

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

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MATCHED MINK PELTS BRING RECORD PRICE

Mrs. Edythe Cockles models some of the dark mink furs sold for a record price at a Vancouver auction this week. Parisian furrier Max Reby paid \$78 a skin for 37 matching pelts. Previous high was \$69 a pelt set in Montreal three years ago.

Robber Gives Up Quietly After Hostage Held Hours

By MARVEN MOSS
MONTREAL (CP)—A man armed with a sub-machinegun quietly surrendered to police Friday night after holding an elderly shoe company executive hostage for almost three hours in a wild holdup attempt. Two others were captured earlier and an employee of the firm was severely wounded in a frenzied gunfight between the

Pickersgill Opposes Gill Fishermen Plan

OTTAWA (CP)—J. W. Pickersgill, the Liberal party's spokesman for the Atlantic provinces, Friday night opposed a recommendation by the Gill committee that self-employed fishermen be removed from coverage under its proposed unemployment insurance plan.

Mr. Pickersgill, member of the committee under Twillingale and a former cabinet minister, said in a statement that self-employed fishermen be removed from coverage under its proposed unemployment insurance plan.

"I am shocked by the recommendation of the Gill report that self-employed fishermen should be excluded from the new unemployment insurance plan."

The Gill report, prepared by a four-man committee under Toronto insurance executive Ernest C. Gill, proposed that a separate plan be initiated for fishermen, providing an income supplement to those chronically under-employed.

The report said this should be accompanied by relocation of fishermen away from sub-marginal fishing areas to areas where they could be expected to fish a long-enough season to improve their economic position.

OTTAWA (CP)—The royal commission on pilotage will be in Newfoundland in April, and beginners in May along the St. Lawrence River including Montreal and Quebec City.

Hearings also are expected to be held in Nova Scotia, at Great Lakes ports, Ottawa and possibly other places. It had been tentatively hoped to start the inquiry early next month in Sydney, N.S., but this was found inconvenient.

The commission is designed to look into and report on all aspects of pilotage in Canada. There are some 400 pilots, whose duties are to guide ships in harbors and inland waterways by visual navigation with a use of landmarks.

Uproar Aroused In Britain By Agreement

LONDON (CP)—A mighty uproar rose in Britain today against the nuclear deal Prime Minister Macmillan made with President Kennedy at the Bahamas conference.

A Labor party leader called it utter failure, the Liberal party accused it of exposing Britain's nuclear deterrent as a myth, and newspaper headlines screamed at Macmillan's acceptance of Kennedy's plan.

While Macmillan's cabinet-meeting here without him but with his guidance — approved the plan, it appeared that many of his fellow Conservative party members would dissent.

The "sell-out" screams Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express (circulation nearly 5,000,000) across eight front-page columns.

"Macmillan's surrender," says the Labor party newspaper, The Daily Herald. In a front-page banner.

"The political signals are set for danger," says The Daily Mirror—largest-selling British daily.

LOST BATTLE
"Prime Minister Macmillan has lost the battle," says the Conservative Daily Sketch leading off its front-page banner story.

The Conservative Times says, however, that "some complacent assumptions about Anglo-American relations were due for a sharp jolt in any case, but what is left after the jolt has been made is not catastrophic."

The Liberal Manchester Guardian says Macmillan may have saved himself with a Conservative party, but the main question is whether to

continue at all with a British deterrent.

Criticizing Washington, the Conservative Daily Telegraph says Poland will be an independent deterrent only in the sense that Skybolt was.

"For its supply we shall depend exclusively on the United States," the newspaper says. "How hazardous such dependence is, the fate of the Skybolt, cancelled suddenly without warning, has made only too clear."

George Brown, Labor party defence spokesman, called the agreement a "terrible indictment of the government's competence and utter failure on defence."

The Liberal Leader Jo Grimond called it a "formula for British self-sabotage," adding:

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France Gets Bid To Partnership

NASSAU (AP)—The Kennedy-Macmillan conference took the first steps Friday toward creating with NATO a nuclear force to be built ultimately around the powerful Polaris submarine missile.

President Kennedy and Prime Minister Macmillan agreed to set up a nuclear-armed NATO bomber force in the immediate future and then to get United States Polaris submarines into action under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization by 1970.

