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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

Britain Writes End To Chapter In Royal Navy

LONDON (CP) — Britain wrote the end Friday to a historic chapter in the story of the Royal Navy and announced details of the navy's role in the nuclear age.

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several times greater range than anything we have possessed previously," Lord Selkirk said. Reliable sources said the admiralty has ordered construction of four guided weapons-carrying destroyers and 21 frigates—most of and anti-submarine duties.

At present the navy has an operational fleet of 270 ships backed by a reserve of more than 400 ships. Both British and American naval thought is that in atomic warfare, a carrier task force is much more likely to survive than fixed airfields or other land installations that could be pinpointed for atomic missiles.

Lord Selkirk said "a global war might be fought to a quick end by the use of nuclear missiles. It might well, on the other hand, drag on, and in that event the navy would be needed to protect our merchant ships as in the past and to reinforce the hitting power of our allies."



JUNIOR HIGHLAND DANCERS COMPETING AT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Dancing And Choral Reading At Music Festival Yesterday

Considerable disappointment at the small number of entries from Charlottetown schools in the Choral Reading classes at this year's Festival of Music, was expressed by the adjudicator, Miss Helen Yeo, and the platform secretary, Mrs. J. G. MacLean, during the adjudication of these classes which took place yesterday morning at Notre Dame convent auditorium.

Presiding Officer yesterday morning at Notre Dame Convent Auditorium was Miss Hazel Hunter. This session which commenced at 9 a.m. was devoted exclusively to Choral Reading classes.

In general reference to the quality and training of the various groups competing in the six classes completed at this session, the adjudicator, Miss Helen Yeo, made the following comment: "In Choral Reading, mechanics are important; on the whole the voices were pleasing and enunciation good. However we look more especially for the interpretation of the meaning and the emotion, the sustaining of rhythm and sound."

Jordan's King In Strong Drive Against The Reds

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — King Hussein placed Jordan under a military governor Friday and launched a determined war against the Communists in his kingdom.

The Arab Legion, the king's loyal army, began a roundup of Communists, left-wing leaders and extreme nationalists in an attempt to snuff out the Red influence which has helped keep the country in seething ferment.

Fire Threat Is Seen In N.B. Forest Areas

FREDERICTON (CP) — The government announced Friday permits must be obtained from the local fire warden or other authorized official to enter forest lands between May and Nov. 1. Continued dry weather accompanied by stiff winds has increased the grass fire hazard in the central and southern sections of the province beyond the danger point.

N. B. McLean Is Successful In Reaching Two Nfld. Outposts

HALIFAX (CP) — The icebreaker N.B. McLean Friday delivered badly needed food supplies to two outposts in Bay of Islands, Nfld., after heavy ice stalled earlier attempts.

The McLean tried to butt her way 25 miles up the west coast of Newfoundland from Corner Brook Thursday, but returned to port to await a change in wind. Conditions improved Friday and late in the day the icebreaker radioed that she reached the two settlements of Lark Harbor and York Harbor.

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Says Causeway Within Bounds of Feasibility

HALIFAX (CP)—Works Minister Winters said Friday night that preliminary investigations indicate that a causeway between Prince Edward Island and the mainland "is within the bounds of economic feasibility."

He held the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Liberal Association that a technical and economic survey will be completed this fall and if the feasibility of a causeway is established "we would hope to begin construction as soon as possible after that."

The technical surveys, he said, include testing the rock fill in the four seasons of the year to determine what type of rock is best suited for the job. The surveys are being carried out by the federal government.

Says N.S.-N.B. Not Consulted Re Power Plants BRIDGETOWN, N.S. (CP)—Premier Stanfield said Friday night that the federal government, which has indicated its willingness to build thermal power plants in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, should have sought advice from the areas concerned.

The government of Nova Scotia, he said, "is most anxious to discuss with the government of Canada ways and means of reducing the cost of our power. Unfortunately we have never been asked for our views."

He told the Progressive Conservative nominating convention for Deputy-Annapolis Kings that the Nova Scotia power commission has been in business for more than 30 years and its officials "know a great deal more about power problems in this area than does the federal government."

He said however that "all Nova Scotians will appreciate the interest the government of Canada is taking in the cost of our power." But he said the province can't make any agreement until the cost of the electricity is known.

