

# RCAF Questions Wisdom Of Operating A Carrier

OTTAWA (CP)—There is a strong body of opinion in the R. C. A. F. that the Canadian navy shouldn't operate a carrier. There are even a few naval officers who agree with this view. But, obviously, the majority opinion in the defence department is that the navy should have a carrier. The department is spending \$170,000,000 on the carrier program.

The new flat-top Bonaventure, scheduled to be commissioned late this fall at Belfast, Northern Ireland, will replace the Magificent. Current cost estimate is \$26,500,000.

Aircraft for the carrier will cost \$148,500,000—some \$27,500,000 for Banshee jet fighters and \$116,000,000 for 100 CS2F anti-submarine planes. The Bonaventure will carry about a dozen of each type at one time.

An opinion held by many air force officers is that the carrier's job—convoy protection—could be performed just as well and more cheaply by long-range RCAF sub-

marine attack planes, CALLED WASTEFUL. They contend that the money being spent on the carrier program is wasteful. They also maintain that, in regard, the navy is planning for the last war.

During the early years of the Second World War there was a convoy area known as the "North Atlantic Gap" where ships could not be given protection by land-based planes. It was halfway between St. John's, Nfld., and bases in the United Kingdom and Iceland.

Now, RCAF officers say this gap can be covered adequately by long-range planes and a carrier is only superfluous.

The navy argues that it is absolutely necessary for convoys to have planes with them at all times on the spot. The fighter planes to protect the convoy against air attack could not suddenly be called in from land bases hundreds of miles away.

Naval officers say the Germans never developed air-sea co-opera-

tion but that there is no doubt that the Russian will. The Soviets had large numbers of planes earmarked for naval roles.

The carrier's fighters would not only be called on to destroy enemy planes attacking the convoy but to knock down enemy spotting planes reporting convoy positions to the submarine. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization estimated recently that Russia has 450 submarines, 390 more than Germany had when it started the Second World War.

In general, the navy's view is that the convoys must have planes travelling with them all the time and not just arriving from and leaving for land bases. Bad weather or jammed signals could destroy the effectiveness of land-based aircraft.

The navy also maintains that carrier operation is cheaper than employment of shore-based planes for long-range patrol.

As a whole, the defence department agrees with the navy's contention.

# 'Quoddy Survey Proposal Is Now Before U. S. And Canada

OTTAWA (CP)—Terms of a joint Canada-United States reference to the International Joint Commission for a report on the economic feasibility of Passamaquoddy tidal wave hydro project will be announced in a few days.

External Affairs Minister Pearson said Tuesday in the Commons Canada has already agreed to the terms of the reference. They had been submitted to the U.S. government and agreement between the two countries was expected in a day or two.

Mr. Pearson informed A. Wesley Stuart (I-Chandler) that an agreement is reached he will make an announcement of the terms in the Commons.

The long-mooted project would involve the harnessing of the unusually high tides of Passamaquoddy Bay, which straddles the Brunswick-Maine border on the Bay of Fundy.

CANADA WANTS SHARE

It may take several years before it is known whether the tidal power project is economically practical.

The U.S. already is prepared to spend \$3,000,000 on the survey. Canada has said it wishes to share in the cost of the study, which would involve a survey of the effect of the proposed project on Bay of Fundy fisheries.

Advocates of the project contend that the tides could produce 3,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year.

Passamaquoddy and adjoining Cobscook Bay, which lies wholly in Maine, would be dammed. By a system of gates, the former would be kept at high level and the latter at low level. The controlled flow of water from Passamaquoddy to Cobscook would furnish the head for power generators.

# U. S. Treasury Licenses All Egyptian Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—The treasury announced Tuesday it has placed under temporary licensing controls all assets in the United States of the Egyptian government and the Suez Canal Company.

The action, an outgrowth of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's nationalization of the Suez Canal on Thursday, was less sweeping than Britain's freezing on Saturday of Egyptian assets of Egyptian banks, companies and individuals.