Kennedy immediately dispatched a letter to President de Gaulle inviting France to make the preceding setting program a three-way partnership. He offered to provide Polaris missiles to France on the same condition which he and Macmillan had just worked out for a U.S.-British Polaris deal.

A communiqué issued by the two leaders also said the president told Macmillan he has decided to cancel plans for production of the Skybolt air-to-ground missile which Britain had wanted for its nuclear bomber force.

FRANCE INVITED
The United States will assist NATO one Polaris-armed submarine force and one Polaris-armed aircraft carrier, as well as equip submarines not built before then. Britain will pay for all missiles supplied but will not share U.S. development costs of \$2,500,000,000.

The British will furnish their own Polaris warheads.

Both the United States and Britain placed one condition on commitment of nuclear forces to NATO. The two countries reserved the right to employ independently bombers and Polaris submarines assigned to NATO. In any case involving "supreme national interests."

The agreement represented a long step toward the solution of two problems which have plagued the two countries for many months.

OFFERS HOUNDING
Initially, Kennedy proposed that both countries share the cost of completing development of Skybolt — estimated at \$100,000,000.

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Prisoner Exchange To Begin

WASHINGTON (AP)—The exchange of the 1,113 Cuban prisoners taken in the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba was scheduled to begin Sunday morning.

Gen. Lucius Clay, chairman of the Cuban families advisory committee, and E. Roland Harriman, chairman of the American National Red Cross, announced Friday night.

Clay and Harriman, in a joint statement, said New York lawyer James Donovan, representing the Cuban families committee, and premier Fidel Castro, signed an agreement Friday.

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World Court Gives Ruling

THE HAGUE (Reuters)—The World Court ruled here Friday, by a vote of 8 to 7, that it has jurisdiction in a case brought by Liberia and Ethiopia alleging South Africa has violated its mandate over South-West Africa.

Legal observers said the seven dissenting opinions were the highest number they could remember in a World Court judgment.

South African Foreign Minister Eric Louw hailed the ruling as a "moral victory" for South Africa.

He told reporters: "The very close margin is in fact a moral victory for South Africa which cannot but favorably affect South Africa's position at the United Nations and in the circumstances I am very pleased with the result."

South Africa's administrators South-West Africa, a former German territory, under a mandate from the defunct League of Nations.

The case was initiated more than two years ago by Ethiopia and Liberia which alleged South Africa had not "promoted to the utmost the material and moral wellbeing and social progress" of the people of South-West Africa.

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Diefenbaker Arrives For Talks With Mac

By KEN KELLY
NASSAU (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker, arriving here for talks with Prime Minister Macmillan, said in an informal meeting with President Kennedy, issued a reminder Friday that only through economic strength can the strength of Western beliefs be assured.

The Canadian prime minister, met at Windsor airport by the governor of The Bahamas, Sir Robert Stapledon and Lady Stapledon, noted that a ministerial conference soon will be held to prepare the groundwork for an international trade conference that he had suggested in London at the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference last September.

He also emphasized that he will discuss with Macmillan Friday and today Britain's bid to join the European Common Market and trade problems of interest to all the Commonwealth arising from Britain's plan.

Diefenbaker and his wife are to spend Christmas in The Bahamas.

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Christmas Means Home

To many people Christmas means homecoming. From across the land, the natives return to spend this special holiday season with their families, friends and loved ones, and Islanders by adoption leave to join their families and friends in other parts of Canada.

Today The Guardian presents for its readers a news about hundreds of Islanders who are going home for Christmas. Turn to page 7 for the first of hundreds of "Home for Christmas" personal. They continue through pages 8, 10, 11 and 12.

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28TH CHRISTMAS BEHIND BARS

Kansas City Pat, whose little-known real name is George O. Jones, looks out from his cell at Bisham's State Prison in McAlester, where he has been since 1934 serving a life sentence for a

15-cent holdup. He will spend his 28th Christmas in the prison working as usual tending to the wants of the condemned men on Death Row. He has been recommended for parole, subject to getting

a job, but has had no offers so far. The 38-year-old prisoner feels he "can be a good citizen, even with all these years behind me."

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