

## Ship-To-Shore Operation For Mid-Canada Line Was Success

OTTAWA (CP)—Against the caprices of sub-Arctic weather and sea, the federal transport department in 1956 landed 35,000 tons of supplies for construction of the mid-Canada radar warning line with the loss of just 10 tons of cargo.

The hazardous operation in the Hudson Bay and James Bay area started in 1954, went on for five months this year. Next summer it will continue.

More than 40 government landing craft were used to ferry to shore supplies carried by commercial vessels from Montreal to points off shore from the radar sites. The landing craft made runs of from a half-mile to 10 miles from the larger ships' anchorages.

Standard docking and unloading facilities were either lacking or very limited, and the northern weather was rough. Sometimes, landing craft could not go alongside the cargo ships for days on end.

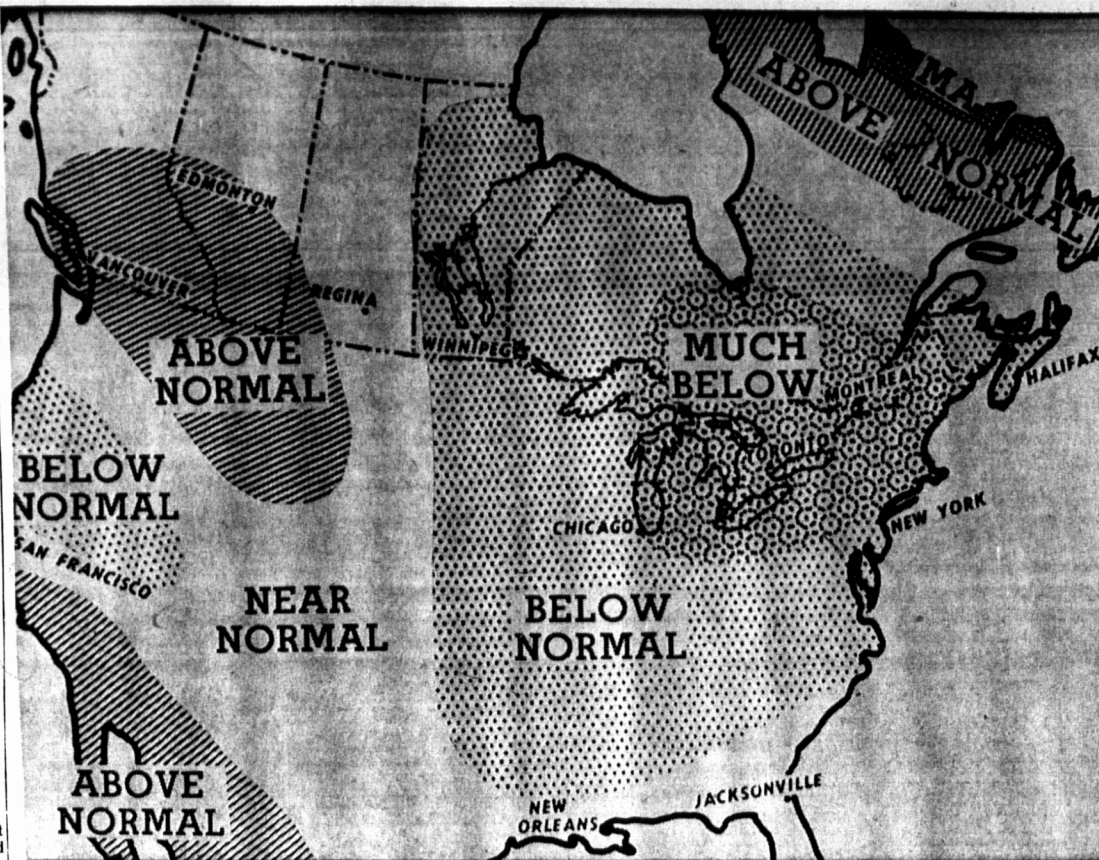
**TEMPORARY DOCKS**  
The group broke up the experi-

ments under way into four main groups—crop production, soil preservation and enrichment, food preservation, and animal science.