The treasury's brief announcement said its action "does not in any way affect private Egyptian funds." But it makes subject to treasury licensing any transactions relating to the funds or other assets of Nasser's government or the canal company.

The order will remain in force, the treasury said, "pending determination of the ownership of these assets and clarification of the existing situation."

The treasury acted under the foreign assets control law, a Second World War statute which has remained in force.

The move would prevent the Egyptian government and the Suez Company, unless they obtain treasury authorization in advance—from spending, transferring, withdrawing or otherwise using money in American bank accounts, or any other assets which they might be holding in this country.

# All Canadian Trade Figures Are Up, Including Imbalance

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's foreign trade in 1955 set several records, including a record imbalance, according to a report issued Tuesday by the External Affairs Department.

The value of both imports and exports last year, said the review, boosted Canada's total trade to a record \$9,063,700,000, which accounted for six per cent of world trade, also at record heights in 1955.

Imports rose to \$4,712,400,000, higher by 7.3 per cent than the previous year's \$4,382,800,000 in 1954.

The greater value of this country's imports than its exports left Canada with a record deficit in its foreign trade of \$361,100,000. The 1954 excess of imports over exports was \$146,320,000 and in 1953, the previous record import year for Canada, the imbalance was \$210,300,000.

The review shows that in the five years 1951-1955, the only year Canada exported more than it

# Communist Troops Occupy 1,000 Sq. Miles Of Burma

By NOEL LAZARDO

RANGOON (AP)—Military sources said Tuesday night Chinese Communist troops have occupied about 1,000 square miles of Burma northern territory after clashes with Burmese forces. Some casualties were reported.

Burma's government said it was "seriously concerned" about the border area developments. A foreign office statement, confirming reports that Red Chinese troops established outpost in northeast Burma, said the government has brought the matter to the attention of the Chinese government in Peiping.

"Negotiations are now in progress with a view to the withdrawal of these Chinese troops to the Chinese side of the border," the foreign office said.

SECURITY THREAT

Premier Ba Swe has been conferring with the inner circle of his cabinet and with Burmese military chiefs. The executive committee of the premier's party, the Anti-Fascist Peoples' Freedom League, were informed of a "threat to Burma's security."

Military informants said troops of the two armies now faced one another across a strip of land no wider than 200 yards at many points in the mountainous area known as the Northern Wa State, about 100 miles east of Lashio.

Accurate reports on the strength of the Chinese force were not available, but it was estimated here at not less than 500 troops. The military sources said the Chinese occupied a triangular area with a 54-mile base.

One frontier report quoted Red Chinese soldiers as saying they were searching for "machitay," a plant believed to be a powerful antidote against snakebite, opium poisoning or alcohol poisoning.

Burma, which has pursued a neutral policy in the cold war, has had friendly though not close relations with its big Communist neighbors.

Communist patrols have crossed the Burma borders in the past but in each case withdrew after Burmese protests.

Burmese officials have said that Chinese Army units along the border have been reinforced by regular army troops in the last few months.

# Stolen M. O. Blanks Have Been Cashed

OTTAWA (CP)—Police disclosed Tuesday that 19 stolen post office money order blanks have been filled in and cashed in the Ottawa area recently for a total of \$1,710.

The money orders were believed written on blanks from among 99 stolen June 10 from the post office at Bedford, N.E.

Post office officials here, however, declined to say whether they believe there is any connection between the money orders—worth \$90 each—cashed here and the arrest last Wednesday in the Ottawa area of Wilfred Cunningham, 23, of Toronto.

Cunningham was remanded to Tuesday Aug. 7 in Oshawa on a charge of uttering bad checks and unlawful possession of money orders. He was arrested in Pickering, near Oshawa, after a man attempted to cash a money order which postmistress Mrs. Mildred Reemer spotted as one of many stolen at Bedford.

