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HAND-HOLDERS OFF TO BIRTHDAY PARTY

Lady Churchill, who celebrated her 78th birthday Monday, holds hands with Sir Winston Churchill as they walk through crowd of well-wishers on arriving at London home of their daughter, Mary, for a birthday party. Mary is the wife of Agricultural Minister Christopher Soames. It was the first time this spring the 88-year-old Sir Winston ventured out of doors. (AP Wirephoto)

Anti-Castro Sea Raiders Captured By British Ship

Effort Made To End Sneak Raids On Cuba

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Backing up United States opposition to sneak attacks on Cuba, a Royal Navy warship moved in on a small Bahamian island Sunday night and captured a group of anti-Castro raiders.

The British colonial secretary's office in Nassau announced that 17 Castro fighters had been taken into custody on a small cay in the Exuma Island chain, 350 miles from Miami and about 200 miles north of the Cuban coast.

The capture previously had been reported here by a Cuban exile group, the Cuban anti-Communist Army. Its report said American and Royal Navy warships and planes participated in the action.

But a defence department spokesman in Washington denied that United States planes or naval craft were involved in the incident.

HMS Londonderry, a 2,150-ton antisub frigate just transferred from Bermuda to patrol duty in The Bahamas, was reported on the way to Nassau with the captives.

The exile group said that one of its boats, laden with arms and ammunition, had been taken but that a second boat had escaped and was on her way to Cuba.

NOT BASED IN U.S.

Cuban rebel action groups which have been attacking Russian ships in Cuban ports claim to be based on islands in the Caribbean and deny that any raids have been launched from U.S. territory.

The Cuban anti - Communist Army said if the second craft is taken, "it will have to be taken by force."

Evello Duque, one of the leading anti-Castro fighters in Cuba's Escambray Mountains, was reported to have commanded the captured boat. He and 14 other Cubans were picked up along with cannon and machine-guns.

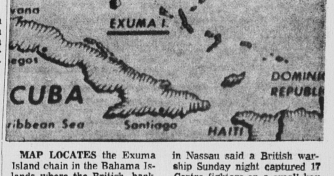
The exile group's announcement said Duque had left Cuba to obtain the armaments and was taken into custody on his return.

Meanwhile, another anti-Castro group, Apha 66, swore it would continue fighting the Cuban regime of Premier Castro but would lie low until further strategy was mapped.

And there were reports a new anti - Castro commando group, commandos F. F. Operation Lobo (Sea Wolf), would harass Soviet shipping from bases along the Mexican coast. A spokesman known as Major Leoves was quoted by the Miami News as saying the new group has speed boats armed with European machine - guns and recoilless rifles.

However, older anti - Castro organizations said they knew nothing of such a movement. These groups, described as puzzled and defiant to new U.S. orders not to carry out further raids against Cuba, huddled Monday to map further plans.

In Washington, the intensified U.S. efforts to halt commando raids against Cuba, with their treat of touching off a major conflict between the U.S. and Russia, won strong backing in Congress Monday.



MAP LOCATES the Exuma Island chain in the Bahama Islands where the British, backing up U.S. opposition to sneak attacks on Cuba, seized a group of anti-Castro raiders. The colonial secretary's office in Nassau said a British warship Sunday night captured 17 Castro fighters on a small key in the Island chain, 350 miles from Miami and about 200 miles north of the Cuban coast. (AP Wirephoto Map)

Raiding Boat Reported Heading For Cuban Shore

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—An exile commando group reported Monday night that one of its raiding boats was nearing Cuban shores.

"The captain radioed us at 6 p.m. that the boat was 40 miles from Cuba and we assume it is completing its mission," said Dr. Orlando Bosch, co-ordinator general of the anti-Communist Cuban Escambray Front Army.

Bosch said his group would file a legal protest that a companion boat was seized in international waters.

Bosch said the two boats left five days before the U.S. state department issued restrictions against raiders. Such restrictions were issued in Miami Saturday.

"Our mission was to fight any Communist boats we encountered and also to contact rebels inside Cuba," Bosch said.

"Our raids will definitely be continued. We are violating no American law. We do not leave from American bases."

NO ONE INJURED

Montreal Building Shaken By Explosion

MONTREAL (CP)—A bomb exploded in the ventilating system of the downtown national revenue building Monday while police were in the lobby checking on a tip that it would go off.

No one was hurt.

The bomb tossed down an outside ventilator shaft at the side entrance on Bleury Street and exploded over the cleaning men's locker room in the basement.

Police investigators said it was a factory-made high explosive.