As far as crop production, soil fertility and livestock production are concerned, the main benefit of radiation lies in its ability to penetrate biological tissues and induce changes in them. For the moment, these changes possible are essentially destructive. Experiments are concentrated on the use of isotopes to kill off insect pests infesting growing crops, livestock, or stored foods and to aid in sterilizing or pasteurizing foodstuffs, like meat, by killing bacteria.

One possibility now being investigated is to give lightly salted bacon a radiation exposure to increase its life in storage.

But perhaps the first wide use of radiation will be with potatoes. Experiments have been under way for several years to inhibit sprouting in stored potatoes by subjecting them to light bombardment by isotopes.



### TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

Washington—Most of Eastern Canada and the province of Manitoba may expect temperatures lower than seasonal normals in the next 30 days, according to this map based on the long-range forecast of the United States weather bureau. Near or above-normal temperatures are expected in Western Canada. Northern Quebec, Labrador and Newfoundland are in for above normal readings.

## No Sign Of Early Change In U. S. Defences In Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's call for broad authority to use U.S. forces against any Communist aggression in the Middle East apparently contemplates no immediate change in the American defence lineup in that area.

Eisenhower Saturday asked Congress for a free hand to respond quickly with available troops, planes and ships to any Red effort to force communism on the independent nations of the Middle East.

But at the Pentagon there was no sign that the president's plan envisions a preparatory redeployment of forces overseas.

It should be assumed that strategic or tactical blueprints to cover a variety of situations in any part of the world, including the Middle East, long have been in the files of the joint chiefs of staff. War plans are revised constantly to fit new political situations, the advent

of new weapons, the shifting of forces by potential enemy nations.

Thus, a buildup in the number of naval ships and aerial firepower of the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean began months before the president started drafting his request to Congress.

**NOBILITY IS KEY**

The anti-submarine force of ships and aircraft for the 6th Fleet also has been stepped up.

What the Eisenhower request does appear to do is place a premium on the capability of the armed forces for quick mobility to fight any kind of war.

The type of action that might be needed in some parts of the Middle East to "secure and protect the territorial integrity and political independence" of a nation asking for such protection, as Eisenhower phrased it, might not be that which the navy could provide.

To meet such requirements, the

## Will Hold London Conference On Constitution For Nigeria

LONDON (Reuters)—A conference to discuss possible self-government for Nigeria will be held in London in May if possible, but not later than mid-June, the colonial office announced here today.

A conference on the constitutional future of the West African colony—Britain's largest—was scheduled for last September, but was postponed.

Today's colonial office announcement said the four regional governments of Nigeria, as well as the federal government at Lagos, had agreed to the timetable for the coming conference on suggestions by Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd.

At a similar London conference in 1953, Britain would not fix a definite date for self-government over the whole Nigerian federation, but said that independence would be granted in 1956 to regions wishing it—subject to certain safeguards.

**ALPINE PEAK**  
Monte Rosa, highest peak in the Swiss Alps, towers 15,217 feet.

## Potatoes Are First To Be Preserved By Radiation

ROME (AP)—Your potatoes are sprouting too much down in the cellar this winter? Dose them with a little radioactivity.

Want to grow roses on a spruce tree? Try radioactive isotope P-32. The peaceful outcrop of the atom can stiffen the stalks of barley and make for quicker and easier harvesting. It can keep green bananas in storage longer before they ripen, tell the scientist why some sheep need more food than others—and aid the farmer in hundreds of different ways.

The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has set up a committee to correlate and exchange information on ways the atom can help in European agriculture. Recently it completed its first meeting at Wageningen, in The Netherlands. Its findings and recommendations are being studied and catalogued at FAO headquarters here.

## Tangier Is No Longer International But Moroccan City

TANGIER, Morocco (AP)—The world's last truly international city will change its status in 1957. Free-wheeling Tangier will become just a northern port of entry for newly-independent Morocco.

The city and international zone of more than 200,000, once a haven for hoarded gold and fearless smugglers, is already seeing changes. More are coming.

Its gold has mostly vanished into the bank vaults of Zurich or Geneva.

