

Seven Persons On Board

Police Plane Down In Arctic

WINNIPEG (CP) — Heavy fog and ice crystals hung over the freezing barren lands 900 miles north of here Wednesday, delaying the search for seven persons aboard a missing RCMP plane.

The plane, an Otter and believed ski-equipped, left Churchill, Man., on Hudson Bay at 10 a. m. Tuesday, bound for Ennadai Lake, N. W. T., 290 miles northwest.

Aboard were three mounted police crew members and four passengers.

Among the crew members identified by RCMP headquarters in Ottawa was the pilot, Sgt. A. N. Beaumont of Winnipeg who, in the plane now missing, took part in the rescue of three U. S. fliers who survived the Feb. 12 crash of

The other crew members were identified as Cpl. R. L. Fletcher of Holmfield, Man., the co-pilot; and special constable G. E. Bartlett, Churchill, Man., engineer.

Also aboard were an Eskimo boy and woman, both unidentified. The other passengers were believed to be a transport department official and a northern affairs department official. Their names were not immediately available.

An RCAF Otter was grounded at Churchill Wednesday by the layer of fog and ice crystals. However, five Dakota planes prepared to join the search from Winnipeg. A para-rescue team was ordered to stand by.

About 700 Potato Cars Shipped To Date In Feb.

Potato movement from this Province during February has been very good with a total of about 700 cars shipped so far this month, stated Mr. D. A. MacDonaid, chairman of the Potato Marketing Board. However, the market has developed a weaker tendency and there has been some price decline in Quebec and Ontario markets. For example, Toronto is now paying \$2.20 for Sebago 75's, 34 1/2¢ for tens and \$1.50 for paper 50's with the general market condition very dull. Montreal is very weak at \$2.10 for

Island 75's. New Brunswick shipments have increased since their weather has become mild and Maine and New York State potatoes are coming into both Ontario and Quebec at price levels as low as \$1.10 to \$1.15 on paper 50's.

It is expected that this easier trend will continue for some time as heavier shipments will undoubtedly be coming from those areas in New Brunswick, Maine, Quebec and Ontario where winter conditions so far have been quite severe and tended to restrict shipments to some extent.

Capping Ceremony For PEI Hospital Students

More than a hundred friends and relatives witnessed the capping and candlelighting exercises last evening at the Cundall Home when 19 preliminary students at the P. E. Island Hospital received the distinction of being advanced to the status of "Junior Students."

Following the time honoured custom of capping, the students were presented with Testaments from the Gideons by Mrs. Neil D. MacLean and took the Florence Nightingale pledge before Rev. M. D. Dunbar. The students receiving their caps are of the class which began their studies on the first of last September. They are:

Miss Donaldia Christine MacKay, High Bank; Miss Margaret June MacLeod, Grandview; Miss Margaret Elaine Williams, Charlottetown; Miss Joan Melvina Stewart, New Wiltshire; Miss Ruby Eileen MacPhee, Heatherdale; Miss Carolyn Jean Nelson, Charlottetown; Miss Sylvia Claire Prowse, Murray Harbour; Miss Clara Elizabeth Sharam, Charlottetown; Miss Kathryn Bernice Shepard, Louisburg, N. S.; Miss Mildred Penelope MacLeod, Charlottetown; Miss Betty Ann Millar, Murray Harbour North; Miss Shirley Margaret Ann Perry, East River; Miss Katherine Jean MacLean, Long Creek; Miss Marjorie Frances Clark, New Wiltshire; Miss Barbara Ann MacKinnon, Charlottetown; Miss Marjorie June Pickard, Charlottetown; Miss Elzette Frances Robertson, Barlett Passage, N. S.; Miss Mary Janet Bell, Summerside; Miss Bessie Alta Delaney, Alban. The meeting was presided over by N. D. MacLean who in his opening remarks congratulated the student nurses in the degree of efficiency they had attained and the recognition they were receiving.

In addressing the student nurses prior to the ceremony, Rev. Mr. Dunbar based his remarks on the words of Christ "Seek Ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness." He pointed out the necessity of thorough preparation and concentration in their chosen profession of nursing which would result in a

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Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wednesday

Hazro Argue (CCF—Assiniboia) accused the government of a "callous" attitude in not increasing family allowances.

Health Minister Martin said Canada spends more on family allowances than on any other social security measure.