# CCF Toys With Pay For Mothers

WINNIPEG (CP)—The CCF national convention here this week will consider a resolution urging the federal government to abolish "slave labor" in the home by paying a monthly salary to the mothers of children under 16 who make housework their only occupation. It was learned Tuesday.

The resolution says there is abundant evidence to prove the home and the family unit is one of the essential links in the social order. Juvenile delinquency, crime, emotional instability, insanity and alcoholism, all costly to Canada, were directly or indirectly related to the stability or instability of the home.

It quotes John S. Morgan of the school of social work at the University of Toronto as saying: "The cost of our standard of living is now reaching a point where the social responsibility of a married wage earner cannot reasonably be met from the average wage of the head of the home."

The resolution says this is forcing an ever increasing number of mothers to seek work outside the home. It means "the nation's most valuable asset, its future citizens, must continue to be neglected or the mothers of children must be induced to accept housework as a full time occupation."

# Car - Tractor Accident Injures 2

A highway accident which occurred about nine o'clock last night sent Donald MacDonald and his son Kenneth MacDonald of Brookfield to hospital. The former suffered a face and head laceration and the latter a compound fracture of the right leg.

The accident occurred when a car bearing No. 4 Scotia licence plates and operated by a resident of Brookfield, coming over the brow of Ten Mile Hill near Brookfield, rammed into the rear of a tractor on which the two injured men were riding. Both vehicles were travelling in the direction of the City. The driver of the car who was alone escaped injury, but both vehicles sustained considerable damage.

At the time of the accident it was reported that a cow was being led behind the tractor, but at a late hour last night the police had been unable to locate the animal. The injured men were taken to the P.E.I. Hospital by the ambulance from the Hennessey Funeral Home.

# Parliament Approves New Tax-Sharing Proposals

OTTAWA (CP)—The government's new tax-sharing proposals to the provinces were approved Tuesday by the Senate following a two-day debate.

The bill implementing the proposals received approval in principle and final reading on division without a recorded vote. It was opposed by the Progressive Conservatives.

The legislation, approved last week in the Commons, was scheduled to receive royal assent Tuesday night.

During Tuesday's debate, Senator John T. Haig, opposition leader, and Senator Thomas A. Crerar (L-Manitoba) said it is dangerous to have one government raising money and others spending it. They were referring to grants which would be made under the legislation to provinces signing agreements.

Senator Crerar said the general purpose of the legislation is laudable but it is no permanent solution to the financial relationships between the provinces and Ottawa.

The British North America Act no longer applied to present-day conditions. A constitutional conference should be called to solve federal-provincial tax problems.

"These taxation agreements are not the answer to the financial problems," said Senator Crerar, former federal cabinet minister. They would constitute a real danger in the long run to the unity of the country.

DIVIDES COUNTRY

Senator George P. Burchill (L-New Brunswick) said he agrees with the proposal for a new federal-provincial constitutional conference.

It could try to work out a method "whereby forces would be generated which would tie Canada together in greater unity, rather than divide us as the present method tends to do."

There could not be prospering conditions in one part of Canada

# Pass Cable Bill

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons Tuesday passed a government bill to permit federal licensing of transatlantic submarine cables after a day-long debate on opposition charges that the government is seeking a monopoly for a crown-owned cable company.

# Unemployment Quarters Are Satisfactory

R. P. Hartley of Moncton, Superintendant of the Unemployment Insurance Commission for the Atlantic Region, has been paying an official visit to the Island. He arrived in the Province Monday by way of Borden, and on Monday afternoon, visited the National Employment Office in Summerside, and then left immediately for Charlottetown. Tuesday he inspected the new quarters of the Unemployment Insurance Commission in the new Federal building.

Mr. Hartley, 47, is well pleased with the dimensions and facilities of the office, and also its ground floor location. At the local office, he talked briefly to all members of the staff, and discussed some problems of administration and procedure which arose last winter after extensive changes to the Unemployment Insurance Act.

