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OLD BUILDING IS SHAKY

This old building on Queen Street began to show its age yesterday. While workmen were repairing the structure on scaffolding, cracks appeared and bricks were showered onto the street below. City police immediately blocked off the area to all traffic between Grafton and Kent streets. For a time the building appeared in imminent danger of collapse. Arrow points to area from where bricks were falling.

# Doctors, Churchmen Defend Mercy Killing

BURTON-ON-TRENT, England (Reuters)—Leading doctors and churchmen Tuesday defended a physician who admitted assisting in the "mercy killing" of an elderly woman dying of cancer. The issue of euthanasia and the problem it presents to doctors swirled around Dr. Maurice Millard, a 58-year-old general practitioner, who is a member of the Euthanasia Society founded by his father, Dr. Killick Millard. Millard admitted giving a lethal drug to a "devoted Christian lady" who found she had cancer. She asked for a lethal dose after telling him she made her peace with God and settled her affairs. FELT COMPASSION Millard said a "strong feeling of compassion" came over him and he gave her a lethal dose. Millard made the disclosure in a speech to the local Rotary Club. Dr. Charles McDonald, chairman of the Euthanasia Society, said the British medical profession was well aware that various doctors were practicing euthanasia. He admitted he had "taken the same course as Millard during his career."

# Demerit System Weakpoints Seen

TORONTO (CP)—Three Canadian traffic experts have suggested that the Ontario driver demerit point system may appear to be going along satisfactorily, but when commercial men and truck drivers are near losing their licenses, Ontario can expect trouble enforcing cancellation edicts. Attorney-General Roberts had just reported to the Canadian Highway Safety Conference Monday on the success of the system since its introduction April 1 when the three experts told him what to expect from the plan. Under the system a driver's license is automatically suspended when his points total 12 for traffic convictions. RCMP Inspector J. A. Thiervege of Fredericton said the point system may appear to be going along satisfactorily, but when commercial men and truck drivers are near losing their licenses, Ontario can expect trouble enforcing cancellation edicts.

# Tory Majority Defeats Cigaret Tax Cut Move

OTTAWA (CP)—A Liberal move in the Commons to eliminate the increase in the cigarette tax was defeated 121 to 23 Tuesday by the Progressive Conservative majority. The vote, in which the CCF sided with the Liberals, came as the Commons considered various tax and tariff changes as proposed in Finance Minister Fleming's April 9 budget. The vote was held after Deputy Speaker Pierre Sevigny ruled over the objections of Mr. Fleming that only a member of the government could propose changes affecting government finance—that the Liberal amendment was in order. Later, during an hour devoted to private members' legislation, consideration was given to changes in the Immigration Act proposed by Leon Crestohl (L—Montreal Cartier). They would write into the act the right of would-be immigrants to appeal to the courts against deportation orders and detention ordered by immigration depart-

# CRANE RIDER PICKS UP BETS

HARRIS, N.J. (AP)—A crane operator at the Otis Elevator Company plant has been charged with picking up numbers bets as he passed overhead in the cab of his crane. Allan P. Hawkins, 48, was arrested Monday and charged with possession of lottery slips. Police said Hawkins would pick up the bets as he rode the crane through the shops, lowering a tin cup on a string to employees to place their bets.

# Price War Has Ended

A gasoline price war appeared to be over in three Ontario centres Tuesday as four major oil companies removed subsidies to their dealers. Most of the price-slashing service stations in Toronto and its suburbs were back to regular prices of 42.9 cents a gallon. A Hamilton service station operator said: "We are back to normal. We've been asked by Imperial Oil to put the price of the gallon up to 42.08 cents." Woodstock's price battle ended Monday night after oil executives told dealers that subsidies would end at midnight.

# Mobile Police Are Trained

HALIFAX (CP)—A special trouble-shooting squad of fisheries protection officers began training here Tuesday to combat illegal fishing in the Maritimes. Chief protection officer Forrest Watson is conducting the course with help from RCMP lecturers. Mobile teams of protection officers have been used in the past in the maritimes. Included in the special force are D. A. MacKinnon, Sydney; F. M. Hammersley, Glace Bay, N.S.; N. S. Collier, New Glasgow; W. J. Ingalls, St. Andrews, N.B.; J. H. Robichaud, Riviere Des Caches, N. B.; R. L. Butler, Albert, N.B.; E. M. MacKay, Alberton, P. E. I.; and E. F. MacDonald, Montague, P. E. I.