Citizenship Minister Pickersgill said administration of the Citizenship Act in the Toronto area is unsatisfactory.

The annual report of the Canadian wheat board, tabled in the House, showed a deficit of \$26,786,000 on 1953-54 operations.

Senator Walter Aseltine (PC—Saskatchewan) said Canada is "away behind the times" in its divorce machinery.

Thursday

The Commons will consider government business. The Senate will sit.

Russian Scientists In Canadian Arctic Water

By Dave McIntosh
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, (CP)—Russian scientists doing research near the north pole operated for a time last fall in Canadian waters, it was learned Wednesday.

An authority here said this probably will happen again and the Russian drift about the central Arctic basin on floating ice islands.

One informant said he sees no ulterior motive in the Russian research. For years, the Russians have tried to master an Arctic shipping route to help supply northern Soviet cities.

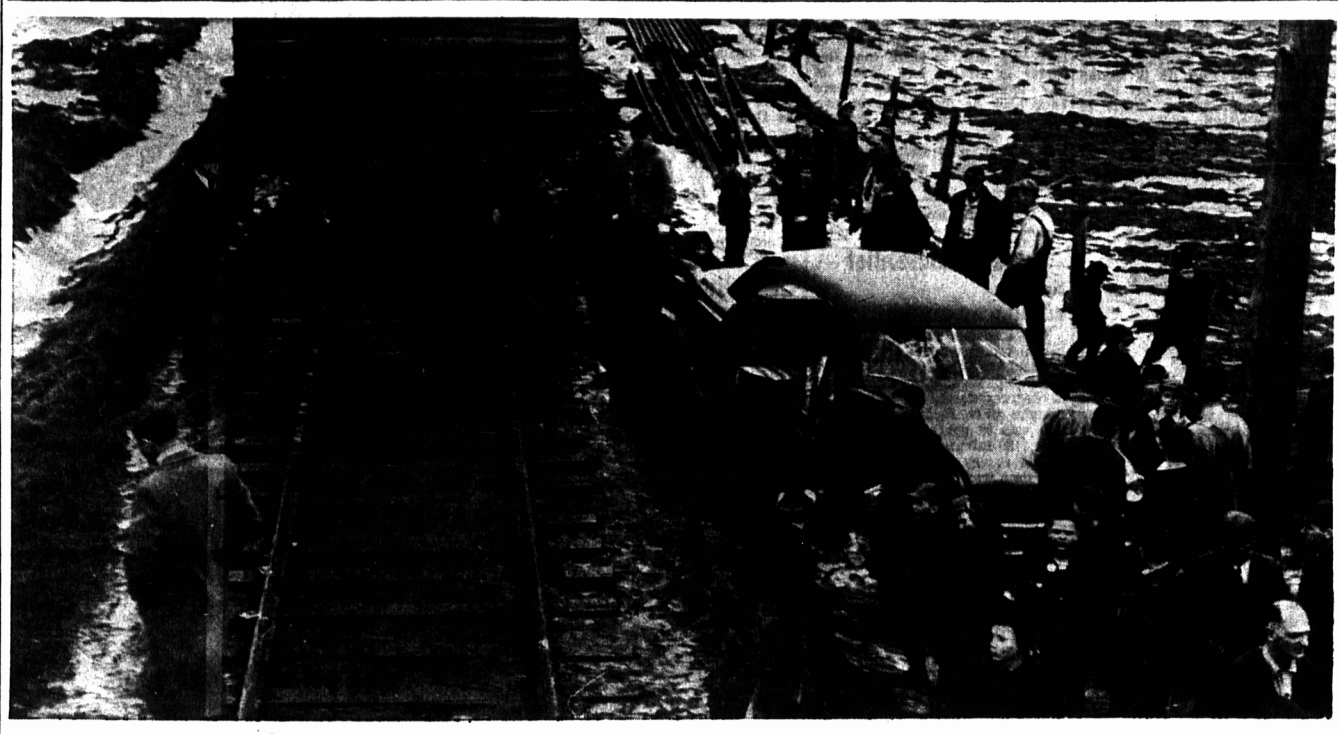
The information on movement of floating Russian research stations is contained in a non-secret Soviet pamphlet on Arctic research which recently came into Canada.

