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ODD KNOCKS SPARK FEARS

EDMONTON (CP) — Harry Sydera, 50, is beginning to have second thoughts about going to bed.

Last Friday, he and his family had retired for the night in a basement bedroom when they heard knocking on the east wall of their house. Thinking it was a prowler, Mr. Sydera telephoned police but no suspect could be found for the noise.

The next day Mr. Sydera took the wall apart but found nothing.

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Tragedy Marks UN Advance

LEONOLDFVILLE (AP) — The important Kalinga province mining center of Jadoville fell to United Nations troops within eight hours of the UN's advance.

President Mose Thombwe was reported fleeing with his troops toward Kolwezi.

But tragedy stalked the UN forces. They evidently entered the city under orders to do so from higher echelons, and an officer should never have happened.

An Indian UN officer deplored the incident, saying it should never have happened.

UN headquarters in New York said its communication with the Congo broke down over instructions on the Jadoville march.

Katanga sendarmier and his mercenaries who had threatened to fight for Jadoville street by street and to kill the population, had not fired several hours before the first UN infantrymen entered the city.

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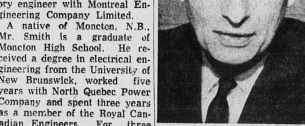
The new general manager of Maritime Electric Company Limited, Robert W. Smith, arrived in Charlottetown from Montreal yesterday afternoon.

He succeeds A.J. Cameron, who has been general manager of the company for the past six years.

For the past 15 years Mr. Smith has been senior supervising engineer with Montreal Electric Company Limited.

A native of Montreal, N.B., Mr. Smith is a graduate of Moncton High School. He received a degree in electrical engineering from the University of New Brunswick, worked five years with North Quebec Power Company and spent three years as a member of the Royal Canadian Engineers. For three years he was assistant professor in the electrical department of the University of New Brunswick.

He expects to move his wife and four children to Charlottetown from Montreal early in February when he will take on full-time duties as general manager of Maritime Electric.



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Poet Dies At Montreal

MONTEAL (CP) — Poet Dorothy Sproule, 66, died Wednesday night in the Montreal apartment where she has lived for the last 35 years.

Most of her books of poems were published in the 1930's, but she was a busy writer almost until the end of her life, contributing articles and poems to newspapers and magazines.

In an interview Nov. 4 on her 65th birthday, Mrs. Sproule said she was still writing a poem a week and doing her own housekeeping. She said her chief reward was that she has never learned to type.

Perhaps her best known volume is poetry is "Bread and Roses," first published in 1937.

WROTE NATURE VERSE
Others, appearing earlier, included "Poems of Life," "The Mystic Star," "The Golden God and Earth and Stars," "Nature," the four seasons and holidays were her principal themes.

She was born Dorothy Curran in 1897, of a pioneer family in eastern Ontario's Dundas County. Her father was a rural postmaster.

In 1944 she married Methodist minister Frederic Sproule, who served congregations in Montreal and eastern Ontario until his death in 1954.

She is survived by a son, Frederic, a mining engineer.

Diefenbaker Has Cabinet Meeting

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker held his first meeting of the new year with his cabinet colleagues—Thursday.

He followed his pre-Christmas talks with President Kennedy and Prime Minister Macnamara.

There were no announcements before or after the two-day meeting, which was held after Mr. Diefenbaker's return from a Bahamas vacation that followed his Dec. 21-22 meetings with the British and American leaders in Nassau.

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Canada Sees Analogy In Shaking Commitments

OTTAWA (CP) — General Louis Norstad, retired Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, said Thursday Canada would not be living up to its NATO commitments if it doesn't accept nuclear warheads.

He said at a press conference that Canada had made a commitment to supply nuclear capability for air division and army brigades in Europe and that NATO is depending on Canada to observe this commitment.

He said Canada cannot meet this commitment unless and until it signs a bilateral agreement with the United States covering the supply of nuclear warheads and the nuclear training of the forces.

His view is the subject of a bilateral agreement is signed, he said, it would take three to six months to train Canadian forces in the use of nuclear warheads.

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CABINET MEETING DAY CANCELED

Beginning Jan. 8, the Executive Council will hold its regular weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., instead of Thursday afternoons as has been the custom for many years. Premier Walter R. Shaw said yesterday that Tuesday meetings will speed up business of government. "With Thursday meetings," he said, "it has usually been Monday before minutes-in-council were transcribed and sent to the Lieutenant-Governor for signature. By getting our business done on Tuesday mornings, this process will be speeded up considerably." Here Premier Shaw signs the call of allegiance during ceremonies at Government House yesterday during which his new cabinet was sworn in by Lieutenant-Governor F.W. Hyndman.

Blizzards And Gales In England Raise Threat of Milk Shortage

LONDON (CP) — Fresh blizzards and gales sweeping Britain Thursday raised the threat of a nationwide milk shortage and halted the export of fodder to starving snowbound cattle.

With blocked roads cutting off milk supplies, some London dairies began rationing families to a half-pint a head daily.

Quick-freezing rain disrupted animal schedules. Three trains — a passenger train and two freights—were abandoned in snow drifts near Bath in West England.