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# Railway Plans To Widen Its Highway Transport

## Exam. Fees Cancelled Hon. Keir Clark States

Henceforth students trying grade X, XI and XII examinations in the Province will not be required to pay an examination fee. This was announced by Education Minister, Keir Clark following a meeting of the Prince Edward Island Examination Board, last evening. The fees normally charged were \$1.50 for grade ten and \$3.50 for either grade eleven or twelve. Mr. Clark said he had felt for some time that payment of examination fees was something that might well be dispensed with. He did not believe that the fees were a deterrent to students taking the exams but he has learned of hardship involved in certain instances. 850 STUDENTS On the average about 850 students write grade ten exams each year. About 400 write grade eleven and 325 grade twelve. This will mean a loss in revenue to the government of \$3,900 which Mr. Clark felt was justifiable in view of the age of the average student trying the exams. Examinations for grades X, XI and XII will be held June 22 to June 27 inclusive. This year the grade ten papers will be corrected by a group of twelve school teachers at the Department of Education offices and applications from teachers wishing to engage in this work are presently being received. Mr. Clark felt that this change in the method of correcting papers would constitute a decided improvement over the previous system under which papers were farmed out all over the Maritimes. He said it followed a pattern set by the Atlantic examining board and which has been in use for some years. It would also tend to increase the speed with which the results of examination could be announced.



HIGH MARK

John Lea-Morgan directed the Hillsboro club last night as they scored the highest mark awarded in the festival thus far this week. They scored 89 in men's chorus union and 87 in part singing numbers. (Story on page 5)

## Journalists Meet Pope

ROME (Reuters)—Pope John told journalists that truth is "often violated and betrayed by information media" and urged them to spread the truth with loving charity. In an address to Roman Catholic journalists Monday night, quoted by the Italian Catholic Action newspaper Il Quotidiano, the Pope spoke of the "sad picture of evil which many papers produce with their immorality and malice." "It is with a truly afflicted and anguished soul that we consider the enormous damage done by a certain press to many minds, particularly young people, through words and even more through pictures." The pontiff said some newspapers laid a "dangerous trap" by presenting an "alluring mixture of serious and profane things, sometimes also of indecent things, under the pretext of complete information or of publicity." Another section of the press committed "grave sins against truth and loving charity by lying to inspire hatred." The aim of these newspapers seemed to be to attack the church "under the lying aspect of hastening the solution of problems besetting workers, the weak and defenceless people."

## Montreal Fire Rages

MONTREAL (CP)—A three-alarm fire was raging Tuesday night on the roof of a hospital in Montreal's north end. No one was injured, but 120 patients were evacuated from the east wing of the Sacre Coeur Hospital as a precaution. The flames were confined to the roof of the six-storey surgical wing, firemen said, and there was little chance they would spread. The roof of the surgical wing was undergoing repairs and the fire apparently broke out in the jumble of wooden scaffolding and tarred roofing material, firemen said.

## Gunboat Fires On Trawler

LONDON (CP)—Maj.-Gen. Sir Farndale Phillips, president of the British Trawlers Federation, said Tuesday an Icelandic gunboat fired 12 rounds at the British trawler Arctic Viking last Thursday and some "went very close."

## NOTE OF SERIOUSNESS

# Crew Member Dies Following Explosion

VANCOUVER (CP)—The death of a crew member of the Norwegian freighter Feragulf has added a new note of seriousness to inquiries being held into an explosion that wrecked the ship and injured six men here last Friday. A storm of argument that developed over a 90-minute delay in getting aid to the fire-stricken ship three miles outside Vancouver limits at the entrance to the Vancouver Harbor showed no signs of ebbing.

## FIVE IN HOSPITAL

One inquiry was completed Tuesday, another was under way and Vancouver city council had the matter under discussion. From some quarters came demands for a Canadian coast guard service. In hospital, where five men were taken for treatment following the explosion and fire, Magnus Larsen, 33-year-old mechanic from Thorshaven in the Faroe Islands, died from burns to 80 per cent of his body. Shipmate Per Stadlund, chief engineer from Hagesund, remained in critical condition. Three others were recovering.

## Churchill Calls On Ailing Friends

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sir Winston Churchill paid a call Tuesday on two ailing friends who, like himself, used to help shape world events. Accompanied by President Eisenhower, Churchill drove through spring sunshine to Walter Reed Army Hospital to visit former secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who has cancer. They also stopped in to see Gen. George C. Marshall who suffered two strokes earlier this year. Marshall was army chief of staff in the Second World War and secretary of state in the Truman administration.

