

2 Families Left Homeless By Fire Saturday Night

A fire which started about 10.30 Saturday night in a two-storey dwelling at 160 Sydney Street, left two families homeless, after the house was badly gutted by a stubborn blaze which occupied city firemen for two and a half hours.

Living on the first floor was Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pursey and their two small children. Occupying the second floor and away from home when the fire started was Mr. Stewart Weatherbie. No one was injured but the occupants lost all their furniture and personal belongings.

Mr. Gordon MacDonald, in charge of Red Cross disaster relief was on hand to look after the immediate needs of the Pursey family who are at present living with Mr. Pursey's parents on Gay Avenue.

JOBS APLENTY

MONTREAL (CP)—The shortage of professionally-trained social workers is growing worse each year, Dr. John O. Moore, director McGill University's school of social work said Saturday. He told the Montreal Welfare Federation there are 1,000 openings for them throughout Canada but university schools graduated only 144 in 1954.

Churchill's Friends Say He'll Retire Next Month

LONDON (Reuters)—Friends of Sir Winston Churchill confidently predicted he will retire from the premiership early next month. They said Sunday retirement would be a victory for his wife and doctors who want him to quit and hand over the reins to his 57-year-old foreign secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, while his health is good enough to enjoy the freedom from office.

Since it has been widely predicted that Churchill would call for new elections this fall, political strategists in the Conservative party feel he should hand over now to give his successor time to make election plans and decide the issues on which to fight it.

But Churchill is reported anxious to avoid making it appear too likely that the Conservatives are calling an election to squabble over the future of left-winger Anthony Eden. Such tactics, he feels, might turn voters away from the Conservatives at the polls.

France And The Saar Sign Pact

PARIS (Reuters)—France and the Saar Sunday concluded an economic pact which is expected to give the green light to full ratification of the Paris treaties this week by the French upper house.

The agreement lets France keep economic privileges in the industrial Saar territory, located between France and Germany. This will give the government of Premier Edgar Faure an answer to senators reluctant to vote for the Paris treaties because of fears that France's privileges in the Saar would be endangered.

The Paris treaties, to rearm West Germany within the Atlantic alliance, are tied together with the French-German Saar statute signed here last October.

One Killed At Dead-end Street

TORONTO (CP)—One youth was killed and four former Newfoundlanders injured Friday night when their car went through a dead-end street and somersaulted down a 100-foot embankment in suburban East York.

Everett Regular, 22, was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

The injured, Martin O'Quinn, 20, who police said was the driver, Nina Moulton, 24, Phyllis French, 22, and Fred Norman, 23, were released after treatment for minor injuries.

Regular and the other four were returning from a Newfoundlanders dance. The four now live in Toronto.

Blame Driver in Fatal Accident

SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—A coroner's jury accused motorist Douglas Blair Saturday of driving recklessly the night his car crashed, killing passenger Horace Mackay, of Port Hove.

The jury recommended that police investigate the March 4 highway mishap further.

Blair's car hurtled a ditch at a reported 90 miles an hour. The jury said it found evidence of "much drinking."

PLANE FORCED DOWN IN ARCTIC REFUELLED BY AIR DROP; FOUR PERSONS ABOARD SAFE

Eisenhower Creates New Cabinet Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Saturday created a new cabinet post devoted to disarmament and assigned Harold Stassen to the job of seeking practical ways of cutting down world arms in order to avert atomic disaster.

Stassen, in his position of special assistant to the president, will be charged with drafting recommendations which, if given administrative and congressional approval, "will become basic policy" on disarmament, a White House announcement said.

The broad study will deal with all major weapons, including hydrogen and atomic bombs. All efforts to arrive at an atomic control system have failed so far, largely because Russia has balked at international inspection demanded by the West.

Destroyers Iroquois And Huron Home From Far East

HALIFAX (CP)—The destroyers Iroquois and Huron came home from eight months of Korean patrol duty Saturday, docking on the dot to maintain a record of not missing an arrival time in 40,000 miles of steaming.

The destroyers arrived in the Far East after the Korean armistice and did not engage in any action.

Capt. James C. Pratt of Windsor, Ont., skipper of Huron, said the only action his crew witnessed was when they watched a Royal Navy cruiser bombard terrorists in Malaya.

But the trip, he said, gave his crew a wealth of experience.

The destroyers came home through the Suez canal, completing a trip around the world.

About 1,000 wives, sweethearts and relatives jammed the navy jetties as the two ships came along side.

Some of the men greeted babies born after they left. All were loaded with gifts picked up at stopping points.

