



RETIRING TELEPHONE OFFICIAL HONORED

D.M. Gass (left) was honored at a gathering at the Charlottetown Hotel last night on the occasion of his retirement as manager of the Island Telephone Company. With him are J.E. Richardson, company president; Halifax, Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman, A.M. McKay, Halifax and Judge C. St. Clair Trainor, Charlottetown. Mr. Gass has been in the telephone industry for 37 years, 32 of which were spent on the Island. Premier Walter Shaw and opposition leader Alex Matheson were also in attendance, as well as A. Walther Gaudet, Mayor of Charlottetown, and W.A. Currie, Mayor of Summerside.

EXPRESS, COMMUTER CRASH

93 Killed, 75 Injured In Holland Train Wreck

WOERDEN, The Netherlands (AP)—A crowded express train speeding through dense fog plowed into the side of a slow commuter train with terrific force Monday, killing more than 90 persons and injuring scores. Reuters news agency quoted officials as saying at least 93 were known to have been killed while The Association Press reported the known death toll at 94. Coaches were telescoped and reared in the air before toppling over in splintered wreckage. One express coach careened down a 13-foot embankment and demolished a transformer station at the foot of a dike, sending showers of sparks over the debris. Firemen, police, soldiers, uninjured passengers, priests and nuns joined in bringing victims from the wreckage of The Netherlands' worst railway disaster. Railway officials said there were about 250 persons on each of the trains. The number of injured was given as high as 200 by one witness, but latest estimates put

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Soviet Union Jets Force Belgium Airliner To Land

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)—A twin-jet Belgian Sabena airliner radioed Monday that it was being pursued by Russian Mig fighters, then veered from its Tehran-Istanbul run to land at the Soviet city of Yerevan. Sabena officials said it was forced down. Belgium asked the Soviet Union, through the Belgian embassy in Moscow, for immediate release of the plane and the 27 persons aboard it—19 passengers and eight crew members. The Soviet foreign office said it was investigating. Among the passengers was Mr. Howen, who was flying to Europe from the Far East. He was accompanied by Belgians, Germans, South Africans, Lebanese and a Greek made up the rest of the passenger list. One was Farhad Massoudi, editor of the Tehran Journal and son of a former Iranian premier. The plane was a French-built Caravelle piloted by Capt. Freddy Moreau.

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BOYS' STATION PUT OFF AIR

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Communications Commission has dropped down on a 13-year-old boy who, in partnership with a buddy, was operating a radio station from his bedroom. Bruce Wahl and his friend, David Lester, 14, put their equipment together from old parts and a month ago "your neighborhood station" went on the air. The little low-power station in nearby Falls Church, Va., operated every afternoon after school and supplied the neighbors with weather reports, news and music. It was fun, and the boys had some thoughts of getting advertising, maybe for lost dogs. But the FCC heard about it. A grim-looking FCC investigator, carrying electronic checking equipment, showed up. He flashed his card and inquired whether the boys were broadcasting. Proudly, they said they were. But their faces dropped when, after checking the equipment, the investigator got out a book and began to read. The book, a copy of the Communications Act, told how persons operating unlicensed stations could be fined \$30,000 or sent to jail for two years, maybe both. "Boy," said Bruce afterward, "did we begin shaking like leaves?" So now the station is off the air, and the FCC is willing to let the matter drop.

GAS TAX PROVISION

A City Council delegation composed of councillors, H. E. Hyndman, Allison Gillis and Mrs. Dorothy Corrigan, will meet with the minister of highways, J. Philip Matheson, within the next few days in regard to a 1961 revision of the gasoline tax act, which enables the government to assist in the removal of snow from the city streets. The revision of the act was brought to Council's attention at its last regular monthly meeting yesterday by Coun. Gillis, who stated that in previous years, "the government was never asked to pay for what they were permitted to do." The act specifies that "The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make grants to incorporated municipalities during the months of December, January, February and March for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance of snow removal from paved streets in such municipalities."

