

AMAZING INVENTION GIVES USEFUL ELECTRIC POWER FROM SUNSHINE

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE NEW YORK (AP)—Just sunshine and sand can give useful electric power through an amazing invention announced Sunday. It is a battery made merely of razor thin strips of silicon, the stuff that makes sand. Sunlight striking the silicon creates a flow of electric current in atoms in the strips. The "fuel" is free and the strips can last forever. The sunshine battery was developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories.

It already can create enough power to carry your voice for a short distance over telephone wires, broadcast from a miniature portable radio transmitter, run a ferris wheel or do other work. With further development, sunshine batteries each a foot square, promise to supply all the power for long rural telephone lines, Bell officials said. The batteries would supply power by day, even cloudy days, and charge up storage units to permit night operations. They could run walkie-talkie radios, be used for power in mobile electric equipment for military or civilian purposes, even juice up a flashlight by day for readiness at night. Or possibly—if they could be made big enough and cheaply enough—give you all the current for lights, TV set and refrigerator at home.

CAN PRODUCE 50 WATTS The battery now can convert six per cent of the light falling upon it. Bell scientists say they are sure they can make it convert 10 per cent. A battery with enough strips side by side to make a square yard, could produce 50 watts of electric-

ity. Each strip of silicon is about two inches long and half an inch wide. The battery makes electricity out of the wave lengths which form visible light, and little or none from either infra-red (heat) rays, or ultra violet (sun-bathing) rays of the sun. Even light from a table lamp creates electricity in the batteries, raising the possibility of putting reflectors around your light to get more current to run other gadgets. The sunshine battery was invented by G. L. Pearson, physicist, G. S. Fuller, chemist, and D. M. Chapin, electrical engineer. Cost of the batteries is not yet known, said Bell officials. It now takes 10 man hours of work to produce one silicon strip. Mass production by machines could make them inexpensive.

Is Charged



By STEWART MacLEOD Canadian Press Staff Writer ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Dr. Alfred Valdmanis was charged Saturday with defrauding the Newfoundland government of \$150,000.

Valdmanis, who as boss of Newfoundland's industrial development program was once probably the highest paid civil servant in Canada, showed no outward emotion as Magistrate Hugh O'Meara refused him bail and remanded him eight days only 35 minutes after his arrival here under police escort. The fraud charge came as a surprise. Premier Joseph Smallwood said Friday that Valdmanis was arrested in St. Andrews, N. B. on a charge "that he extorted very large sums of money from various firms with whom he dealt on behalf of the government of Newfoundland." Attorney-General Curtis said earlier that Valdmanis was arrested on only one charge involving \$160,000 but additional charges would be laid. The official charge said he defrauded the government of \$150,000. (Continued on Page 5 col. 5)

Coming Events

- Regular Dance, Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night. Reserve July 7th, North Tryon Presbyterian Church Picnic. Card party Dunstaffnage school tonight. Play and dance in Vernon River Hall, Tuesday evening. Curtain 8:30. In stock, Barb Wire, Asphalt Shingles, Also Bulk Oats. W. I. Bowlines, Hunter River. Cleaning Grain and Timothy Seed for the rest of the season. Elmer MacDonald, Crapaud. Annual Meeting of the Crapud Hall Co. will be held on Monday, April 26th, at 8 p. m. Come to the films in Wheatley River hall Monday night, April 26. Sponsored by Calf Club. Amateur concert, Belfast public hall, April 28th. Sponsored by MacEwen L.O.L. In Stock 10-8-5 gallon milk cans, milk strainers and filter disks. Dillon & Spillet. Variety concert in St. Margaret's Hall, Monday, April 26-8:30. South Granville Variety Concert, Breadalbane Hall, Tuesday, April 27th, 8 p. m. Sale of candy. Starting to clean grain April 26th until further notice. Ira D. MacDonald, Covehead. Dance, Morell Hall tonight. Modern, Old time. Burns Orchestra. See St. Theresa's players present 3-act comedy in Mt. Stewart Hall, Wednesday, April 28. Curtain 8:30. Wellington Players present their 3-act comedy in community hall, Wellington Station, Friday, April 30th. New Haven Jamboree will be presented at North River Hall Tuesday, April 27th. Final presentation of Jamboree. The play which was to be held in Cavendish Hall tonight has been cancelled owing to a death in the community. In Stock Moose's Prince Mangle Seeds, Turnip Seeds and all kinds of Timothy and Clover Seeds. Dillon & Spillet. Meeting of the shareholders of Long Creek Rink will be held in the hall on Thursday, April 29th at 8 p. m. (regarding sale of rink). All farmers and fishermen interested in a co-op in Murray Harbour attend meeting in hall Tuesday, April 27, 8 p. m. Special speaker, Reid Sangster, also films. Orders for Leghorn or New Hampshire X White Leghorn cross bred chicks should be placed now as we expect to complete hatching for season last of May. Write the Chick Hatchery, Mt. Herbert.

