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40 Families Flee Homes Before Manitoba Flood

DISCUSSION LEADER

Leader of a discussion group at the Maritime Social Work conference at St. Dunstan's University will be Miss Florence Schill of Toronto. The conference is scheduled for June 22 to 25. Director of public relations for the Toronto children's aid Society, Miss Schill has written a number of recognized books on child problems. The discussion wil follow the opening address by Rev. Swithun Bowers, O.M.I., on "What social work is."

Norseman Crashes Killing 8

WINNIPEG, (CP) — A Trans-Air Limited Norseman with eight persons a b o a d crashed and burned Friday night near Big Trout Lake, 125 miles northeast of Kenora, Ont. department of transport officials here said reports indicated there were no signs of life at the crash scene.

The Norseman, based at Sioux Lookout, Ont., was reported carrying a pilot and seven passengers. No names or further information was available.

Summit Meet Is Demanded

By BRACK CURRY

GENEVA, (AP)—Andrei Gromyko insisted Friday that the Western powers accept a summit meeting even if the present Big Four conference founders in a deadlock over Berlin.

The Soviet foreign minister warned the United States, British and France that they will "take responsibility for the consequences" if they put obstacles in the way of a summit meeting.

Gromyko thus openly challenged President Eisenhower's position that a heads-of-government conference can be held only if the Geneva foreign ministers' meeting produces positive results.

The Russian move came as the foreign ministers, at the end of their fifth week of talks, sought to break out a major crisis over Moscow's proposal of a one-year deadline for Western withdrawal from West Berlin.

GROMYKO STANDS PAT

In a three-hour session at the Palais des Nations Friday, Gromyko refused too modify by one word the Soviet plan the Western ministers have labelled as totally unacceptable, as an ultimatum and as a move to wreck the Geneva conference.

Under prodding by State Secretary Herter, Selwyn Lloyd of Britain and Maurice Couve de Murville of France, Gromyko denied that the Soviet proposal constitutes an ultimatum.

But he kept a solid position on Moscow's campaign to force the Western allies out of Soviet-encircled Berlin and added this element:

"The supposed link between the present conference and a summit conference is altogether invalid.

Island Legislators 'Play Possum' On Roads To Resources Program

The federal-provincial "Roads to Resources" program is responsible for nearly all of the road paving in the province and it is responsible for all of the pacing program in Kings County, John A. MacDonald, M.P. said last night in a prepared statement.

The main reason why he announced recent changes in the program, he said, was that there has been "too much playing possum" by provincial government members.

When it suited their purpose they claimed credit for the road routing, When it did not suit them they blamed the routing on federal authorities, he said.

"I felt that in fairness to everyone this should be clarified with a straightforward statement," the Kings member said.

ASKED BY PC'S

"This program came into effect last spring when Prime Minister John Diefenbaker agreed to a suggestion, on the request of Progressive Conservative members for the Maritimes, that a program underway in other parts of Canada providing access to resources be extended to this area.

"Naturaly, our provincial government jumped at this offer and it has become the basis of practically all its paving program. Without such assistance it would be almost nil," Mr. MacDonald stated.

I have noted that the contracts let for paving in Kings County this year are on rou.es under this program.

"We were completely ignored in Kings under the Trans Canada Highway set up and have tried in vain for many years for a p a v e d connection between Souris and Wood Islands. This will become a reality under this federal-provincial program," the Kings member said.

"On their contracts the provinces have asked that there be a "stretch-out", which would extend their programs over a longer period than the five years originally intended. Untill this is settled no firm con-

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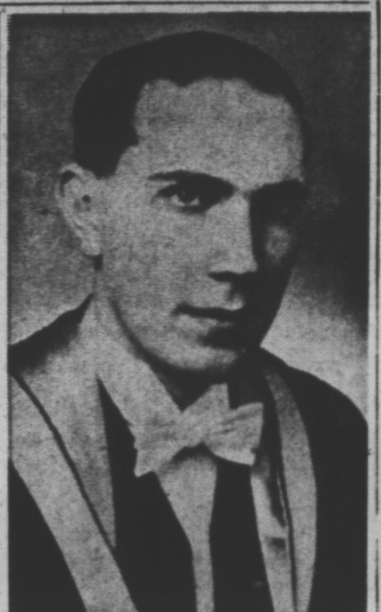

JOINS FACULTY

John Lloyd Cutcliffe today will receive his master's degree in engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Top man in his class the 25 year old native of Fredericton, P.E.I., has been invited by the Institute to become a lecturer on the faculty and pursue further studies for his doctorate degree with the help of a $5,000 annual scholarship. Mr. Cutcliffe is a graduate of Mount Allison University and Nova Scotia Technical College where he won the Governor General's Gold Medal. He will return this summer to Amherst, Nova Scotia where he is employed with Robb Engineering. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cutcliffe went to Boston this week to be present for their son's graduation.

Water Surges Through Streets

STE. ANNE, Man., (CP)—Forty families were forced to evacuate their homes Friday when the rain-swollen Seine River overfilowed its banks and sent three feet of water surging the streets of this village 28 miles southeast of Winnipeg.

Thousands of acres of lowlying farmland were turned into lakes.

Damage to municipalities and crops was expected to be in the thousands of dollars as the Seine and a number of smaller creeks went on the rampage. One official said it might reach $1,000,-000.

The crest of the flood was expected to reach St. Vital and the city of St. Boniface — both adjacent to Winnipeg—some time today. Manitoba water resource officials said. But they said it likely will be somewhat dispersed by that time.

FOLLOW CLOUDBURST

The flood came after a cloudburst hit southeastern Manitoba Wednesday night. The soil in the Marchand area where the Seine rises already had been saturated with moisture and the overflow swelled the river.

The weather forecast says no rain is expected in the flood area immediately. But the long-range outlook is for unsettled weather.

Provincial government and Red Cross agencies began shipping sandbags and other supplies to the community.

Farmers were expected to be particularly hard hit. Only a small portion of the crop has been sown in the area and if the water stays on the land fo. any length of time, it may be too late to get a crop planted, provincial officials said.

Wage Bill Talked Out

OTTAWA, (CP) — A CCF bill to set a minimum $1.25-an-hour wage for workers under federal labor jurisdiction died a quiet death in the Commons Friday.

The m e a s u r e of Arnold Peters (CCFTimiskaming) was "talked out," members talking through the hour devoted to private members' bills. It thus dropped to the bottom of a long list of private members' bills and will not come up again this session.

Manufacturers Assoc. Members Are Coming

The Canadian Manufacturers Association delegater are scheduled to arrive in the Province today and will be addressed by Premier A. W. Matheson at a luncheon meeting at The Charlottetown Hotel.

Prior to coming to Charlottetown, the delegates will be taken on a motor tour of Summerside, and the National Park area where they will have a first hand look at the "Anne of Green Gables" house and will also see some of the province's picturesque farming and fishing villages.

Prior to leaving Charlottetown on return to Borden today, the delegates will visit the Confederation Chamber in the Provincial Building.

Enroute back to the Borden terminal this afternoon, the delegates will drive over the Trans Canada Highway and enjoy the scenic beauty of the 37 miles of rolling countryside.

The delegates will be met at Borden by Charlottetown business and professional men and will be the guests of the Prince Edward Island Government at the luncheon.

Their visit here will end a convention tour that started at Fredericton, N.B., a week ago.

GROMYKO GETS WHITE WALLS

GENEVA (Reuters)—Swiss subtlety Thursday succeeded in getting new white-wall tires for Andrei Gromyko's 10-year-old limousine.

Police had become alarmed at the state of three of the tires.

"We said nothing officially because we did not wish to precipitate any ill feeling during the Big Four conference," a police official said.

"We dropped hints to the driver by getting a uniformed policeman to walk around the car when it was parked and bend down and examine the tires."

Three new tires were flown in from Moscow.

Her Majesty Knights Doctor And General

By RONALD WILLIAMS

LONDON (Reuters) — The Queen today granted knighthoods to the general who commanded Britain's Suez ground forces and to the doctor who removed her daughter's tonsils.

They were among 2,400 people, many of them drawn from the arts and sciences, who received royal tribute in the traditional birthday honors list.

The general honored is Sir Hugh Stockwell, who led British ground forces in the Suez intervention three years ago. He becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

Dr. Wilfrid Sheldon was named Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order for his services in removing Princess Anne's tonsils. Another doctor, who attended the royal children when they had chickenpox recently, received a lesser award.

From the arts, a number of actors and actresses, a painter, a composer and an opera singer were honored.

SCIENTISTS HONORED

Scientists honored include leaders in Britain's space research program.

Among many politicians and civil servants chosen for awards is Prime Minister Walter Nash of New Zealand, who received the Companionship of Honor.

The honors list is drawn up in consultation between the government and the monarch and issued each year on the official royal birthday — today, though the Queen's actual birthday is April 21. She was then 33.

The list names three men to become barons. After the traditional ceremony in Buckingham Palace in which t h e Queen touches each on the shoulder with a sword, their titles will be passed on from father to son.

The three new peers are Sir William Patrick Spens, former chief justice of India and a member of Parliament; Sir Thomas Dugdale, member of Parliament; and Sir John Forster, who as president of the industrial court is one of Britain's leading industrial peacemakers.

Frost Retirement Is Rumored Again

TORONTO (CP) — Speculation about Premier Frost's retirement has resumed after his Progressive Conservatives scored another easy victory in Thursday's Ontario election.

The Conservatives, in office since 1943, won 71 seats in the 98-seat legislature, losing 13 to the Liberals and CCF Liberal strength rose to 22 from 11 and the CCF to five from three.

Conservatives got 46 per cent of the record 1,830,000 ballots cast, compared to 48 per cent in 1955. The Liberal share rose to 37 from 33 per cent while the CCF again got 17 per cent.

"We lost a few to the fortunes of war, but I'm pleased with the results, Premier Frost said.

WIFE FAVORS DECISION

The premier will be 64 in September and there has been speculation he plans to retire before the next election, perhaps when he turns 65. His wife, Gertrude, is said to favor it.

The premier's last word on the subject was given May 4, when he called the election on his 10th anniversary in office.

"I live from day to day," he said.

Among those mentioned as possible successors are the young and fast-rising new minister of energy resources, 38 - year - old Robert MacAulay; Provincial Treasurer James N. Allan, 64; Attorney-General Kelso Roberts, 60, Health Minister Matthew Dymond, 46; and Agriculture Minister William A. Goodfellow, 58.

BEST SINCE 1937

The Liberals made their best showing in a provincial election since 1937 and party leader John Wintermeyer was undaunted by failure to win the election as he had predicted.

"We will move forward tomorrow as our objective remains the same—to win the government of Ontario," said the 42 - year - old lawyer who took over the Liberal leadership only a year ago.

Oil Range Seen Cause Of Tragic Cottage Fire

Present indications are that yesterday's tragic fire originated from the oil stove in the kitchen and that one of the covers of the stove had been blown off the top of the range, Louis Ranahan, fire inspector for Charlottetown, stated last night.

Inspector Ranahan added that under such circumstances the flames from the stove might have ignited any combustible material close to the stove. Another possibility, the fire inspector mentioned was that the blaze could have been caused by an overheated stove pipe close to the wall.

Interviewed last evening, Mr. Ranahan issued a word of caution to all users of oil ranges and space heaters to have them cleaned at six month intervals by competent servicemen. "Under no circumstances," he said "should they be left without servicing for a longer period of time."

FIRE HAZARDS

Among the conditions that can cause fire hazards in this type of heating unit are: dirty burners, mechanical defects in carbureators, flooding, carboning up of burners and improper air ventilation.

These burners, the fire inspector said, "should always be installed and serviced by competent oil burning servicemen.

"Should any of the aforementioned hazards appear indicated in any way, the unit should be shut off and attended by a serviceman immediately.

"Never," Mr. Ranahan warned, " hang clothes or other combustible materials in close proximity to these oil ranges or heaters and under no circumstances leave them unattended at high control."

The Charlottetown Fire Department, Inspector Ranahan said, has answered innumerable calls for oil burning fires. With proper servicing and care, a large percentage of these calls could have been avoided.

In conclusion, Fire Inspector Ranahan said, "I would appreciate the co-operation of all citizens in acting upon the oil fire prevention measures I have suggested immediately."

PARENTS LEAVE FOR WORK

Three Small Children Die In Early Morning Blaze

The bodies of three small children were removed from the wreckage of a summer cottage on the Brighton Shore, adjacent to Charlottetown, Friday morning.

Searing flames which broke out shortly after 7 o'clock ripped through the lightly constructed building in double-quick time.

Fire inspector Louis Ranahan said the fire could have started from an oil stove in the kitchen.

The children were two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Paul William, 5, and Allan Philip, 3, and Joan Lee Stewart, 5, a neice of Mr. Stewart who was staying with them at the cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart had left the children alone while Mr. Stewart drove his wife to work at the Prince Edward Island Hospital, where she is employed as a maid. Before returning home he was to pick up their daily baby-sitter, Miss Bertha MacLeod.

COTTAGE IN FLAMES

He returned to find the flames scorching the outside of the cottage he had rented for the summer only a few weeks ago from Miss Rena Tomlins.

The routine Mr. and Mrs. Stewart followed y e s t e r d a y morning was practically the same each morning, except that quite often they took the children with them, "when they were awake", Mr. Stewart explained.

The cottage was located on the bank of the North River in a long row of cottages and a few permanent homes. Several other cottagers had seen the Stewarts leave shortly before 7 a.m. and it was some time later that smoke and flames were seen issuing from the building.

FIRE DISCOVERED

A next door neighbor, Ernest Young, said he came out of his cottage to finish some work on his car when he noticed the smoke curling out from under the eaves of the Stewart cottage. He shouted and ran to the window but could see nothing but smoke and flame. He thought the Stewarts had taken the children with them.

After a stubborn fight, Charlottetown firemen managed to subdue the flames and enter the still smoking ruins. The bodies of the three little tots were found together, one of them sprawled near the bottom bunk of twin bunk beds.

The cause of the fire is still unknown. Mr. Stewart said he had risen first and started the fire in the oil stove so that his wife could make a cup of tea before going to work. Everything was in order when they left.

Mrs. Stewart who had been rushed home on word of the fire was taken back to the hospital for treatment for shock.

Neighbors in nearby cottages stood grief-stricken and helpless while the sudden flames snuffed out the three young lives.

THE COT on which three children perished in Friday morning's fire at Brighton Shore is shown in the lower picture. The fact that the bed was right beside a window make the tragic deaths seem that much sadder. The gutted cottage is shown in the top picture with most of the roof caved in as a result of the blaze.

Textile Tariff Boosts Are To Be Negotiated

By HAROLD MORRISON

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada will negotiate textile tariff boosts and other changes with some 15 countries, including the United States and Britain.

Finance Minister Fleming Friday informed the Commons it will take some time to complete negotiations. Approval to begin bargaining on revisions was obtained from the 34-country General Agreement on Tariffsa nd Trade.

He announced this as he made public a 254-page Tariff Board report, recommending higher tariffs on synthetic fibres and yarns and some cuts on natural silk which isn't used to any extent in Canada.

This followed board proposals during the last year or so to boost tariffs on wool cloth and United States cotton f a b r i c s. Higher rates on wool cloth have already gone into effect. Other proposed changes are still to be negotiated.

ANOTHER PHASE

y the board begins hearings on another phase of the textile tariff structure which is being overhauled on government orders. Monday's hearings will be on knitted goods and hosiery.

Proposed tariff boosts on synthetic textiles have been opposed by producers in Britain, the U.S. and Japan. British producers have argued they have only a small share of the Canadian synthetics mrket.

Higher tariffs would make it more difficult for Britain to increase exports and complete convertibility of her currency with dollars. Japan has argued that a lower market for Japanese products would make it more difficult for Japan to buy Canadian wheat.

The board, looking over the rapid rise of the Canadian synthetics industry, concluded that a general over-all tariff boost for the entire industry would not be justified.

But it did find a need for more protection in certain parts of the industry.

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PM Is Silent On Assistants

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker is keeping many Progressive Conservative hopefuls guessing about 16 big jobs.

Ears pricked up in the Commons Friday when the Liberals asked how soon he would be appointing 16 "parliamentary assistants."

He would be appointing none the prime minister said. But he would be appointing parliamentary secretaries, as authorized by Parliament.

Kiddies Find Mortar Bomb

KENTVILLE, N.S. (CP) — An army search party Friday located a live mortar bomb believed taken from its launching site by children Thursday night.

The shell, 12 inches long and 2 inches in diameter, was located within the perimiter of the nearby Camp Aldershot training area. It was unexploded and intact.