



DRAMA ADVISOR APPOINTMENT CONSIDERED

The executive of the Prince Edward Island Drama Festival Association discussed at some length the appointment of a part-time drama advisor for the province, during a meeting held in Montserrat Hall Saturday. A committee was named to look after the necessary details in connection with such an appointment and a report on the matter is to be brought in at the next meeting. A tentative date for the P.E.I. Drama Festival was set for the week beginning May 14. The location of the festival will be announced later. Members of the executive include, left to right, Mrs. Hazen Howard, Cornwall, secretary; Dorothy Cullen, Charlottetown, membership chairman; Mrs. M.E. Rodd, Parkdale, president and Eric MacGregor, Charlottetown, vice-president for Queens and adjudicator.

CCF-New Democrats Meet In Secret Talks At Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP) — Nine men met for four days in secret session last week on Parliament Hill, plotting ways to give their party a new, new look. The members of the CCF-New Democratic Party group in the Commons looked over their old speeches and party stands, comparing them with the platform adopted by the NDP at its founding convention in August. Led by Hazen Argue, defeated by the national leadership by former Saskatchewan Premier T. C. Douglas and now the party's leader, the nine CCF-NDP men have to carry the ball for the party until the next federal election.

CAPTURES SPOTLIGHT

Liberal and Conservative party sources conceded that Mr. Argue and his small band captured the spotlight on two occasions at the opening of the new session.

Mr. Argue proposed some form of assistance for families left in serious financial plight by the deaths of Commons members.

The CCF-NDP group, in a surprise move, also opposed the election of Paul Martineau (PC—Pontiac—Temisamingue) as

'MOUNTAINS' SEEN IN NORTH

WHITEHORSE, Y.T. (CP) — A towering mountain range, five miles long and several thousand feet high, has made an appearance over the waters of Lake Laberge, 20 miles north of Whitehorse. But the spectacle has caused little excitement. It's a mirage.

The mountain range mirage, first noticed from the department of transport air field control tower here, made its appearance late last week. It has reappeared every day since then.

The weatherman here says the mirage is a result of a cold air inversion.

The mirage, resembling the Mesa country of the southwestern United States, is expected to fade away in a few days.

CHICAGO (AP) — Snow, hail, sleet, freezing rain and bitter temperatures beset much of the United States Sunday.

The winter weather caused a fatal avalanche on Mount Elbert in Colorado's Rockies. It also forced postponement of the Bing Crosby golf tournament finale on normally balmy Monterey Peninsula in California.

It spread heavy snow atop drifted, rutted relics of earlier snows in the U.S. mid-section. It slicked roads from San Francisco to western Pennsylvania. It dropped the temperature to 50 below zero at West Yellowstone, Mont.

The Pacific northwest was clear but abnormally cold. Below zero temperatures were reported in eastern Washington and Oregon.

The temperature dropped to four above at Washington's capital city of Olympia in the usually mild Puget Sound area. New England and New York, normally frigid at this time of the year, were experiencing a warming trend.

Six Killed, One Missing After Colorado Avalanche

New Road-Rail Plan Sought By CNR Here

A new, national land transportation service 22 hours faster than any in existence at present may be in the offing for Prince Edward Island.

That was the word received here last night from Charles C. Gillespie, general superintendent of highway services for Canadian National Railways' Atlantic region.

"A new concept of road-rail transportation has brought us to the verge of expanding the market potential for Island Producers and growers by placing them nearly a day closer to the densely populated areas of east and central Canada," Mr. Gillespie said.

Whether or not the service could be initiated depended on the decision of the Island Utilities Commission, he continued.

The board has before it an application by Canadian National Transportation Ltd. To operate railway owned vehicles intra and extra provincially.

"Our plans depend on the commission's decision. We are hoping they will grant us the privilege we seek," the railway has been operating vehicles to and from the Island intermittently for some time, and is now seeking daily, service.

Mr. Gillespie noted that Canadian National has been providing ever-improving freight transportation service to the people of Prince Edward Island for more than half a century.

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VC WINNER IS HONORED

TORONTO (CP)—Maj. B. Handley Geary, sergeant-at-arms of the Ontario legislature, didn't know how to express his gratitude Friday night, so he led 70 members and guests of the Imperial Officers' Association in a sing-song.

Maj. Geary was being honored on his retirement from his civil service post as official historian of the legislature.

Later, he told about how he captured a German pillbox with a walking stick—an act of heroism which wasn't the one which won him the Victoria Cross.

"I walked toward them waving the stick and they gave up," he said. "They knew it was a good walking stick." The episode occurred in Nieppe Forest in 1918.

When he won his VC three years earlier with the East Surrey Regiment he was blinded in his left eye.

