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50 Men Unaccounted For in Springhill Deeps



RESCUED MINER WAVES CHEERFULLY

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Young Miner Wishes He Was Far Away From Pits

By JOE DUPUIS Canadian Press Staff Writer SPRINGHILL, N. S. (CP)—Mond Jack McSaveney is one of the heroic bare-faced rescue workers digging through the debris-choked Cumberland No. 2 colliery.

He wishes he was far away from the pits which repeatedly have brought grief and heart-break to friends and relatives. Last year he quit Springhill and is coal-based economy to take a cooking course in Halifax.

"But what was the good of it?" McSaveney asked Thursday. "I couldn't get a job as a cook anywhere. The army has rejected him on four occasions because he lacks the necessary education."

"I'm not the bravest guy in the world," he says. "The nights I've seen in the past two years—it's too much for a young guy." McSaveney is 21.

RETURNED NINE DAYS AGO Nine days ago McSaveney returned to the depths of North America's deepest colliery. Two days later came the bump that trapped 174 men.

McSaveney has been taking his regular turn on one of the three rescue shifts seeking miners or their bodies 24 hours a day.

He gets "a little sleep" and spends the rest of his off-time in the wash house with other rescuers.

He doesn't want to talk about conditions the bare-faced rescuers are meeting. "See me after it's all over. I may tell you something then."

Jack's father, Charlie, was trapped four days in a 1956 explosion that killed 39.

Winnipeg (CP)—Protestant church leaders reaffirmed their opposition to gambling in any form Thursday, and one spokesman congratulated Roman Catholic authorities in Quebec for discouraging bingo.

Speakers on a panel discussion at the biennial convention of the Canadian Council of Churches expressed strong opposition against any form of gambling in Canada, including a national lottery.

Rev. Emlyna Davies of Toronto, president of the council, said he was particularly pleased to see Paul Ernie Cardinal Legier act to stop any form of bingo in Quebec.

"The participation of the church in forms of lottery is something we have been fighting since before the reformation," he said. "I cannot say how pleased I am to see an official of the church of Rome step right on the problem."

SHOULD ABOLISH STRIKES Earlier, during discussion of labor disputes, Mr. Davies said he believes strikes and lockouts should be abolished as weapons of gaining advantage in labor disputes and compulsory arbitration enforced.

"I say this," he said, "as a member of a working man's family who has fought for the right to strike for more than 25 years."

The panel discussed social problems during the fourth day of the council's week-long session attended by 120 delegates representing 15 Protestant groups.

NEW DELHI (AP)—The International Air Transport Association failed Thursday to settle the question of whether extra fares should be charged for jet airliners. IATA's annual conference referred the issue back to a traffic conference—which deadlocked on the question in Cannes recently.

Halifax Warehouse And Fish Storage Building Destroyed

HALIFAX (CP)—Firemen fought a smoky waterfront fire for 1 1/2 hours today before bringing it under control. A hardware warehouse and a fish plant storage building were destroyed.

Owners of the buildings said the loss may run to \$100,000.

William Robertson and Son Ltd., hardware wholesalers, estimated loss of their 100-foot wooden warehouse at between \$75,000 and \$80,000.

Albert Smith, president of the fish processing and exporting firm of A. M. Smith and Co., said the blaze had destroyed a 120-foot storage shed containing packing boxes and barreled fish.

The main fish plant, which employs 75, was damaged slightly by water and smoke.

United States 'Invited' To Join The Commonwealth

OTTAWA (CP)—Prince Philip Thursday night raised his glass in a toast to partnership between the Commonwealth and the United States.

In a light aside, he even ventured to invite the U.S. to join the Commonwealth. Any such application for membership, he said, will receive "sympathetic consideration."

The prince, president of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, proposed the toast at a formal dinner in conjunction with the ESU's third world conference.

SUPPORTS TOAST Governor-General Massey supported the toast. Lewis W. Douglas, former U.S. ambassador in London, and Lord Bailieu, chairman of the ESU, also spoke.

Mr. Massey said the Commonwealth and the United States share great ideas and have many common ideals, but must be wary of complacency, sentimentality and the cult of uniformity.

In Canada, Mr. Massey said, one-third of the population spoke French as their mother tongue, and Canada was a richer country because of her two cultures and languages.

He spoke briefly in French, saying he thinks that now more than ever Canadians are coming to appreciate the important role played by French-speaking Canadians in national life.

WORK BEGINNING The union's work was really just beginning, Prince Philip said.

"The day has gone when we could say that its sole purpose was to look after the understanding between the United Kingdom and the United States of America."

In this respect it is also unrealistic to refer to the Commonwealth as one unit for it now consists of 10 fully independent states, and I hope that number will go up to 12 when Nigeria and the West Indies federation join as equal members.

"The task of the union now is more important than ever because it is essential to build up an unofficial, person-to-person friendship which can do so much to encourage the cohesion of the English-speaking community who are fortunate enough to be in the Commonwealth, and those less fortunate people who are not members."

"Applications for membership will receive sympathetic consideration."

"This was one of several light touches in his 10-minute address."