The weather bureau said London has had at least 20 inches of snow since the big freeze set in Dec. 28. More snow was forecast.

In Ireland, huge drifts cut off villages in the Wicklow Hills south of Dublin. Milkknockers, with the population has ceased no food, fuel or mail for five days.

In a major industrial centre in northern France, was paralyzed. The public market in Germany's industry and the Dutch port at Rotterdam, Norway shivered in its third-coldest winter of the 20th century. Brussels, Belgium, had no buses moving and practically no cars because of ice on the streets.

Former S'side Minister Dies

TRURO (CP) — Rev. Hugh James Fraser, former registrar and professor of English at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College here, died Thursday in hospital at the age of 87. Born in Waterville, N.S. the former Presbyterian minister held pastorates at Logville, N.B., Summerside, P.E.I. and Truro before joining the college.

FIVE PERSONS MISSING

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Two cars which plunged through the gap left when a bridge collapsed Tuesday were located at the bottom of Clode Sound at Port Burgeo Thursday.

There were no signs of five persons who are believed to have gone down with the cars.

One of the vehicles, owned and believed driven by Robert Skiffington of Musgravetown, was empty when it was dragged ashore late Thursday. He was thought to have been alone in the late-model sedan which plunged into the water minutes after heavy ice and high water carried away the bridge part of a causeway.

The second car was also located by scuba divers from Gander, Nfld., but it was not immediately known whether it contained any bodies. It was still in the process of being hauled ashore late Thursday.

The second car was believed driven by Harry Allan Skiffington, 20, of Musgravetown. Passengers were Gordon Burden, 46, his 17-year-old daughter Doreen, and Mrs. Walter Gander, 33, all of Port Burgeo. The two drivers were believed to be dead.

Four divers from the Gander RCMP station and two civilian Gander divers took part in operations to recover the cars. Dragging started Wednesday, although the search was hampered by strong currents, high water and drifting ice in the sound, an arm of Bonaville Bay.

The two cars are believed to have driven into the water minutes after the bridge collapsed. The bridge dropped into the sound and was whirled away. About 20 feet of water was under the bridge, and currents estimated at 20 knots were swirling in through the hole. Port Burgeo is about 70 miles northwest of here.

BRIDGE THREATENED

MEANWHILE, a bridge across the Gampo River was still being threatened by high water and drifting ice. Although the bridge was still standing Thursday, it was under eight inches of water and closed to all traffic.

The river floods most years, usually during the spring, when the snow melts. The bridge is a narrow, wooden girder spanning it about two miles east of the town of Gampo, and about 30 miles north of Port Burgeo.

They were the only two breaks in the highway which spans the province, although in places the bridge is impassable because of muddy conditions brought on by a week of heavy rain and mild weather.

The highway was open from here to Port Burgeo, where the break in the causeway has all traffic stopped, with no secondary route around, and from Gampo to Port Burgeo on the west coast. But the highway's department said the road is taking a beating usually reserved for the spring thaw.

How long the province will be divided isn't known yet. It will depend on how long it takes the water at Gampo serious damage whether the bridge comes through without serious damage or could take a month to repair the damage at Port Burgeo. A smaller gap in the causeway caused by ice last spring took three weeks to fix.

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Prediction Is Made By Research Board

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's deep-sea fishermen will soon have daily reports on sea conditions that will greatly help them locate schools of fish, the Fisheries Research Board said Thursday.

The prediction was made in one of several reports to the board on technical advances that promise to eliminate much of the luck in commercial fishing. The board's three-day annual meeting concludes Saturday.

The board's biological station in Nanaimo, B.C., said it is taking part in the development of an oceanographic information service that will be as important to fishermen as the meteorological service.

The new service has completed its first year of operation on the Pacific coast and is steadily extending its scope. The service provides information on water temperatures, tides and currents that are closely related to fish movements.

The Nanaimo station has developed a radiation thermometer that takes readings of water surface temperatures on high-speed aircraft. This gives a much wider and faster coverage than temperature readings by ships.

The board was told that four new radiation thermometers are being built for use on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

The St. Andrews, N.B., station reported that catches of swordfish, tuna and mackerel sharks may increase considerably as a result of its experiments.

More EFFECTIVE
The experiments showed that longline vessels are much more effective in catching these species than boats using the traditional harpoon method, the report stated.

Last September, the vessel Doris Reeves had taken 53 swordfish with longlines of 5000 and 3000 feet. In the 1962 season, 32 east-coast vessels engaged in longlining for 1,500 fish worth more than \$200,000.

The report said longlining could extend the fishing season by six to eight weeks. Longline gear is effective at night, unlike harpoons. The longline experiments are continuing.

The Vancouver station reported it had developed a pneumatic method of unloading salmon that is much faster than the orthodox method. Air pressure is used to force fish out of special tanks and onto the cannery dock.

The salmon packer "deck" vessel, the G. B. Reed, will export four tanks with a total capacity of 129,000 pounds, and the pneumatic device in early trials, the vessel was unloaded so fast that cannery handlers could not keep up.

The board also was told that its second fisheries research vessel, the G. B. Reed, will go into operation on the Pacific coast this month, starting with a salmon fishing cruise. The sister ship, A. T. Cameron, is based in Dartmouth, N.S.

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