

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

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Fires Claim 7 Lives Leave 200 Homeless

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

A rash of fires in the Maritimes Wednesday and Thursday claimed seven lives, left about 200 persons homeless and destroyed the dwellings of 33 families.

Burned to death in a fire in a two-story frame house on Lac Duquesne Road in St. Francois parish 35 miles west of Edmundston in northwestern New Brunswick were:

Mrs. Willie P. Pelletier, 52, and three children; Jeanette, 15, Gertrude, 10 and Joel, 8. Another child, 14-year-old Lorette, survived because she went to get help.

Killed Thursday in a blaze in an unused barn at North Tyron 20 miles west of Charlottetown were four-year-old Darlene Rogers and her three-year-old brother, Barry, children of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Rogers.

SIX FAMILIES HOMELESS

At Beresford, N.B., near Bathurst, fire destroyed the homes of six families including 42 children, and a general store. No one was injured.

A fireman at Saint John, N.B., Capt. Lloyd J. Hayward, was killed Wednesday when a \$100,000 blaze destroyed seven old buildings on Main Street in that city. About 148 persons in 26 families lost their homes.

Mr. Pelletier, owner of the St. Francois home, is a woods worker and was absent at a Maine lumber camp when the fire occurred. The fire was first noticed by Lorette who called her mother.

The mother told her to run and get help and then went to arouse the three sleeping children. When help arrived, the building was destroyed and the four bodies were recovered from the debris.

The area is sparsely inhabited and the nearest house about 500 feet away. Fire officials said the blaze apparently started in the basement. Fort Kent, Me., and St. Francois firemen finally put out the blaze.

FIND CHILDREN'S BODIES

Bodies of the Rogers' children were found in a rear corner of the barn where straw had been piled. There was no indication how the fire started.

The Beresford blaze drove into the street the families of Cyprien Boudreau; Ligouri Degrace; Lawrence Aube; Moise Pitre; Wallace Pitre and Mrs. Edward Grant, a widow with four children.

Also destroyed was a general store operated by Wallace Pitre. There was no estimate of damage but most of the families lost all their possessions.

The blaze started in the home of Moise Pitre jumped to the store and gutted the building. Sparks then set fire to the Degrace and Wallace Pitre homes.

Two New Brunswick forestry service tankers fought the blaze until the arrival of the Bathurst fire department when the fire was brought under control. The Beresford district has no fire department of its own.

166 Men Caught Underground By Bump In Springhill Colliery

70 Reach Surface; One Miner Brought Out Dead



MINERS TRAPPED AT SPRINGHILL

A "BUMP" that shook the ground for a mile in all directions trapped 166 miners in the No. 2 mine at Springhill last night.

By Harry Calneck and Ian Donaldson Canadian Press Staff Writers SPRINGHILL, N. S. — (CP)

Dosco spokesman Arnie Patterson announced early today that 96 miners were missing and 70 rescued from a mine shaken Thursday night by an earthquake-like upheaval of a coal mine floor here.

Mr. Patterson said that of the 70 rescued 16 were injured and one unidentified miner was dead. It was earlier believed 167 men reported for work on the night shift Thursday but Mr. Patterson said only 166 men went into the deeps.

The bump, an earthquake-like movement of the earth so violent it threw one man into the air, shook this town of 7,000 which two years ago trembled from an explosion which killed 39 men in an adjoining mine.

The 167 miners were working at various levels on a slanting, three-mile slope which leads underground from the mine entrance.

Five-man crews of respirator-equipped draegermen were working on one to 1½ hour shifts while hundreds of numbed townspeople waited in the October cold for word of brothers, sons and husbands trapped in the deeps.

A number of miners were reported trapped in gas-filled pockets at levels 13,200 and 13,400 feet down the slope.

The No. 2 mine adjoins a closed colliery where 39 men died in a 1956 explosion. The draegermen specially trained for the voluntary rescue work, lost two of their number in operations that eventually brought out 95 men safely.

Layton Armon, one of the survivors of the Thursday night upheaval, suffered shoulder and leg injuries and facial cuts.

With blood streaming down his face, he said in an interview that his legs were buried by the sudden shifting of rock which gives the bump its name.

"I'm not hurt awful much," he said. "It's hard to say the chances of the others. The place is full of gas."

Frank Tibbetts, who was working with Armon 13,300 feet down said the bump was so severe



HEADS DRAEGER TEAM

George Calder, manager of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company, headed a 20-man draeger team into the mine where 146 miners were entombed last night at Springhill. At midnight 20 miners had been rescued. Deadly coal gas was reported at the 3,400-foot level. The situation was described by one of the rescued miners as "terrible."

P.E.I. Red Cross Will Rush Help To Scene Of Disaster

At least one carload of personnel of the Prince Edward Island Red Cross disaster committee will be leaving this morning at the earliest possible time bound for Springhill where 146 miners are entombed in a mine as a result of a tremendous "bump".

The announcement was made last night by J. Gordon MacDonald, chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Committee.