Its lawyers are more occupied with judicial liquidations than in the formation of new tax-dodging corporations. Real estate deals are more imaginary than real, due to a lack of transactions.

Intrigue or business can be pleasant in Tangier. It welcomed the new year with temperatures in the 60s, good food and drink and a favorable foreign exchange. The Arab Casbah retains its smell, narrow streets and charm for tourists.

Belgian administrator Van de Kerchove de Hallebaert has relinquished his office to Moroccan Governor Abdellah Guennoun. The legislative assembly no longer sits. A mixed tribunal of 14 international jurists still meets to judge pickpockets and fugitives from Europe but alongside sits a Moroccan court.

The British post office, started in 1825 to carry letters of British diplomats and merchants across the strait to Gibraltar, will close April 30. The Spanish post office also will close soon.

Tangier has been successively a provincial capital, embarkation point for the Moslem invasion of Spain and Portugal, Portuguese fortress, English port and haunt of pirates.

The city and its environs became an international territory

## Marooned Ships In Suez Canal Begin To Move

EL QANTARA, Egypt (AP)—A string of ships marooned in the Suez Canal more than two months got up steam Sunday and began a complicated voyage to the open sea.

The task of freeing the trapped freighters and tankers was undertaken under Egyptian supervision. First, the ships had to turn around—the first time in history vessels have changed direction in the canal.

In all, 13 ships of seven countries were caught heading south in the canal when British and French warplanes began bombardment Oct. 31 in preparation for the invasion of Port Said. Sunken ship way out.

The first two ships to turn around and head north for Port Said were the 11,110-ton Norwegian tanker Eli Knudsen and the 22,610-ton Cities Service tanker Statue of Liberty. The latter, under Liberian registry, has a Dutch captain and crew.

The only way out of the 103-mile canal at present is through Port Said. The southern end is still blocked.

Twelve of 13 ships were in a southbound convoy which left Port Said Oct. 30. They were stranded about seven miles north of Ismatlia.

Col. Mahmoud Yunes, managing director of the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority, said it would take two days to turn all the ships.

## Takes A While To Adjust To Antarctic 24-Hour Day

McMURDO SOUND, Antarctica (AP)—This is the land of the big eye. The most popular club in this U.S. navy base is the Big Eye Club. You automatically join if you try to imitate the sun by staying awake 24 hours a day.

Nobody knows who started the term big eye. It's a good name for the glassy stare folks give each other when they meet in the midnight sun shine. "Big eye, huh?" you say to the other party, pretending to be on an important mission yourself.

Actually you are on your way to the mess hall to see if there is an unscheduled big eye movie. The other fellow is probably trying to find a poker game.

**JARS HABITS**

For the first time in history people are flying from New Zealand, a land of night and day, 2,250 miles to an Antarctica of continuous daylight. The sudden change bars the sleeping habits of a lifetime.

You can tell the new arrivals by the way they stand around outside late at night wondering whether a climb up observation hill would make them tired enough to feel like sacking down.

The old timers have given up attempting to outlast the sun. They are inside the windowless quonset huts trying, as a chief warrant officer put it, "to get back on a sleeping schedule even if they stay awake all night in the attempt."

On previous expeditions to Antarctica it took weeks for a ship to battle its way through the ocean and pack ice that rings the continent. The transition to constant daylight was gradual.

Today you climb aboard a big air force Globemaster at Harewood Airport, Christchurch, N.Z., in mid-afternoon. When you land on the ice strip runway about 11 hours later your watch says it is about three in the morning.

The sun is shining with a glare that calls for dark glasses as soon as you climb down from the plane. By the time you have eaten early breakfast in chow hall and unpacked your gear the rest of the camp is in full stir. A night's sleep was lost without being missed.

The first afternoon is the critical period. If you succumb to a brief nap, all is lost. You awake so refreshed you stay awake all night and the Big Eye Club has a new member.

## Charterhouse Brothers Enjoy Old Comfortable Quarters

By MURIEL PENN

LONDON (Reuters)—Charterhouse, one of the most beautiful relics of Elizabethan London, now is almost completely restored after extensive damage by fire bombs during the war.