Mr. Hartley plans to come to Charlottetown for the official opening of the new Federal Building. There are 26 offices in the Maritimes and Newfoundland, under Mr. Hartley's jurisdiction.

While other parts were distressed areas, there could not be a standard of living for Ontario and British Columbia and a lower one for New Brunswick.

# Relax Emergency Regulations In Cyprus Troubles

NICOSIA (AP)—The Cyprus government announced Tuesday it is amending newly issued emergency regulations which critics have protested would allow British troops and police to use unlimited force in questioning suspects.

The government denied the new regulations are intended to permit British troops to enter the island. The amendments are being made to clarify the new regulations.

AMEND EMERGENCY CODE

Signed by governor Sir John Harding, the new regulations were promulgated last weekend as amendments to the island's emergency code issued last November. Both are aimed at coping with a campaign of violence by Greek-Cypriot extremists demanding an end to British rule and union with Greece.

The amendments provided that a soldier or policeman could use such force as he deems "reasonable and necessary" in making an arrest or in stopping, detaining and searching a suspect.

# Taken Suddenly Ill Last Night

Mr. Wilson MacDonald, Toronto, distinguished Canadian poet who is visiting here with Mrs. MacDonald, became suddenly ill last evening in the Hearts Hall, Charlottetown, just after he had given a dramatic reading from his poems. An ambulance was called, and he was taken immediately to the Prince Edward Island Hospital where he will undergo a full medical examination this morning. At a late hour last night he was reported as resting comfortably and his condition was good.

# Brigadier Turns Down Offered Cabinet Post

CAMP GAGETOWN, N.B. (CP)—Brig. J. V. Allard said Tuesday he had been invited to join the federal cabinet but declined.

"When I was asked, the service of Canada was the thing I had in mind," he said here. "I considered it from all points of view and finally came to the conclusion that it would be better for me to continue to serve in my present capacity."

Brig. Allard, who came out of his well-hidden brigade headquarters here during a lull in the army's Exercise Morning Star, when asked about rumors that he was going to Ottawa to accept a cabinet post, possibly in the defence department.

Rumors had been that his new military appointment to command the Quebec area was so he could get administration training before accepting the political appointment.

But these rumors, he said, were caused by "ill-informed people who talked about my future without consulting me."

"The real reason for my going to Quebec City is because I have asked for it. I asked for it and I got it—there was no argument of any kind."

# High And Dry

CPO Douglas Hatten of Port Arthur, Ont., and Halifax, gun-escort squadron, is an accom- from one ship to the frigate Port- eries to European ports. CPO Hatten makes regular visits to the three ships while at sea.

# PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

# British Forces Are Alerted Both At Home And Med



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# New President For St. Mary's U.

HALIFAX (CP)—Rev. Patrick G. Malone, S. J., Tuesday was named president of St. Mary's University here. He succeeds Rev. Frederick J. Lynch, S. J.

Father Malone, born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, is the fourth member of the order to hold the office since the Jesuit's assumed direction of St. Mary's in 1940.

By custom the term of presidency at St. Mary's is limited to six years.

Father Malone serves on the board of trustees of the Maritime School of Social Work and on the board of governors of the Halifax School of Journalism.

# 4 Children Die In N.B. Fire

JACQUET RIVER, N.B. (CP)—Fire snuffed out the lives of four children in the backwoods community of Mitchell Settlement near this Chaleur Bay town Tuesday.

Three girls and a boy between the ages of three to ten died in smoke and flames that swept through the 1½-story frame house where they were sleeping. Their parents and three other children escaped.

The district coroner and RCMP said there was no evidence of negligence. No inquest is planned.

The dead are Norma Guillard, 8, Mary Bernadette Donnelly, 8, Joseph Augustine Donnelly, 9, and Mary Johanna Donnelly, 10, children of Daniel Paul Donnelly, 57-year-old war pensioner, and his wife Mary, 36. Both husband and wife were twice-married.