"I think it is wonderful and I think the people of Springhill will be thrilled and very humble over the fact that he has decided to send a few moments with them."

"I think it will give everyone a lift."

The Duke of Edinburgh is expected to arrive here early tonight (Friday) after a jetliner flight from Ottawa. The plane will wait at Moncton while the Prince motors here before resuming his homeward voyage to Britain.

Mayor Ralph Gilroy met the then Princess Elizabeth and her husband on the 1951 royal tour. Mr. Gilroy was deputy mayor and greeted the couple when the royal train passed through nearby Springhill Junction.

Record Blast As U.S. Tests End

ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nev. (AP)—The United States ended its fall nuclear test series Thursday with a record underground blast that ripped a huge hole in the side of a mesa.

The climactic test scientists weary from days of round-the-clock effort to finish the series by 4 p.m. local time—the deadline proposed by President Eisenhower for a ban on such tests. The ban stays in effect at least a year unless Russia continues its tests.

The climactic shot came at 7 a.m. when the calm of a desert sunrise was rent by a tremendous explosion that sent a 500-foot-wide column of debris soaring 1,000 feet over a mesa.

DEVICE IN CHAMBER It came from a device fired in a chamber at the end of a tunnel 2,600 feet into the side of the mesa. The charge was equal to 20,000 tons of TNT, believed the mightiest underground blast ever.

The Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs were rated at the same power.

Reporters 4 1/2 miles away first felt a jolting, earthquake-like shock, then saw the great mountain of rock and sand rise from a point on the mesa's slope directly above the blast chamber.

Great rocks along the mesa's rim were dislodged and thundered downward. A jet pilot flying overhead said the entire mesa shook, then was imbedded by rising dust.

A final shot, scheduled for firing from a balloon tethered at 1,500 feet, was delayed by high winds.

WAS UNIQUE Thus ended a series unique for two things: 1. A number of low-power blasts aimed at developing an arsenal of small, easily handled atomic weapons; 2. A number of underground shots designed to explore peacetime uses for atomic energy.

An upcoming blast near Carlsbad, N.M.—the proposed ban doesn't apply to underground tests—is expressly for peacetime experimentation. It will be set off deep in a salt bed and from it scientists hope to learn from it more about isotopes—abnormal varieties of the elements—and the possibility of using underground atomic heat as a source of power.

Canada Names Ambassador To Venezuela

OTTAWA (CP)—Appointment of Richard P. Bower, Canadian ambassador to Venezuela, as ambassador to Argentina was announced Thursday. He succeeds L. P. Picard, who resigned recently.

Louis Couillard, head of the external affairs department's economic division, will succeed Mr. Bower as ambassador to Venezuela.

A native of Kansas City, Mr. Bower, 53, joined the trade department's trade commissioner service in 1930. He served with the trade department in Rotterdam, Batavia, New Zealand, Australia and Newfoundland before the island province joined confederation.

In September, 1946, he was named commercial secretary at the Canadian high commissioner's office in London. He transferred to the external affairs department in January, 1956, and was named ambassador to Venezuela the following April.

The cardinals who elected the Patriarch of Venice to the spiritual leadership of the world's 500,000,000 Catholics two days ago kissed his papal ring in the third and last adoration of the new pontiff.

CARDINALS PAY HOMAGE Wearing their flowing scarlet robes for the first time since the death of Pius XII, the cardinals paid homage to John XXIII in the Sistine Chapel where his election took place.

A Vatican source said John would follow his predecessor's example and be crowned Tuesday with the three-tiered tiara by the senior cardinal deacon, Nicola Canali, on the central balcony high up on the facade of St. Peter's in full view of the hundreds of thousands of people massed in the vast colonnaded space below.

The ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. (3:30 a.m. AST) and is expected to last more than four hours.

A solemn thanksgiving service for the election of the Pope will be held Saturday, the Feast of All Saints, in St. John Lateran, the world's foremost Catholic church and the Pope's cathedral as Bishop of Rome.

MAY NAME NEW CARDINALS Some Vatican observers thought that the Pope would take advantage of the presence in Rome of 51 cardinals to call a consistory to fill at least some of the 17 vacancies in the sacred College of Cardinals.

If he did so, the archbishops of Westminster (England), Milan, Naples, Utrecht and Vienna almost certainly would be raised to the purple. These are seen traditionally occupied by cardinals.

It was also thought likely the Pope would name a new French cardinal and one or two Americans.

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NOVELIST DIES LONDON (AP)—Dame Rose Macaulay, one of Britain's best known humorous novelists died Thursday Miss Macaulay, whose first novel was published in 1906, was in her late 70s. During her long career she wrote more than 30 books, 22 of them novels.

'Slim Chance' More Are Alive

By IAN DONALDSON Canadian Press Staff Writer SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—More bodies were brought from the Cumberland No. 2 mine Thursday night as men and women by the score waited hopefully for word that new survivors had been found by tireless rescue crews.

As midnight neared, news reached this tragedy-filled town that Prince Philip would arrive today to extend the sympathies of Queen Elizabeth and personally inspect the situation. There was no immediate word on the town's condition.