Dr. Adams To Face New Charges

LONDON (AP)—Dr. John Bodkin Adams, acquitted of murder on April 9, will be brought into court May 20 to face 16 lesser charges, his lawyers disclosed Friday. The 58-year old physician found innocent of drugging 81-year-old Mrs. Edith Morrell to death after the cremation, dangerous drug and forgery acts. The prosecution has charged he made false statements in signing an application for cremation of Mrs. Morrell's remains in 1950.

Adams' lawyers also announced the physician had filed libel suits against The Daily Mail, The Daily Mirror and The News Chronicle.

88 ALGERIANS KILLED

ALGIERS (AP) — The French claimed Friday they killed 88 Algerian rebels in two clashes on roads believed used by the nationalists for bringing arms from neighboring Tunisia. The French did not disclose their own losses, but conceded that five paratroopers including an officer were killed in a battle a week ago near Marbot, in the Algiers region.

U.S. Accepts Plan For Suez

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The United States accepted Egypt's new Suez Canal plan on a trial basis Friday even though not fully satisfied with it. U.S. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge told the UN Security Council Egypt's 1,000-word declaration on running the waterway, registered with the UN Wednesday, lacked necessary provisions for "organized co-operation" with the users to safeguard their interests.

But he said it should be "given a trial" and "practical arrangements" should be worked out under it while the 11-nation council kept the question under review. He announced that U.S. vessels would be authorized to pay tolls to Egypt only under protest until a settlement had been reached with the old Suez Canal Company, from which Egypt took the route last July 28. They have done this since that date to avoid being caught owing both Egypt and the company.

EXPLOSION WRECKS OIL TANK

Tension Mounts In Quebec Strike-Bound Copper Town

Canadian Fishermen Ask For Equal Fishing Rights

SEIGNORY CLUB, Que. (CP) — The Canadian fishing industry asked the federal government Friday to amend regulations governing fishing in eastern coastal waters to give Canadian nationals the same privileges enjoyed by craft of foreign registry.

The request was contained in one of a dozen resolutions passed by the Fisheries Council of Canada at the final session of its annual meeting here. The resolution said that for many years Canadian-owned and operated fishing craft over 65 feet in length have been prohibited from fishing in waters off the eastern Canadian coast which are open to foreign vessels.

ing craft over 65 feet in length from operating within a 12-mile limit off the east coast. However, this does not apply to foreign vessels which are required to remain only outside a three-mile limit. ENACTED IN 1929

Parliament enacted the prohibition for Canadian vessels in 1929 on the recommendation of a royal commission. At that time Canadian inshore fishermen had complained that the large trawlers were damaging their gear and eating into their catches by operating in inshore waters.

provinces now have authority—in the absence of competent, conflicting federal legislation — to authorize such construction. Another resolution proposed stiffer penalties for pollution of commercial fishing waters. It said water pollution is increasing steadily and that penalties in existing legislation are not strong enough to curb the practice.

stream or river. It said under the British North America Act the

No One Injured In Blast But Damage Estimated \$150,000

MONT-LOUIS, Que. (CP) — An explosion tore a hole Friday in an oil tank owned by the strike-bound Gaspé Copper Mines Limited, sending about 1,000,000 gallons of the fluid streaming over the area surrounding it.

Provincial police blamed dynamite for the blast at the 4,500-gallon tank and Didore Boucher, police chief of this Gaspé community, said it was "a plain case of sabotage." The tank was only about a quarter filled at the time. Damage was estimated at \$150,000.

The explosion came as tension mounted in the copper mining town of Murdochville, 35 miles inland from this St. Lawrence River port. Work in the town has been at a standstill for almost seven weeks as a result of a strike by members of the United Steelworkers of America (U.S.W.A.).

Mont-Louis mayor Horace Lemieux said the explosion jolted the community of some 1,700 about 4 a.m. AST. Residents two miles away were awakened by the blast.

FIRE PREVENTED The fact that the oil is very thick and burns only at a heat of more than 160 degrees Fahrenheit prevented a possible major fire. Chief Boucher said. No other buildings were damaged and there were no injuries.

The explosion came shortly after the arrival of a 60-man provincial police detachment in Murdochville and its first encounter with the strikers. Police halted all picketing in the town Thursday night.

Chief Boucher feared more violence in the area. "Everything has been quiet today but we're worried there might be other incidents," he said. Firefighters stood guard as the oil gushed from the broken tank but there appeared little danger of fire because of the heat needed to set off the oil.