UK Gov't Ponders Crisis In Indo-China; Sunday Session

CHARLOTTETOWN BOY IS VICTIM OF DROWNING ACCIDENT ON SATURDAY

LONDON, (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill met with his top ministers in an atmosphere of crisis Sunday and they were reported to have considered lending military support to save embattled Indo-China from the Reds. Best information indicated that the idea of sending troops and planes was shelved, at least temporarily, in favor of other ways of helping France to victory in the Indo-China war. Reports circulated that Britain may send more troops and planes to Malaya, an easy springboard toward the battlefronts. Britain might also parade its naval might along the Indo-Chinese coast. Shows of force of this kind would be aimed at bolstering morale in Indo-China. There were strong indications that the idea of shifting British military strength from Malaya, which would be threatened if Indo-China fell, to the cabinet minister responsible for Malaya, conferred at length with Churchill in two separate meetings during the day. While ministers and chiefs of staff conferred, crowds jammed the pavement outside 10 Downing street in scenes recalling the crisis days of the Second World War. Churchill, hurrying in from Chequers, his country home, called his advisers into their first Sunday session since 1947. The talks came after Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden had an unexpected midnight conference at Chequers Saturday night. Eden flew back from Paris Saturday night after having conferred there with U.S. State Secretary John Foster Dulles and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. Eden's return flight had not been scheduled. It coincided with reports indicating that Dien Bien Phu, embattled French fortress in Indo-China, was in grave danger of being overrun by the Communist-led Vietminh rebels. Eden left 10 Downing street late Sunday afternoon to fly back to London. (Continued on Page 5 col. 3)

Jerry Webster, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Webster, 9 King Square, was the victim of a drowning accident at four o'clock Saturday afternoon when he slipped from a loading ramp while at play on the Bruce Stewart Co. wharf into the water of the harbour. Jerry, accompanied by a school companion, Wayne Boston had picked up a heavy plank on the wharf to which they tied a rope with the object of launching it in play. As they pushed their make-belief boat down the ramp as if launching it, the victim was carried along or slipped into the water. His companion raised the alarm which was heard by crew members of a government dredge on the wharf across the dock. They hailed a nearby cruising taxi and had the driver notify police headquarters. Police and firemen rushed to the scene of the accident and recovered the body an hour and twenty minutes later. Coroner Dr. L. E. Prowse on being notified, reviewed the circumstances surrounding the death and decided that an inquest was not necessary. In addition to the parents, a sister Gill, 5 years old and a brother Douglas aged five months, are members of the family. The deceased was an active member of the Zion Church Wolf Cubs.

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Situation At Dien Bien Phu Extremely Serious

HANOI, Indo-China, (AP)—The situation at the battered, French Union fortress at Dien Bien Phu was described Sunday night as "extremely serious but not desperate." That analysis came from a qualified French source who gets up to the minute reports on what is going on at the besieged location. The fortress is hampered down into a circle less than 1.4 miles in diameter, criss-crossed by trenches and honey-combed with bunkers, dugouts and miles of barbed wire, but the morale of its defenders was described as "sky high." Somehow, the defenders feel that they can hold out no matter how often the Vietminh attack from any sector. But if there is a general assault soon, it looks like the French Union fighting men are going to need a lot of luck to turn back the Red tide.