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Coming Events

- *Card party tonight, East Wiltshire School.
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- *Crockinole Party, Wheatley River, Friday, February 25th.
- *Rummage Sale, Hearts Hall, Kings Daughters Group Four, Saturday, 2 p. m.
- *Crapaud Rink Friday night, Charlottetown Centennial Ice Follies under direction of Wally Keablebury.
- *Crapaud Rink tonight, Crapaud Bantams vs. Kensington Bantams at 8 p.m. First game in the annual provincial contest, Skate after ice fit.
- *Dundas Y. P. U. Variety Concert, Georgetown Hall, Thursday, February 24th, at 8.30 p. m. Sponsored by Georgetown United Church.
- *Cake Sale sponsored by Senior Class of Notre Dame Academy, at Fennell and Chandler, on Friday 1 p. m.
- *Pantry Sale at Holman's, Charlottetown, Saturday, February 26th. Riverdale and Churchill Women's Institutes.

FRENCH HOUSE APPROVES EDGAR FAURE AS NEW PREMIER BY VOTE OF 369 TO 210



By Harvey Hudson

PARIS, (AP)—The French National Assembly Wednesday night approved Edgar Faure, a 46-year-old financial expert and lawyer, as the new premier.

By a vote of 369 to 210, the deputies accepted Faure as the successor to Pierre Mendes-France who was turned out of office Feb. 5. Faure held the job in 1952 for six weeks. Now he heads the 21st government in France's post-liberation history.

The vote ended a 19-day cabinet crisis.

The majority which the assembly gave Faure was much greater than he had expected. The only bloc of opposition came from Communists and Socialists. Mendes-France and a few of his diehard supporters abstained on the vote. Even though Faure was a minister in the Mendes-France government.

Both Faure and Mendes-France are members of the Radical Socialist party, a badly splintered centrist group.

Earlier Faure had announced a cabinet which included former premier Antoine Pinay and foreign minister, Pierre Pflimlin as finance minister, former premier Robert Schuman as justice minister and Gen. Pierre Koenig as defence minister.

LEANS TO RIGHT

The cabinet has been labelled as one of the farthest to the right of the post-war years although Faure himself is classed a little left of centre.

In his address of investiture, Faure pledged his government to work for speedy ratification of the Paris treaties for German rearmament. The upper house of the French parliament, the Council of the Republic, still must approve the treaties passed by the assembly.

Faure was the fourth candidate to be called by President Rene Coty to end the crisis. Pinay, Pflimlin and Christian Pineau failed in turn.

Faure was France's youngest lawyer at 19, and was the youngest post-war premier at 43. Even at his present 47, he is younger than any other post-war head of the government.

Couple Escape In Crossing Accident At Summerside

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rogers, driving to their home at 446 Notre Dame Street, Summerside, at 12.00 o'clock noon yesterday had a miraculous escape from death when the Willys sedan in which they were driving was struck by an incoming extra freight train proceeding towards Summerside. The accident took place at the Notre Dame Street railway crossing. The Rogers car was proceeding west and the collision took place just as the vehicle crossed the tracks. The impact of the collision completely demolished the right side of the car, tearing both doors off and dragging it some distance down the track before the train could be brought to a stop. Mr. Rogers was uninjured but Mrs. Rogers, who was on the right side in front, received the full shock of impact and suffered a fractured collar bone, a number of several head cuts and body bruises. She was also suffering from shock but her condition last evening was reported as good. Mr. Rogers was able to get out of the car by himself and later entered the hospital for a checkup and found to have suffered no injuries. The engineer of the train was Mr. Frank Lappin and the conductor was Mr. G. A. Godkin. (Photo by Wotton.)

Most C.N.R. Coal Comes From U.S.

OTTAWA, (CP)—The CNR bought 2,115,000 tons of United States coal and \$15,000 from eastern Canadian mines last year.

Transport Minister Marler gave this information in a Commons reply to a question from A. J. Brooks (PC-Royal).

SEATO States Map Plans

By WARREN WHITE

BANGKOK, Thailand (Reuters)—United States military power in the Far East now exceeds the peak strength of American forces there in the Second World War.

Dulles said, according to conference sources, that his government is spending another \$500,000,000 a year in South Viet Nam. He said the situation is better there than two months ago, and American doubts about Viet Nam have been dispelled.

Dulles was said to have been optimistic that South Viet Nam can be saved from communism.

The American secretary of state said the greatest immediate threat to Southeast Asia is sub-

version from within each country's borders rather than aggression from outside.