The bomb punched a hole more than a foot in diameter in the locker room ceiling, ripped off a 10-foot piece of plaster and two trap doors in the ventilator, and destroyed several air filter units.

Shortly after the explosion police received a tip that another bomb was about to go off in the customs building on the waterfront. However, they found no sign of one there.

No one was in the basement locker room of the revenue building when the bomb went off.

Police had no idea who threw the bomb.

About an hour before the blast The Canadian Press received an anonymous telephone call saying a bomb was going to explode at the revenue building.

The French-speaking caller said he was a member of the Front de Liberation Quebecois (Quebec Liberation Front).

This organization has said it was responsible for throwing Molotov cocktails at three Montreal armories a few weeks ago. No one was injured in those outbursts and no serious damage was caused.

In a pamphlet circulated shortly afterward the FLQ described itself as "suicide commandos" prepared to destroy "by systematic sabotage . . . all symbols in colonial institutions, particularly the RCMP and armed forces."

TOO MANY GALS SPARK FLIGHT

CARDIFF, Wales (Reuters) — "Don't get me wrong," 18 - year - old bachelor Gary Lockyer said Monday. "I adore girls—in small doses."

He added:

"But when the odds are 120 to 1 against, it's frightening."

Lockyer, a handsome six-footer, was explaining why he asked for a transfer out of the local post office accounting department where he is the only male on the 121-member staff.

But his application has been rejected for the time being.

"Poor chap," said a union official in what sounded like an envy-edged tone. "He'll have to go on suffering a little longer."

Hope Fades For Child

WINNIPEG (CP)—Hope was almost gone Monday night when the search for four-year-old Karen Bloomer was called off for a second time in southwest Winnipeg.

The child, wearing only light blue jeans, a long - sleeved T-shirt and rubber overshoes, has been missing since about 3 p.m. Sunday from her Charleswood municipality home.

The temperature at the time was 65 degrees, but dropped overnight to 20 and rose only slightly during the day as a 20-mile-an-hour wind swept the search area.

RCMP said at the conclusion of Monday's efforts, the search would continue today but on a "professional" level. This was explained to mean that only RCMP, Charleswood police and military personnel would take part with no civilian volunteers required.

Pope John Seems Tired At Audience

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope John, appearing tired after his long visit to Roman churches Sunday, received 400 Italian mountain climbers in audience Monday on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Italian Alpine Club.

The Pope reminded them that Pope Pius XI had been noted as a mountain climber. Pope John said: "He scaled not only mountain peaks but also spiritual peaks."

The 81-year-old Pope's weariness showed clearly in his face, persons at the audience said. He appeared not fully recovered from the heavy strain of his long trip Sunday through streets thronged with cheering Romans to visit five churches. He also stopped along the way at a cemetery and a boy's school.

Roman crowds gave him such a tumultuous ovation that he told one crowd pressing around his automobile: "I am overwhelmed by this popular enthusiasm."

He referred to this again at his audience Monday, telling the alpinists "this close contact with so many poor people, who content themselves with seeing the Pope, drives away all feelings of sadness and pessimism."

Cracked Rail On CNR Line Investigated By Police

LEMIEUX, Que. (CP) — A cracked rail was discovered on the CNR's main Montreal-Halifax line Monday in this village 60 miles southwest of Quebec City and police are investigating the possibility it was done deliberately.

It was repaired shortly before Prime Minister Diefenbaker's campaign train passed over the line.

In Montreal police and CNR spokesman said there are indications that "human intervention" caused the damage to the rail. Iron fragments, pieces of wire, a battery and a pair of pliers were found near the tracks.

Earlier a CNR spokesman had said there was no evidence of sabotage.

The crack was discovered after the engineer of a freight train reported encountering a "rough spot" while passing through Lemieux.

Mrs. Eva Doucet, stationmaster in Lemieux, said she heard an explosion last night in the vicinity but did not investigate.

She said train traffic continued normally throughout the night.

The letters "FLQ" noticed later were painted on the walls of a cabin near the tracks.

Dief's Train Said Target

QUEBEC (CP)—A train carrying Prime Minister Diefenbaker pulled out of Ste. Anne de la Perade Monday night after a delay of about 45 minutes caused by reports that it was going to be blown up.

Two Canadian Pacific Railway policemen were aboard as it moved slowly across a bridge near the station and on to Cap-de-la-Madeleine, were the prime minister was to address an election rally.

Mr. Diefenbaker stayed aboard the train while police checked out the reports, received by The Canadian Press and RCMP in Quebec City.