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U. S. Chamber of Commerce Leaders Urge Plant Dispersal As Defence Move

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Policy leaders of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Saturday urged on industry a national program of plant dispersal and protection against atomic and hydrogen bomb assault. The chamber is expected to approve the resolution at its three-day annual meeting opening here Monday. The committee on policy, headed by Clem D. Johnston of Roanoke, Va., was ready with a resolution calling on industrial firms to: 1. Duplicate vital records and plans and store them in safe caches for possible use in rebuilding bombed-out defence plants. 2. Develop plans for dispersal of workers, protection of machinery, prompt evacuation, the transfer of munitions production from damaged plants to undamaged ones. 3. Screen employees to prevent Communist agents or sympathizers from committing sabotage or obtaining secret data on weapons.

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Australians Held By Russians

MOSCOW, (Reuters)—Russia Sunday night without permission for the Australian embassy staff here to leave for home, as scheduled, at 8 p. m. Exit visas and railroad tickets to Finland were not processed, although charge d'affaires Brian Hill called at the foreign ministry 3 1/2 hours earlier. He tried to see a senior official, but was able to talk only with a duty officer. The Moscow-to-Helsinki express pulled out without Hill and nine others in his party, making them miss a deadline set by the Kremlin two days ago. The next through train to Helsinki leaves Tuesday night. Friday, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko handed Hill a note protesting Australia's treatment of diplomat Vladimir Petrov and his wife, Evokika—and told him he wanted the embassy staff out of Russia in two days. Hill had a brief conference with a high Soviet official Saturday, during which it was reliably reported the official told him the Australians' departure will be held up pending "new developments" in Australia. In Canberra, Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies said Sunday Australia will do its best to facilitate the evacuation of the Soviet embassy staff, which was recalled by the Kremlin on Friday. Hill said he did not think the Kremlin is likely at this point to consider the Australians as private individuals. "The attitude of my government is that they expect my full diplomatic immunity to continue until I leave the country," he said. Russia's surprise action in the Petrov case touched off speculation in London that the Kremlin may delay Australian diplomats leaving Russia to prevent possible moves to offer asylum to Russian embassy staff in Canberra. Diplomatic observers in London believe Russia may fear a repetition of Mrs. Petrov's dramatic last-minute acceptance of Australian offers of asylum. The Russian move follows press reports from Australia that security service men would board any ship or aircraft taking the returning Russians back home, if it appeared likely that any were being sent to Moscow against their will. These press reports have not been officially confirmed by the Australian government.

CANBERRA REFUSES TO HAND FUGITIVE DIPLOMAT PETROV TO SOVIET UNION

CANBERRA, (AP)—Australia refused Sunday night to hand fugitive diplomat Vladimir Petrov and his wife over to the Russians. The Soviet Union has severed diplomatic relations with Australia as a result of the case. Petrov, Soviet embassy secretary in Canberra who abandoned communism and obtained political asylum here nearly two weeks ago has been branded a "criminal" by the Russians. They demanded that he and his wife be turned over to them. Acting Foreign Secretary Sir (Continued on Page 2 col. 5)

Saint John River Reported At Highest Level For 18 Years; Traffic Hampered

FREDERICTON, (CP)—The St. John river reached its highest level in 18 years over the weekend as spring floods hampered road travel and filled cellars in the Fredericton area. Sunday route two was flooded for a mile and a half on the Oromocto flats south of here. Tractors pulled stalled cars through and buses were able to navigate the frozen sections under their own power. Low-lying Fredericton had pools of water on some streets. Sections of the trans-Canada highway near Jemseg to the south on route nine are also reported flooded. The city pumping station reports the river is 21.5 feet above normal summer level.

