



TRACADIE CROSS AIRMAN IN SARDINIA

Leading Aircraftman Ed Mullen, 23, of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Mullen, Tracadie Cross, P.E.I. is shown feeding the donkey that hauls the refuse cart at the R.C.A.F.'s Air Weapons Unit, Decimomannu, Sardinia. LAC Mullen is feeding him a tangerine he had just picked from a tree nearby. A photographer with 430 Fighter Squadron based at Grostenquin France LAC Mullen loaded and processed camera gun film for the Squadrons Sabre VI aircraft while they were engaged in firing exercises for a two week period. (R.C.A.F. Photo)

Former Transport Chief Sees No Solution In Subsidies

By JOHN LeBLANC
OTTAWA (CP) — Clarence D. Shepard, just retired as chief of the Board of Transport Commissioners, suggests the government must take a new look at railroad subsidies. Specifically, westerner Shepard has committed Prairie heresy by saying there should be an assessment of how the railways make out on the low-Crowsnest Pass freight rates on grain in the west, a source of railway grumbling for many years. Free to talk out as he heads for a private business job reputed to pay about \$75,000 a year, the 51-year-old Mr. Shepard also indicated in an interview that he hasn't think much of the Cabinet's reported proposal of a federal subsidy to ease freight rate discrimination. NOT HAMPERED Nor does he put much stock in claims by the railways that they are unduly hampered by federal regulation in meeting competition from other carriers not as closely controlled by rate-setting boards such as the Transport Commissioners. Mr. Shepard, who was persuaded by Liberal Prime Minister Laurent to leave a lucrative

Winnipeg law practice to take on the \$18,500-a-year board post in early 1957, quit at the year-end to become chief counsel for British American Oil Company in Toronto. He has been succeeded by Rod Kerr, 56, Cape Breton-born former general counsel of the board, named assistant chief commissioner last fall. A TOUGH JOB Kerr's exacting job entails the regulation of railways, pipelines, some shipping services and some telephone services. The board is the federal government's top regulatory body. It takes a tough man to handle the chief commissioner's job and stay out of trouble. What did Mr. Shepard think of the Crowsnest rates on grain, a subject of western preoccupation for a half century? "The time has come, to assess whether they are at a proper level. This is not to say that they should be taken away from the control of Parliament or increased. But the railways should be adequately compensated for hauling the grain."

which many provincial governments have complained for years? "There are not enough facts available to determine its extent, if any," said Mr. Shepard, a former counsel for the Manitoba government in freight rate cases. "It involves the traditional question of 'who pays the freight' and this is arguable." The retiring chief commissioner was asked about perennial claims by many of the provinces that the board's practice of hoisting freight rates by straight percentage increases discriminates against the non-central provinces. NO ALTERNATIVE "There's been much argument but no one has suggested a workable alternative," he said. "The Interstate Commerce Commission (the United States Board) has tried making exceptions but has not been singularly successful." Of the cabinet's rumored plan to ease regional freight rate "discrimination" by giving subsidies to the eastern and western provinces, Mr. Shepard's comment was: "I've yet to see a subsidy the payment of which has resulted in a long-term solution to any problem."

NEED FACTS What about "discrimination" in freight rates between different sections of the country, about

MARCH OF SCIENCE

Rewards Of Space Rocket Programs Are In Knowledge

By ALTON BLAKESLEE
NEW YORK (AP) — Millions of dollars have been shot into the air — as space satellites and space probes. And what are the returns? Not a nickel yet in any practical reward or discovery. But satellites, American and Russian alike, have messaged back a raft of knowledge not obtainable in any other way. And it is knowledge could some day give a 10-to-1 return on the space dollars spent, bringing astounding benefits in everyday living. ADIATION BAND Most significant, probably, is discovery of an unsuspected band of radiation hovering high above the earth, beginning at an altitude of about 400 miles. It apparently consists of charged particles, electrons and photons, streaming from the sun and then becoming trapped to form a belt in the earth's magnetic field. But there seem to be holes or gaps free of radiation directly above both the north and south poles, says Dr. James van Allen of the State University of Iowa, whose radiation counters aboard explorer satellites detected the radiation halo. Charged particles leaking from the radiation band may be a cause of the northern lights, and some of the interference with radio communications on earth. SPACE HAZARD And it's apparently lethal enough, above 1,400-mile altitude to be a serious hazard for astronauts unless they are protected, unless they can avoid sailing through it too long. It could be highly significant, so for earthlings who stay on the ground. For it adds an important missing link in understanding electromagnetic forces in space, and their possible effects upon the earth's weather, climate and communications. Perhaps some day it will come methods of utilizing them. The earth is constantly bombarded by meteors, usually only the size of specks of dust. But satellite soundings indicate, along with other evidence, that some 100 tons a day of meteoritic stuff fall upon the earth—more than 1,000,000 tons a year. ANDROP SEEDS Perhaps this cosmic dustfall applies nuclei or seeds for raindrops to form around. The earth is countering a cloud of meteor-

