



**TORONTO TEACHERS KEEP TABS ON SITUATION**

Principal John McGivney of Junior Vocational School keeps tab on the world situation with a portable transistor radio as he checks students' work in classroom. Transistor radios were placed in all Toronto schools last week to permit

principals to plan immediate evacuation should a missile attack occur. (CP Wirephoto)

**RCAF Readiness Said Without Real Punch**

By DAVE McINTOSH  
OTTAWA (CP) — Reliable sources said here that the increased state of readiness for RCAF Air Defence Command is purely academic at this time. They said that unless Canadian jet interceptors are armed with nuclear air-to-air rockets they would be grounded in event of a Soviet bomber attack on North America.

The reason for this, they added, is that North American Air Defence Command feels that interceptors armed only with conventional armament would "clutter up" the sky and confuse radars controlling the operations of nuclear-armed American interceptors. For this reason, the 64 RCAF supersonic Voodoo jet interceptors took little part in NORAD's exercise Skyskiff III last month. The attitude of NORAD headquarters, informants said, was that there was little point in exercising planes which would not be used in case of actual operations. With conventional armament, RCAF jet interceptors could shoot down attacking bombers. But they could not destroy a bomber's nuclear cargo, which would detonate anyway.

**WOULD COOK LOAD**  
Defence Minister Harkness and his senior officials have said that nuclear armament for interceptors — the American Genie rocket — would "cook" a bomber's thermonuclear load as well as destroy the bomber so that there would be little if any radioactive fallout. The government has not ruled out nuclear warheads for the Voodoo and the now warheadless Bomarc anti-aircraft missiles at North Bay, Ont. and La Macaza, Que.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, in announcing Thursday an increased alert status for RCAF Air Defence Command, said: "The government today approved the measures which the

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**Potato Cargo From Canada Reaches Cuba**

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A Cuban merchant ship described as the "first national boat to break the critical U.S. Yankee blockade" reached Havana Friday night with a cargo of potatoes from Canada, Havana radio said Saturday.

The radio said the captain and crew of the Bahía de Sigüeset were welcomed warmly by longshoremen and presented with a portrait of Premier Fidel Castro.

The radio said Friday night a steamship identified as the Bahía de Siboney was expected to be the first Cuban vessel to pass the blockade. It seemed likely there was a confusion in names and only one vessel actually was involved.

There was no word on whether the vessel was intercepted by the U.S. navy. A ship with a load of potatoes would have no difficulty passing the blockade which is intended to halt shipments of military material.

The Bahía de Sigüeset sailed from Saint John, N.B., earlier this month for Cuba carrying a cargo of potatoes. Ships' agents in Saint John were unable to provide the exact sailing date immediately but said they believed it was Oct. 17 or 18.

**BAY FORTUNE**

The members of the Eglington-Howe Bay Women's Institute held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. John Mackie in Howe Bay.

Mr. Alban Wood, Farmington, was a visitor at the home of Mr. recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis O'Brien, Parkdale, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Charles Coffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gay, Charlottetown, and Mr. John Webster, Cardigan were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Aitken.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cooke and family of Parkdale, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. Geddie Coffin in Bay Fortune.

Mr. Reid Underhay, Little River, is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Mr. Peter Townsend, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Townsend is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Mrs. John Kaulbick and children of New Glasgow, N.S. are visiting Mrs. Kaulbick's home in Little River.

**Russians Are Told Of Border Dispute**

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia has broken the Soviet blackout on the news of the Red Chinese-Indian border conflict by publishing the text of a Peking statement on the border dispute.

The full text of the Chinese statement appeared on the newspaper's third page. It was published under a broad headline: "Statement of the Chinese government."

It was the first mention of the border fighting since it broke out six days ago.

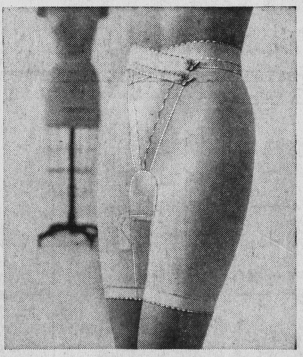
The Soviet Union has displayed extreme reluctance to take sides in the dispute in an apparent attempt to avoid alienating either its largest Communist ally or India, the largest country in the neutralist camp.

**Council Set For Long Run**

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
VATICAN CITY (AP) — Indications were current here that the Roman Catholic ecclesiastical council may go on for two years—twice as long as originally expected—and maybe much longer.

One reason is the volume of ordery going on in St. Peter's Basilica, which has been turned into a sort of ecclesiastical town hall.

The bishops assembled from around the world apparently have a flood of opinions to air. "Most of us like to talk," observed Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan, of Atlanta, Ga. "Apparently we're in for the duration."



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