# World Trip Is Underway

SYDNEY (CP)—A retired California businessman who dreamed of flying around the world in his own plane made a brief stop here Tuesday in his Catalina flying boat en route to the Canary Islands. Thomas Kendall of LaVerne, Calif., was accompanied by his wife, their three children and four other persons. The 56-year-old Kendall is piloting the Catalina on the world tour which began Saturday. He said the schedule is governed only by such things as re-fueling, weather conditions and "the will of the crew."

# CNR Seeks \$15 Million To Invest In Trucking

By JOHN LeBLANC Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP)—The CNR is going to expand its highway transport operations substantially, president Donald Gordon indicated Tuesday to the Commons railway committee. He said the publicly-owned corporation has in mind an "integration" of its own rail and road transport that will enhance its net financial position. In other statements to the committee—conducting its yearly examination of the CNR—Mr. Gordon said: 1. The low statutory "Cross-nest Pass" freight rates on western grain are unrealistic in relation to present costs. 2. The CNR estimates it lost about \$38,000,000 on passenger service in 1958 (its total deficit was \$51,600,000), but the CNR management has no immediate intention of trying to get out of the passenger business. 3. The CNR will have a 1959 deficit of between \$30,000,000 and \$35,000,000 unless there is a freight rate increase, which has been barred by the federal government for about a year. The railway has budgeted for a \$34,400,000 deficit. 4. The CNR at present is not considering discontinuance of some transcontinental trains.

## NOT SO EFFECTIVE

# Decline Is Reported In TV Commercials

TORONTO (CP)—The Association of Canadian Advertisers was told Tuesday that the overall effectiveness of television commercials is declining. Horace S. Schwerin, president of Schwerin Research Corporation, New York, said testing of commercials by his company showed an unmistakable drift toward mediocrity. Not only was effectiveness down, he said, but there were more commercials that were relatively or absolutely ineffective. The pattern was found in United States, Canada and United Kingdom television. VIEWER RESISTANCE Mr. Schwerin said the explanation of the trend probably included viewer resistance to television advertising, lack of fresh ideas, increased competition and lack of proper communication techniques. "Which of us has not reacted wearily to such cliches and tired metaphors as the cast iron stomach, 'secret ingredient' X-234, the 'independent' research laboratory finding, the bandwagon appeal?" he asked convention members. "Only those advertisers daring enough to be boldly creative, both in new product concepts and in how they employ the television medium, will survive the next decade," he warned.

## Pullman Car Service Back

OTTAWA (Special)—The Canadian National Railways sleeping car service between Montreal and Charlottetown, discontinued through the winter, will be restored this summer. The information was given to the four Island federal MPs by Donald Gordon, president of the CNR. No definite date has been fixed for the resumption of service but it is expected to be sometime in June. In an joint statement, the Island members said: "The resumption of the sleeping car service will be of great benefit to the many tourists planning to come to the Island by rail this summer, besides being of service to residents of the province."

# Organized Labor Is Split On MacArthur Problem

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP)—Organized labor appeared to be split Tuesday on the government's appointment of trade unionist Alastair F. MacArthur as labor's voice on the three-man Unemployment Insurance Commission. While the powerful Canadian Labor Congress and Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor pulled their men from the commission's advisory committee in protest against the appointment, the legislative arm of the railway transportation brotherhoods said their man will stay on. The brotherhoods, representing about 140,000 railway employees mostly in the running trades, have "no quarrel" with the government on the MacArthur appointment, their national legislative committee said in a telegram Tuesday to Labor Minister Starr. WONT' BE RESIGNING "Accordingly our representative on the unemployment insurance advisory committee will not be resigning." Asked for comment at Toronto where he was to deliver a speech, CLC president Claude Jodoin said of the brotherhoods' action: "It's their democratic right to take the position they desire."



HAROLD WINCH, MP for Vancouver riding, asked Transport Minister George Hees yesterday why assistance was not sent immediately to the stricken Norwegian freighter Feragulf, shown here, when she called for aid after a boiler room explosion. Five members of her crew were injured, one of them fatally. Here tugs are shown towing the crippled 7,500-ton ship away from the shore of a thickly-settled community where the danger of an explosion was a threat to further loss of life and destruction ashore. (CP Photo)