CLC Supports Nfld. Strike

TORONTO (CP) — The International Woodworkers of America (CLC) announced Friday it has received support of the Canadian Labor Congress in the strike by 6,700 loggers at Grand Falls, Nfld. A telegram, sent by CLC President Claude Jodoin to IWA president A. F. Hartung in a Portland Ore., and Canadian president H. Landon Ladd in Toronto noted the loggers voted 99-percent in favor of a strike after a unanimous conciliation board award was accepted by the union but rejected by the company. "We notice with satisfaction that all the legal procedures, including certification of your union, under the laws of Newfoundland have been followed," the telegram said. ACTION APPROVED "The CLC approves your action and wishes you all success in reaching a satisfactory settlement of this strike." Mr. Ladd said the CLC action will have "immense repercussions," paving the way for support of the strike by unions in both Canada and the United States. "Many international unions have awaited congress leadership in backing the strike," he said.

Subway Riders In London Get 'Concessions'

LONDON (Reuters)—The London Transport Authority has bowed to subway riders with an announcement that it will install loudspeakers in stations to explain delays. The concession came Saturday after a hectic week in which the normally docile public rebelled at inadequate service and staged a series of "sit-tight" strikes in subway cars. The trouble began last week when some underground travelers were told to get out of a train before it had reached its destination. They refused.

Dosco Cuts Mine Program

SYDNEY (CP) — Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation said Wednesday it has curtailed underground development work in its Cape Breton coal mines. Vice-president H. C. M. Gordon, general manager, in charge of coal operations, said in an interview that non-essential development work had been postponed.

Unusual Sometimes Works In Dealing With Offenders

WELLAND, Ont. (CP)—Magistrate T. George Street, named Wednesday as chairman of the new National Parole Board, has often tried the unusual while dealing with offenders and is pleased with the results. He derives considerable satisfaction that for the most part those he has placed on probation have completed their terms satisfactorily and stayed out of further trouble. Magistrate Street, 40, won public notice a few years ago for sentencing two youths on breaking and entry charges to six months of conditional freedom instead of to a jail term. SPECIAL CONDITIONS His conditions included their going to work and that they bank half their earnings, keep out of restaurants and theatres and stay home after 7 o'clock every night. Otherwise they faced a year's imprisonment. He has made frequent visits to prisons of various kinds. Some-

