

U.S. Announces Plans To Explore Arctic Basin

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Navy Thursday announced plans for expanded explorations of the Arctic basin this summer. Three submarines, two of them nuclear powered, were designated to operate around and under the north polar ice cap.

The atomic submarine Nautilus, which went under the ice to within 180 miles of the north pole last year, will be joined in this year's expedition by the new nuclear submarine Skate and the conventionally-powered Halibut. The navy said that the precise timing of the submarine penetrations of the Arctic will be decided later and that more specific details must be worked out to fit into operational training exercises.

The Nautilus remained under the ice cap for some 5½ days last summer. It conducted soundings in its undersea cruise from the North Atlantic into the Arctic Ocean.

Five Die In Ontario Fire

ENA, Ont. (CP)—Five persons have died as the result of a fire which swept through a one-story log cabin early Sunday at this isolated northwestern Ontario hamlet.

Missile Launching Sites Sought In France By U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States, having completed arrangements for nuclear missile bases in the British Isles, now is negotiating for similar launching sites in France.

State department sources indicated the Anglo-American agreement may be signed and sealed here today. It is expected to be the pilot pact for arming other NATO allies with medium-range rocket weapons.

The British bases, reported to be four in number and strung along Britain's eastern coast, are scheduled to be armed with U.S. Jupiter and Thor ballistic missiles by the end of the year.

From Britain these 1,500-mile missiles could conceivably reach as far north into Russia as Archangel, just below the Arctic Circle, and as far east as Odessa, on the Black Sea. Moscow and Leningrad would be within the firing radius. Bases in France would provide even deeper penetration.

Says Other Groups Have More Leisure Than Workers

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's working people have "considerably less" leisure time than any other group in our society, a trade union official said Tuesday.

A. L. Herpeth of Ottawa, research director for the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, said the 40-hour week has not been extended to all Canadian workers.

He addressed a Canadian Conference of Education workshop studying education for leisure.

He said the leisure time needs of working people must be seen within the framework of time available.

At earlier workshop sessions, chairman Walter Herbert of Ottawa urged a thoughtful, long-term plan for leisure education so people would realize there are many ways to use spare time.

JOINTLY CONTROLLED Under the arrangement with Britain, the launching sites will be jointly controlled. Information from London is that Britain will pay the \$90,000,000 cost of constructing the sites and the United States, in addition to providing the weapons, will furnish air force crews to man the sites initially.

Later the RAF will take over the British bases. RAF crews now are in the U.S. training on the Thor and Jupiter.

Hydrogen warheads for the missiles will be stockpiled at the bases but they will remain under American control. Wartime firing of the missiles, it is understood, would be by mutual agreement of the United States and the host country.

Gen. Norstad reported the French discussions involved a considerable amount of detail related to training and technical matters.

The NATO chief declined to say whether similar missile discussions are under way with Italy and West Germany.

Guild Met At Mrs. Nelson's

Mrs. Leland Nelson, Montague, entertained the members of the Presbyterian Guild at her home Monday evening. There were ten members present. Mrs. George McCannell presided and opened the meeting with a devotional period assisted by Mrs. Nelson.

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING

The Hudson's Bay Company fur sale in New York last week was a very successful one. 98 per cent of the 47,776 miscellaneous dressed mutation mink was sold, with very strong prices. These were consigned by EMBA, and their next sale at Hudson's Bay Company, New York, will be in April.

The summing up by the auction company was: "This was another terrific sale. We are very well satisfied with the results; there was excellent attendance throughout, with very good activity in all color phases." Here are the top prices—Ceruleans brought a top price of \$62 for males and \$24.50 for females. Stevens brought a top price of \$52 for males and \$23.50 for females. BOS saw a top of \$53 for males and \$27 for females. Azurine Hops brought a top of \$49 and \$49 for females. Jasmine sold at a high of \$70 for males and \$39 for females. Argenta BOS brought a high of \$32 for males.

PISQUID EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jay were visitors in Charlottetown, Wednesday.

AND LONDON A cable to Women's Wear Daily New York, from London, dated February 19, states that ranch mink attracted prices generally high in the level with the Scandinavian sales at the Hudson's Bay Company auction there on February 19. Best goods went to Italy and home buyers. Americans were active bidders in mutation selling, but prices in many instances went too high for them. However, they bought female Pastels up to 88 shillings, and female Sapphires up to 96 shillings.

Our readers are probably aware that very little of the furs sold at H.B.C. have their origin in Great Britain. The offering mentioned above would probably include Danish, Norwegian and Swedish mink, and possibly some from Finland and Russia.