One source of danger from subversion, he said, lies in the great numbers of Chinese citizens living outside their country's borders in Southeast Asia.

British Foreign Secretary Eden said the aims of the Manila treaty are "to strengthen the cause of peace in Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific, to uphold the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law, to promote economic well-being and development, and to co-ordinate the defence of the area."

Oil Refinery Fire At London

THAMES HAVEN, England—(Reuters)—A raging blaze which swept over seven oil refinery storage tanks loaded with naphthalene was reported "as good as out" here Wednesday after 200 firemen had battled it from early morning.

Early in the fire, one tank exploded, injuring a worker.

8 Testify In Tug Sinking Probe At Sydney

SYDNEY (CP)—Eight witnesses testified Wednesday at the opening here of a transport department inquiry into the Dec. 3 sinking of the tug Rouille which went down with five hands off the Cape Breton coast.

The inquiry is being conducted before Judge A. H. McKinnon of the Antigonish county court.

Three of the witnesses were transport department inspectors who testified to the seaworthiness of the vessel.

Cap. Herbert Bonin, master of the ill-fated Rouille, was on the stand at the adjournment Wednesday and will resume his testimony today.

He told how his ship ran into a gale-lashed snowstorm off Cape Smokey and began shipping water heavily. He said she went under within five or six minutes.

The five surviving crew members will be called today.

2 Men Overdue On Arctic Trip

GOOSE BAY, Labrador (CP)—Two Hudson's Bay company employees are two weeks overdue on a trip by dog sled through wolf-infested Baffin Island, the RCAF reported Wednesday.

Two Dakota aircraft, one from Goose Bay and one from Rockcliffe, Ont., launched a search for the men last Friday, the air force said. A ground team also has been sent out to assist in the hunt.

The two men were identified as Donald Baird, 22, of St. John's, Nfld., and Ootooko, an Eskimo employee of the company. They set out from Cape Dorset Jan. 15 with 11 dogs and were scheduled to reach Frobiisher bay, 250 miles away, Feb. 7, the air force said.

Baird has never travelled in the Arctic before but Ootooko has crossed the island several times. Eskimos living on the island said there is a heavy wolf population and speculated that a pack may have attacked the dogs.

The RCAF said a trail of apparently abandoned snow igloos has been sighted, each about five miles from the other. No dog tracks were visible.

The men are reported to have had enough dog food to last the week until Feb. 12, and enough for themselves until Tuesday. They were armed with two rifles and 120 rounds of ammunition.

British Army Has Plans For Atomic Age Force

LONDON (AP)—The British Army Wednesday announced plans to transform itself into a more flexible force geared to use nuclear weapons and able to avoid destruction by an enemy's atomic and hydrogen bombs.

High officers foresaw that in a future major war all army equipment will have to be either self-contained, with its crew protected by armor, or capable of being dug in easily and quickly. They denied that nuclear weapons made land forces obsolete.

War Secretary Antony Head introduced a white paper in Parliament with the army estimates for the fiscal year beginning on April 1. Like the navy estimates brought in Tuesday it forecast sweeping changes in military planning.

The statement stressed that the army must not only organize itself under conditions of the nuclear age but must also adapt itself to fighting guerrillas in jungles and mountains.

Expenditures for the coming fiscal year were estimated at \$249,000,100 exclusive of American defence assistance. This represents a decrease of \$77,000,000 from current expenditures.

Probe Price Fluctuations Of Potatoes At New York

WASHINGTON (AP)—Maine members of Congress and agriculture department officials discussed Wednesday they are looking into recent extreme fluctuations in potato trading on the New York mercantile exchange.

Telegrams to federal officials from Maine potato growers point out that trading in Maine potatoes has hit the highest level in exchange history and ask an investigation into the possibility of manipulations affecting the price of their product.

Senator Frederick Payne (Rep. Me.) said he has discussed the situation with agriculture department officials and with the Senate banking and currency committee, of which he is a member.

Sharp Rebuke To Laborites Churchill Smooths U.S. Relations

LONDON (AP)—In an apparent softening of government policy, Prime Minister Churchill said Wednesday Britain "should be careful" of what advice she gives friends and allies on the surrender of Nationalist offshore islands to Red China.

There is no question of Britain being involved militarily or being needed in the defence of the coastal islands, he said. Thus the problem does not fall on the British government.

