

**Is Queried On
River Opening**

OTTAWA (CP)—Transport Minister Marler described Tuesday as "speculative" press reports that "icebreakers will conduct a convoy of merchant ships to the St. Lawrence River to open the port of Montreal early this season."
A. J. Brooks (PC—Royal) said officials of Mr. Marler's department had done "no speculating."
Thomas Bell (PC—St. John Albert) asked whether the federal government would pay for the operation.
Mr. Marler said he had heard nothing to the effect that such an operation would be carried out.
He said two icebreakers are working in the St. Lawrence as in past years. A third had been delivered to the department a week ago and now was operating near Quebec City.

**Explosion Levels
Powder Building**

TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—An explosion tore apart a building at a powder works southeast of here Tuesday afternoon and first reports indicated four men were killed.
The explosion occurred in the facilities of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp., formerly the Columbia Powder Co. The site of the plant, behind locked gates, is about 10 miles southeast of Tacoma.
The blast shook windows as far away as downtown Tacoma, 18 miles distant. A huge smoke cloud rose over the scene.
A company spokesman said the explosion occurred in a gelatin pack house about four miles from the firm's office.
"Nobody knows what happened," said Ed Sorger, head of the state industrial safety division.
He said officials of the company reported the four deaths.
"There's nothing left but a big hole in the ground," Sorger added.

**Railway Ass'n
Urges Uniform
Daylight Time**

MONTREAL (CP)—The Railway Association of Canada said Tuesday it plans to send out new letters re-urging uniform Canadian adoption this year of daylight time from April 28 to Oct. 27.
The dates correspond to the daylight term in the Eastern United States but would extend the usual Canadian period by one month.
An association spokesman said the railways agreed to change their schedules for the six-month period after the Montreal metropolitan commission recommended the dates last fall.

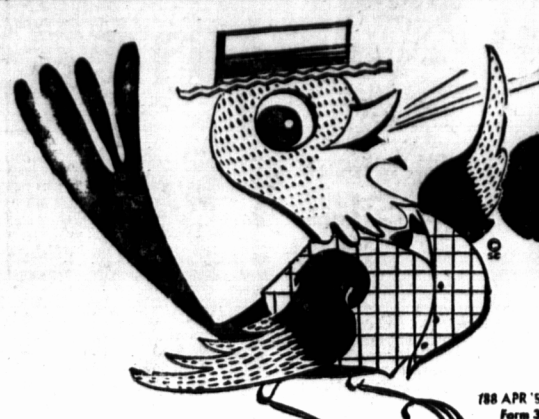
NOT ENTHUSIASTIC

The Montreal executive committee and Toronto city council Monday recommended the new dates be adopted by their cities. The railway association said most other Ontario and Quebec communities favor the new dates, but response from the Maritimes and the West has been less enthusiastic.
"About half the maritime centres said they would agree to the extended period," said the spokesman, "but so far the West seems to prefer to set its own dates."
Previously, Prince Edward Island has remained on standard time during the summer. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have adopted fast time in some centres. British Columbia usually has gone on daylight time, but chosen its own dates, while Alberta has a provincial statute prohibiting fast time except in special circumstances.

**Exchange Guns
For Painting**

HONG KONG (AP)—The stocky painter looked at the cluster of brushes in his hand and said quietly, "I'd rather have a machine gun."
Military strategist by profession and painter from necessity, Gen. Yang Tsi-shing is one of 10 refugees who make up an unlikely artistic group.
The group—all members of defeated Chinese Nationalist forces—includes the general, four colonels, a political commissar, a police commissioner, a customs official, a statistician and a university student.
Wrapped in overcoats, the 10 work in an unheated studio, turning out traditional Chinese paintings on scrolls, 15 hours a day, seven days a week.
"Some day," said the general, "we will get back to the mainland where we belong. Some day the Kuomintang will push out the Communists."
"In the meantime one must eat, and painting is an honorable profession."
Sponsor of the Painting enterprise is Mrs. Chen Lee Tsiu-ming, registered with the Hong Kong government as the operator of a sales and promotion service for refugee handicrafts.
Wife of the last Nationalist mayor of Shanghai, Mrs. Chen fled the Communists in 1949 with the family fortune, and arrived in Hong Kong with a fortune in gold.
"Now I'm broke," she said. The money went to support a tuition-free embroidery school for 300 refugee girls, several other philanthropic ventures and a few unlucky parlays on the gold market. Mrs. Chen is using the last of her assets to turn her military proteges into self-supporting painters.

CANBERRA (AP)—A Royal Australian Air Force Dakota crashed in flames after skimming a narrow margin at Duntroon Royal Military College Tuesday. Four airmen aboard were killed. One of the plane's engines caught fire soon after takeoff.



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