Major Meeting Of Big Powers At Geneva Today

GENEVA, Switzerland, (CP)—International diplomacy goes back today to the big white palace on Geneva lake where the dream of peace died 20 years ago. In the Palais des Nations, chamber of the League of Nations lived and languished between the wars, 19 countries will assemble for a conference on Korea and Indo-China, the two great areas of conflict in Asia. It will be the first major international political meeting in Geneva since the ideal of collective security perished there in the 1930s. It may also be the last, and most significant, of any post-war gathering among the great powers. External Affairs Minister L. B. Pearson, heading a five-man Canadian delegation, defined it Sunday night as one of the most difficult and complicated conferences Western statesmen have confronted. Perhaps never before since the end of the Second World War have Allied statesmen approached a major international conclave with greater pessimism, mounting also to foreboding. Although nobody says so officially, most delegates would probably agree either that the issues are too big to be solved easily or that the Communist position, if exploited ruthlessly, may be in some ways the stronger.

Death Saturday Of Mr. H. Winchester

A prominent citizen of Charlottetown Mr. Harry Winchester passed away in the P. E. Island Hospital, on Saturday afternoon following a lingering illness which confined him to hospital for the past two and a half years. He was in his 76th year. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winchester, he was born in this city and following attendance at West Kent School and a course in business college joined the staff of Carvell Brothers. Later he was with the P. E. Island Telephone Co. for a brief period. On the opening of the Charlottetown Condensed Milk Company, Mr. Winchester was placed in charge and eventually acquired full ownership, operating the plant until it was destroyed by fire in 1933. He retired from active business at that time, following a highly successful career. Mr. Winchester was a trustee of the Cundall estate, the Stamper (Continued on Page 2 col. 6)

NOTHING LIKE A SPRING DAY TO MAKE A CHAP FEEL 'SPRINGY'



Views Differ

It brings acutely to the fore the problem of resurgent Asia, exposing potential differences of approach among Western powers on how that problem should be handled. Broadly, what might be described as the right-wing or "tough" view on Asia, powerfully held by the United States, might be that encroaching Communism must be stopped in the Far East at whatever cost. Other important countries of the Western alliance, such as Britain and France, though subscribing to the view that communism infiltration must be stopped, would likely support a flexible approach. In Asia itself, where communism has been described as merely "nationalism painted red," the preoccupation is less with the rights and wrongs of any ideology than with the issue of colonialism. Asians mainly oppose the idea of combating communism by supporting the status quo or by buttressing what they would call corrupt regimes.

Well Known U.S. Humorist Dies

WARRENTON, Va. (AP)—Strickland Gillilan, 84, humorist best known for his "Off agit, on agit, gone agit, Finnigan," died in a hospital here Sunday. Gillilan, a longtime newspaperman, had remained active as a writer and after-dinner speaker until he broke his hip in a fall about five years ago. He liked to tell of Finnigan as a character he created when, as a reporter for the Richmond, Ind., Daily Palladium at the turn of the century, he could find no news to write. He wrote the poem to take the place of the news he couldn't find. It was the story of a railroader who had been criticized for the long reports he made of train wrecks. So after a derailment, when Finnigan's train had been put back on the tracks and sent on its way, the railroader man sent his superiors the famed line as the briefest of reports.

Will Accept Only One Korean Solution

SEOUL, (AP)—President Syngman Rhee said Sunday South Korea can accept only one solution at the Geneva conference, starting today—withdraw Communist troops from North Korea, then hold a spring election under United Nations supervision. He doesn't expect the Communists ever to agree to this. He thinks they must be driven out by force.

FEAR DISCONTENT

The Allied officials in Berlin asked: "Why did the Russian secret police pick on two leaders of the NTS instead of going after officials of the many other Russian exile organizations?" The answer, they said, is that the NTS has them worried, because it may well have sown seeds of discontent among the Russian soldiers themselves. They believe the refugee group's work has definitely crippled the morale of Soviet forces in East Germany, which the Kremlin believes is the "softest spot" for subversion anywhere behind the Iron Curtain. NTS circulates an underground news sheet inside Soviet territory and smuggles leaflets across the frontiers, some by balloons, others through the West Berlin check points. Every time a Russian soldier deserts, NTS distributes leaflets giving his photograph, personal details and quotes from him on why he left. NTS leaders are convinced that any anti-Soviet revolution must start among Russian soldiers and officers.