The citation states that each attack on Hill 60 near Ypres was repulsed "mainly owing to the splendid personal gallantry and example of 2nd Lt. Geary."

Among the officers honoring Maj. Geary was his son, Lt. Cmdr. Neville Geary of the naval air arm in Halifax.

Other victims whose bodies were recovered were G. L. Shelton, 50, his wife, Marie, 40; their son, Steve, 16, and daughter, Linda, 9, and Vickie, 8.

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Dozen Families Flee New Threat

TWIN LAKES, Colo. (AP)—A massive avalanche crashed down the slopes Sunday to Mount Elbert, highest peak in Colorado, and swept three homes and a cabin away.

Six bodies, including those of four children, were found 500 feet from their shattered homes under three feet of snow. Still missing was a boy, about five.

The threat of a second avalanche forced evacuation later of the dozen families living in the Twin Lakes.

Ski troops helped residents move their belongings. An army spokesman said the new threat developed on the slopes about 700 yards closer to Twin Lakes, located two miles from the early-morning slide.

Twin Lakes is 140 miles southwest of Denver.

By probing the 15-foot snow with an air hose, searchers found Mr. and Mrs. William Adamic alive in wreckage of one of the crushed houses. They were taken to hospital in shock.

BOY STILL MISSING
Their son, Mike, still was missing as heavy snowfall ended the day of searching. The Adamic's other son, Billy, 8, was found dead.

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Accidents Take Four Lives In Nova Scotia

WEYMOUTH MILLS, N.S. (CP) — David Russell Nickerson, 16, died Saturday night when struck by a car on a road near his home here.

MAHONE BAY, N.S. (CP) — Gerald Levy, 18, drowned Saturday when he fell from a motor boat near Tanook Island in Mahone Bay on Nova Scotia's south shore.

WINDSOR, N.S. (CP) — Joseph Bernard Brown died in hospital here from injuries received Friday night in a high-way accident near his home in Three Mile Plains, N.S.

UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT, N.S. (CP) — James Cox, 20, of nearby Dan Settlement died Sunday night when a car in which he was riding with two companions left the road at Plaster Rock near here.

China Sales Threaten British-U.S. Quarrel

LONDON (AP) — British eagerness to intensify trade with Communist China is threatening the serenity of Anglo-American relations.

Opinion is growing here that swift moves toward a new understanding between London and Washington are necessary to avert an explosion.

The immediate issue results from a recent British decision to sell Red China six modern Viscount jet-jetliners equipped with modern radar and electronic navigation aids.

U.S. officials vainly objected to the easy-credit deal. Washington felt it might boost China's war potential or, alternatively, help Peking launch an international air service through Asia.

The British insisted, however, that the transaction should be fulfilled and argued it violated none of the inter-allied strategic controls on trading with the Communists.

The state department, however, disclosed Jan. 15 it had warned the American company which (through a British offshoot) normally supplies navigation equipment for Viscounts not to supply the gear for the six airplanes. U.S. treasury licenses would be withheld, according to the state department.

British government and political leaders have been incensed by that U.S. action. An authorized official said curtly "U.S. regulations do not apply in this country." The deal will go through as contracted, he added.

Four Injured In Halifax Area Dwelling Fires

HALIFAX (CP) — Four people were taken to hospital with burns from two house fires in the Halifax area Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Welsh and her 18-year-old son Reginald were admitted with severe back, face, arm and leg burns after fire raced through their one-story wooden home at Hatchet Lake, about eight miles from here. The father and three other children escaped the fire unharmed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Doucette were treated in hospital and later released following an explosion and fire in their Barrington Street home. Both had slight face and hand burns.

Police said a blow torch being used to thaw pipes in their dwelling exploded. The subsequent fire was confined to the kitchen and soon extinguished.

Latin America Warned To 'Quarantine' Cuba

PUNTA DEL ESTE (AP) — The United States warned Latin America Sunday it must quarantine Cuban communism to assure success of President Kennedy's \$20,000,000 Alliance for Progress program.

The warning came from State Secretary Dean Rusk as a diplomatic struggle began in this plush, South American resort over how or whether to punish Fidel Castro for establishing a Communist bridgehead in the hemisphere.

The meeting of foreign ministers of the 21-member Organization of American States formally opens today, but delegates already were carrying on spirited backstage arguments on what to do about Castroism.

Rusk, predicting success for the conference, told reporters: "Security from extra-continental (Communist) intervention is essential to the success of our co-operative efforts for social and economic advancement under the Alliance for Progress."

"Consequently this meeting of consultation complements the vitally significant ministerial meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council which five months ago adopted the new f.a.m.p.s. charter of Punta del Este."

Doctors Planning Strike In Algiers

ALGIERS (Reuters) — Physicians in the Algiers area will strike for one day today in mourning for a doctor killed last week in Algeria's seven-year-old civil war, the Doctor's Association announced Sunday night.