The 300 strikers still in the town, 60 miles west of Gaspé, were reported remaining quietly in their homes. Provincial police took up places leading in and out of the area following the Mont-Louis explosion.

Bruno MacDonald representative of the United Steelworkers of America (U.S.W.A.) called the strike March 11, said in Murdochville. "We want to avoid all trouble but the situation is very tense."

The strike followed the firing of the local union president in Murdochville. About 1,000 men went on strike. Roughly half that number are living outside the area, some as far as 100 miles away. About 100 men left to find work elsewhere. MacDonald, a union welfare officer, said 750 workers now receive strike pay.

The tank explosion was reported to the attorney-general's department in Quebec and a "serious investigation" is under way.

NO VIOLENCE No blows were exchanged when police made strikers remove two shelters and a trailer from the Murdochville copper mine entrance Thursday.

"They gave us 15 minutes to clear out," MacDonald said. He said the strikers packed up and removed all the equipment including a loudspeaker used to transmit orders to pickets. The operation took 30 minutes.

The conflict, rooted in a dispute over certification that goes back to last June, is between the U.S.W.A. and Gaspé Copper Mines, a subsidiary of Noranda Mines. The union, claiming sufficient

membership, sought certification from Quebec labor relations board. A company-requested injunction was granted by the courts. The case is still before the courts.

When the union struck, the company obtained another injunction ordering pickets to allow company employees to pass through picket lines.

SAYS SHELTERS PERMITTED The union claims the injunction permitted the picketers to maintain shelters. However a provincial government spokesman said the injunction specifically forbids the erection of any picket shelters whatsoever on the mine property.

MacDonald said the police are "armed to the teeth." He listed sticks, tear gas bombs, revolvers and carbines as part of the equipment they have taken into Murdochville.

"About a dozen women in the town are planning to leave with their children," MacDonald said. He said there are about 250 married women in the community.

MacDonald said the bulk of the police force is located on the company's mine property. The road from Murdochville to Mont-Louis is heavily guarded.

Mont-Louis is the harbor town where ships load redies to house one for shipment to Montreal.

Provincial police have moved into a company bunk house where the mine's catering service is set up.

ORDERED STRIKERS OUT Police moved into the large building—with facilities to house some 300 men — after ordering strikers living there to leave.

MacDonald said the union has appealed to Bishop Albin LeBlanc of Gaspé to intervene in the dispute.

Thursday, in Montreal, a representative of the U.S.W.A. accused the provincial government of complicity in seeking to break the strike.

Theo Gagne, representing the Murdochville local, told the national policy conference of the U.S.W.A. the company had planted dynamite at the company gate recently in an effort to "smear" the strikers and cause trouble.

The convention urged its 350-odd locals to back the strike with donations of at least \$1 a month per member.

Sentenced For Murder In 1929

PATERSON, N.J. (AP)—James (Cockeye) O'Leary, 63-year-old prohibition era figure, was sentenced Friday to 10 to 12 years in prison for a murder he committed 28 years ago.

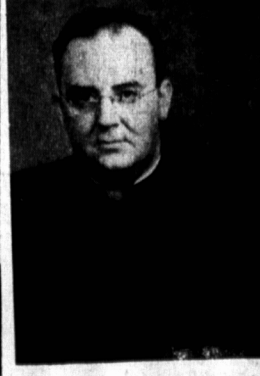
O'Leary, a used car salesman, was found guilty of second-degree murder March 20 in the gangland slaying of Alex (Schmutz) Szabo who fell under a hall of bullets in the rear of a Passaic garage on May 2, 1929.

The case was brought to trial by a chance discovery of four indictments in a forgotten filing cabinet last December.

MARTIN PLANS VISIT SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—Health Minister Paul Martin is due to arrive here at Sunday for weekend visits to the city's tuberculosis hospital, a Jewish oratorical contest and new hospital construction projects.



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Archbishop Skinner will be the principal speaker at the Commencement Exercises to be held in the Alumni Auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, May 14th. A native Newfoundland, Archbishop Skinner was for several years Rector of Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax, and it was while in that position that he was named and consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of St. John's on March 17, 1950. In January 1951 he was appointed to his present position.



CENTRAL ROYALTY GROUP WINS FIRST PLACE Central Royalty School Group, in Class 200, schools of 4 rooms session held yesterday afternoon at Prince of Wales College, St. John's, who were awarded first place and over, at the music festival at Prince of Wales College.