Churchill spoke sharply to Laborites who want the islands surrendered to Red China in a bid to bring peace to the Formosa straits.

His move apparently was directed at smoothing British-American differences on the offshore islands. He warned against pressing the United States too far on the issue.

SCORNFUL REFUSAL

Churchill gave a written statement to the House of Commons after he verbally described as "scornful" Red China's refusal to attend a United Nations Security Council meeting on Formosa.

He turned down a Labor suggestion that he intervene personally with Red China's Premier Chou En-lai.

The Labor party's national executive kept the controversy in the foreground by urging that Red China be given membership in the United Nations as a way of settling the Far East crisis.

In his written report on the Formosan situation, Churchill said "There is a great difference between the coastal islands of China and the island of Formosa."

Unemployment Climbs To Post-War Peak

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian unemployment has climbed to a post-war peak and labor leaders Monday demanded government action to halt the rise.

Heads of Canada's two largest union congresses called for work-providing measures after the government announced an estimate of 362,000 persons out of work and looking for jobs late in January.

This figure is an increase over the previous high estimate of 318,000 last March — normally the month of post-unemployment—and informants said it is still going up.

Meanwhile, the labor department said that at Jan. 20 last 569,582 persons were looking for work through its National Employment Service, barely under the post-war record of 569,896 of last March. Informants said that figure since has risen to around 600,000.

Claude Jodoin, president of the 580,000-member Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, said a federal-provincial conference should be called to devise ways of creating more jobs. The conference also should include municipalities and representatives of labor organizations.

Sees Storm Claims Fraud

TORONTO (CP)—Reeve Marie Curtis of suburban Long Branch said Wednesday some of the victims of the flooding of Hurricane Hazel last fall should be prosecuted for fraud.

The reeve said in an interview some of the 146 property owners whose flood-damaged property was expropriated by the metropolitan council for park land claimed payment for damages they did not suffer.

She said in one case a man protested the price set on his house

Adenauer Cracks Whip On No. 2 Coalition Party

By BRACK CURRY

BONN (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer Wednesday threatened expulsion of the Free Democrats (FDP) from his four-party government unless they support the Paris agreement to Europeanize the Saar. A political crisis threatened as the Free Democrats, the No. 2 party, replied defiantly.

Adenauer's ultimatum was delivered on the eve of a parliamentary debate on the Paris accords to arm 500,000 West Germans in Western defence. The Saar deal, unpopular among many West Germans, is among those accords. The French insist upon it as part of a package deal.

Thomas Dehler, the FDP's national chairman, retorted:

"The threat of the chancellor can only lead the Free Democratic deputies to a hardening of their attitude. So long as I am chairman of the Free Democrats, our deputies will remain three and will resist any and all threats."

In a statement, the FDP said its deputies in the Bundestag (lower house) "do not see any other possibility than to vote against the Saar agreement, as it does not provide for a true European solution to this territory's status or grant it autonomy."

RIOTING FEARED

Adenauer's backers had hoped until Wednesday—that some of the 47 FDP deputies would support the treaty to place the German-speaking border state under a neutral commissioner until the final peace treaty with Germany is written.

WHEN A GIRL IS ANXIOUS TO KEEP A SECRET — KEEP HER ANXIOUS!



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	35	48
Vancouver	18b	0
Edmonton	18b	4b
Calgary	28b	9b
Saskatoon	22b	7b
Regina	27	34
Toronto	23	31
Ottawa	33	35
Montreal	31	34
Quebec	34	41
Fredericton	34	39
Saint John	34	40
Moncton	34	40
Halifax	21	41
Charlottetown	35	38
Sydney	35	40
Yarmouth	34	39
St. John's	33	52

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office says rain and snow will continue in most of the district today but slowly improving weather is expected later in the day with clearing skies forecast in northern regions.

Forecast for Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties: Overcast; intermittent rain changing in the morning to snowflurries; colder with south winds 15 shifting during the morning to northwest 15. Low-high at Charlottetown and Moncton 33 and 38.

Lower St. John river valley: Cloudy and colder; winds northwest 16; low-high at Fredericton 32 and 35, Saint John 33 and 38.

Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Snow changing in morning to snowflurries; clearing in afternoon; colder; northeast winds 20 shifting about dawn to northwest 15. Low-high at Edmundston and Campbellton 30 and 32.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12.13 p. m. Sun rises today at 7.01 a. m. and sets at 5.53 p. m.