

# BRITAIN'S FIRST ATOMIC BOMB VAPORIZED WARSHIP

## Canada's New Consumer Price Index Unveiled

### Nato Powers Have New Anti-Submarine Devices But Are Short Of Ships

OTTAWA, Oct. 23 (CP)—Britain's First Sea Lord said today the Western Powers have devices capable of coping with the latest submarines but a shortage of fighting ships to use them.

Talking about the sort of sea war that could be anticipated in any armed conflict with Russia, Admiral Sir Rhoderick McGrigor told a press conference that if it came—it would be ushered in by intensive submarine and mine-sweeping operations.

It happens, he added, that the worst naval shortages among the Atlantic Pact powers are in anti-submarine escort vessels and minesweepers, types that would be most needed.

(Canada has ordered 14 new-type anti-sub escort vessels, and many new minesweepers but production has been delayed. None of them yet is in service.)

A reporter asked Sir Rhoderick here for talks with Canadian defence leaders, whether the West has kept pace with the spectacular schnorkel submarines initiated by the Germans and now in Russian use.

"I can fairly say we have made very great progress in anti-submarine developments—in hunting, locating and destroying them," he replied.

Russia didn't have 600 submarines—a figure suggested by a reporter—but she had "a colossal

number with her four fleets, in the Baltic, Black Sea, Arctic and Pacific Oceans," he said.

She also had heavy cruisers and a number of old battleships.

Sir Rhoderick indicated there would be major efforts to bottle the Russian submarines in the Baltic and Black Seas but said some of those in the Arctic would undoubtedly head into the Atlantic.

He said Britain is considering the possibilities of the atomic submarine—the United States is building them—and parried questions about the possibility of a United Nations blockade of the Chinese coast.

He said such a blockade is under consideration and has been for some time as one of a number of possible answers to an endlessly-stalemate Korean war.

**Heavy Fire Loss In Havelock, N.B.**

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Oct. 24 (Friday) (CP)—Three buildings—a theatre, restaurant and market—were reported swept by fire after midnight in the Kings County community of Havelock.

Apparently starting in the restaurant, the fire spread to the adjacent Havelock theatre and the store. The theatre, which had a seating capacity of 220 and was valued at more than \$20,000, was empty. No estimate of the total loss was immediately available.

A pumper from the New Canada Cement Company plant at Havelock and forest fire fighting equipment from Petitoediac, 40 miles away, were rushed to the scene.

The Petitoediac fire brigade previously had been sent to a barn fire in the Salisbury area.

**Coming Events**

- \*\*Dance, Millview Hall every Friday.
- \*\*Masquerade Dance, Orwell Hall, October 29th.
- \*\*Show at Kinkora hall tonight, "I Remember Mamma".
- \*\*Reserve Thursday, Oct. 30th for supper in Seaview Hall.
- \*\*Dance Howe's Hall, Brackley Beach every Friday.
- \*\*Masquerade Dance, Fortune Hall, Tuesday, October 28th. Chaisson's Orchestra.
- \*\*Masquerade Dance, St. Peter's Bay, Holy Name Hall, Friday, October 24th. Chaisson's Orchestra.
- \*\*Pantry sale, Millar Bros., tomorrow at 2 p.m. By New Haven W. I.
- \*\*Masquerade Dance and Cards in Vernon River Hall, Monday, October 27th.
- \*\*Rummage Sale, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 2 P. M. Holy Name Hall. St. Charles Auxiliaries.
- \*\*Daughters of England cake sale at Fennel & Chandler's, Friday 24th at 2:30.
- \*\*Coming to Mt. Stewart Theatre Saturday night at 8 o'clock. "That's My Boy".
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**91-Year-Old Lady Keen On Flying**

OTTAWA, Oct. 23 (CP)—Mrs. Lily Forster of London, 91, is convinced flying is the thing.

That is what she told reporters when she stepped from a plane here after a trans-Atlantic flight to join her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Wilmost.

"I would not have come any other way," she said, "I was afraid I might be sick, but I wasn't."

It was her first flight on a plane.

**Nobel Prize For Medicine Goes To Doctor In The U.S.**

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 23 (AP)—The 1952 Nobel prize for medicine was awarded tonight to Dr. Selman A. Waksman, 64, of Rutgers University, co-discoverer of streptomycin, an antibiotic used against tuberculosis.

Dr. Waksman, a Russian-born United States citizen, thus became the first to receive a Nobel award for achievements in the fight against tuberculosis since Robert Koch won the prize in 1905 for discovery of the tubercle bacillus and tuberculosis.

Streptomycin, another mold drug, is being widely used against tuberculosis. The award to Dr. Waksman thus was in liberal accord with the terms of the will of Alfred Nobel,

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In the new index, the food subgroup went up; in the old one, it went down.

The Bureau of Statistics said the new index is the most comprehensive the Bureau has developed. It is more accurate than the old cost-of-living index and a better judge of the actual trend in living costs reflected by price changes.

There was another big contrast between the old and the new—a difference of 70 points. This might appear that living costs have jumped. However, Bureau officials said they had increased slightly.

**Paradox Explained**

The paradox was explained by Herbert Marshall, Dominion statistician, and L. E. Rowbottom, Bureau of Statistics price chief, at a press conference in the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

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