RELIGION AND LIFE

BY VERY REV. GEORGE C. PIDGEON, D.D., LL.D.
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HISTORY MADE BY MEN WHO RISK ALL
"You are doing so well where you are; why do you leave it all and risk your future on this new scheme?" The answer: "I suppose it is the spirit of youth to launch out into the untired and uncertain."
Said James J. Hill: "Every man who amounts to anything stakes everything on some new venture. Mine was the Great Northern." Well, the venture against which the above well-meaning friend warned really made the man.
Said Jesus to His disciples after their night of fruitless toil: "Launch out into the deep" and there they caught more than they could handle. Jesus is saying the same thing to His chosen spirits still.
Two young men from Eastern Canada found employment in a lumber camp in Pennsylvania. Circumstances favored them and after a season's work promotion was offered them.
But news had reached them of new openings in the far north, and they left the safe and secure to venture all in a vast unbroken land. Here there was peril, but also possibility, and they took their part in a far greater adventure.
A new calendar calls attention to this word from J. M. Barrie: "Forward, brave hearts. To what adventure I cannot tell, but I know that your God is watching to see whether you are adventurous."
The creative movements of history have all been started by men who risked everything for the unseen and unknown. A book like Sir Leonard Woolley's Ur of The Chaldees gives us a new conception of Abraham's venture of faith when he left it all in answer to God's call to walk with Him in a land promised to his descendants. TURNED HIS BACK In Ur, religion was organized on a scale that dazzles the imagination even at this distance, but to maintain his personal experience of direct contact and communion with God, he turned his back on it all and entered a fellowship which has broadened and deepened for more than 3,000 years.
The discoveries in King Tutankhamen's tomb reveal the splendors of the civilization that Moses abandoned when he "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter" and obeyed the call to lead an enslaved or tribe into freedom.
Under what we call "adventure" the Scriptures write "faith," because it is discernment of spiritual realities hidden from the worldly that led the heroes of faith to leave all and follow the gleam.
Where are the successors of these spiritual giants of the past? There is, of course, the missionary. We dare not overlook the spiritual discernment and the creative energy of these men who saw in the cannibal the material for saintliness and who claimed from God his moral transformation.
But they are not the only ones whose faith works miracles in our time.
A retired teacher in Montreal told me about two of her boys. One had helped to shape the principles of a modern service club and started it on a course that led to fame; the other was the Klondike pioneer to whom we referred at the beginning of this article.
Both had left the safe and secure and comfortable to launch out on a great adventure. Young folk are doing this all around us and will continue doing it until the crack of doom. MANY NAMES Each of us has something in us that is his very own. Each of us has it in him to be something and do something distinctly his own. We call it individuality, originality and a variety of other names, but in plain English it means yourself. Every man's prayer ought to be: "Lord show me what I am that I may become what I ought to be."
Once an artist painted a picture of Jesus in which he tried to bring out the expression on Jesus's face as He looked at "the woman which was a sinner." That look said what words could never express: "You are not true to yourself in what you are doing. That is not what God

Nuclear Power Plant Expected In Ont. In '61

TORONTO (CP)—The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission says it hopes to have Canada's first nuclear-electric station in operation in 1961. Powerhouse excavation for the 20,000-kilowatt nuclear power demonstration project has been completed and first concrete will be poured shortly, the commission says in its year-end review. Construction of the plant near the des. Joachims generating station on the Ottawa River was resumed in July. It had been suspended for more than a year to incorporate design changes. The commission is also participating in the design and development phase of a full-scale nuclear plant. Site of the plant has not yet been established but present plans envisage the first unit of the proposed heavy-water natural-uranium type plant in the 200,000-kilowatt range. The commission said one of four units being added to the Richard L. Hearn steam plant in Toronto is scheduled for service early this year. All units were expected to be in operation by 1960 and will give the plant a capacity of 1,200,000 kilowatts.

Sick Benefit Funds Vanish In Toronto, Lamport Says

TORONTO (CP) — Allan Lamport whipped up the storm around the Toronto Transit Commission Friday by declaring more than \$200,000 of union-management sick benefit funds have "disappeared." The former TTC chairman said the fund had shrunk from a \$216,023 surplus three years ago to an estimated deficit of \$3,028 last week. He blamed the situation on improper handling and "errors and omissions." Mr. Lamport, who resigned last week in a quarrel over TTC management but stayed on as a commissioner, made the statement at a TTC meeting after an independent actuary reported the fund insolvent. "This money has disappeared inside of a month because it hasn't been properly handled," Mr. Lamport said. Opponent W. E. P. Duncan, general manager of the TTC, objected to the word "disappeared." "It implies dishonesty," he said. "I am not suggesting it disappeared dishonestly but it is gone," Mr. Lamport said. "And the reason it is gone is there was no provision for liabilities." Mr. Lamport said the depletion in the fund occurred despite an increase in contributions. The commission ordered its lawyers to investigate the fund's operations and report at the next meeting Jan. 13.