Satellite Fired From Calif. Base

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A satellite using the Thor - Agena rocket booster combination was launched Monday from nearby Vandenberg U.S. Air Force base. The air force declined to give any other details.

Helen Klaben Loses 5 Toes

NEW YORK (AP) — Helen Klaben, 21, who spent seven weeks stranded in the frozen wilds of northern British Columbia, had the five toes of her right foot amputated Monday.

The Brooklyn girl was found a week ago, along with Ralph Flores of San Bruno, Calif., the pilot of a plane that crashed while they were flying over rugged country.

When Miss Klaben was found, the toes were gangrenous. A spokesman at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, where the operation was performed, said the girl was in good condition and would be in hospital for several weeks.

New York Tempo Quickens As Newspaper Strike Ends

NEW YORK (AP) — The tempo of the city throbbed with renewed vigor, Monday as New York's nine major newspapers shared newsstand space for the first time in nearly four months.

Some 5,500,000 copies rolled off the presses to herald the end of a 114-day strike. Business circles estimated the cost of the tie-up at more than $250,000,000.

The four morning papers returned to the stands Sunday night. Five evening dailies went to press Monday. Back on the job after 16 weeks of idleness were nearly 20,000 newspaper employees.

The shutdown began Dec. 8 with a strike by 3,000 printers of the International Typographical Union.

In editorials, the revived dailies expressed hope that, in the words of The Journal-American "some better method than prolonged strikes will be found to settle in a sensible manner labor - management disputes that involve the public interest."

CALLS FOR STUDY

In Washington, White House press secretary Pierre Salinger called the present a good time for the industry to consider his plan for a broad study of newspaper economics. He said newspaper management and labor have indicated interest in a suggestion he made during the strike for an industry-sponsored study of changing economics in the newspaper field.

At the same time, New York Mayor Robert Wanger indicated he may propose a joint labor-management board to carry on a continuing study of newspaper industry problems.

Wagner was widely hailed for his role in settling the newspaper strike. Obviously pleased at the plaudits, the mayor attributed his success to "patience and fortitude."

The mayor entered the dispute Jan. 26 as a self-appointed mediator. When he got nowhere, he switched to the role of umpire and on March 7 outlined a $12.63-a-week contract package to extend over two years and to cover increases in wages and fringe benefits.

It was under this basic formula that the printers reached agreement on a new contract March 24, after once rejecting the terms. Some 200 members of Photoengravers Local 1 prolonged the strike another week before they, too, voted a settlement Sunday within the basic $12.63 limit.

Pandemonium Reigns At Pearson's Meeting

By BRUCE LEVETT

VANCOUVER (CP) — Pandemonium reigned Monday night as Liberal Leader Pearson tried to begin a major political campaign address in Vancouver's Forum.

Anti - nuclear demonstrators stole the show. Cheers and boos drowned out those who attempted to speak. Fights broke out among the spectators. The combatants were hustled away by security guards.

Provincial Liberal Leader Ray Perrault tried for five minutes to introduce Mr. Pearson. As Mr. Pearson walked on stage, 13 men sitting side-by-side high under the rafters at the far end of the jammed 7,200-seat Forum

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Premier Joey Smallwood In On 'Kidnapping Prank'

By JACK PICKETTS

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Premier Joseph Smallwood was kidnapped Monday at a cost of $250 to the Liberal party, but apparently he was in on the whole thing.

Paula Wilansky, one of the four Memorial University students who "kidnapped" the premier said she and the three other students called on the premier Friday and outlined the plan.

"He went along with it," she said and they picked him up at Confederation building where his office is located.

The premier neatly disguised so he wouldn't be recognized at Memorial, was taken to a staff room in the science building where he spent the morning.

With Miss Wilansky, a first year arts student, were Bill Goodyear, a second year engineering student and two first-year pre-med students, Derek Luscombe and Doug Jamieson.

The stunt was primarily a publicity gag for a local Red Cross fund raising campaign but Miss Wilansky said April Fool's Day made it easier to pull off.

She said the "kidnapping" was dreamed up by the four students but Mr. Smallwood was quite willing to join in the fun.

LIBERALS PAY RANSOM

The fun cost the Liberal party $250 which was "ransom." A bank draft made out to the Red Cross was paid over for Mr. Smallwood before he was released.

Later Monday the students presented the draft to Campbell Eaton, president of the Newfoundland Red Cross Society. Then they explained the whole thing to reporters.

Reporters were skeptical of the whole story when Mr. Smallwood's office first called them to report the premier missing. Then the premier himself phoned radio station CJON and denied it was a hoax. After that reporters began to take the whole thing more seriously.

Mr. Smallwood kept up the pretense even after he was released with a statement on how well he was treated and commended his kidnappers for their ingenuity.

Asked if charges would be laid he said "yes I'm making charges. I am charging them with being philanthropists."

Quebec Communities Plagued By Flooding

MONTREAL (CP)—Two communities in the flood-ridden Eastern Townships were reported isolated Monday by fast-rising creeks and rivers. Neither Ormstown nor Howick was considered in serious danger.

Quebec Provincial Police said the flood situation is changing hour by hour throughout western Quebec, where police and army units have been combating flood conditions for two days.

About 200 families have been evacuated from their homes in various communities and police said about 40,000 pupils have been unable to reach schools throughout the flooded areas.

More than a score of roads are under water varying from six inches to four feet in a 25-mile-wide band from north of Montreal through the city's suburbs and down into the Eastern Townships.

Hardest hit was suburban Chateauguay, on the south side of the St. Lawrence River. About 175 families were evacuated there.

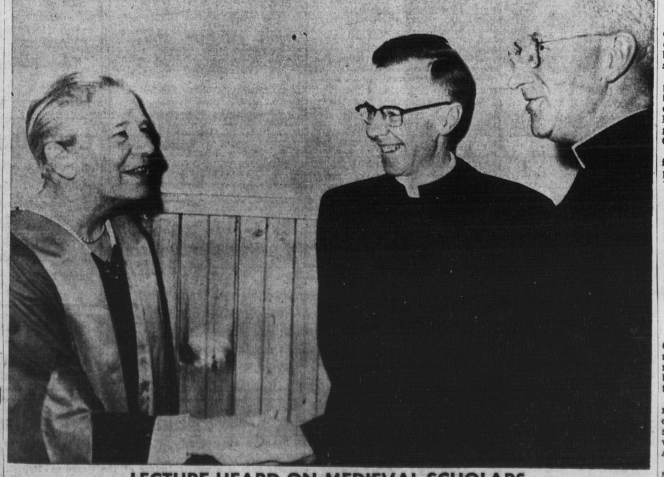
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hallick and their four children drifted in a boat from midnight to almost 8 a.m. before they were rescued by an army group.

Police said conditions are extremely serious as snow continued to melt rapidly under sunny skies and temperatures of about 50 degrees.

French Strike May Be Near End

PARIS (Reuters)—Leaders of striking coal mine unions said Monday night they expect a settlement to result from new talks beginning today between the four big mining unions and the nationalized coal board.

The decision to renew negotiations was greeted with relief in the coalfields but union leaders warned the month-long work stoppage would continue "militantly" until a settlement is reached.



LECTURE HEARD ON MEDIEVAL SCHOLARS

A large audience was on hand for the first public lecture at St. Dunstan's University by Miss Eleanor Duckett, PhD (Cambridge University, England) of Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Last night Miss Duckett spoke on two outstanding English medieval scholars, St. Adhelm of Malmesbury and Alcuin of York. Tonight her subject will be St. Dunstan of Canterbury. The series were arranged by the lecture committee of SDU. Here, Miss Duckett, left, is welcomed to the campus by the Rector, Rt. Rev. J.A. Sullivan, right, in the rear is Rev. Francis Bulger, who made the introductions.

Dief Declares Liberals Denied Quebec Rights

By ARCH MacKENZIE

QUEBEC (CP) — French Canada has been denied its just rights under Liberal governments, Prime Minister Diefenbaker told an afternoon reception for about 450 Monday.

"I want Quebec to join in the march of victory with the rest of Canada next Monday," he said as he embarked on his last week of campaigning before the April 8 voting.

Mr. Diefenbaker, making his second campaign entry into Quebec province, left Ottawa by special train Monday morning and proceeded by easy stages to the Quebec capital. In brilliant spring sunshine, there was more handshaking than oratory.

The first stop was St. Hyacinthe, where he was met by Theogene Ricard, recently appointed minister without portfolio and seeking re-election in St. Hyacinthe-Bagot.

READS FROM TEXT

Mr. Diefenbaker, reading carefully from his French text, told about 150 persons at the railway station that Mr. Ricard will be a member of the next Progressive Conservative cabinet. He said he is confident the party will have a majority after the next election. He made stops at Drummondville, Daveluyville, Manseau, and at Laurier. From there, Mr. Diefenbaker pushed on to Quebec City for the afternoon meeting.

Mr. Diefenbaker said people now knew who was right on the

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