4 Suspects Arrested In Vancouver Robbery

VRANTON, B.C. (CP)—In one of the most later, daylight robberies in recent years, three men and a woman were arrested in a downtown Saturday looting of a \$30,000 in jewels and other valuables from a shopping crowd.

But three hours later police arrested three suspects in an east end Seventh Avenue apartment and seized a quantity of diamonds and other jewelry found there, along with a toy pistol and part of a stocking.

Police arrested a fourth man on the street Sunday and recovered a saved-off shotgun and more jewelry in a Granville Street room.

Later police charged three of the men and released a fourth. Charged with armed robbery are Adrian J. Anen, 28, Nelson Wood, 36, and William M. Duchesne, 33.

Police said they were all recent arrivals here from eastern Canada. They will appear in police court today.

Intelligence Officers Scoff Spy Plane Pilot Defecting

BARI, Italy (AP)—Authorities said Sunday a Bulgarian air force pilot seemed to imply he was making a break for freedom in crashing his photo reconnaissance plane after two passes over a secret NATO missile base near Bari.

But counter-intelligence officials scoffed at this, noting that the pilot had plenty of chances to land in Italy, had he wished to before reaching the base Saturday. They were studying exposed film taken from the wreckage of the missile base Saturday. They were studying exposed film taken from the wreckage of the high flying, Soviet-built MIG-19 jet.

A foreign ministry communiqué announced a strong protest had been lodged with Communist Bulgaria against the violation of Italy's air space. The protest was handed to Bulgarian Minister Constantin Micev. The Bulgarian consulate in a

statement said the pilot, Lieut. Milos Podgoros, 22, lost his way in foggy weather in a training flight over Bulgaria. It asked that pilot and plane be returned.

But Italian Newspapers likened the crash landing to the Francis Gary Powers U-2 incident, noting: The pilot had to fly more than 400 miles, across Yugoslavia of Albania, to reach southern Italy; that he had passed over Italian bases where he could have landed, and that radar indicated he deliberately peed off from a flight of several Bulgarian planes.

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the base could hit the Soviet Ukraine or Moscow. Shorter-range missiles could plaster the concrete submarine pens along the Albanian coast.

Military authorities here said Podgoros, in the only statement so far attributed to him, had asked not to be turned over to Italian consular officials in Italy. They said he seemed to suggest that he had landed voluntarily in Italy in a flight to freedom.

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SMILING OPPONENTS

Finance Minister Fleming (left) and Opposition Leader Pearson beamed for photographers as they walked from the Commons to the Senate chamber at the opening of Parliament. (CP Wirephoto)



Hockey Player Dies On Ice

AMHERST (CP) — Carl Costin, 22, of East Amherst, dropped dead on the ice while playing hockey at the stadium here Sunday.

Costin, who had played hockey for the last three years, had taken part in many major tournaments in the Maritimes.

Death was believed due to a heart seizure.

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BLASTOFF SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY

American Airman Poised For Big Orbital Flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—John Glenn Jr., 40-year-old U.S. Marine lieutenant-colonel, is about to embark on one of the greatest adventures ever undertaken by an American.

Next Wednesday, Glenn is scheduled to ride a powerful Atlas rocket into orbit about the earth. Streaming through space at 17,500 miles an hour, his capsule is intended to make three circuits of the globe in 4 1/2 hours.

At altitudes up to 150 miles, Glenn will have a breath-taking look at the earth below. Continents and oceans will skip from sight in minutes. The capsule will whip through alternate periods of daylight and darkness as it sweeps into the shadow of the earth, then into sunlight.

At Times, Glenn, honed by months of training, will roll his spacecraft over to gaze at the stars and heavens through a wide-angle window. Undistorted by the earth's atmosphere, the stars will appear as they truly are—unblinking in brilliant red, yellow, blue and white hues.

WILL FEEL WEIGHTLESS
For all but a few minutes, Glenn will be in a weird and exhilarating world of weightlessness.

How man is able to function in this state of weightlessness is one of the questions being asked. (Continued on Page 2 Col. 6)

Theft Called 'Despicable'

GLACE BAY, N.S. (CP) — A record player and radio were stolen from a retarded children's classroom during the weekend.

Police and council members Sunday described the theft as "the most despicable" on record.

Diefenbaker Has Ridicule For Liberal Party Policy

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker poured ridicule on the Liberal party opposition Saturday and said his government would seek re-election on its record of fulfilling its promises to build up Canada.

Mr. Diefenbaker, addressing nearly 400 women attending an Eastern Ontario Progressive Conservative party campaign workshop, said the Liberal government was unwilling to commit itself on what features a distinctive Canadian flag should have.