



A MAGNIFICENT TRIP, SCOUTS SAY

"We had a truly magnificent trip — a wonderful experience," Frank J. Costello, Charlottetown, one of three Scoutmasters who accompanied the Island Scouts to the World Jamboree in England, told the Guardian last night.

The Island boys returned via an RCAF plane which carried them from Moncton on the last leg of their homeward flight. Their trans-oceanic trip started here July 18th.

At the City Airport which they reached at 11:30 p.m. last night, the Scouts were met by their joyful parents and whisked home quickly in order to rest after their long air journey from the United Kingdom.

The return flight left London shortly after midnight Wednesday but was several hours delayed en route due to two unscheduled stops — the first in Iceland, and the second at Goose Bay, Labrador.

Some of the returning Scouts were dressed in kilts which they had acquired in Scotland. Others had huge snowy sheepskins draped over their shoulders; these they had picked up in Iceland during their short visit there.

The chartered M.C.A. aircraft arrived in Moncton at 10:27 p.m. where they were met by a welcoming committee headed by Moncton's Mayor M.M. Baig, a provincial Scout official.

While in England the Scouts formed part of the 68 member contingent of Canadian Scouts attending the World Jamboree held at Sutton Coldfield.

Among the 16 Island Scouts arriving home last night were left to right: **FRONT ROW** — David Rogers, Charlottetown; Ross Davidson, Kensington; Lloyd Matthews, O'Leary; Frank Costello, Charlottetown; William Hamby, Charlottetown; **BACK ROW:** David Seller, Charlottetown; Scott Rogers, Charlottetown; Terry Manning, Charlottetown; Raymond MacLean, Charlottetown; Roscoe Pendleton, Kensington; Roger Craig, Charlottetown; Colin MacMillan, Charlottetown; Derek Buntain, Charlottetown.

Messrs. Costello, Davidson and Matthews were the leaders accompanying the group.

Missing from the picture are Scouts Walter Bethel, Frank Ellis, and John Roy, all of whom reside at Slemmon Park, near Summerside.

Arab States Planning To Isolate Syria, Is Report

U.S. Agrees To Let 24 Newsmen Visit China

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States Thursday reluctantly authorized 24 American newspaper men to go to Communist China. It remains to be seen whether the Communist regime at Peking will let the reporters enter.

A statement ordered by State Secretary Dulles said no reporters from Communist China will be allowed into the United States on a reciprocal basis.

No U.S. newspaper men have been stationed regularly on the Chinese mainland since the Communists took over in 1949.

Lincoln White, state department press officer, emphasized there is no change in the U.S. policy of withholding diplomatic recognition from Red China and generally banning American travel there.

The Associated Press designated John Roderick, now stationed at Hong Kong, as its China correspondent. His career has centered on the Far East, including three years of reporting from mainland China prior to the war.

Diplomatic Activity Steps Up Sharply In Arab World

LONDON (AP) — Arab states friendly to the West were reported Thursday planning to isolate leftist Syria in an attempt to block the spread of Soviet influence through the Middle East.

Informed diplomats said that was the real meaning behind the flurry of diplomatic activity in the region — activity climaxed Thursday by the sudden flight of young King Hussein of Jordan to Turkey.

At the same time, these informants said, Britain and the United States have decided against any open intervention that would seem to challenge little Syria's swing to the left.

Their argument is that these developments have only continued a long-standing trend, however potentially serious it may be.

Even before the ousters and charges of U.S. plotting of the last week, Britain estimated that Syria had received something like \$140,000,000 worth of arms from Russia. The British also claimed more than 300 Soviet technicians and advisers were in the country.

These supplies lately have been augmented by a big program of economic aid that the Syrians claim officially to be without conditions.

Under this program Russia will help to enlarge the port of Latakia, build a railroad linking Latakia with the Baghdad line and with Damascus, develop a network of roads and airports, and several irrigation and hydro-electric power projects and expand Syrian industry and agriculture.

For these purposes the Russians will supply the skilled labor force, long-term credits and equipment.

OTHERS COULD FOLLOW

One factor in Western thinking is that the successful fulfillment of such an aid program—especially if the Russians do not exact too heavy a political and economic price for it—may have the effect of tempting some other underdeveloped Middle East state to follow the Syrian example. If that were to happen on a big enough scale, the entire Western position in the region could be undermined.

British and United States officials are eager to determine the reaction of President Nasser's regime over the Syrian developments.

The Western sources presume the Egyptian "strongman" likely would resent the Russians assuming a paramount position in Syria.

