

# Port Said In Flames As Nasser Vetoes Surrender

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PORT SAID (Reuters) — Three plumes of smoke rising 1,500 feet into a sunny sky, a grim corona of fire twinkling at their heart, record the death agony of Port Said.

As I write I am flying directly over the town looking down to where royal marine commandos, landed Tuesday morning, are locked in a fierce house-to-house struggle with its Egyptian defenders.

Among the dhows and feluccas I can see landing craft chugging busily ashore with reinforcements. I have witnessed the whole awe some sight of sea invasion.

It could have been avoided. Last night the governor of the town was willing to surrender and save the lives of civilians. But Nasser ordered him to fight.

I wish to God he had not. I shall never forget to my dying day what I have just witnessed.

THOUSANDS FLEE

Banking over terra-cotta colored geometrically laid out suburbs I saw thousands of terrified Egyptians fleeing along the El-Mansala Canal. Women with babies, men dragging children, old people with rucksacks — all piling along to escape from the stricken town and the battle as we roared low over their heads. They were already so frightened they did not

even see us. Nor hear us. They just kept on running—anywhere to get away.

I saw them packing into little boats—hundreds, in boats meant for only dozens. Some were pushed into the water. Others fortunate enough to be on boats from getting on because the boats were already in a sinking condition.

We came in over the Allied invasion fleet. There were scores of ships scattered around in the rough blue sea like iron filings at random on a blue and white table cloth.

There were dozens of warships, from battlewagons to little frigates, fussing about between lines of troops.

PORT SAID BURNS

My heart almost stopped as I caught my first glimpse of Port

Said dead ahead. There were three main areas of fire, marked by grey and brown, and where the Shell Oil refineries were burning was dense black smoke. The leaping flames, terrifying beautiful, curled and writhed as high as the blocks of the modern flats they were hungrily consuming.

Somewhere between the three main areas of the fires burning headed and unchecked, are marine commandos battling with determined Egyptian resistance. They came ashore after navy and rocket fighters of the RAF had put down a carefully selective barrage. They came ashore against a little initial opposition in the fishing harbor and dock region. RAF Hunters provided top cover but the Egyptians were so stunned it was scarcely needed.



## ALBERTON POST OFFICE SPRUCED UP

The work of renovating the Alberton Post Office is almost completed and the building presents a very fine appearance. All brickwork has been repaired and the entire east wall replaced and exterior finish painted a cream colour. The bronze letters and figures

on the sign were removed, cleaned and polished and extensive repairs made to the cement steps, sidewalk and along the south side of the building leading to the letter and parcel boxes. The interior of the office is painted ice green on the upper walls and flamingo on the lower with the ceiling white.

The building, located on the east side of Main Street, was originally the Bank of Nova Scotia and was taken over in 1935 by the Dept. of Public Works for the Post Office. Postmaster is Heath Proffitt. Other employees are Mrs. H.W. Matthews and Leberte Pridham.

Photo By F.W. Weeks

## Prince Ministerial Ass'n. Hears Talk On Work Of A.A.

The regular meeting of the East Prince Ministerial Association was held at the R.C.A.F. Station at Summerside on Monday, November 5th. The members of the association were the guests of the Commanding Officer and his staff and were welcomed to the station by the padre, Lt. E. H. Christman, the Protestant Chaplain on the station.

The sessions, which began in the morning, were opened by a devotional service conducted by Padre Christmas in the chapel. Following the devotional, the members were led to the meeting room for the business period and the address.

At the outset the retiring president, Rev. E. H. Beaudouin, of Summerside, reminded the members of the mine disaster in Springhill which for some has ended in joy and for others sorrow. At this point he called for prayer to be offered, first, of thanksgiving for those whose lives have been saved, and second, for the comfort of God for those who have suffered the loss of their loved ones. After the prayer, it was moved and carried that two letters be sent, one to the Mayor of Springhill expressing concern for the bereaved and another to the Springhill Ministerial Association.

The speaker was Lt. Harold Cox, the Protestant Padre at Greenwood, N.S., who has been intimately connected with the work of the Alcoholics Anonymous Group. Out of the wealth of his experience Padre Cox gave a vivid picture of the problems of the

alcoholic and the opportunities for restoration available through the A.A. organization.

He pointed out that alcoholics are not bad people but people caught in the grip of alcohol. For them one drink is too much while a thousand drinks are not enough. To help them the A.A. applies the force of religion, not in a general way, but in a concentrated fashion focusing it upon one part of life. Padre Cox closed his address by outlining the twelve steps of the A.A. program which, he pointed out, provide a philosophy for all of life.

The president, Rev. Mr. Bean thanked Padre Cox for coming and speaking to the association. After dinner in the officers' mess with Group Captain Swoman and members of his staff, the members were taken on guided tour of the station which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The day closed in the late afternoon in the home of Padre and Mrs. Christmas where, over cup of tea, it was unanimously decided that it had been profitable and enjoyable day.

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## Legion Branches Aid Springhill

In keeping with the Canadian Legion's policy of rendering worthwhile community services the O'Leary Branch voted the sum of \$50.00 for Springhill disaster relief at their regular meeting Monday night. The Tignish Legion have already forwarded the sum of \$25.00 to the fund.

The meeting was opened by repeating in union the Y.P.U. Purpose, scripture from Chapter 12 of Romans, and prayer. The minutes, financial statement, and agenda were presented and approved.

Summaries of activities in which members took part were given. These included a corn boll at the MREC Camp at Augustine Cove, the rally in Summerside in the interests of the Atlantic Christian Training Centre, the sixth annual Maritime Y.P.U. Convention, in New Glasgow, and the meeting of the management committee of the MREC Camp.

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## Remembrance Day

The president, J. B. MacKay, presided at the O'Leary meeting during which Remembrance Day plans were finalized. On Nov. 11th the veterans and organizations will form up at 10.45 a.m. march to the War Monument for short service and laying of wreaths and then proceed to the O'Leary United Church for services. At 7.30 on Nov. 12th, Mothers and fathers of any veteran from the area killed in World Wars I and II and the Korean conflict, are invited to be guests of the branch at their annual banquet.

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## C. Presbytery of United Ch. Plan Rally

Travellers' Rest Union will be host to the fall rally of the Young People of the Central Presbytery United Churches being held Saturday, Nov. 10th, afternoon and evening. The get together, have kept forming a program that should prove exceptionally beneficial and rewarding to members and non-members alike.

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## Personal Cards

Mr. C. C. Baker M.L.A. (Fourth Prince) is a patient in the Prince County Hospital where it is reported he is making a satisfactory recovery.

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## ON TRAINING CRUISE

AB George Gaudet, of St. Nicholas, P.E.I., is pictured here on duty in a radio room of HMCS Algonquin. The destroyer escort is senior ship of the Canadian First

Escort Squadron, currently on a training cruise to England, Ireland, France, Portugal and the Azores. The squadron will return to Halifax late in November. (National Defence Photo).

## Rotary Gives Generously To Hospital And To Springhill

At the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Summerside, Edgar Cannon, Jack Laycock, Dave Miller, and Earl Smith were inducted into the club by Rotarian Frank Arnett. In his address to the new members, Rotarian Frank advised them that not only were they elected to the membership of the local club, but were also members of an international organization comprising over 435,000 members in 89 countries. He also urged them to take an active interest in the affairs of the club, and stated they would benefit in proportion to their efforts.

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ANNUAL MEETING  
The annual meeting of the Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade will be held in the Alberton Public Library Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. J. Watson MacNaught.  
C. R. LEARD, Secretary.

## Brother Saved From Mine, Wife Killed In Car

GLACE BAY, N.S. (CP) - Mrs. George Gibson, 21, died in hospital here Tuesday from injuries suffered following an explosion which killed 37 in Cumberland No. 4 Colliery.

The death of Mrs. Gibson came as a shock to friends in Alberton where she and her husband were well and favorably known. Mr. Gibson was a member of staff of the Alberton Branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Mrs. Gibson, bookkeeper at Gordon's Garage. Last April they moved to Glace Bay following Mr. Gibson's transfer to the branch of the bank there.

The president noted that in view of his election to the Maritime executive committee of the United Church Presbytery he was named to assist in the promotion of Lenten conferences and Bible Study throughout the Maritimes.

Considerable time was devoted to the initial plans for the fall rally. Tentative date, place, theme, special speaker, and leaders were suggested for the guidance of the committee which was named to plan and oversee the rally. This committee consists of president, Ernest Murphy as chairman, with members Olive Jelly, Arthur Craig and William Callbeck. Press reports and circular letters were regarded as excellent ways of letting others know of plans and activities.

A date and place, subject to change, was chosen to bring all presbytery and local union officers together to study the "Advance" program, so it can be introduced for use soon.

Announcement of a Mission to be held in Summerside November 19-25 was made. The special speaker will be Rev. R. W. Armstrong, Ottawa, as part of the National Evangelistic Mission to the nation. Ministers, registrars, Olive Jelly, asked for an early registration of each union. Payment of union dues to Presbytery was set over until next spring.

## New Zealand Maintains Its Stand On Separate Schools

By J. C. GRAHAM  
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WELLINGTON, N.Z. (CP) — A determined bid to secure state aid for Roman Catholic schools in New Zealand has again failed. This is the most bitterly-felt grievance of the Roman Catholic community in New Zealand and the cause of conflict going back more than a century.

This year has seen the most powerful attempt for a long time to secure reversal of the policy that only secular state schools should receive government grants. Actually some minor assistance is given to all schools, but by and large all attempts to secure grants for private schools have been resisted down the years.

education provided by the Catholic schools was secular in form yet it was not free to the children concerned as specified by law. It sought payment of about half the cost of the education provided by the church.

The claim was opposed by the Church of England and the Presbyterian Church, both of which maintain church schools in New Zealand, other churches, educational bodies and school committee associations, Royalists, the Loyal Orange Institution, and other bodies and individuals.

In most cases the basis of opposition was that aid to church schools would increase religious differences and lead to segregated communities, and fear

The Education Act of 1877 provided that education of New Zealand children should be "free, secular and compulsory" and that has been the guiding principle ever since.

STATE SCHOOLS MANY  
The vast majority of all schools in New Zealand are state schools. Apart from the Catholic system, private schools play a smaller part than in almost any British country. The 285 Catholic schools cater for three-quarters of all the private school pupils in the country.

Catholics claim that since they pay taxes for education, they should be entitled for at least a proportion of those funds to educate their children, instead of having to pay again to maintain a system of church schools.

Parliament, however, has always maintained that a full education is freely available to Catholic children who wish to avail themselves of it, with provision for access at stated times for religious instruction, and that those who reject this must finance instruction themselves.

The new Catholic move to change the system was put forward by the Holy Name Society which presented a petition to a special committee of Parliament. In a public hearing lasting four weeks, submissions were heard from a large number of organizations.

WANT EQUAL COST SPLIT  
The Holy Name Society maintained that a great part of the

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## S'ide Doctor Heads P. C. Ass'n. In East Prince

Dr. Hubert MacNeill, Summerside, was elected president of the East Prince Conservative Association at the annual meetings of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Districts of Prince held in the Legion Home last evening.

Keith Harrington, Spring Valley was elected vice-president and Reginald MacArthur, Summerside, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. R.R. Bell, P.C. leader for P.E.I. was in attendance and addressed the audience.

that aid to private schools could weaken the state system and standards.

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