Ship Issues SOS After Grounding

HALIFAX (CP)—The Panamanian ship Suerte with 28 men aboard issued an SOS Monday night saying she was leaking badly and asking for immediate assistance. The 3,233-ton ship sent out an urgent message earlier saying she had struck rocks near Sluiskil Island about 15 miles east of here and was taking water. A spokesman at the RCAP search and rescue centre said a navy crash boat was being dispatched to the scene as well as the ocean-going tug Foundation Vigilant. People were reported gathering on the shore near the ship. The 441-foot long vessel was built in Baltimore in 1944.



GREAT WHALE RIVER SCOUTS GET UNIFORMS

What scout wouldn't be proud with a husky dog like this? Alec Tokaluk is a member of the Great Whale River Troop, Northern Quebec. The troop was formed last summer and this Christmas were recipients of uniform donated by scouts in the Montreal area. The uniforms were flown to Great Whale, 700 miles north of Montreal, in an RCAP aircraft. Air Commodore J.B. Harvey, Chief Staff Officer, Air Defence Command Headquarters, St. Hubert, P.Q., and Chairman of the Northern and Eastern Arctic Boy Scout Movement, presented a charter to the troop.

Search For Oil Continues In Province This Winter

KITTEN MAKES MOTOR HOWL

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Reporter-Photographer Mike Bembridge noticed a faint squeak from under his car's hood while driving two miles to work from Tufts Cove. It was louder when he drove around town later in the morning. On his way home at noon the noise had developed almost to a howl. He pulled-up at a garage, had the hood thrown up, and found the family kitten—suffering a singed paw.

28 Are Lost In Sinking Of Freighter

DUNKERQUE, France (Reuters)—Rescue ships pressed a search Monday for survivors of a Yugoslav freighter that plunged to the bottom of the fog-shrouded English Channel Sunday night after a collision with a British freighter. The toll of dead or missing was 28. Seventeen bodies were recovered while 11 seamen were still missing. Only five were known to have been saved from the 2,811-ton Sabac. The freighter was almost sliced in half in the collision with the 6,333-ton Dorington Court, which was reported undamaged except for her steering gear. As the Sabac went down, crew members leaped over the side but men asleep below were trapped in their bunks. A spokesman for the ship's agents, F. K. Warren Limited, said the freighter was in ballast, heading for Halifax to pick up grain. She was believed to have been coming from the United Kingdom. Flares were being sent up from the ship. The Suerte is about a half miles from shore, off Three Fathom Harbor. The weather officer reported generally foggy weather along the coast east of here Monday night with light southwest winds.

City Will Request Snow Removal Aid

CONDITIONS CRITICIZED The matter of snow removal was brought up by Coun. Arthur Gormley, who stated that the condition of city streets over the weekend was "terrible." "The intersections were all slush and it was very difficult for the older people to make it to church. I'm not blaming anyone, but if the work can't be completed by noon then the workmen should stay there until the job is completed even if it takes them until 8 or 9 o'clock at night," Coun. Gormley stated. Councillor Elmer MacRae, chairman of the streets committee, referred to the amount of money that was spent on snow removal last year and stated that he took a drive (Continued on Page 3 Col. 3)

