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Nine Buildings Destroyed In Blaze At Murray River; Loss Is \$75,000

French-Language Play Wins Top Festival Honors

By Pauline Kennedy
Canadian Press Staff Writer
HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—For the second year in a row a French-language play, written by a Canadian author, took top honors at the Dominion drama festival.

Saturday night, at the finale of the week-long festival, adjudicator Hugh Hunt awarded the Calvert trophy for best play to La Nouvelle Equipe Theatre group of Montreal for their presentation of "Le Roi David," written by Jean Pielou of Montreal.

A dramatization of the biblical story of David and Bathsheba, written in classical French verse, the play marked an experiment on (Continued on Page 15 col. 2)

Coming Events

**Reserve July 21 for Tryon Baptist Church picnic.

**Don't miss Vernon River Dance Tuesday, 18th.

**See "Aunt Jerushy on the Warpath" tonight in Summerfield Hall.

**Regular Dance, Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night.

**No dance in Morell Hall tonight. Postponed until Wednesday night.

**Weekly dance, Winsloe Station Hall, Tuesday, May 18, Dorion Bros. Orchestra.

**Trio concert at Stanley Bridge, Monday, May 17th. One-act plays and specialties.

**Lob 85 Hall, Wednesday, May 19th, Kelly's Cross Play, "The Meddlesome Maid" at 8:30. Dance after.

**Special! Fresh Lobster Supper every Wednesday and Sunday, 5 to 7 at The Orient Hotel, Victoria.

**Two one act plays and specialties, Lorne Valley, Tuesday, May 18th. Dance after.

**Harrington Play "Uncle Josh Perkins" in Wheatley River Hall, Wednesday, May 19th.

**Seeds! Store open daily, also Monday and Thursday evenings until 9 p. m. Arthur Vesey.

**Marshall Presbyterian Church tonight, 8 p. m. Film "All That I Have."

**Trinity Y. P. U. present "Tish" Marshallfield Hall, May 18 at 8:15. Sponsored by Central Y.P.U.

**Wheatley River play, "A Ready Made Family" in North Milton tonight. Winsloe Legion May 21st.

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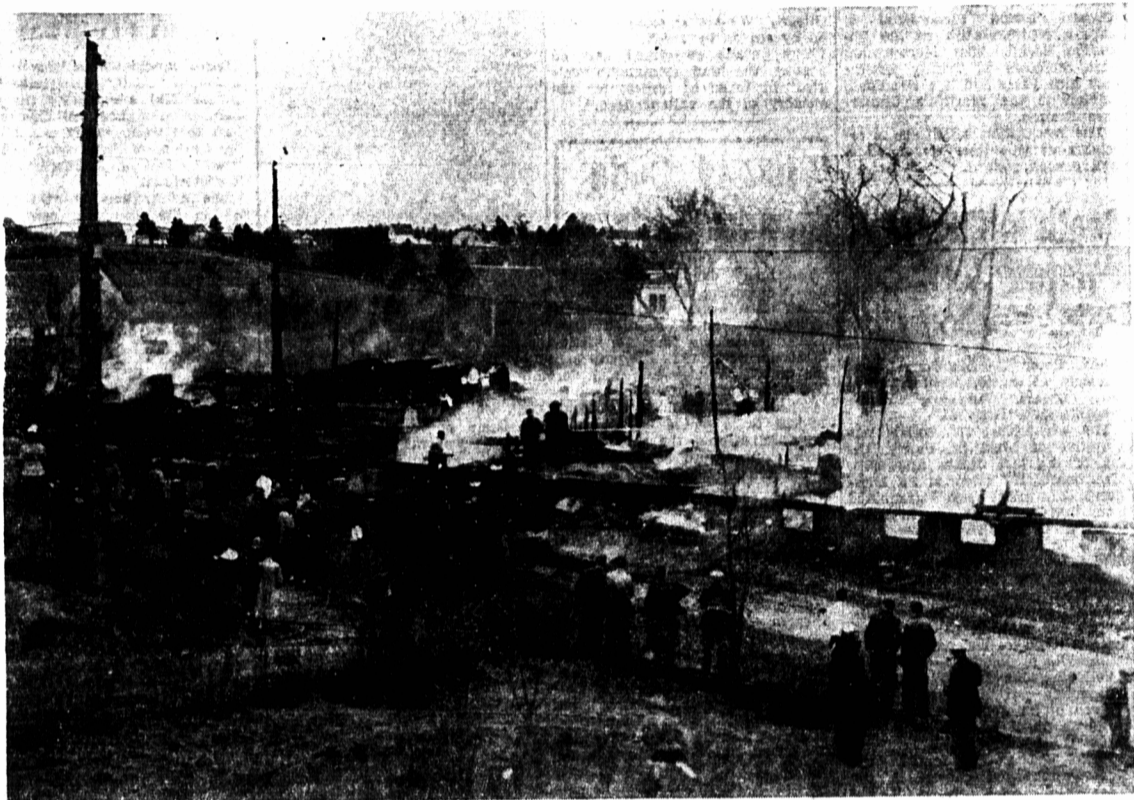
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Only Smouldering Ruins Remain



Above is a general scene of the ruins at Murray River's disastrous fire yesterday. Nine buildings were levelled in less than two hours. Ruins of the Ship's Inn Grill can be seen in the background at the left. Beside it was the George Campbell home. On the right was the Cook and Son store. The warehouse and Mrs. T. L. Cook's dwelling and Harold Keenan's home and shop were in the background on the right. This picture was taken from the veranda of a dwelling across main street from the fire. A narrow street runs between where the fire started—which housed the bank at one time—and the Cook store. Water was pumped from the river, only a short distance away. The pumpers were placed on the bridge.

Czech Elections Held Sunday

VIENNA, (Reuters)—Czechoslovakia voted Sunday to elect committees which will tie the satellite nation even closer to the Kremlin.

The voters had three choices—vote for the Communist party candidates, spoil their ballots, or not vote at all.

Prague radio said 100 per cent polls were recorded in many villages by noon, but that in the towns the voting will continue until 11 p. m.

The Communist broadcasts were given over to exhorting Czechs to vote, to patriotic music and to describing festive treks to the polls.

MISSING MOTHER'S DAY

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—Phillip Wittenberg filed a \$50,000 damage suit against Eastern Airlines, Inc., Friday charging that it caused him to miss Mother's Day here with his family. Wittenberg said he suffered "great mental anguish and pain" because his return flight from Akron, Ohio, was delayed one day in Charlotte, N.C.

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Queen Elizabeth's Welcome To London Recalls Scenes During Coronation

By RANALD MACLURKIN
LONDON, (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth came home Saturday from her six-month world tour to a London of pealing bells, marching bands and dense crowds roaring their welcome.

As she drove into Buckingham Palace through a sea of waving flags a plump Cockney woman shouted: "We've missed you ducky. Don't stay away so long again."

It summed up the mood of the millions who had lined the banks of the River Thames to cheer as she sailed triumphantly into the heart of her capital.

It was like last year's Coronation all over again. As they did then, Londoners had camped all night on the sidewalks to make sure of a place on the route.

No sooner was she in the palace than the crowds burst through police cordons to throng the railings and start up the chant: "We want the Queen, we want the Queen."

Within minutes footmen swung back the glass doors to the palace balcony and the Queen came out to wave to the crowd. Beside her was the Duke of Edinburgh and their two children, Prince Charles, 5, and Princess Anne, 3.

SECOND APPEARANCE

An hour later, the appeals of 40,000 shouting Londoners persuaded the royal family to make another balcony appearance.

The Queen the crowds saw as she drove in jingling carriage through the capital from the river was a slimmer Elizabeth than the one who left last November. But she was tanned with the sun of the Commonwealth countries she has visited on her 50,000-mile tour.

When the drive through the streets began the children were at first wide-eyed at the din and the crowds—it was their first experience of a state drive.

But by the time they reached Buckingham Palace they were smiling and waving to the crowds (Continued on Page 15 col. 1)

Grant Benefits To Million U. S. Rail Employees

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A presidential board Saturday recommended granting health-welfare, vacation and holiday pay benefits worth \$150,000,000 annually to 1,000,000 U. S. railroad employees.

The board turned down other demands made by the 15 rail unions in the case, most of them AFL.

The board, at the same time, approved a number of rail management demands.

The unions had made no pay increase demands.

The unions involved are "non-operating"—that is, made up of railway workers who do not actually operate trains.

These were the board's principal recommendations for a settlement: 1. Hospital, medical and surgical benefits for employees financed jointly by employees and carriers. The unions had asked for inclusion of family members in the benefits and that all costs be paid by employers.

2. An extra week of annual vacation for employees with 15 years or more service. The present maximum vacation time for 15-year employees is two weeks.

3. Pay for holidays not worked. Employees now get time and a half pay when they work a holiday.

The board findings are not binding on the parties, but such recommendations made under terms of the Railway Labor Act usually form a basis for a settlement.

REBEL LEADER READY FOR NEW TALKS

SAIGON, Indo-China (AP)—Vietnam Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap told the French Sunday he is willing to discuss new plans for evacuating Dien Bien Phu's wounded. The airlift of the casualties hit a snag Saturday night after fewer than 30 had been removed.

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Pope Pius Says World Being Carried To Ruin

VATICAN CITY (Reuters)—The Pope said Sunday "the brilliant conquests of science and technology" are carrying the world towards "desolation and ruin."

He was broadcasting to the Roman Catholics of Switzerland, gathered in a congress at Pribrourg.

The 78-year-old pontiff, still convalescing from a grave illness, made three separate speeches—in French, German and Italian—the official languages of Switzerland.

The theme of all three was the danger of materialism and its inability of control of the products of modern science. Though he did not mention them, the Pope was understood to be referring to nuclear weapons.

He said: "By research and the exploitation of natural resources, material progress pursues its course without halt. The church approves this evolution but she has to add an urgent warning: when material progress is not counterbalanced by powerful religious and moral forces, it threatens to become the cancer of human society."

N. B. Man Fatally Injured By Tractor

MONCTON, (CP)—Herbert S. Shaffer, 69, died Sunday in hospital here from injuries received when a farm tractor ran over him as he tried to work it free from a stump.

Shaffer got down on his stomach to chop the stump away from the machine when it lurched and rolled over his prone body. The injured man crawled more than a quarter of a mile to a road where a passerby summoned a doctor.

Mercy Lift Breaks Down

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Fire which for a time raged out of control and threatened the village of Murray River late yesterday morning caused damage estimated at \$75,000.

It took the combined efforts of the Murray River Fire Department, the Montague Fire Department and a Charlottetown crew with pumper to bring the conflagration under control.

The outbreak occurred about 10 o'clock. There was no loss of life. Buildings destroyed together with estimated losses included:

- Ships-Inn Grill, \$20,000.
- Cook and Sons Store, \$15,000.
- Residence of Mrs. Tom Cook, \$10,000.
- Warehouse of Cook and Sons, \$5,000.
- Residence of George Campbell, \$10,000.
- Residence, Garage, and Shoe Repair Shop of Harold Keenan, \$15,000.
- Small barn on George Campbell's lot.

There was no insurance on the residence of George Campbell and the small barn, but the other property, it was understood, is partly covered.

Some 14 persons were rendered homeless. They included: Mr. Milburn Buell, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacKay, Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sharam and four children, Mrs. Tom Cook and sister, Mr. Harold Keenan.

HEAT HAMPERS FIREMEN

The fire was laid to an exploding oil stove in the kitchen of the Ships-Inn Grill, recently opened restaurant located in the former Porter Hotel. It is situated on the south side of the river near the Post Office. Heat and billowing smoke hampered the efforts of fire-fighters to quell the fast spreading flames. Nine buildings in all were razed to the ground. The blaze was visible for miles around and thousands were drawn to the scene.

About 10 a. m. Mr. Milburn Buell, owner of the restaurant, was lighting the fire in the oil stove and then had moved away, when the stove exploded causing a flash fire which swept through the old building in a matter of minutes.

The Murray River Fire Department arrived and endeavoured to save the other buildings across the street, but soon the whole area was burning. A call was put in for the Montague Fire Department which arrived about 10:45 followed later by a pumper from Charlottetown about noon. However, the fire progressed so rapidly that they could only hope to save any buildings not already burning.

From the Ships-Inn Grill, the fire spread to an adjoining house on the left owned by Mr. George Campbell which he purchased only on Saturday, and which still carried no insurance. A small barn to the rear also was burned to the ground, and a Barber Shop, operated by Will Moore, a part of the Campbell house.

JUMPS ACROSS STREET

In the meantime the fire had jumped across the street to Cook and Son's Store operated by Mrs. Percy Sharam, and before long the attached house of Mrs. Tom Cook to the rear of the store was a mass of flames. Across from the Campbell house was the warehouse of the Cook and Son Store, the residence, garage and shoe repair shop of Harold Keenan, and these too were consumed by flames.

South of the Ships-Inn Grill, the wood-working shop of MacKay and Co., was badly scorched, and only the asphalt shingles prevented this building from being burned.