Mr. MacDonald said that most of the personnel that will be taking part will be the same as that of two years ago that aided

Railway Bridge Damaged By Fire

STEWIACKE, N.S. (CP)—Traffic on the Canadian National Railway's Halifax-Moncton main line was delayed briefly Thursday afternoon when a Nova Scotia highways department overhead bridge caught fire. Flames raged out of control for an hour.

The CNR's crack Ocean Limited passenger train, bound for Halifax from Montreal, was delayed 30 minutes.

The blaze was believed to have started from a welder's torch while workmen were raising one end of the 19-year-old wooden structure.

RCMP here said the fire did not hinder road traffic which was detoured through here two days ago while repairs were made to the bridge.

Both the Stewiacke and lands and forests department fire-fighting units fought the flames which broke out about 4:30 p.m. A.D.T.

Pope Might Be Elected In Voting On Saturday

By FRANK BRUTTO

VATICAN CITY (AP)—A wisp of white smoke from the roof of the Sistine Palace will be the first sign that the Roman Catholic Church has a new pope.

The sign may come a few hours after the cardinals meet in conclave Saturday. Or it may come days or weeks later.

When it does come, a tremendous roar will rise from the throats of thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square, tense and excited by their vigil.

The portals will open behind the balcony of the Basilica looking out on the square. Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, white-bearded dean of the College of Cardinals, will appear — unless he himself should be elected pope.

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Then this will take place: The cardinal dean announces what by now is already known and sweeping through the throng and the world.

Shouts of "Viva il Papa" (Long live the Pope) ring through the piazza. The cardinal dean raises his arms for silence, the roar subsides slowly. The silence becomes profound.

"I announce to you great joy," he says in Latin.

Again a roar. Again a pause for silence.

"Habemus papam." "We have a pope."

Now the silence is deep, the people waiting for the name of the man who has become head of the Roman Catholic Church.

The last time such a pronouncement was made, March 2, 1939, it was: "The Most Eminent and Most Reverend Lord, Lord Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli."

FIRST BENEDICTION

Then the newly elected pontiff, seeming like a white dot against the red-draped background of his first benediction "Urbi et orbi" — to the city and the world.

The Roman Catholic Church will have its new pope, the 262nd. Before that scene occurs, a meticulous voting process must take place in the Sistine Chapel. Each cardinal takes his appointed place in two long rows of canopied thrones, or little thrones, on either side of the chapel.

Michelangelo's famous fresco of the Last Judgment looks down upon them, and the procedure is one of extreme solemnity.

Before each throne are paper and a candle.

Upon a candle before Michelangelo's Last Judgment is a chalice covered with a paten. Each elector, one by one, fills his ballot, folds it, then approaches the table and kneels in prayer.

REPEATS VOW

Rising, he says: "The Lord Christ who shall be my judge is witness that I choose the one who

35 Fined For Near Riot

OTTAWA (CP)—Fines totalling nearly \$850 were assessed Thursday against 35 of 36 girls and youths who staged a near riot with sticks, stones, bicycle chains and clubs Wednesday night outside Arnprior, Ont. One youth pleaded not guilty to the general charge of unlawful assembly.

The culprits aged 16 to 21 years of age lined up five deep in county court to plead guilty.

The girls drew \$10 fines and \$3.50 costs each. The youths drew \$25 fines and \$3.50 costs.

Youngsters from Arnprior, 25 miles west of Ottawa, and Renfrew, 10 miles farther west, were involved.

Fire Damages Radio Station

MONTREAL (CP)—Fire Thursday swept through the building of radio station CFCF and caused evacuation of about 70 persons.

With the fire still burning two hours after the outbreak but under control, it was believed the broadcast portion of the building, including the master control section, had been gutted.

There was no immediate estimate of the damage.

The station shifted broadcasting to its transmitter site in a suburban south shore area and rec'd recorded music programs going from there.

Scientists Are Disappointed Big Balloon Fails To Orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Disappointed missile scientists were at a loss Thursday to explain what happened to the army's latest space venture—an attempt to blast a balloon satellite into orbit.

"The thing did not work properly and we don't know just yet what caused the trouble," said Dr. Jack Froehlich, one of the chief scientists in the project.

Hope was abandoned that the 12-foot plastic and aluminum foil balloon would ever be spotted. Hundreds of volunteer "moon-watch" observers and 41 tracking cameras throughout the world were advised to call off the search three hours after the Jupiter launching rocket roared aloft.

Froehlich, who heads the satellite program for the California Institute of Technology's jet propulsion laboratory, said no conclusions could be made until data available on the flight had been analyzed.

Froehlich said the balloon rocket's course was tracked for seven or eight minutes, but then only silence followed. The army lost contact with its huge five-stage missile at an altitude of about 150 miles.

The failure was the third in six army satellite attempts.

The Beacon sphere was aimed

Canadians Among 31 Lost In Plane Crash In Italy

TORONTO (CP)—A Toronto man and a Belleville, Ont., woman were among the 31 persons killed in the mid-air crash over Italy of a British airliner and an Italian jet fighter.

British European Airways identified one of the victims as R. Allen of Toronto, but gave no further details.