Its great hall, where a number of kings and queens have dined through the centuries, is being used again by the "brothers" who live at Charterhouse.

Any retired professional man, who is over 60 years of age, a member of the Church of England, either a bachelor or a widower with an income of not more than £4 (\$11.20 a week, and is medically fit, may apply for admission.

Once elected, he may stay for life. One of the present brethren has lived either at Charterhouse or, during the war in quarters in the country provided by the Charterhouse governors, for 20 years.

**VERY FEW RULES**

Charterhouse maintains a resident matron, nurses and a doctor to care for the brethren and a staff of maids to clean their rooms and prepare their four meals a day.

Rules and regulations are few. Brothers are free to come and go as they please.

They are the privileged few who live in an oasis of tranquillity amid the hustle and stir of city life and only a stone's throw from one of the world's biggest meat markets, mthfield.

Inside their monastic gateway, exteriors have hardly changed since Elizabethan times. A sun dial looks down upon the lines left

in the grass of the master's court to show the position of the old monastery walls.

Even modern brick facings have been removed to show the ancient walls, where they still exist. Yet within, central heating, electricity, even synchronized clocks, add modern comfort to ancient charm.

**PANELLING SAVED**

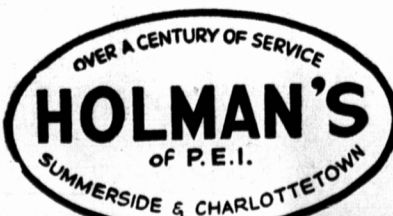
In 1941, a fire started by incendiary bombs left the great hall roofless. But most of the oak panelling with its ornamental carvings was saved and, cleaned and renovated, is back today where it had been for 300 years and more before the fire.

The original Charterhouse was founded by Sir Walter de Manny in 1371. In 1611 Thomas Sutton endowed it as a home for 80 poor men, who became known as "brothers," and a school for 40 poor boys.

Through the years, the school grew and changed its character to the extent that it gradually became a school for the rich rather than the poor. In 1872, it moved to Godalming, Surrey, and is today one of Britain's well-known public schools.

**LONELY SPOT**

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexico will begin exercising its sovereignty over the Revillagigedo Islands this year. An expedition of 30 marines will be sent shortly to the islands, 450 miles west of the Mexican Pacific port of Manzanillo.



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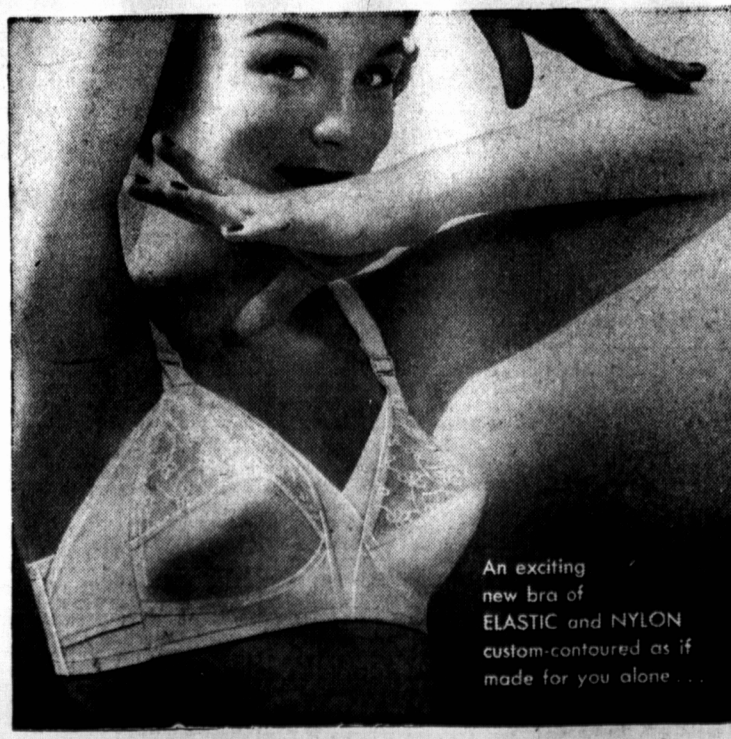
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