Four Holes Slated For Winter Drilling

The search for oil in Prince Edward Island has not been abandoned, it was revealed in Ottawa last night. The announcement of a \$75,000 project indicated that drilling will be carried out in four different sites in the province. The program also includes prospecting in central and southwestern Ontario and also the prairie wheatfields. In this province a diamond drill will be sunk, 1,700 feet at Wellington Station, 10 miles west of Summerside; at French River, about eight miles from Kensington; at Crown Pt., near Alexandria and at Gallows Pt., near Earnsccliffe. The depth of the wells at Crown Pt., French River and Gallows Pt., will be between 1,000 and 1,700 feet. B. Graham Rogers, representing the Department of Industry and National Resources, said last night that the work will be carried out in co-operation with the department and will be carried out under the winter works program. He stated that the drilling rigs are expected to arrive Jan. 17 and operations will be completed towards the end of March. At least 10 wells have been sunk in the province in past years in an effort to find oil and it was reported that geological information obtained from these drillings resulted in this further investigation. Five wells were sunk in 1951 at Minnigash, Cherry Valley, China Point, Uigg, and Wood Islands, with each one being drilled to a depth of between 1,600 to 2,000 feet. The search was again carried on in 1925 when a 5,000 foot well was sunk at Governor's Island, Hillsboro Bay was also the site of a well in the early 1940's when drilling reached a depth of 14,000 feet, which was the deepest well to be sunk in the province. In 1958 drillings were carried out at Wellington, 9,800; Port Hill, 4,500; and McDougal, near Richmond, 9,600 feet.

New Mines Minister Flynn Makes Announcement

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal geologist in the drilling program, said the investigations will try to prove or disprove some of the thinking on whether oil might be found in Prince Edward Island. Reason to suspect its existence there originated in 1953 when an oil company drilling crew located samples of grey shale in the rockbed between 20 and 40 feet beneath the surface. This type of rock is much younger than the Pennsylvania permian red rock of P.E.I. and is similar to petroleum-bearing rocks elsewhere in Canada. However, geologists up to now have not been sure whether the grey shale is prevalent in P.E.I.'s rock structure. There also is the unlikely possibility that the samples, discovered by the oil company, had been transported in the rotary rig from previous operations in the west. Under direction of Bob Howel a native of Sydney, N.S., a diamond drill will be sunk, 1,700 feet at Wellington Station, 10 miles west of Summerside. Other drilling sites are French River, Gallows Point and Crown Point.

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Island-Born Diplomat Sees Threat To Aid

LONDON (CP)—A Canadian spokesman has hinted that Britain's entry into Europe might impinge on Canadian aid to underdeveloped countries. In a weekend discussion on the "new Commonwealth," Ben Rogers, Canada's deputy high commissioner in London, referred to the Canadian balance-of-payments deficit. Mr. Rogers is a native of Charlottetown. Rogers stressed the importance of export markets for Canada's manufactured goods and said that if exports suffered, the solution of aid to underdeveloped countries might have to be reconsidered. He said he doesn't think Britain can do very much to safeguard Canada's interests in relation to manufactured goods. Rogers was speaking at an informal conference at Queen Elizabeth House, home of the Oxford Institute of Commonwealth Studies. It was believed Rogers intended his remarks as friendly guidance about a possible eventual, rather than as a stern warning. Reports published here suggest that the recent visit to Ottawa of Edward Heath, head of Britain's European Common Market negotiating team, has cleared away misunderstandings between Canada and Britain over Britain's move toward Europe. However, the London Sunday newspaper, The People, criticizes Canada and Australia for using harsh words about Britain's European negotiations while at the same time building (Continued on Page 3 Col. 4)

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Ottawa Meeting Unlikely On Common Market Issues

By JAMES NELSON OTTAWA (CP)—The possibility that a Commonwealth prime ministers' conference may be held in Ottawa to discuss Britain's entry into the European Common Market faded Monday. Prime Minister Diefenbaker declined comment on reports from London that such a conference might be held here early this spring. There were reports that New Zealand was not enthusiastic about a Commonwealth meeting in Ottawa, and speculation in informed quarters here was that Australia would prefer to have the meeting in London—if it can't be held in Canberra. Mr. Diefenbaker in the past has spoken frequently of the desirability of holding Commonwealth prime ministers' conferences outside of London, though not on a basis of rotation among all the other Commonwealth capitals. He has suggested that London should still be the meeting place of many of the conferences. However, these thoughts were put forward more strongly before Britain announced its intention to seek membership in the Common Market. SUGGEST MEETING Since then, the Canadian government has suggested that a Commonwealth conference may be necessary before Britain makes a final decision, and the implication has been general that this conference would be held in London.