Western officials are satisfied, however, that Syria's tightened links with Moscow probably will not spell any special military dangers. The Syrian army, comprising fewer than 10 brigades, is not considered strong enough to take on any of its neighbors with the possible exception of Lebanon.

BODIES RECOVERED

OSWEGO, N.Y. (AP) — After four days of a night of labor, workers reached the surface Thursday with the bodies of three construction men entombed in a tunnel under Lake Ontario. The three were killed in an explosion Sunday when they were about 5,000 feet inside the tunnel preparing for a dynamite blast that was to put the tunnel into use as part of the city water-supply system.

Metropolitan Committee Has Brief Meeting With Gov't

A representative group from the Metropolitan Committee met with the members of the Government yesterday to discuss the terms of reference in the Committee's report.

After a general discussion regarding specific recommendations, the meeting was adjourned for one week at the request of Premier Matheson who stated that a special committee of the Government will be appointed immediately to give the matter careful study before proceeding further with the discussions.

Representing the Metropolitan Committee were F.J. Storey, Chairman; Mayor J. David Stewart, Councillors E.C. Johnstone and A.W. Gaudet; B.E. Rogers, Charlottetown Board of Trade; Commissioners Edmund Arsenault and Howard Douglas from Spring Park. The Village of Parkdale was not represented.

Germs By Mail Made Optional

OTTAWA (CP) — International movement of germs by mail—including disease-carrying microorganisms—got approval Thursday on an optional basis from one of the top bodies of the 96-country Universal Postal Union congress.

The union's first committee reversed a UPU edict against mail carriage of biological material after hearing a World Health Organization expert say the lives of millions are at stake and the co-operation of postal authorities around the world is needed to meet medical exchange requirements.

A Canadian delegate said this country will probably remain adamant against the idea of carrying germs by mail. The optional idea was supported so as not to block others. Canada felt there was a definite danger to postal employees and there were better mediums than the mails—air parcel post and insurance—for carrying such dangerous packages with more control.

ANOTHER PIECE

A vial carrying deadly germs could be just another piece of mail in a letter bag, he said. But as a marked parcel handed to an airline its contents would be known and it could be given the special handling it might require. In case of accident, it would be known that the downed plane was carrying dangerous germs and precautions could be taken.

Dr. N. K. Jerne of Geneva, head of WHO's biological standardization section, told the committee quick transport of germs for research and other purposes was a vital medical need.

He said the "risk of being infected with tuberculosis or polio on a street car, walking along the street or simply shaking hands, is more acute than in the postal handling of such micro-organisms if they are carefully packed."

In approving the optional proposal the committee agreed to set up a subcommittee to draw up strict packaging regulations in collaboration with WHO.

Job For Former Mayor Curley

BOSTON (AP) — James Michael Curley, nearly 60 years a political figure, was nominated Thursday in his 83rd year by fellow Democrat, Governor Foster Furcolo, to be Massachusetts labor relations commissioner at \$7,500 a year.

Last of the old-time political bosses in the United States, Curley recently wrote his life's story and entitled it, "I'd Do It Again."

Son of an immigrant laborer who died when Curley was 12, Jim Curley left school early to work. He struggled up the political ladder from city councillor.

He served four terms in Congress, four as mayor, once as Massachusetts governor. Twice he went to jail: Once as a young man who took a mail carrier's exam for a friend, once as head of an organization accused of mail fraud. Curley said he was an innocent figurehead and after five months president Truman pardoned him.

Coastal Vessel Reported Afloat

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A report reaching here Thursday night said the Northern Ranger has been freed from her perch on Shag Rock, Bonavista Bay, and is steaming toward St. John's for repairs.

The coastal vessel ran aground Friday night with 75 passengers aboard. They were taken off by the Bonavista which took over the Ranger's St. John's — Corner Brook run after making several attempts to free the stranded vessel.

Ottawa Announces Aid For Springhill Coal Mine

OTTAWA (CP) — Treasury assistance of an estimated \$100,000 will be provided towards maintaining operations of a coal mine at disaster-hit Springhill, N.S., Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced Thursday.

The assistance will be provided until next March 31 to the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company, which operates mines No. 2 and No. 4 at Springhill. It was understood it will be used for No. 2, which has been having marketing difficulties.

"Assistance for the movement of approximately 30,000 tons, it was understood, will enable the colliery to remain in full operation," the announcement said.

Mr. Diefenbaker said the aid will be used to assist the movement of coal to market.

Informants said Springhill No. 2 has been threatened with curtailment of operations because of loss of its market with the CNR, which has been converting to diesel power.