"Everywhere we went," Capt. Pratt said, "the reception was so warm it was sometimes embarrassing."

Fighting In South Viet Nam Is Predicted

By CORLEY SMITH
IN SOUTH VIET NAM (Reuters)—Gen. Bao, youthful leader of the Hoa Hao Buddhist sect which is defying the government of Roman Catholic Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, predicted Sunday that heavy and widespread fighting will break out in South Viet Nam by the end of March.

The 31-year-old warlord, interviewed in his headquarters in the Mekong river delta here, said Diem plans to launch a major military operation against him, and he will fight back.

Reporters reached his hideout by travelling in a boat along a maze of tree-lined waterways between Long Xuyen and Sadec.

With his long flowing hair, boyish face and mystical, deep-set eyes, Baoct looked more like a prophet or poet than a hardbitten soldier as he outlined the position of his forces on military maps.

Trades Union Congress Sides Against Bevan

By Barton D. Patten
LONDON (AP)—The head of the Trades Union Congress, financial backbone of the Labor party, spoke out Sunday in support of party moderates in their battle against leftist Aneurin Bevan.

Said TUC chairman Charles Bebbes: "I believe 'every man has his right to his conscience. But when personal conscience interferes with the good of the party, then personal conscience must give way to the party."

Labor gets its main finance from levies on the TUC's 8,000,000 members.

Geddes spoke at a meeting celebrating the centenary of Manchester Trades Council. He and other pro-moderate speakers frequently were interrupted by Bevan supporters.

Major Debate On Foreign Policy Expected This Week

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian foreign policy in the light of latest international developments is expected to be outlined before Parliament this week, possibly Thursday, by External Affairs Minister Pearson.

Mr. Pearson will reply mainly to recent questions relating to Canadian-United States relations in event of either country being involved in an all-out war and to the explosive Formosan situation.

His statement will launch a major debate on foreign policy, the second this session. The first took place in January when the House ratified the entry of a rearmament West Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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Labor Joins Opposition To Farm Program In U.S.

By B. L. LIVINGSTONE
WASHINGTON (AP)—Forces in the House of Representatives seeking to ditch the Eisenhower farm program now claim the backing of organized labor for the first time.

They thus raise the prospect of a possible new farm labor coalition which could materially change the legislative complexion of the House at this session of Congress.

The initial test could come next Wednesday or Thursday, when Democratic leaders have scheduled action on a bill to supplant the Republican administration's sliding scale price-support program with rigid supports at 90 per cent of parity.

Still to be considered is a minimum-wage proposal in which the labor unions have a primary interest. The administration is asking an increase to 90 cents an hour from 75 cents in the national minimum wage. But members representing large worker districts are proposing up to \$1.25.

If they voted for 90-per cent farm price supports, they would obviously hope for reciprocity from state legislators.

The administration farm bill passed by Congress last year provides for variable supports between 82½ and 90 per cent of parity. The bill coming before the House next week would fix supports at 90 per cent.

This figure would apply only to the so-called basic crops of wheat, corn, cotton, rice and peanuts, but the bill would also raise the support floor for dairy products from 75 to 80 per cent of parity.

Parity is a standard set by law and said to give the farmer a fair price on his crops in relation to his costs.

Advance estimates by both sides in the pending farm fight indicate a close vote either way. The outcome could hinge on the vote of members from city districts.

Representative Harold Cooley (Dem. N.C.), author of the high support bill and chairman of the House agriculture committee, said Saturday that "for the first time in the 20 years I have been in Congress we have clear cut labor support."

Both the CIO and AFL have endorsed a return to rigid supports at 90 per cent of parity on grounds that farm prosperity is essential to industrial welfare.

Prominent Lady In Toronto Dies At 91

TORONTO (CP)—Lady Mary Gooderham, 91, whose interest in welfare work, women's organizations and music benefitted many Canadians died in Toronto Friday.

Widow of the late Sir Albert Gooderham and mother of one of Toronto's oldest families, she had been in ill health many years. She was an aunt by marriage of former state secretary Dean Acheson of the United States.

Lady Gooderham was actively interested in the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and the Protestant Women's Federation, an organization she founded.

She founded the Queen Alexandra Rose Day in Canada which raised large sums for children's institutions from the sale of roses.

Her connections with the Red Cross dated back to the South African war when she was on the women's committee.

During the First World War her service with the Red Cross in Canada, Great Britain and the Continent, led to her decoration by the French government and the navy league.

Lady Gooderham was born in Trenton, Mich., in 1863 but moved to Canada with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Duncanson, two years later.

She was married at 20 and the couple had five children, the late Lt.-Col. A. E. Gooderham, Col. Melville E. Gooderham, Mrs. E.C. Burson, Mrs. E. S. Crease and Mrs. Francis Hilton Wilkes.

Calls Off Search For Jet In N.B.

HALIFAX (CP)—The air force said Sunday it is suspending until spring the search for an F-86 jet fighter that vanished in central New Brunswick nine days ago while on a training flight.

A spokesman said the wreckage of the swept-wing fighter probably is hidden beneath the snow and further looking would be useless until the snow melts.

The pilot in the plane was PO John A. Muirhead, 24, of Vancouver.

Economists Are Optimistic Over 1955 Possibilities

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer
Federal economists are becoming more and more optimistic about Canada's economic possibilities for 1955.

Now they're talking about a possible rise of \$1,000,000,000 in the gross national product this year to a record of about \$25,000,000,000.

In fact, this estimate on the GNP—value of all goods and services produced—may become part of 1955-56 budgetary planning of Finance Minister Harris. And since finance ministers use the GNP to aid them in estimating potential tax yields, a any GNP rise would of course give the minister elbow room if he planned tax changes and reductions.

So it would appear almost certain that Mr. Harris will announce some tax cuts in the 1955-56 budget to be brought down in a few weeks, possibly April 4 or April 5. But the kind of tax cuts and amounts of the reductions are only matters of speculation

at this time.

You can conclude that tax cuts will be announced through this reasoning: In April 1954, former finance minister Abbott, now a Supreme Court justice, estimated he would have a balanced budget in the 1954-55 fiscal year on the basis that the GNP in 1954 would be unchanged from the previous year—that is about \$24,400,000,000.

However, the GNP dropped by a point \$400,000,000 following a Prairie crop failure and a sharp decline in farm income. Tax revenues declined.

WILL PRESENT DEFICIT
Federal officials have estimated that instead of a balanced budget Mr. Harris will present Parliament with the government's first deficit.

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Survey Of Atlantic Coast Haddock Fishing Grounds

HALIFAX (CP)—A survey to determine the best haddock fishing grounds off the coasts of Nova Scotia and New England is being conducted by experts aboard the survey ship Albatross II of the United States fish and wild life service.

The project will attempt to answer such questions as why the fishing banks yield a heavy catch one year, and little the next.

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Coming Events

West Royalty Card Party to night 8.30.

Mount Stewart Legion will hold monthly meeting in Legion Home on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 8 p. m.

Egg prices going up and chick sales way down in Canada. Order your chicks now. Dillon & Spillet Chick Hatchery.

Buying Monday and Tuesday, good young pigs over 35 lbs. Paying top market prices. Wellington McNeill & Son, Buntain & Bell's Wharf.

A real honest to goodness Minstrel Show. That's what is in store for folks in and around Kensington on March 30th, when the Summerside Lions present their All Star Minstrel Show at the King George Hall.

Don't miss the crockinole party at the O'Leary Legion Home sponsored by the O'Leary Men's Association on Tuesday, March 22, at 8.00 p.m. There will be a door prize. Everybody welcome.

Hockey at North River rink tonight, Bonshaw schoolboys vs. Hampshire schoolboys at 7.30. North River vs. Long Creek for deciding game in semi-finals. Skate after.

Crapaud rink tonight, Cornwall schoolboys vs. Crapaud Binams 7.30, followed by final game for Crapaud-Victoria Board of Trade Trophy between Albany Village School and North Tron School. Trophy will be presented skate after.

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Communist China plans a string of bases along the southeast coast to give it control of the air over Formosa strait, informed Nationalist sources said Sunday.

Without such air control, any invasion of Formosa would be considered suicidal. But completion of these Red bases will take many months.

New Chinese Air Fields May Forecast Formosan Invasion

By SPENCER MOOSA
is in convenient range of this Nationalist fortress island.

Shanghai, 400 miles north of Formosa, is the most important. It has four jet air fields alone. Second in importance are the fields of Canton, in south China 450 miles west of Formosa.

Lesser bases are located at Ningpo, 95 miles south of Shanghai, and Hangchow, at about the same distance to the southwest.

OUTLINE PATTERN
Leaders qualified to speak for the government say the Communists are expanding their air capabilities on this pattern:

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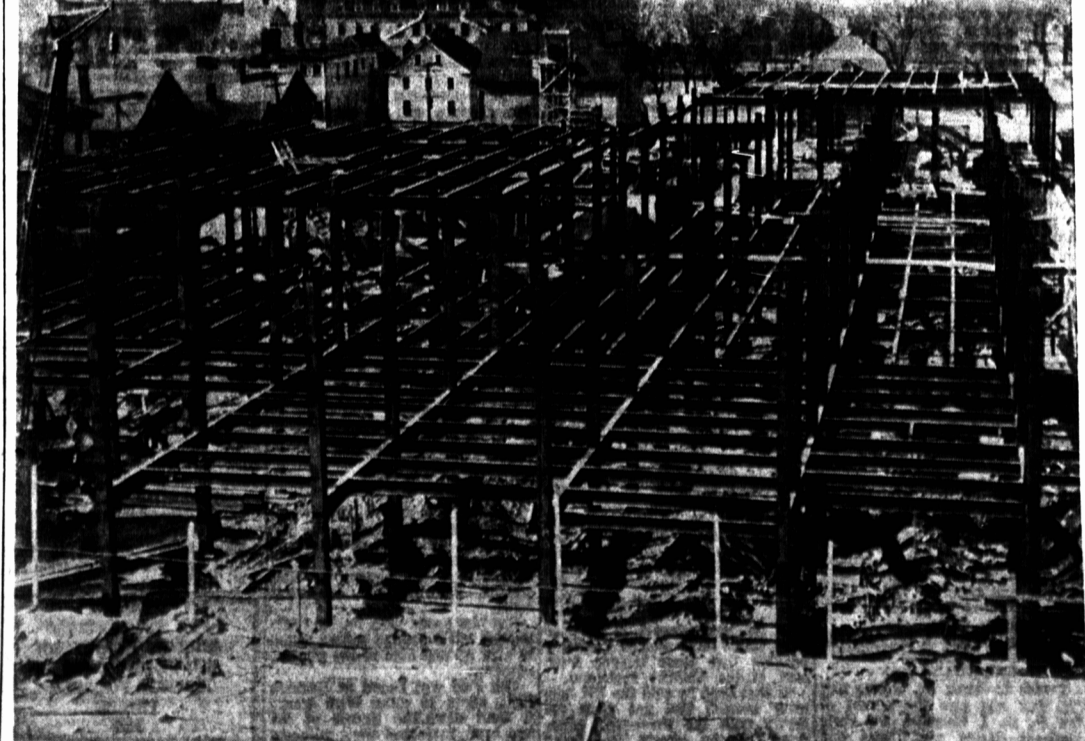
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The Quebec Airways twin-engine transport ran out of gas while trying to reach a Frobisher bay airstrip. The pilot went down on the frozen surface of a lake and neither he nor the other three persons aboard were injured.

The names of the two civilian crew members and the two U.S. government technicians were not disclosed. They were said to have been on a mission connected with the super-secret U.S.-Canadian radar network across the northland.

RCAF search and rescue here said fuel supplies were dropped to the marooned travellers by a Dakota which flew north from St. John's, Nfld.

Russian Stalingrad Siege Hero Dies

LONDON (Reuters)—Marshall Leonid Govorov, Russia's deputy defence minister and the man who lifted the siege of Leningrad against the Germans in the Second World War, died Saturday "after a prolonged and grave illness," Moscow radio announced.

A joint communique from the central committee of the Communist party and the council of ministers cabinet described Govorov as "one of the outstanding military leaders and builders of the U. S. S. R. armed forces, a famous hero of the great fatherland."

TO SPELL WORDS IN MORE THAN ONE WAY IS NOT A SIGN OF VERSATILITY

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

| | Min. | Max. |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Dawson | 20 | 30 |
| Vancouver | 24 | 44 |
| Victoria | 34 | 44 |
| Edmonton | 2 | 13 |
| Regina | 15b | 9 |
| Winnipeg | 15b | 8 |
| Toronto | 20 | 55 |
| Ottawa | 15 | 41 |
| Montreal | 19 | 30 |
| Quebec | 1b | 29 |
| Fredericton | 1b | 29 |
| Saint John | 5 | 27 |
| Moncton | 5 | 26 |
| Halifax | 17 | 34 |
| Charlottetown | 12 | 23 |
| Sydney | 10 | 10 |
| Yarmouth | 16 | 30 |
| St. John's Nfld | 13 | 20 |

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says a high pressure area will move over the district Monday and fine weather is forecast for all regions.

Forecasts:
Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Sunny with a few cloudy intervals; continuing cold; light winds; low-high at Charlottetown 12 and 30, Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 15 and 30, Edmundston and Campbellton five and 23.

Bay of Fundy: Light winds increasing Monday afternoon to east 15; variable cloudiness; visibility 10 miles; milder.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9.03 a. m. and 8.34 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 6.16 a. m. and sets at 6.36 p. m.