

## Report Russians Died In Effort To Beat British To Everest

LONDON (AP)—A weird story reached here Saturday that 40 Russian mountaineers died attempting to beat the British in scaling Mount Everest in 1952. Sir John Hunt, who led the British ascent of the world's highest mountain in 1953, commented: "I think there is some truth in the story."

The Warsaw newspaper Szandar Miodych carried the report about the Soviet expedition, saying it was under direct orders from Stalin.

A Polish climber named Pawlowski was quoted as saying the Soviet mission was to plant the "flag of peace" on top of Everest as a dramatic gesture in Stalin's peace offensive at that time.

The Soviet expedition reached 26,400 feet, within 2,500 feet of the top of Everest. In December, 1952, the Russians radioed that they hoped to scale the peak within two days. That was the last heard from them. Presumably the expedition was wiped out by an avalanche, by the paper's account.

Hunt says he remembers a mys-

tery plane circling Everest while the British expedition was training on the mountain in April, 1953, before launching its ascent.

FROM THE NORTH

"It came from the north at 15,000 feet, circled round for a while, then turned back to the north," he said. "We vaguely wondered at the time whether it was a Russian plane. We had heard Russians had set off from the north, or Tibet side of Everest in 1952."

"I think there is some truth in the (Warsaw newspaper's) story. But I don't believe that 40 Russians reached a height of 26,400 feet."

"It is more likely that an advance team of six men tried to reach the top and disappeared, as was reported in some Italian and Swedish papers."

"We had always thought that any attempt on Everest from the north was asking for disaster. The Swiss knew that and their expedition tried from the south."

"I went to Moscow in 1954 to tell the story of our climb. A group of Russian climbers told me then that Russia did not send an expedition to Everest."

## N. Y. Parents Get Hot Over Mixing Races In The Schools

By GEORGE CORNELL

NEW YORK (AP)—Tension is running high in some quarters today about a broad-scale program to spur the mingling of races in New York City's mammoth public school system.

Some parent and civic groups are raising fiery protests. Others are fervently defending the plan. Officials are on the jump explaining, mollifying and assuring that there's nothing to be alarmed about.

"The movement has stirred extremists on both sides," said Dr. William James, superintendent of schools. "People have to see their way clear between extremists."

The friction arose over a program drawn up by a civic committee and adopted by the board of education recently to get more "racial balance" in schools. The program calls for reassigning, selective use of bus transportation and locating new buildings in "fringe" areas.

FOR AND AGAINST

Many of the largest parent groups, including the big United Parents Association, are firmly behind the new program. Some denounce it as "a frankenstein."

Actually, the clash has not been over the principle of integration

itself—but over the methods for extending it in this metropolis of one-color residential concentrations.

Much of the dispute about the program has revolved around five words: "Selective use of bus transportation."

Opponents claim this implies wholesale movement of children, Negroes to white areas and whites to Negro areas. Officials say no such thing is contemplated.

Only elementary school children living beyond maximum distances from their schools get bus transportation. About 80,000 now ride school buses. Junior and senior high schools pupils walk or use public transit—any distance.

SUFFER DRAWBACKS

The school administration view is that children, white or Negro, suffer drawbacks in schools of a single complexion, that they have no chance to get to understand other races, and are less adjusted to the real world.

Most of the opposition to the school integration program has come from the borough of Queens, with its high proportion of individual home owners. Queens also is a bastion of the city's upper middle class, about 88 per cent white.

## Payment For A Bride May Take Many Varied Forms

By CAROLYN WILLET

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NEW YORK (CP)—Three cows and a bull, 40 hoes or a postal order for cash serve as "payments" for brides in some parts of the world.

Payment of the bride-price in cattle, goods, services or cash on behalf of a bridegroom to the parents of the bride still is a widespread practice in Africa and in some parts of India, Malaya, New Guinea and the states around the Persian gulf.

But inflation, profiteering and other abuses are creeping into the centuries-old marriage custom, states a report on bride-price compiled by the United Nations' secretary-general for the UN's commission on the status of women.

The custom has long concerned the 18-member commission which recently held a three-week session here. Canada, not yet a commission member, has applied for representation on the all-woman UN group next year.

ESTABLISHED CUSTOM

The commission, established under the economic and social council in 1946, works to bring fundamental rights to women in all parts of the world.

But the subject of bride-price is complex.

It shouldn't be interpreted as "necessarily implying a mercenary element of purchase and

sale," the secretary-general's report stated.

Bride-price traditionally establishes the legality of marriage. It links whole family groups and establishes kinships because payments are negotiated by families and not usually by individuals.

Yet modern influences—particularly cash economy—have raised bride-price payments in some areas.

"The profit motive is becoming more important... and many of the traditional considerations of suitability are ignored," the report stated.

START BARGAINING

Studies of the custom in some African districts indicated that parents' greed, husbands' vanity and women's pride had relegated bride-price to a method of bargaining and speculation with "exorbitant" rates.

Most administrations seemed reluctant to tamper with the custom. No measures to abolish bride-price had been taken.

And some missionaries who once condemned the practice had decided that bride-price served an important function and could be more usefully retained and adapted than abolished.

The report said some areas wanted changes in the custom controlled rates of bride-price payment and, in some instances, a surance that bride-price wouldn't interfere with a woman's consent to marriage and her freedom afterwards.

## Window To Late James Dunn Is Dedicated

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (CP)—Four hundred persons, including Finance Minister Harris and President James Muir of the Royal Bank of Canada, filled St. Luke's Anglican Cathedral Saturday night for the dedication of a window to the late Sir James Dunn, president of the Algoma Steel Corp.

The service was conducted by Most Rev. W. L. Wright, archbishop of Algoma, who was assisted by Very Rev. W. B. Jennings, rector of St. Luke's; Rev. Joseph McAlden of St. Andrew's, N.B., and Rev. Murray Tipping, who served as the archbishop's chaplain.

Other dignitaries in the assembly included Lady Dunn, the donor of the window; Senator W. A. Crerar, and J. S. D. Tory of Toronto, chairman of the board of McIntyre Porcupine Mines Ltd. and vice-president of the A. V. Roe Aircraft Company, Malton.

OFTEN IN MARITIMES

Sir James spent much of his time in New Brunswick and that Maritime province was liberally represented. The party included William C. O'Neill, deputy mayor of the resort town of St. Andrews; Harper Kent of Bathurst, and Dr. Graham S. Mackenzie of the University of New Brunswick.

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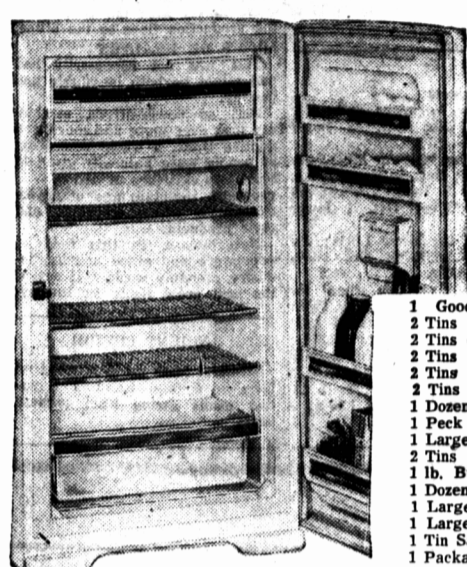
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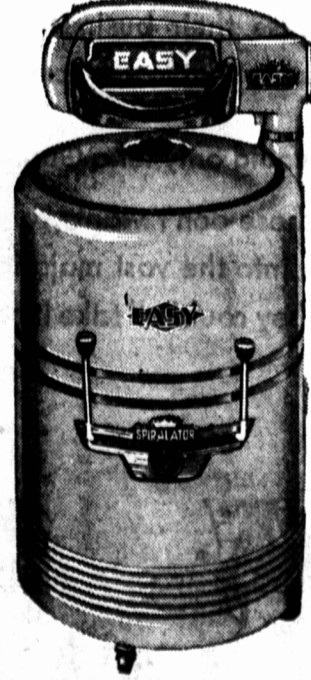
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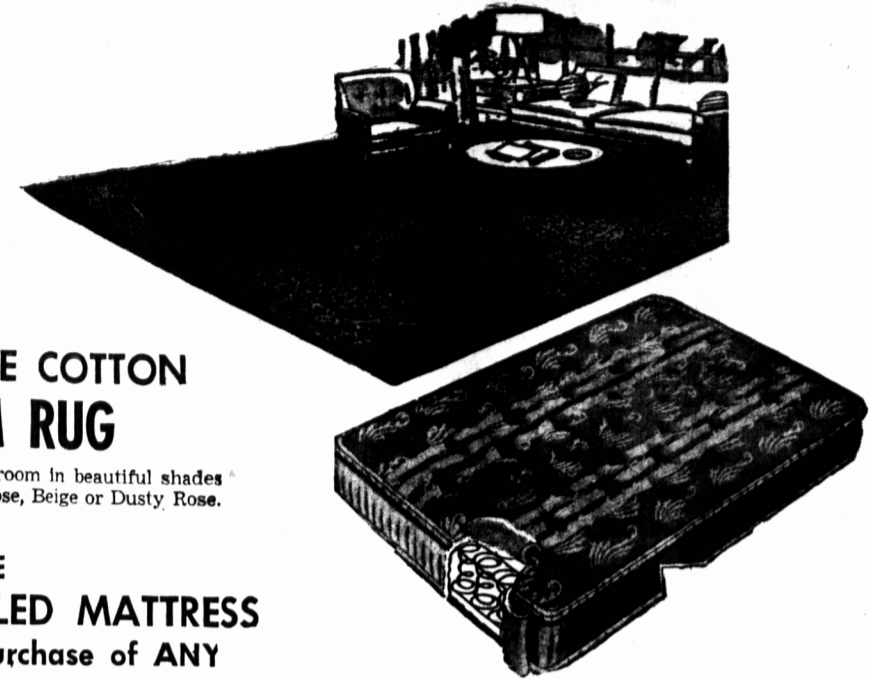
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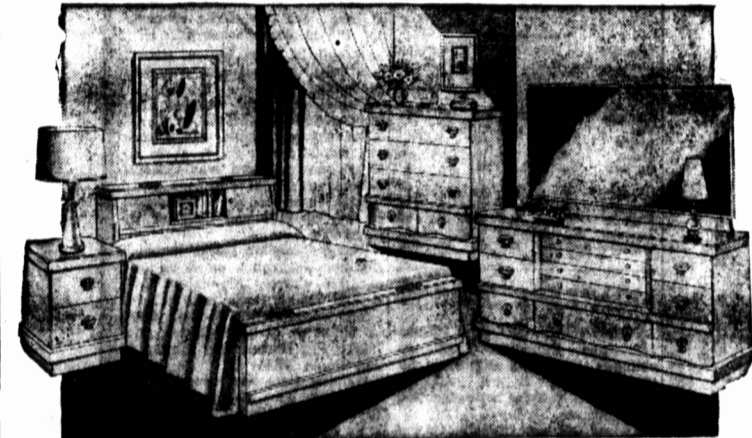
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