The treasury funds, they said, will be used as an additional subsidy—freight subsidy—to move slack coal to Montreal for marketing in that area.

The second colliery at Springhill—No. 4—was the scene of one of Canada's worst mining disasters last November. Thirty-nine miners died as a result of an underground explosion.

Harold Gordon, chief of Dosco's operation, said in Sydney he is "very happy" with the Ottawa announcement.

"I am very happy with anything that will help the industry," he said, "and this is going to be very helpful to Springhill."

He said the summer season was usually slack for the mines because most of the output goes to domestic markets. He hoped this new assistance would tie the mine over until business increased in the winter.

U.S. LIVING COSTS UP

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of living in the United States rose one-half per cent during July, the government reports. It was the 11th consecutive monthly advance. Food prices rose by one per cent, the labor department said, and carried the consumer price index to a record at 120.8 per cent of the 1947-49 level.

Buildings Burn On Pictou Island

HALIFAX (CP) — A forest fire broke out Wednesday on tiny Mosher's Island near the mouth of the LaHave River, and late Thursday night it was still burning, although firefighters had slowed its progress.

The blaze broke out about noon and spread across the woodland toward a lighthouse at the other end. Officials said it likely would have halted completely during the night.

In another fire Thursday five buildings were levelled on Pictou Island as lack of water hampered firefighting operations. The farm buildings of Edward Glover, were destroyed along with most of his machinery. His home was saved.

Murdochville Tension Eases; May Lift Curfew

MURDOCHVILLE, Que. (CP) — Two provincial police constables assigned to protect three labor leaders from attack were withdrawn Thursday night as tension lessened in this strike-troubled Gaspé community.

The guards were posted at the local hotel Tuesday when reports circulated that non-strikers planned to chase the men out of town. The officials are Roger Beaudry, who came here when the strike at Gaspé Copper Mines was killed by the United Steelworkers of America (CLC) March 11; Bruno MacDonald, another USWA official, and Teo Gagne, president of the union's Murdochville local.

As tension abated, Mayor Emile Duhamel was reported considering the possibility of lifting the 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, clamped on after a clash between a 450-man labor delegation and company employees Monday and a raid on the USWA's offices Monday night.

NOT HEAVY ENOUGH

A riderless horse that crosses the finish line in a horse race is disqualified for carrying insufficient weight.

Police Guard Man Believed To Have Muddled 3 Flights

MONTREAL (CP) — Police waited Thursday in a Laurentian hospital to question a man about three abortive charter flights paid for by Canadians left stranded on both sides of the Atlantic.

His wife said the man was "a very poor businessman but not dishonest."

The man himself, a Finland native, 33, lay in a St. Jerome, Que., hospital recovering from what doctors said was an overdose of sleeping tablets. Two provincial policemen guarded his door.

Nearly 200 persons were affected by the cancellation of three charter flights. The airlines said the necessary funds hadn't been paid to them.

Most passengers involved were new Canadians or Canadian residents who had paid for what they thought were cheap return flights to their homelands.

In Ottawa arrangements were announced to pick up 53 of the tourists marooned Saturday in Paris and fly them back on a government-chartered plane.

The Maritime Central Airways plane will pick up the group provided clearance for its landing is obtained from French authorities.

Normally, the plane would have left for Canada from some other European centre with a full load of Hungarians immigrating to Canada.

The man under police guard was described as a Montreal travel agent who disappeared last week and was found Wednesday nearly unconscious in a Ste. Adele, Que., hotel room. The manager brushed past a "do not disturb" sign on the door after he heard groans, he said. Three notes, a bulky envelope and scattered lists of names with money notations beside each name were found on the floor.

His wife, who was treated in Montreal for shock after identifying him at the St. Jerome hospital, said the man had muddled up a charter flight to Paris last Christmas and suffered a nervous collapse then.



MAYOR AND FORMER MAYOR

Signings the visitors book at City Hall while his Worship Mayor Stewart looks on is Mrs. Joyce Sherrin. Mrs. Sherrin was Mayor of Felixstowe, Suffolk, during the Festival of Britain and could compare notes with Mayor Stewart who was in office during Charlottetown's Centennial.

Mrs. Sherrin is a past president of the Felixstowe Business and Professional Women's Club and is now a regional vice-president.



SYRIA'S NEIGHBOURS

Map locates Middle East countries affected in various degrees by seizure of power in Syria by a group of pro-Soviet officers. Adverse reaction is expected in Turkey, Egypt faces new problems as a result. Syria's position also is due to ease nervousness in neighboring Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia.