELL ISLAND, Nfld. (CP) — Poor world markets and high operating costs today forced 573 iron ore miners into the ranks of Newfoundland's unemployed.

The Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation announced some time ago that it would have to close one of its three mines here. An official said further layoffs will follow gradually.

The federal government has termed this island of 12,000 people near St. John's "a surplus labor area" which means it will pay the cost of moving miners and their families to other parts of Canada to work.

It was not immediately known how many men would be able to find alternative employment. Murray Millar of Rio-Tinto Mining Company began interviewing prospective Ontario uranium miners here Thursday. His company is looking for a minimum of 125 men.

Fresh Lobster Menu Tempts Island Today

Although a strong south-easterly wind and choppy seas interfered noticeably with the placing of traps yesterday, it is expected many Prince Edward Island families will sit down to a meal today of fresh Island lobster.

In the West Prince area the heavy seas hampered operations but about two-thirds of the lobster gear of some 28 boats was reported placed. First catches are expected to be landed this morning giving some indication of the season's prospects.

At the eastern end of the Island some 90 per cent of the lines were placed by fishermen operating out of Souris, Fortune, Rollo Bay, area. However, strong winds about noon held the placing of traps down to about 10 per cent.

Only a fair percentage of traps were set in the Southern Kings area because of the high winds and rough seas which worsened as the day progressed. Fishermen are hoping for better weather today which will enable them to set the remainder of their traps and lines.

CONDITIONS BETTER Conditions were better on the north side of Kings County where winds were off shore and distances shorter. Boats from North Lake, Clear Springs, Natragre and Red Head all had a successful opening day being able to run all of their lines and place most of their traps.

The number of boats operating in Eastern Kings is believed to be about the same as last year but the number of traps to be placed is expected to run 10 per cent higher per boat.

Despite the unfavorable weather restaurant owners and some

ally sent the lobstermen on their way. A cannon fired by fisheries minister Hon. Dougald MacKinnon was the signal for the race to sea. Acting Premier J. George

Mackay brought greetings from the province. Rev. L. J. Ayres, P.P., and fisheries inspector Ernest Carey were others who were on hand for the official ceremonies.

MAYOR WANTS HIS JOB AGAIN

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vice Mayor H. Sanders Angles had this to say in standing for re-election Wednesday:

"My many friends have not prevailed upon me to become a candidate for re-election, and I have not been told that the city needs my services. "The truth of the matter is, I want the job again."

Rents Drop In 2 Cities

By THE CANADIAN PRESS The first of May is still a traditional moving day in many Eastern Canada cities although it has lost favor in the west.

But few Canadians feeling the spring itch for new quarters will find rents easier this year.

A Canadian Press survey shows that only in Vancouver and Toronto have rents shown signs of easing. In these cities, the housing construction boom appears to have outstripped demand and some apartment owners are dropping rents.

MOVERS BUSY The beginning of May is the big moving period for Saint John, N.B., Halifax, Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa.

"We are terribly busy, worse than last year and the year before," says the head of one of Montreal's main moving firms. Quebec Hydro reports more than 27,000 notices of change of address since March 1 compared with 20,000 for the same period the year before.