A number from this vicinity attended the Progressive Conservative Convention in Georgetown and the Young Conservative meeting in Montague where Mr. Douglas Jung, president, was present Thursday, February 20th.

The Minneapolis branch sale of the New York Auction Company (Minnesota Inc.) was largely attended and there was great enthusiasm. A lot of 8,000 standard mink were 94 per cent sold; the collection was described as a very ordinary one with no fine strings; best price for standard males was \$35 and \$17.25 for females. 9,000 Silverblue and 5,000 EMBA Argenta were 80 per cent sold, with prices firm. Good strings of Silverblue males brought \$35.

Mr. Barey MacDonald, had the misfortune to cut his knee severely last week while working in the woods. Mr. MacDonald was getting lumber for his fishing fleet of traps when in some manner the blade of his double axe missed its mark and slashed into his knee.

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TOO MANY SEALS A despatch from Washington, D.C., dated February 17, states that the U.S. government plans to kill off 90,000 seals (60,000 adult males and 30,000 females) in the Pribilof Islands off Alaska in order to reduce the fur seal population now numbering some one and one-half million animals.

Mr. Nettie Ranaghan spent the past week in the city with her daughter and grand children Mrs. Margaret Bradley, and family.

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BRISTOL

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LITTLE SANDS

Residents in Little Sands and surrounding districts were sadly grieved to hear of the passing in the P.E.I. Hospital, on Tuesday, February 18, of Mr. Lemuel MacLean, Little Sands. Although Lemmie had been in failing health for some time, his death came as a shock to all.

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PERSONALS

This Worship, Mayor Bruce H. Joy of Montague, is confined to his home with flu.

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Mr. John Rose and son were business visitors to the city last week. Mr. Rose purchased the William MacDonald, property last summer and moved to Bristol, where along with his wife and family they reside.

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Mr. Lorne MacMillan, was in the city on Saturday on business. Mr. MacMillan resides alone near the railway station at Douglas.

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Royal Canadian Navy Now Undergoing Transformation

LONDON (CP)—The Royal Canadian Navy is undergoing a gradual transformation into a more modern force based more on Canadian characteristics and problems.

Commodore James Plomer, deputy chief of naval personnel in Ottawa, said here Monday.

Commodore Plomer was speaking at HMCS Prevost members of the military institute. He commanded warships on active service in the Second World War and the Korean conflict and has held his current post since January, 1956.

The transformation, Commodore Plomer said, will not be too apparent except within the navy where it will lead to more efficient and economical operations.

Purpose of the gradual change, he said, is to provide a firmer core of continuity in the Canadian Navy which in the past 20 years has undergone several periods of extreme fluctuation in personnel numbers.

In the reorganization plan, Commodore Plomer said, greater attention will be given to individual trades by expanding their scope and making them interchangeable. There are about 66

individual trades in the service now, he added, but it is hoped by combining some to reduce that number to about 40.

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At the present time for every dollar that the consumer spends in food approximately 45 cents is eaten up by transportation, costs, packaging, advertising, processing, market margins, interest and to some extent speculative profits. In an attempt to gain information on this question of spreads in primary products Royal Commission has been established to examine this problem and public hearings are to be held starting in April. The hearing in Charlottetown is scheduled for April 30 and it is likely that the Federation of Agriculture will be making representations to this particular Royal Commission.

DO FOR EDUCATION For you think federal aid to education would endanger provincial rights? 89 per cent of the Farm Forum across Canada replied in the negative to this question when they were discussing the topic "Education - Who Should Pay?" The forums were told that approximately 65 per cent of local education costs are met by municipal taxation, most of the balance of the finances needed for education being provided by the provincial governments. 90 per cent of the forums did not think that this was a satisfactory basis for obtaining money for our schools.

Half of the forums held this opinion because they felt that the present system is unfair to property owners, they thought that all citizens should pay for education. 30 per cent thought that education opportunities should be equal for all - not limited by local or regional economic conditions.

Among the suggested changes which the forums thought should be made was more federal aid to education. The following is a typical quotation from the forums: "We believe that federal aid to education is long overdue and should come immediately in the form of per pupil grants. We feel that if equal opportunity for all in the field of education is to be a reality, it can only be accomplished by federal aid to education."

HORTICULTURAL COUNCIL Concluded on Wednesday of this week was the annual meeting of the Canadian Horticultural Council at Ottawa. The Council has a very wide variety of fruits and vegetables to deal with but always finds considerable time to devote to potatoes. Grades and tariffs being the most important matters to consider. It is understood that a decision was

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POSTERITY

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