



VIC RUNTZ, Guardian cartoonist, (left) and Miss Eleanor Lowe, Art teacher at Prince of Wales College chat with Mr. Alan Jarvis, Director of the National Gallery following the Canadian Club dinner held at the Charlottetown hotel last night. Guardian Photo

Describes National Gallery As "A Unique Institution"

The National Gallery at Ottawa is a unique institution in that it takes art to the people whenever it is consistent with the safety of the pieces, said Mr. Alan Jarvis, Director of the National Gallery who was the guest speaker at the Canadian Club dinner in Charlottetown last night. He noted that no other national gallery makes a practice of displaying its masterpieces in other centres.

In introducing the speaker, Dr. Frank MacKinnon noted that Mr. Jarvis has had a distinguished career not only in the field of Art but also in politics when for a time he served as Private Secretary to Sir Stafford Cripps.

The dinner was attended by His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse and Mrs. Prowse. Also seated at the head table were Dr. and Mrs. Frank MacKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Mitton, Miss Eleanor Lowe, Mr. Bruce Hodgins, Mrs. J. G. Tweedy.

Mr. Jarvis said that famous masterpieces are becoming scarcer and scarcer since many European Countries have made very strict laws regarding the exportation of national paintings.

FORTUNATE TRANSACTION

He told however of a fortunate transaction in which the Gallery was able to buy a twelve picture collection of Liechtenstein paintings which he likened to a collection of crown jewels. Another transaction for four pictures costing \$550,000 was described by Mr. Jarvis who expressed pleasure with the generosity of the Federal Government in making such purchases possible.

The Gallery director said there was an incredible boom in the interest of Art. Not only is this evident in the metropolitan areas

and the more established communities of Canada but such places as Kitimat and Arvida are daily becoming more and more Art conscious.

CANADIAN ART

While it will be the policy of the gallery to be on the continual search for the great masterpieces he said, Canadian Art will not be neglected. In this connection, he noted that the staff of the Gallery makes it a point to visit every art exhibition in Canada each and they will enter any studio where the door is open.

The Director said that quite often the Gallery had been criticized for not purchasing more Canadian Art. "I am sure you would not want to think of us as buying some work just for the sake of spending money. We do not want to take the attitude that such and such a picture is good enough for a Canadian. The painting that we purchase must be judged on world standards," he said.

"We have a painting and drawing collection at Ottawa of which we should be very proud. It has become a place of pilgrimage for students from all over the world," said Mr. Jarvis.

CANADA COUNCIL

The Director spoke optimistically of the birth of Canada Council and expressed pleasure that Dr. Frank MacKinnon was included as a member of the Council.

He spoke of the policy of international exchange of pieces and told of a contribution which Canada made last year to the Amsterdam Exhibition where the works of Rembrandt were featured. "This exchange of masterpieces" (Continued on page 2 col. 4)

Local Man Is Injured In Car Accident

Two cars collided at 11:50 p.m. last night at the corner of Kent and Rochford Streets, each of them sustaining considerable damage.

T. L. (Babs) Fitzgerald, 38 Rochford St., the driver of the vehicle proceeding North on Rochford Street, was taken to City Hospital following the collision.

The driver of the other car was Bernard Doucette, of 29 Grafton Street. There was one female passenger in each vehicle.

Miss L. Wonnacott of North River Road, a passenger in the Fitzgerald vehicle was kept in hospital overnight for observation.

The two in the other car apparently escaped without injuries.

Mr. Fitzgerald was thrown from his car and picked up unconscious. He regained consciousness shortly after being admitted to hospital. The extent of his injuries had not been determined.

Block Burned At Verdun, Que.

VERDUN, Que. (CP) — A five-hour blaze Tuesday levelled a city block in this Montreal suburb—burning through three brick buildings, two large garages and a number of sheds before being controlled.

Every available Verdun fireman was called in to battle the flames—described by Capt. Richard Legget as the "hottest fire" he had ever fought. The heat cracked windows a block away, and flames burned through power poles, cutting off electricity over a 10-block area.

GM Plans New Small Car Soon

REGINA (CP)—A new small car called "the Victor" soon will be introduced in Canada, President Edwin H. Walker of General Motors of Canada, Ltd., said Monday.

The Victor, to be manufactured by GM's Vauxhall division, will be "completely different from anything ever offered before," Mr. Walker told reporters.

Serious Fire In Chatham

CHATHAM, N.B. (CP) — Fire Tuesday whipped through a warehouse, three homes, two apartments and an office, before being brought under control by five fire departments. Three persons were injured, none seriously.

The blaze broke out in the warehouse of the W. S. Loggie Company in downtown Chatham and destroyed that building and another nearby shed. Both were filled with building materials. The fire then spread to a home owned by Arthur Shield, a dental technician, who lost his home and office. Two apartments in the building were destroyed. A nearby duplex house, owned by Joseph Connors and Harold Harriman, was also destroyed.

Two unidentified employees of the Loggie company were treated for burns and a fireman was taken to hospital after he was overcome by smoke. None was reported in serious condition.

There was no immediate estimate of damage.

The blaze threatened to spread to a new post office building, but a change in wind helped firemen from Chatham, Newcastle, RCFM Chatham, RCAF St. Margaret's and the N.B. forestry service.

Special Bravery Citation In Springhill Disaster

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Tuesday awarded a special citation for bravery to all persons who took part in the rescue of miners trapped by the Springhill, N.S., mine explosion last November.

The citation was read at the 59th annual dinner of the institute by the president, Dr. John F. Walker, deputy minister of mines in British Columbia. It was accepted on behalf of those who helped in the rescue by Frank Doxey, assistant general manager of the Dominion Coal Company, Sydney, N.S.

A total of 88 miners were rescued following an explosion Nov. 1, 1956, in No. 4 mine of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company at Springhill. Thirty-nine lost their lives, including 30 of the trapped miners, seven surface workers, and two members of the rescue corps.

"The citation, first of its kind ever awarded by the institute, is called a 'citation for bravery and appreciation of service.' It recognizes 'the valor and self-sacrificing effort of all engaged in the work of rescue and of those rescued.'"

Copies of the citation will be hung in the chamber of the town council of Springhill, in the offices of the Cumberland company and in the hall of the United Mine Workers of America, District 26.

The citation: "In the late afternoon of the first day of November, 1956, an explosion occurred in the No. 4 mine of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company at Springhill, Nova Scotia. The effect immediately apparent was that the blast and flames coming through the slope, mouth had damaged and set fire to the colliery bankhead, fatally injuring seven men working therein, and had entrapped the whole night shift of 118 men in the mine workings.

"Soon, examination by members of the company's rescue corps also disclosed the fact that the explosion had disrupted the ventilation current and had started fires in the mine, thus rendering the mine atmosphere both dangerous to life and liable to further explosions.

"HAZARDS IGNORED "Regardless of these hazards, the entire working force of the company's collieries immediately volunteered for rescue work in No. 4 mine as, also, did members of the rescue corps of Acadia Coal Company, Limited, Old Sydney Collieries Limited and Dominion Coal Company Limited who, soon, were rushed to the scene of the disaster.

"Similarly, the entire citizenry of the town of Springhill and hundreds, both as individuals and in groups of trained personnel, from all over the province of Nova Scotia, voluntarily and without awaiting the call for help, undertook work at the colliery site in servicing the rescuers, in preparing to care for the rescued and in bringing in necessary equipment and supplies.

"Those who participated are far too numerous to name; by their hundreds they declared themselves ready to—and did—give of their utmost to help. So, also, too numerous to cite individually are the many instances of bravery, self-sacrifice and untiring effort. Suffice it to say that in the afternoon of the second day after the explosion, while rescuers were struggling to overcome obstacles to reach the entrapped men, 38 of them attempted to make contact with the rescuers.

"Some did so and all of the 38 were then brought to the surface, but it was not until a lapse of 80 hours after the explosion that, of the remainder in the mine, another 50 were brought to the surface. Thirty were found to have died. In all, 88 miners were rescued and 38 lives lost, seven surface workers, two of the rescue corps and 30 of the entrapped miners."

SECOND POLITICAL CRISIS IN TWO WEEKS

Ugly Turn Of Events Is Seen Looming In Jordan

Civic Debentures For High School Project

At a special meeting of the City Council yesterday a resolution was adopted accepting the tender of Syndicate composed of the Royal Bank of Canada, W. C. Pitfield and Co. Ltd., Royal Securities Ltd., Eastern Securities Ltd., and Wood Gundy and Co. Ltd., for the purchase of debentures for \$43,250.5 percent at a price 90.27 with accrued interest.

The bonds are to be non-callable, dated June 1st, 1957 and maturing June 1st, 1977. The tender is subject to stipulations as per their submitted tender contained in the syndicates letter of April 17, 1957.

The resolution was moved by Councillor E. C. Johnstone and seconded by Councillor A. W. Gaudet. \$700,000 of the above money will be used for construction of a new High School on Longworth Avenue, and the remainder used for capital overdraft in the Royal Bank of Canada. A tender from a syndicate composed of Bell-Gounilock, Dominion Securities, and the Canadian Bank of Commerce was also received.

Opening Of Teachers Convention Yesterday

Delegates to the P.E.I. Teachers' Federation Convention were yesterday welcomed to the City by Mayor J.D. Stewart, D.S.O., and briefly addressed by Dr. L. W. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Education, and Miss Wilson, Director of Public Health Nursing, Department of Health. The addresses followed the report of the President, Miss Mabel Matheson.

"You are all associated in a great career in imparting knowledge, which is the real goal or purpose in life," Mayor Stewart said, adding that he hoped the deliberations throughout the Convention proved most fruitful.

Quoting from a recent article by James Muir, famous financial authority, the Mayor said that teachers do not share in the general prosperity. He thought it significant that Mr. Muir felt this fact of significance that he relegated it only to the subject of inflation, and later remarked that the duty of the citizen is to provide adequate finances to get and maintain a competent staff, in order that the standard in schools and colleges be maintained.

DR. SHAW Dr. L.W. Shaw, stated that the Teachers' Summer School will be held again this summer. Those having completed Grade Eleven will be able to take courses in English, Geometry, and Chemistry, and probably French. A professional course will also be given, open to teachers who have completed Grade Twelve or Grade Eleven with one year's experience.

Because of an exceptionally stormy winter, a number of schools will have great difficulty in completing the prescribed 200-day academic year. Dr. Shaw said. He asked all teachers in such a situation to continue teaching to the last of June. In the event that it is impossible to complete the required number of days, the Department of Education will consider the situation, he said.

REMOVAL GRADES 9 AND 10 Another common feature of the presented briefs was that grades 9 and 10, and possibly grade 8, should be removed from one-teacher schools. "It is an impossible situation to teach high school and marking that central high schools and other grades," Dr. Shaw was suggested.

Most briefs urged that the qualifications of teachers be raised, with no briefs being against this recommendation. It had been suggested that all teachers should have grade twelve. Dr. Shaw said summer schools and correspondence courses would probably meet this requirement.

"Teachers are not getting sufficient remuneration to attract the right people into the profession and hold them there for a long enough period," Dr. Shaw said, advising his audience not to shift to a new community if things are going reasonably well enough in their present school. A shift, he said, will weaken the teacher's position for at least half of the year. "Remain as long as you can in the profession and where you now are," he said.

CONCERNING PUBLIC OPINION In relation to education, the speaker stated "I don't think we should consider our work done—if we do it (Report of Select Committee) will just remain a report—we must press hard. Thinking in terms of next year, Dr. Shaw advised the delegates to "shape still further the public opinion as expressed in the briefs."