Flying embers from the burning buildings started roof fires on the warehouse of Fred Johnston's store across the river, and set fire to old piping on the wharf. Buildings to the north of the raging inferno were also threatened.

The Murray River Fire Department, the Montague Fire Department, and the fire crew from Charlottetown were instrumental in confining the blaze to the area which was approximately 200 feet square of fire razed buildings.

All the buildings in the close area were erected by John D. Hume about 70 years ago, and were of frame construction.

The ladies of the community provided lunches and tea for the firemen which was greatly appreciated.

Diplomats Expect Far East Conference May Be Entering Upon Decisive Week

GENEVA, (Reuters)—The Far East conference enters what western diplomats expect to be a decisive fourth week today with the first restricted meeting of the nine nations trying to end the Indo-China war.

Restricted sessions on the Korean problem also are likely during the week, though both East and West apparently have written off all hope of reuniting the country, where an armistice was signed last July after three years of war.

South Korean circles openly predict the Korean talks will break down this week on the issue of United Nations supervision of elections.

The Big Three western ministers will examine the communist position on Indo-China today to see whether there is any possibility of relaxation in their attitude on two main subjects of disagreement.

These are:

1. The Communist demand that an Indo-China settlement include the states of Laos and Cambodia, as well as Viet Nam. The West, especially France, insists these two are not political problems, and that the only requirement is the withdrawal of the Vietminh rebels.

2. Communist insistence that in Viet Nam, largest of the states,

seven political requirements must be met before a military armistice. The West wants to separate the two questions of an armistice and a political settlement.

No one expects this week to be the last of the conference. The general view is that it will last at least two weeks.

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N. B. Festival Of Music Names Patron

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—Sir Ernest MacMillan, conductor of the Toronto symphony orchestra, was made the first honorary life member of the New Brunswick festival of music here Saturday.

Announcement of the honor was made by B. R. Guss, president of the festival, who presented Sir Ernest with a certificate of appointment.

CHECK SEA RADIO-ACTIVITY

TOKYO (Reuters)—A government survey ship set out from Tokyo Saturday to try to determine whether American hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific threaten the Japanese fishing industry. Fish caught near Japan last week have been found to have dangerously radio-active internal organs.

Find Increases In Radiation In Western U. S.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., (CP)—Reports from several places in the western United States have shown increases in radiation during the last week.

The reports have led to a suggestion that the fallout from hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific may be having stronger effects than ever before.

Since last Tuesday, Dr. Lincoln Lappaz, head of the University of New Mexico department of meteoritics, has recorded geiger counter readings of up to 35 times the amount of normal background radiation.

Reports from other places in the west where geiger counters are in common use show that radiation also has jumped there, notably in Wyoming and Utah.

The atomic energy commission, after careful checks, reported that none of the radiation is considered (Continued on Page 5 col. 5)

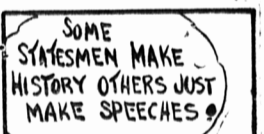
Bishop Boyle Said Much Better

LONDON, (Reuters)—Bishop James Boyle of Charlottetown, who is in a London hospital, was reported to be "much better" Sunday. He was taken ill on his way to Rome for the canonization of Pope Pius X.

Eight Injured When Train Hits Washout

PRINCE GEORGE, B. C. (CP)—Eight persons were injured Saturday when a locomotive and four cars of a Canadian National Railway passenger train hit a flood-caused washout 29 miles west of here.

The injured included six passengers and the fireman and engineer. The locomotive rolled into a ravine.



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	28	62
Vancouver	44	65
Victoria	46	60
Regina	29	58
Winnipeg	37	47
Toronto	49	72
Ottawa	48	74
Montreal	57	76
Quebec	50	77
Saint John	42	61
Moncton	41	68
Halifax	44	54
Charlottetown	43	65
Sydney	—	64
Yarmouth	46	68
St. John's	24	47

Regional forecasts:

St. John River Valleys: Cloudy, clearing in the afternoon; warmer, with light winds. L-high at Fredericton 45 and 75, Saint John 45 and 65, Edmundston 45 and 75.

Prince Edward Island, Eastern N. B. counties: Variable cloudiness clearing in the afternoon; warmer, with light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 45 and 65, Moncton 45 and 73.

Bay of Chaleur: Variable cloudiness; very warm; light winds. Low-high at Campbellton 45 and 75.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:46 a. m. and 11:22 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 4:42 a. m. and sets at 7:37 p. m.