Six bodies had been brought to the surface on Thursday from the tremor-shaken colliery by 11:30 p.m. AST, raising the known death toll to 31. Another 50 miners were still unaccounted for. Ninety-three of the 174 men trapped by the underground upheaval in the world's deepest mine had been rescued.

The news of the Prince's visit to the stricken town was received with interest by the first people who heard about it. Publisher Charles Albon of the weekly Springhill Record was sorry the circumstances could not have been more favorable. However, he appreciated that the royal visit would see a continuing interest in the relief measures that were being taken.

Moanings Mrs. Hugh Guthro, a wife of one of the 12 survivors located Wednesday, said it was nice of the Prince to come and "I'd like to meet him."

LARGEST NUMBER The bodies recovered Thursday night were from the 13,000 and 13,400-foot working areas, the only levels where life might still exist. It was one of the largest number of bodies recovered in a single eight hour shift since crews began burrowing through the debris-

Jammed tunnels a week ago. New hope was given the town early Tuesday when a dozen miners found 12 hours earlier 13,000 feet from the pithead were brought out. Officials had given up hope for any life in the pit several days before.

Frank Dookey, assistant to Dosco coal chief Harold Gordon, said Thursday there was "a slim chance" more might be found alive.

But the bare-faced rescuers would not know until they tunneled through 420 feet of rubble and the occasional rock-enclosed pocket.

ONLY TIME WILL TELL Speaking on his rescue crews, Mr. Dookey said: "Words can't describe how the men have worked. They're going at the job hammer and tongs now. But whether two miracles will happen only time will tell."

The strain of the rescue effort was taking its toll. Doctors ordered Rescue Director Harold Gordon to bed for a rest. He has a bad cold.

Mr. Gordon spent most of Wednesday night underground directing the work of freeing the 12 "miracle" survivors.

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Dead Removed From Springhill Mine Yesterday

SPRINGHILL—Six bodies were taken Thursday from the No. 2 colliery here. They are identified as: Reynolds, Wesley, Canning, George, Tabor, Hollis, Hyatt, Warren, Reid, Lester

Prince Philip To Visit Springhill

OTTAWA (CP)—Prince Philip will visit the mine disaster scene at Springhill, N.S., today on his way home to London, government house announced Thursday night.

The prince will visit Cumberland No. 2 colliery where 174 miners were trapped by an underground upheaval a week ago.

The prince also will visit the hospital at Springhill to talk with survivors, including 12 men rescued alive Thursday after being trapped six days and nights at the mine's 13,000-foot level.

TO LEAVE EARLY A government house spokesman said the prince's Comet IV jetliner is tentatively scheduled to leave Ottawa at 2:30 p.m. EST (3:30 p.m. AST) today, instead of 7:30 p.m. as originally scheduled.

It will land at Moncton, N.B., and the prince will travel by car to the pithead.

Government house said the prince will be conducted through the Springhill hospital by the town's mayor. He also would have an opportunity to talk with townspeople at the mine.

The visit to Springhill is to take whatever time is required, the spokesman said.

The prince would return to Moncton to resume his flight to London as soon as the visit was completed.

Prince Philip has been in the capital since Tuesday attending sessions here of the English-speaking Union, of which he is president.

Could Have Lasted Another Day, Rescued Miner Reports

Harold Brine was one of a group of 12 miners rescued Thursday after being entombed more than six days, 13,000 feet below the surface in the Springhill mine disaster.

Written For The Canadian Press By HAROLD BRINE SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—I think I could have lasted another day down there.

I just figured my time wasn't up and that would have helped if we had had to wait longer. I was on the top of the 13,000-foot wall last Thursday night. I went down to the bottom (area) where 12 survivors were found) after I finished in the place I was working. I was talking to two of the fellows down below.

THE BIG ONE HIT Al Lowther asked me if I felt a bump a little while ago and I said I didn't. He said it shook everything. We talked a little more about the bump and then the big one hit.

That one shook everything I'll tell you. I had my wind knocked out. After awhile we started to try and get out. We had one pick and one maul. We had an axe, too. We worked hard.

It got hot and the dirt was bad. Then our lights went out, and we just decided we'd have to stay with her. Our hopes went up when we heard sounds of the men coming for us. Then the sounds would go away. The sound carries well in coal so we couldn't tell how far away they were.

WE PRAYED We did the odd bit of praying together, but mostly we prayed to ourselves. Caleb (Rushton) was singing hymns. We all sang a few hymns.

Later we could hear them working around us. If we had known the conditions outside we'd have understood why it took them so long to reach us. We knew they'd come.

The greatest thing was that copper tube they put through to feed us. We talked to some of the fellows outside through the air line but I don't know what they all were. The first fellow I talked to was Mort Hunter.

EVERYBODY WAS COOL Everybody was cool. Nobody was excited.

I'm a native of Springhill and I started mining in 1951. My wife is 24 and I have a two-and-a-half-year-old girl Bonnie. I'm never going back into that mine. If I can't make a living somewhere else I'll starve. Being trapped like that gives you an awful feeling. I can't describe it.

I built a new house here and I would like to stay if there is going to be any way to make a living.

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