Coroner Dr. J. H. M. Rice of Campbellton, N.B., said the fire apparently started in a downstairs bedroom from an overheated stovepipe.

TRAPPED UPSTAIRS

Three children were trapped in their bedrooms on the second floor. The fourth, three-year-old Norma, became lost in dense smoke after being led to the kitchen on the way to safety.

The Donnellys led three other children—Veronica Donnelly, 12, Gerrard Guillard, 9, and Agnes Donnelly 2, out of the smoke-filled house. They said smoke and flames prevented them from re-entering to save the rest.

Dr. Rice said Mr. Donnelly and his wife arose shortly after midnight. The father planned to catch an early train to Saint John, N.B., for a war veteran's physical examination.

They started a fire in a small box stove in their downstairs bedroom and went into the adjacent kitchen. Mrs. Donnelly said she checked the fire twice. When she entered the room the third time the ceiling was ablaze.

Mr. Donnelly woke four children in a bedroom immediately above the burning room, the coroner said. The house filled with smoke and the flames spread despite attempts to stop them with pails of water. In the confusion three-year-old Norma apparently became lost.

Mrs. Donnelly said she tried unsuccessfully to reach the second upstairs room where three others slept. After they got out of the house the father tried to break a window to reach them but was driven back.

The funeral was held in Jacquet River Tuesday night.

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# U. N. Shows Its Confidence In Maj. Gen. Burns

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada, UN truce supervisor in Palestine, whom Jordan wants to oust, seems secure in his job for at least five more months.

UN sources said Tuesday Gen. Burns' contract, due to expire Aug. 31, was extended recently until the end of the year. Gen. Burns took over the post Aug. 3, 1954.

The informants said the extension demonstrated UN confidence in Gen. Burns and that there has been no change in this confidence.

An Arab source here said Jordan was not finding support from other Arab states for the ouster move.

# Recommends Banning Of Lotteries Including Bingo

OTTAWA (CP)—Virtually complete prohibition of lotteries in Canada and of the distribution of foreign lottery tickets was recommended to Parliament today.

The final report of a joint Senate-Commons committee, which worked two years on its inquiry, recommended laws against all lottery activity with three specific exemptions:

1. Lotteries licensed by authorities in aid of charitable, religious and community purposes with value of prizes not to exceed \$5,000 in any one year; no money to be paid to promoters and a proper audit to be made of operations.
2. Raffles of goods only for non-commercial purposes not to exceed \$50 in total value.
3. Prizes permitted up to a total of \$10,000 in one year in connection with the sale of admission tickets to agricultural fairs.

ASK NEW LAWS

The committee recommended new laws from which loopholes and ambiguities would be removed and the application of new and present laws against lotteries could be enforced.

It interpreted the game of bingo as being a lottery and its proposed restrictions would apply to bingo.

On Bingo the report said: "The committee has already noted that at least one important judicial decision has held that bingo is a game of chance and falls under the gaming section of the criminal code.

"The committee recommends that the law be clarified to ensure that bingo and similar games be subjected to the same prohibitions and controls as apply to lotteries."

# Typhoid At Sept-Isles Brings Ban On Use Of Fresh Milk

SEPT-ILES, Que. (CP)—A ban on the use of fresh milk is still in force in this town of more than 7,000 where two children died from typhoid fever more than five weeks ago.

Municipal council has decided that the ban will be enforced until a permanent pasteurization plant has been established in or near this ironore mining terminal 350 miles northeast of Quebec. No one will hazard a guess as to how soon such a plant will be available.

The ship would take at least 2½ years to build and probably would cost as much or more than the first liner, which cost nearly \$30,000,000.

The decision to build the new liner was reached at a meeting of the Cabinet which heard a brief summary of Capt. Piero Calamita's report on the sea disaster.