Chest Tumor Is Cancerous

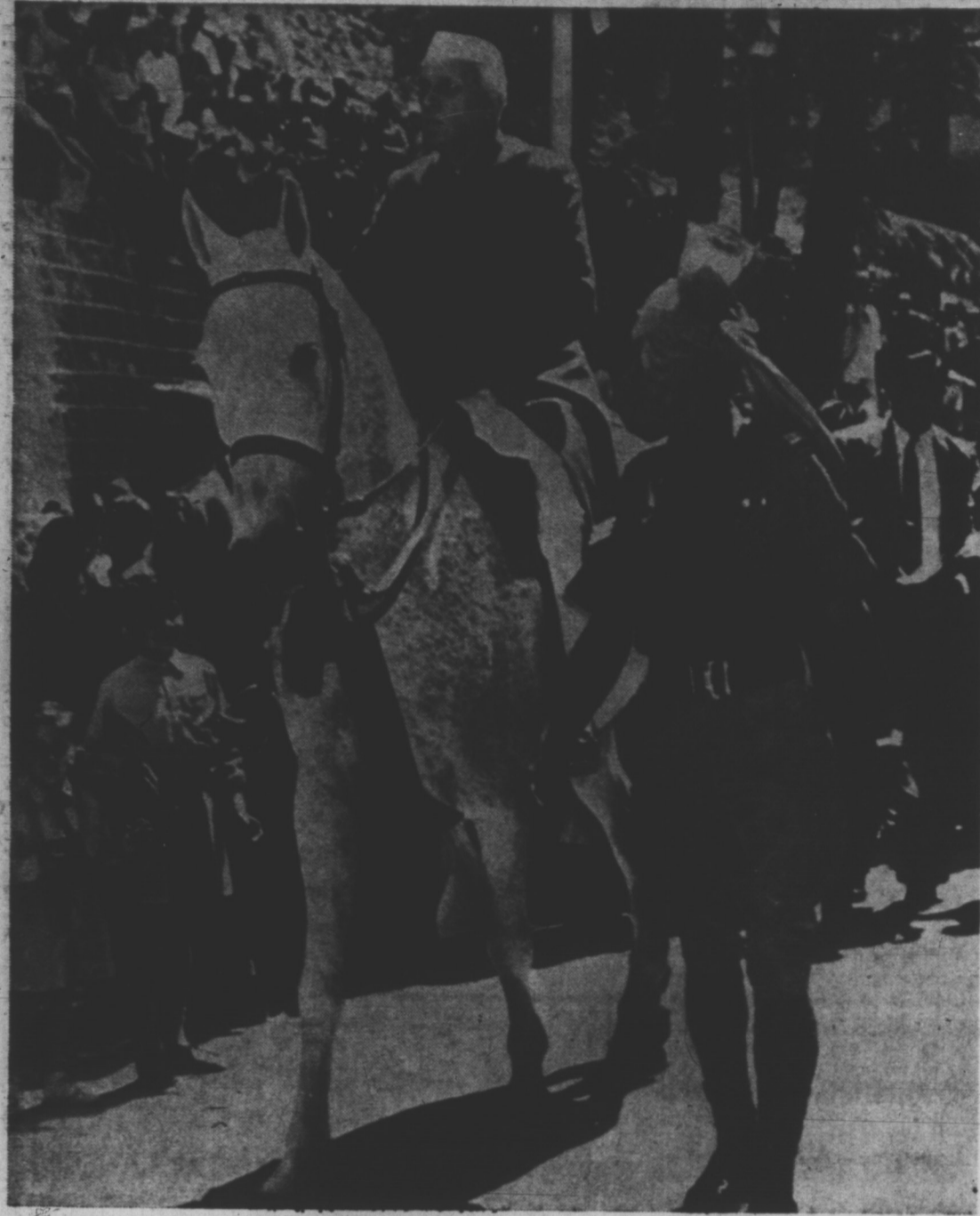
NEW YORK (AP) — Arthur Godfrey's chest tumor was diagnosed as cancerous Thursday. Surgeons removed part of his left lung in an effort to eradicate the disease and save his life.

The 55-year-old television and radio star came through the painstaking five-hour operation in good shape. But his eventual fate remained in doubt.

'Monty' Gets Red Message

MOSCOW (AP) — Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery said Thursday he is taking back a message from Nikita Khrushchev to Prime Minister Macmillan. He has had two conferences with the chief of the Soviet government.

The old soldier talked with some correspondents at the British Embassy. He declined to go into the subject of his conferences with Khrushchev, but said they were friendly.



NEHRU ON HORSEBACK

India's Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru rides a dapple grey into resort town of Mussoorie.

India, to inaugurate the town's tourist season. Motor traffic is barred in the resort town where

Nehru later visited the Dalai Lama of Tibet who is in exile there. (AP Wirephoto)

Canadian Navy Gets Biggest Ship; 22,000-Ton Tanker Supply Vessel

By DAVE McINTOSH Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) — The Royal Canadian Navy is going to get the biggest ship in its history—but she won't be a conventional warship.

The government white paper on defence tabled Thursday in the Commons revealed that a 22,000-ton tanker supply vessel will be built for the navy at a cost of \$16,000,000. No contract has yet been let.

The tanker is the only new piece of equipment or weapon referred to in the 51-page white paper, the first published by the Progressive Conservative government since it took office in June, 1957. It contains much less information than provided in previous defence white papers.

The only new policy outlined—gradual withdrawal of guns, tanks and other heavy equipment from the militia—is really just one more move in steps to make the 41,000-member reserve army more into a civil defence force. The tanker will increase the navy's striking power because it

will enable destroyers to remain at sea for much longer periods. It will be able to refuel three ships at one time and will also have an anti-submarine capability because it will carry helicopters, a hangar and a workshop to keep them in repair.

Naval helicopters now carry homing torpedoes and dunking sonar, a device which is lowered into the ocean to listen for submarines.

The tanker, not yet named, will be considerably cheaper than a 2,900-ton destroyer, which carries more armament and electronic gear. Biggest ship now in the RCN is the 20,000-ton aircraft carrier Bonaventure.