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM Miss Mona Wilson, Director of Public Health Nursing, spoke briefly in regard to the provincial immunization program for the year, which will begin in June or early July, when there will be regional clinics for the third inoculation.

The age range for polio inoculation has been extended and now includes persons from six months to 18 years. A good vaccine supply was on hand, Miss Wilson stated, adding that the Department would once again rely on the co-operation of the teachers to effectively and efficiently carry out the program.

Serum is also available for diptheria and smallpox clinics.

British Foreign Secretary Begins Divorce Action

LONDON (AP)—Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd asked for a divorce Tuesday on grounds of adultery. He is 52 and his wife is 30.

He is the second British foreign secretary to sue for divorce. The first was Sir Anthony Eden, who later became prime minister.

Elizabeth Lloyd is not defending the suit, lawyers for the foreign secretary said. The petition is due to be heard in London before June 7.

The Lloyds were married six years ago and have a four-year-old daughter.

They parted last year soon after Mrs. Lloyd—a former stage star—was involved in an automobile accident. In it she suffered minor disfigurement.

POLITICAL HARM UNLIKELY Lloyd has been foreign secretary 17 months.

Named as co-respondent in his petition was Martin Lubbock, who was not further identified.

Lloyd's domestic problems are unlikely to affect his political career. Eden, after divorcing his first wife, Beatrice, married Sir Winston Churchill's niece, Clarissa Spencer-Churchill, and subsequently became prime minister.

Three Drowned At Ferry Dock

STE.-ANGELE-DE-LAVAL, Que. (CP)—A man and wife and their son drove into the St. Lawrence River today and drowned near this town 80 miles northeast of Montreal.

Police identified the victims as Mr. and Mrs. Albert St. Germain, 53 and 52 respectively, and Benoit St. Germain, 19, all from St. Bonaventure in Yamaque county.

Their brand-new car plunged off a ferry wharf at 9:30 a.m. ET and was recovered two hours later from 15 feet of water in the fast-moving river.

Emile Paradis, an eyewitness, said the driver of the death car appeared to be parking near the dock to await the ferry inbound from Trois-Rivieres but lost control. The car climbed a 12-inch guard rail and disappeared.

Last year three men and a woman drowned at the spot in a similar accident. Four were drowned at the Trois-Rivieres dock in 1955.

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King Fights Off Demands That Pro-West Premier Quit

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — This sorely beset kingdom was plunged Tuesday into its second political crisis in two weeks. An ugly turn of events threatened.

Premier Hussein Khalidi at a stormy conference fought off demands of all political parties that he and his cabinet resign.

Khalidi, a man inclined toward the West and backed by King Hussein, has been in office only a week.

Leftist elements called a general strike for today.

SHOWDOWN MEETING

Small anti-Khalidi demonstrations broke out in the Arab section of Jerusalem and two other west Jordan cities, Jericho and Nabulus.

The Moslem Brotherhood clashed with Communists in Jericho.

The new crisis arose from charges that young King Hussein's palace was in league with Britain and the U.S. in plots against Jordan's independence and liberty.

The charge was made Saturday by Maj-Gen. Ali Hayari, who fled to Syria and resigned as army chief of staff.

Representatives of all political parties met for a showdown with Khalidi and his cabinet of six independents and one National Socialist.

King Hussein installed Khalidi after dismissing former Premier Suleiman Nabulsi and his cabinet, made up of pro-Egyptian and Communist factions.

ASK REPRESENTATION Opponents of the ailing Khalidi demanded that a new cabinet be formed with all parties represented. This would bring Communists back into the cabinet.

In the midst of the turbulent meeting, Interior Minister Said Mufli emerged from the conference room and told reporters: "The cabinet has decided to resign and Premier Khalidi will ask the king to tender his resignation."

This report was picked up by Cairo radio. Three and one-half hours after the report was flashed around the world, Khalidi emerged at 7:30 p.m. and denied the government had quit.

