



ATTEND ARMY CADET CONFERENCE

Officers and civilian instructors of the four Atlantic Provinces' Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. attended the annual Chief Instructors Conference at Headquarters Eastern Command Halifax. The main points of the conference in-

cluded the preparation for the summer trades training at Camp Aldershot and a discussion of the training and administrative problems affecting each Cadet Corps. Those attending from Prince Edward Island are LEFT: Mr. Leslie Stewart Montague Mr. N.S.

MacLeod and Lt-Col. W.J. MacDonald both of Charlottetown Major R.G. Bewley former GSO 2 (Cadets) for Headquarters Eastern Command and Rev. Father F.L. Cass and Lt-Col. L.F. MacDonald both of Charlottetown.

NATIONAL DEFENCE PHOTO

Will Demolish Beacon Church

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Wreckers axes will knock down the church that has guided mariners into St. John's harbor for 25 years. Officials said today the Congregational church on Queen's road is to be relocated in a new housing area and the present building demolished. On one of the towers of the 60-

year-old church a beacon shines by night 203 feet above tidewater to aid ships entering the harbor. The beacon was put up in 1831 and will be transferred to a mast on the same spot when the church is torn down. The only other range light in St. John's is located on a wharf.

OLD LANDMARKS

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New Way Of Life Begins With River Tigris Flood Control

BAGHDAD (Reuters)—The city of Baghdad and hundreds of towns and villages along the banks of the Tigris river are free of the menace of floods today for the first time in their long history. Ceremonies Monday inaugurating the Wadi Tharthar flood control and irrigation project at Samarra, on the Tigris 40 miles above Baghdad, signalled a new way of life for dwellers along the banks of the river, legendary site of the Garden of Eden.

The huge project began early in 1952, and provided employment for more than 100 Canadian, British, American and German technicians and more than 1,500 Iraqis. Money for the project came from Iraq's oil revenues, and among the agencies playing a part was the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The project involved throwing a dam across the Tigris at Samarra, and building a 42-mile spillway from the dam to a vast hole in the ground known as the Wadi Tharthar Depression, parts of which are below sea level. When the Tigris is in flood, excess

waters will be drained through the spillway into the Wadi Tharthar Depression. The lake so formed is about 16 miles long. The spillway is capable of carrying up to 8,350 tons of water a second. The main dam across the Tigris is 1,472 feet wide and 200 feet high. Total cost of the project was 15,000,000 dinars (\$42,000,000).

The building of a fishway in the dam was supervised by Harry A. Lynch of Ottawa. From time immemorial, the Tigris, swollen by spring rains and melting snow from the mountains, has overflowed its banks and inundated the Iraqi countryside, causing damage to crops, destroying livestock and imperiling human life.

The new project will not only end the flood menace, but will provide water to irrigate more than 10,000,000 acres of land which up to now has been unfit for cultivation.

The project also is designed to include a power station, work on which will commence early in the summer.

Escaped Drug Addict Found

OTTAWA (CP)—Wily drug addict Joseph Lewicki, described previously as armed and dangerous, was picked up almost accidentally Tuesday by a railway police sergeant at Union Station.

Lewicki, 31, was at first believed to be insane because of his wild behaviour after his capture by Sergeant Georges Proulx of the CPR police. Then Ottawa city police noted his resemblance to the widely-sought drug addict.

He was identified by the RCMP through fingerprints. The Mounties laid a charge against him late Tuesday afternoon of possession of narcotics. He is due to appear in court today.

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