In Belleville, Dr. Lily B. Mathieson was advised by cable of the death of her daughter, Miss Mary Mathieson.

Miss Mathieson's brother, Ronald, is a public relations officer in Toronto with the Ontario hydro-

MARK UN DAY

OTTAWA (CP)—United Nations Day today, marking the UN's 13th anniversary, will be observed on Parliament Hill with a display of 82 flags and a carillon concert of 22 foreign national anthems. The display of flags—the blue UN flag and those of the 81 UN members—includes one not flown on the hill before, that of the United Arab Republic which was admitted to the UN this year. Robert Donnell, Dominion carillonneur, will play the national anthems.

Reporter Dies En Route To Disaster Site

TRURO (CP)—John Thompson, 28-year-old reporter with the Weekly Dartmouth, N. S. Free Press, rushing to Springhill, N.S. to cover mine bump was fatally injured early Friday when his car crashed within the town limits. Thompson died before he was moved to hospital.

MORE MONEY AVAILABLE

Boost Destroyer Program

By DAVE McINTOSH Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP)—The government has decided to go ahead with construction of several new destroyers for the navy, it was learned Thursday.

This decision stems from the one taken a month ago to substitute missiles for jet interceptors in the air defence system. This move has freed funds for needed new equipment in the navy and army.

Contract negotiations for construction of the new destroyers now are in progress. The number to be built is not yet definite but naval plans have called for six to bring the program for new destroyers to 20 since 1950.

A contract for the lead ship of the new batch has already been given to Canadian Vickers Limited, Montreal. A decision on the following ships had been held up pending the missile-interception decision.

The first ship of the new order will be called the Mackenzie after the river. She will be an improved version of the Restigouche class now nearing completion.

The first post-war type—seven ships—is known as the St. Laurent class. There are also seven destroyers of the Restigouche class. This 14-ship program is scheduled for completion late next year.

The navy now is studying the possibility of construction of nuclear-powered submarines in Canada but initial reports on this study will not be completed until next spring. The navy has said it could put 12 submarines to good use now.

In recent months, the defence department has been placing increasing emphasis on the potential threat to North American from missile-launching submarines. Subs equipped with even comparatively short-range missiles could lob atomic warheads into inland Canadian cities as well as ports.

One authority said Thursday there is no doubt this threat was a factor in the government's decision not to proceed with production of the supersonic Arrow interceptor at this time and, instead, to procure the cheaper Bomarc Anti-aircraft missiles.

ON TARGET BASIS

Contracts for the new destroyers will be on a target-incentive basis. The shipyards will be allowed a certain profit and given a target of labor in which to complete construction. If the yards beat the target, they will receive one-third of the consequent saving, the remaining two-thirds going to the government.

All destroyers of the 14-ship program have been built on a cost-plus basis—that is, cost plus five per cent of cost for profit.

The government does not call for tenders for destroyer construction but allocates the work among the six Canadian shipyards.



KEEPS SORROWFUL WATCH

Twelve year-old Roy Rozets, brother and sister were found in the ruins of the barn that was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Fire fighters managed to save the nearby home of the family.

Russian Poet, Author Given Nobel Prize For Literature

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Boris Pasternak, Russian poet and author of the anti-Communist novel Doctor Zhivago, Thursday was awarded the 1958 Nobel prize in literature.

The award was the most dramatic in years. The 68-year-old author still lives just outside Moscow. The Soviet government has not permitted publication in Russia of his novel about what communism has done to freedom and tried to prevent its publication abroad.

There was speculation that the Soviet authorities would not allow Pasternak to receive the \$41,420 prize, or would take reprisals against him.

Known as the greatest living poet writing in the Russian language, Pasternak despaired of publishing creative writing of his own under Stalin and for years devoted himself to translations of such foreign classics as Goethe and Shakespeare.

COMPLETED IN 1956

Doctor Zhivago—upon which he had been working quietly for 10 years—was completed in 1956 during the destalinization period of comparative freedom for writers. But to make certain it was published, he sent it abroad with a friend.

The novel first appeared in Italy in Italian last year and was published in North America last month.

The 700-page book has for its hero Yuri Andreyevich Zhivago, a wealthy doctor and writer who tells, through literary bits he left behind, of his life after the Communist revolution.

Critics have hailed its sweeping breadth and placed it in the tradition of Tolstoy's War and Peace.

IN EPIC TRADITION

The award was made by the 18 members of the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters from funds provided in the will of the late Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite. The citation said it was given for Pasternak's "important lyrical poetry and in the field of the great Russian epic tradition."

Members of the academy said they view Doctor Zhivago as one of the great philosophical novels of our time.

In the book, Doctor Zhivago says such things as these about life in Communist Russia: "The great majority of us are required to live a life of constant, systematic duplicity. Your health is bound to be affected if, day after day you say the opposite of what you feel, if you grovel before what you dislike and rejoice at what brings you nothing but misfortune."

Tracing the breakdown of personal integrity in Russia, the heroine, Lara, says that with the revolution "falsehood came into our Russian land."

"The great misfortune, the root of all the evil to come, was the loss of faith in the value of personal opinion."