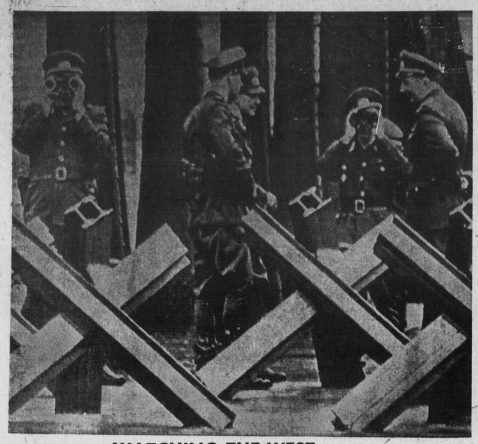

WATCHING THE WEST

Communist border guards, standing behind tank barricades on the Beese Bridge, peer through binoculars into West Berlin following the shooting of escaping East Berlin youth. The young man, an East Berlin railway policeman, was cut down by East German machine gun fire as he scrambled under Communist barriers in attempt to reach freedom in West. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Berlin)

EASTERN BRIEFS

FIRST VISIT

Sgt. and Mrs. Sandy Young and two children who are tenting on the Island spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Bilchey, Montague. This is their first trip and they are very enthused with the Island and are presently in the Tyne Valley area.

Boy Injured In Accident

MONTAGUE — A half-ton 1953 Dodge truck left the highway on the Dover Road about 9:40 on Sunday evening. A passenger Lester Acorn 12, Glen William was rushed to the Montague hospital, suffering a fractured right leg. Also injured was Wilma Acton, 18 of Murray River who sustained a bruised shoulder.

The truck was owned and driven by William Edward Bailey of North Lake. The accident is being investigated by the Montague detachment of RCMP.

LORNE VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Crane have purchased the farm formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Hatton. When Mr. and Mrs. Crane moved to their newly purchased home they were tendered a house warming party by their neighbours and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Birt, Toronto, Ontario, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis MacIntyre.

Mrs. George Douglas and Mr. Winston Douglas, Charlottetown, were guests of the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacLeod, Thursday.

Premier To Have New Secretary

Mrs. Robert Williams, secretary to Premier Walter Shaw, is retiring the end of the month. Her position will be filled by Miss Eileen Hayter, Charlottetown.

Tobacco Crop Said Retarded

Provincial and Farm Editor

"Tobacco will not be a big crop, or a good crop this year, though good weather the rest of the season could improve the production," Dave Peacock provincial department of agriculture, said here yesterday.

Unfavorable weather during much of the season and particularly those two "cold, wet weeks in July" were responsible for slowing growth.

LACK OF SUNSHINE

Lack of sunshine has been one of the big factors, but sunny weather from now until the end of the growing season could help a great deal, it was noted.

One man suggested today that the growers would probably be fortunate if they could get 75 per cent of the normal production, though there was no official estimate on what the crop may actually yield.

Commerical production by private growers started last year for the first time in recent years. It has developed this year into a 300-acre crop, and is expected to become much larger in the future, if yields achieved are commercially feasible.

Trinidad As New Nation Has Problems To Face

By ROBERT BERRELLEZ

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (AP)—This hot, lush land of Calypso balladeers and steel-drum bands becomes independent next Friday—a new little nation with problems.

The lilting rhythms of the calypso singers will celebrate the end of 160 years of British rule. The island, with its little ward Tobago 20 miles to the northeast in the blue Caribbean, will become the nation of Trinidad and Tobago. It is not as big as Prince Edward Island.

Trinidad has little in common with its Latin American neighbors except tropical geography. Its population of 830,000 is a mixture of many races and nationalities, dominated by people of African and East Indian stock.

Like Jamaica, which became independent Aug. 6, Trinidad will remain within the Commonwealth, but as a fully autonomous partner. Few Trinidadians seem to entertain any doubts about their ability to govern themselves.

Both Trinidad and Jamaica enjoyed wide latitude in self-government under Britain. Except for foreign relations, defence and some features of fiscal policy, Trinidad's leaders had full control over the island's affairs.

TRADE NOT BALANCED

Compared with the bulk of Latin Americans, Trinidadians are prosperous. Per capita income in 1960 was about $600, one of the highest in the hemisphere. The gross national product doubled in the last decade to a 1960 total of about $435,000,000. Exports and imports in 1960 totalled $294,500,000 and $301,800,000 respectively, double the 1951 figures. This resulted in a familiar problem: A balance of payments deficit.

Trinidad is the world's 17th biggest producer of crude oil, which now amounts to 43,000,000 barrels annually. It also produces cocoa, sugar, rum, coconuts, coffee and other agricultural products. Economists say it must diversify this production to cut down on food imports. Trinidad buys 30 per cent of its food abroad, including fish.

The country has other problems. One has to do with the racial mixture.

Some among Port of Spain's lower laboring classes, Negroes and Indians, express distrust of one another, some preferring the white man's rule.

Looming importantly in future Trinidad-U.S. relations is the U.S. naval base at Chaguaramas, valued at about $100,000,000. The navy acquired a 99-year lease on 18 square miles in the Second World War. In 1961, negotiations with the since-dissolved Caribbean federation brought agreement from Washington to reduce the lease rights to 17 years. The new government may want another look at the treaty.

Scientists Make Milk Without Cow

LONDON (AP)—British scientists have discovered a process for making milk without a cow, using pea pods, cabbage leaves and weeds. They hope to open a pilot plant this year with large-scale production following later.