The elderly Jordanian statesman, who suffers from stomach ulcers, said negotiations still were going on in an attempt to settle the crisis.

The spokesman in the Israeli foreign ministry in Jerusalem reported most of Jordan's 30,000-man army had been confined to barracks for two or three days because Hussein feared he could not rely on the loyalty of all units. His power largely depends on the loyalty of Bedouin units.)

Suez Issue To Go Back To U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Secretary Dulles disclosed Tuesday that the United States will centre world attention on the Suez question once again by laying it before the United Nations Security Council, possibly today or Thursday.

Dulles thus signaled the end of U.S. efforts during the last month to win Egyptian acceptance of the UN formula for running the waterway.

"Now that the canal is generally open for traffic, it seems to us that there should be more general public knowledge," Dulles told his press conference.

"It does seem to us appropriate that there should be an early report made to the Security Council and perhaps through the Security Council to the world."

NOT SEEKING ACTION Meanwhile, the secretary said, the United States has "no objection" to U.S. ships entering the canal—provided they pay tolls under protest.

Dulles emphasized that the United States would not request UN action, but simply file a report.

READY TO AID JORDAN Over Middle East matters, Dulles said he is in daily touch with Ambassador James P. Richards, who now is touring the Middle East as President Eisenhower's chief salesman for the anti-Communist program set forth in the Middle East resolution passed by Congress.

At the same time, Dulles gave a boost to Jordan's young King Hussein. Dulles said, speaking the Jordanian king: "It is our desire to hold up the hands of King Hussein in these matters to the extent that he thinks we can be helpful. He is the judge of that."

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Report Eden Make Normal Progress BOSTON (AP) — Sir Anthony Eden continued to progress normally, a hospital bulletin said Tuesday 10 days after his operation for a bile duct obstruction.

Child Killed In Front Of Home BATHURST, N.B. (CP) — Six-year-old Pauline Levesque was killed in front of her home at Grand Ave Tuesday when struck by a car driven by Rev. G. A. Gautreau of Sacred Heart University at Bathurst.



IMPROVEMENT IN ICE CONDITIONS

Captain Angus Brown, of the Government Ice Patrol, reports "quite a large improvement in ice conditions around P.E.I. during the past week". The biggest remaining drawback is now small harbours and bays which present a problem for fishermen. Although most are in an improved state, a number are still blocked by ice.

Northumberland Strait from Charlottetown towards the West is in very good condition, but from Charlottetown to East Point there is about 20 per cent ice coverage. Charlottetown and Georgetown harbours are now open and the C.G.S. Saurel is proceeding to Souris to open the harbour around the docks, following the placing of light keepers on Bird Rock and Brian Island.

Malaguash Harbour is reported as still closed, but improving and George Bay and the Northern entrance to the Strait of Canso are blocked pending the arrival of one of the ice-breakers, which is expected soon.

Very little improvement has been noted in the heavy body of ice off the West coast of Cape Breton, and there is a very heavy body of ice seaward off the East coast of Cape Breton. The tanker "Fort Lane" is trapped in heavy ice ten miles South of St. Paul's Island, Cape Breton.



FIRE DAMAGES OIL CO. BUILDING

Fire yesterday afternoon severely damaged the Canadian Oil Company Farm Trade Station on Grafton Street East, and required the services of three pieces of City Fire Department equipment. Most of the damage was sustained by the front and interior of the structure, which was under the proprietorship of Albert Thomas.

In this picture firemen are getting at the dying embers of the blaze.

The fire began on a platform containing a 250 gallon tank of gasoline from which farm buyers load. One buyer was just leaving the platform area when Mr. Thomas pulled a switch to start a motor, resulting, apparently, in the fire, which began to spread to the interior of the building. The prompt arrival of City firemen, however, confined the blaze almost to the originating area and a portion of the interior.

The blaze began at 4:30 p.m. and was extinguished about an hour later.

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