Springhill Fund Will Aid Persons, Not Town Itself

HALIFAX (CP)—Labor Minister S. T. Pyke of Nova Scotia said Wednesday that \$1,750,000 contributed to the Springhill Disaster Relief Fund will be used to help persons affected by the Oct. 23 mine cave-in. It would not be used to rehabilitate the town. Mr. Pyke, a resident of Springhill and fund chairman, said the provincial government felt capital to restore the town's economy should come from private interests or the government. A number of industries have offered by a special government committee. The Springhill Development Corporation, a subsidiary of an industry-promoting Crown corporation, has \$1,000,000 to help a new industry become established. "The Springhill disaster fund is being used, and will be used, to help individuals and families who have been affected by the Springhill disaster of last October," Mr. Pyke said. The fund committee, he said, is trying to establish as soon as possible individual annuities for widows and children of the 75 miners killed in October. They would be similar to those established for the widows and children of 30 men who died in a 1956 mine explosion at Springhill. These pay \$25 a month to each widow, \$10 to the youngest child in each family and \$5 a month for each other child, under the age of 16. Some \$85,000 has been disbursed in grocery credits to the widows and miners affected by the October disaster, Mr. Pyke said. Two welfare workers are in Springhill now to determine individual needs. A meeting of the committee will be held the first week of February to draw up a policy for distribution of the fund.

CHILD MAKES LONG JOURNEY

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (Reuters)—Six-year-old Fiona Margaret Brown, clutching a doll and a little plastic shopping bag, set off alone by air Friday on a 14,000-mile journey to Scotland. She was put in charge of the stewardess, who will hand her over to others on the flight via Fiji, Honolulu, Vancouver, Amsterdam and London. Fiona's mother died two years ago and since then she has been living with various relatives. Her father, John Brown, is sending her to live with his relatives at Motherwell, near Glasgow.

NAMED PRESIDENT

Clifford T. Foley, was appointed President and elected a director of Canadian Melrose Distillers Limited, Vancouver, B.C., following the annual meeting of shareholders and directors of the company held recently.

Canadians Seek To Leave Cuba

OTTAWA (CP) — About 57 Canadians in revolt-torn Cuba, most of them tourists, have asked to be evacuated. The external affairs department says steps to move them out of Havana have been taken and most of them are believed to be already in Florida or on their way there. In addition to the tourists, about 300 Canadians are reported to be permanent residents in Cuba, now taken over by rebel leader Fidel Castro. Most of these permanent residents have indicated they plan to remain in Havana and the surrounding area. Those who asked to be evacuated were living mostly in hotels and similar establishments hit by the general strike.

Electric Power Breakdown Sparks Emergency In Gaspé

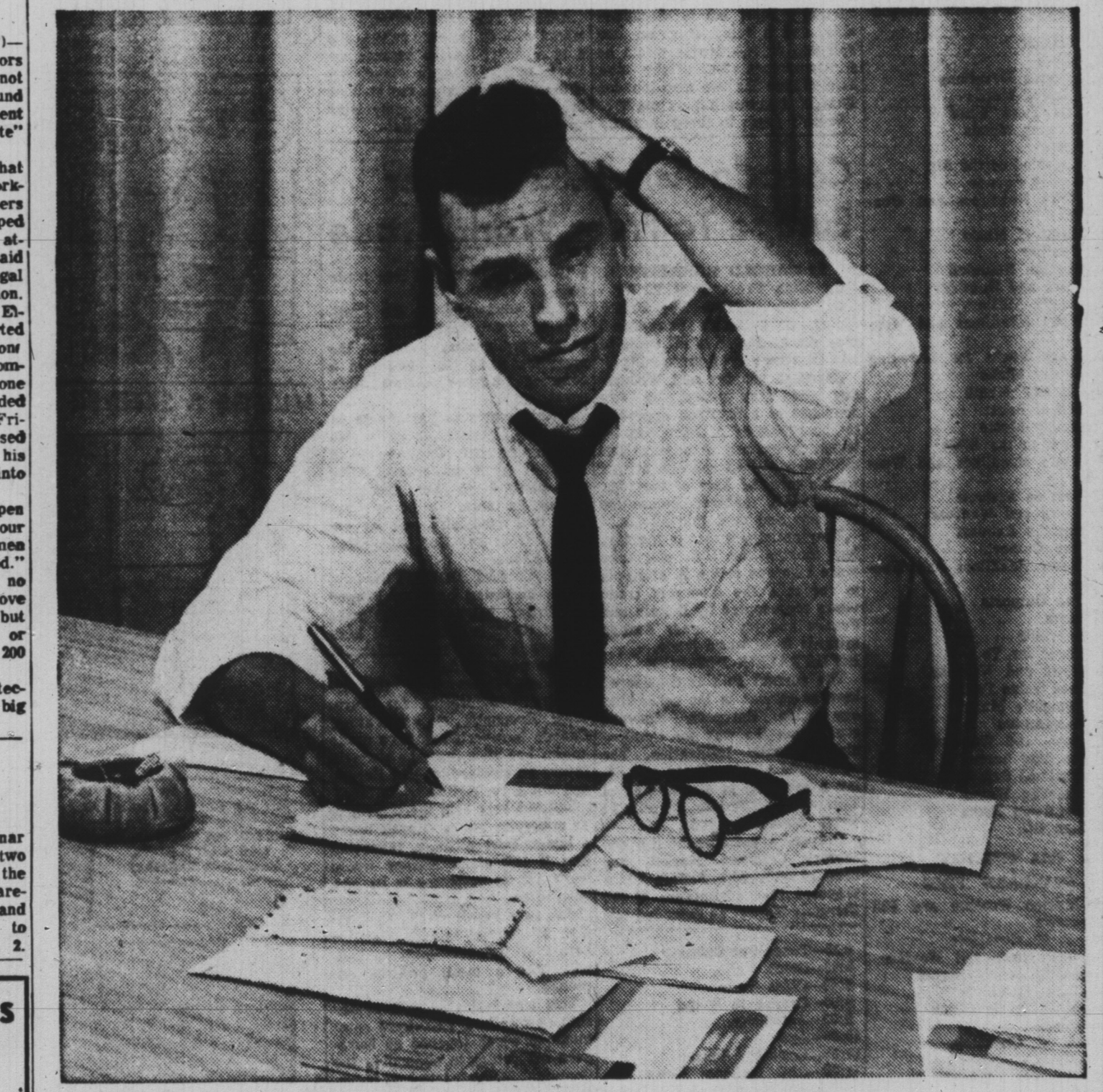
MONTREAL (CP)—The Gaspé Peninsula's supply of electric power from the Quebec north shore has been cut off and emergency equipment is being rushed to the area, the Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission announced Sunday. Measures have been taken to provide the Gaspé Peninsula with power until engineers and technicians determine the nature and location of the fault that caused interruptions in the Lower St. Lawrence region during the weekend, a Quebec-Hydro statement said. One of three underwater cables to the peninsula went dead Friday and its load was shifted to a spare cable. Further trouble developed early Sunday and the entire supply from the north shore was cut off. The source of the trouble is believed to have originated in the 31-mile cable under the St. Lawrence River. The cables run from the Manicouagan Peninsula, near Baie Comeau on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, to Les Bouches, 40 miles east of Rimouski. The power is transmitted to the Lower St. Lawrence Power Company, the mining centre of Murdochville, and two electricity co-operatives.

YOUTHFUL CLIMBER

CATANIA, Sicily (Reuters)—An eight-year-old boy who tried to climb 10,800-foot Mount Etna "to find out what the snow is made of" staggered into a police post 2,300 feet up the volcano Saturday night and said he was too tired to go on. He had vanished Thursday from his home and tramped 10 miles up the southern slopes of the mountain.

Nfld. Police Protection 'Inadequate'

GRAND FALLS, Nfld. (CP)—Independent woods contractors said Saturday they will not deliver wood to the strike-bound Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company without "adequate" police protection. They protested last week that striking International Woodworkers of America (IWA) loggers stopped 10 trucks and dumped the wood from some. The attorney general's department said the union's actions were illegal and promised police protection. Thursday, contractor Ben Elliot of nearby Botwood, escorted by RCMP officers, delivered an load of wood to the A.N.D. Company. But he said that when one of his trucks was being loaded in the Point Lemington area Friday, striking loggers "tossed" driver George Jewer and his helper Max Budgett bodily into their logging truck. The IWA's actions were "open defiance of the laws of our province," Elliot said. "My men were molested and threatened." Elliot said police offered no protection. An RCMP car drove by as the incident occurred but "what chance would three or four men have against almost 200 anyway?" "We need more police protection to break through such big picket lines," he said.



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