The scientists have got rid of a greenish color in their man-made milk and are trying now to eliminate its slight vegetable flavor.

If they succeed, the product will go on sale as a powder, in condensed form, and as a liquid. It is expected to compete in price with cows' milk.

Basically, the raw materials for man-made milk are the same as the food eaten by a cow—green leaves.

Man Hurt In Fall From Hay Wagon

MONTAGUE — James Farrell, St. Mary's Road is in the Kings County Hospital following an accident near his farm on Friday evening. Mr. Farrell was on the top of a load of baled hay when he got caught under the neck with a wire which threw him from the load. He suffered a severely injured head.

The load was being hauled by a tractor being driven by his son Kenneth.

Cash Donations Pouring In To Young Japanese Sailor

By M. A. RAISER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Kenichi Horie sailed alone across the vast Pacific—from Osaka to San Francisco—with only 2,000 yen (about $6) in his pocket.

Cash donations to him now are pouring in from admirers of his daring journey of more than 5,000 miles in a 19-foot sloop.

"There have been donations from various parts of America," a Japanese consulate spokesman said. "We don't know how much money has been received, but the sum is increasing day by day."

The diminutive Horie, 23, engulfed in a whirlwind of activities—and passport problems—since his arrival Aug. 12, is taking the situation calmly. He was granted permission to remain here until Sept. 13, but plans to fly home Sept. 11.

Horie's own time was his own when he sailed secretly from Osaka the night of May 12. All he had to do was sail the great circle route to San Francisco and ride through five big storms in his tiny boat, the Mermaid.

HE HAD TO

Why did he do it?

"It's like—it's like when they climb a mountain," he said, smiling. "It's something I had to do."

Through an interpreter, Horie said that the trip had cost about 1,000,000 yen (around $3,000). Part of it was supplied by friends.

An experienced sailor of small craft, he shopped around quietly for a boat—knowing the Japanese maritime safety agency and his father would refuse permission for such a long journey.

He bought the Mermaid, built solidly of mahogany plywood, at an Osaka shipyard.

"I spent several weeks outfitting the sloop, so my father must have known I was going to go somewhere."

Horie put aboard 80 pounds of rice, more than 200 pounds of canned food, some fishing gear, five dozen bottles of beer and five fifths of sake, rice wine.

He also had vitamin pills, water enough for 100 days, a radio receiver and direction finder, compass, sextant, charts to plot his course, an ordinary lantern and a small kerosene stove for cooking.

IT WAS LONELY

"From the time I started I was very lonely, but because I had a goal it made no difference.

"I figured the trip would take me 50 or 70 days at the least, and four months at the most. I never got lost—much."

Within a few days he encountered two storms. Then he ran into a gale about June 2.

Mountainous seas, cresting with white caps, tossed the Mermaid like a toy ship. Although a good sailor, Horie was seasick for three days, but he rode it out.

"The weather was rough until I passed the international dateline. After that, it was more peaceful."

He fished for fresh food, drank a little water daily, had an occasional beer or sake, and read his books. A Japanese-English dictionary and some sailing manuals.

On a sunny Sunday morning, Aug. 12, Horie sighted Point Reyes—40 miles north of San Francisco and the exact spot he had plotted.

A surprised coast guard crew tied the Mermaid up at a yacht dock and Horie, in celebration, offered sake and beer to everyone.

U.S. Production Of Steel Declines

NEW YORK (AP) — United States steel production declined last week for the first time since output touched a 1½-year low during the week of July 4.

The American Iron and Steel Institute said the drop was about three-tenths of one per cent, to 1,611,000 net tons from 1,616,000 during the previous week.

Meanwhile, some mills reported sharply higher orders in the last few days but industry officials said it was too soon to call it a sustained advance. Normally ordering of steel is heavy near the end of the month because many customers delay as long as possible before making commitments for the next month.

MARKET FALLS

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—West German stock markets suffered a setback Monday and brokers put at least partial blame on uneasiness over the weekend demonstrations at the Berlin Wall. It was the second consecutive session with lower prices after a strong market recovery during the first four days of last week.

N.S. Shipyard Expected To Build Ferry

Ferguson Industries Ltd., Pictou, N.S. is expected to get the contract for the new ferry for the Wood Island's Caribou run, with completion date set at April, 1964, Capt. C. R. Hunter, president of the Northumberland Ferries Ltd. stated yesterday.

The Pictou firm submitted the lowest bid, though the amount of the tender was not revealed. Halifax Shipyards, who built MV Confederation, also submitted a bid.

Meeting Offered Civil Servants Over Pay Issue

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker has offered to arrange a meeting between cabinet members and representatives of civil service staff associations on the issue of pay increases for government workers.

The prime minister's office today released the text of letters he sent Aug. 20 to J. C. Best president of the Civil Service Association of Canada, and F. W. Whitehouse, president of the Civil Service Federation of Canada.

Mr. Best and Mr. Whitehouse had written Mr. Diefenbaker asking for a meeting with the cabinet concerning the pay issue. Their letters were subsequently released to the press.

Mr. Diefenbaker said consideration of salary increases came before the government "at a time when the foreign exchange situation had suddenly become acute."

"I feel sure that you will agree that the government must at all times retain the freedom to reach decisions having in mind the interests of Canadians generally even if the reasonable expectations of any group or individuals have regrettably to be temporarily postponed," wrote the prime minister.

Mr. Diefenbaker said he would be glad to arrange a meeting between a small group of civil service representatives and "some members of the cabinet."

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