Provision for the tanker's construction—\$2,000,000 is set aside in the 1959-60 defence budget for this purpose—again, reveals the defence department's concern with the threat of missile-firing submarines.

Informants said further tankers may be built and suggested they might be nuclear-powered. If tankers could remain at sea almost indefinitely to replenish

destroyers, there might be no need to build expensive—at least \$50,000,000 each—atomic-powered submarines.

The navy's chief problem, however, remains unchanged, authorities said. This is submarine detection.

Bank Branch Serves P.E.I.

OTTAWA (Special) The new branch of the industrial development bank opened April 1 in Saint John, N.B., is intended to serve the needs of southern New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

FULTON'S NAME ERASED?

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) — Federal-Newfoundland wrangling over a damage suit arising out of the federal decision not to send RCMP reinforcements to Newfoundland may swing from the Exchequer Court to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Justice J. T. Thorson exchequer court president, Thursday indicated willingness to hear Newfoundland's claims, in amended form, rejecting federal argument that the province's case be tossed out.

However, he said that federal counsel W. R. Jackett, deputy justice minister, had built up a "strong case" for elimination of Justice Minister Fulton's name from Newfoundland's charges.

He agreed with Mr. Jackett to delay handing down a final ruling until June when Newfoundland's counsel, Gordon Gowling of Ottawa, would have an opportunity to reply to federal argument against the statement of claims.

TO APPEAL RULING Mr. Jackett indicated that he would appeal an adverse ruling by Mr. Justice Thorson to the Supreme Court of Canada. He suggested Mr. Gowling might want to do the same.

Newfoundland has asked for unstated damages from the federal government and Mr. Fulton as Attorney-General of Canada for refusal to send RCMP reinforcements to help police the island during the loggers' strike.

The province charged that this refusal was a breach of a federal-provincial police agreement. Former RCMP Commissioner L. H. Nicholson resigned when Mr. Fulton announced that the reinforcements would not be sent. Mr. Fulton said Premier Smallwood wanted to use their reinforcements in union-busting tactics.

Mr. Justice Thorson, in hearing federal argument to have the whole case tossed out, agreed that Newfoundland's statement of claims had certain "defects" that would require "serious amendments." But he would not agree that there was no basis for argument.

The major defect he found was

in Newfoundland's argument that Mr. Fulton must have concluded the dispatch of reinforcements to Newfoundland was possible because this conclusion was reached by the RCMP commissioner, then Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Justice Thorson rejected the Newfoundland view that the opinion of the RCMP commissioner constituted the opinion of the attorney-general under the constitution.

"I can't see any sense in that argument at all," he said.

If Newfoundland had any case, it must be because the attorney-general formed an opinion on his own and not through the RCMP commissioner.

Mr. Jackett argued that this view therefore eliminated the validity of certain sections of the province's statement of claims on which a trial of the case could be based.



WEST COVEHEAD DANCERS SCORE 91

This eightsome, representing the Women's Institute of West Covehead Thursday won Class 252 of Prince Edward Island's

1959 music festival. Termed excellent by the adjudicator, their performance in this senior square dance competition, earned them

the high mark of 91. In the photo are (left) Dorothy Macure, Yvonne Macure, Erma Hughes, Chesley Hughes, Aethla

Younger, Fred Hughes, Shirley MacMillan, and Leith MacMillan.

'Delighted' Says Shaw With News On Ferries

Walter R. Shaw, leader of the Progressive Conservative party on P. E. I. yesterday expressed "great satisfaction" on the recent report from Ottawa regarding the three proposals being considered for the improvement of the transportation problem at Borden.

"Representing the Conservative party in this province," he said, "I have been in close touch with our federal representatives

and higher authorities at Ottawa for some considerable time urging immediate attention to our transportation problem, in relation both to additional boat service and the causeway project.

"Knowing the exhaustive study that has been undertaken on these important matters and the fine support provided by our federal representatives, I always felt assured that a solution of our difficulties would be provided in due course.

"The recent report from Ottawa therefore is very encouraging, and I feel confident that satisfactory arrangements will be initiated at the earliest possible moment that will provide a great improvement in our transportation service."

\$15 Million Said Profit

NEW YORK (CP) — Chrysler Corp. Thursday reported a net profit of \$15,236,000 or \$1.75 a share for the first three months of 1959. Sales for the quarter totalled \$690,519,000.

Sales were up 29 per cent from the recession-plagued first quarter of 1958 when the company was more than \$15,000,000 in the red.

Directors declared a dividend of 25 cents a share, the same as in recent quarters. The dividend is payable June 12 to holders of record May 21.

Both sales and earnings for the March 1959 quarter were higher than any quarter in 1958.

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