

SURPRISE TREND IN FRENCH VOTE

Big Government Icebreaker Here To Escort The Mexico

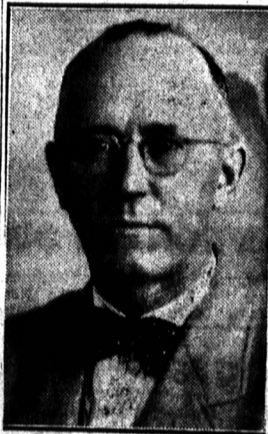
The large government icebreaker, the *St. Lawrence*, arrived in Charlottetown yesterday afternoon, for the first time in her twenty-five years of operation. The purpose of her call here is to escort the freighter *Mexico* to open water after being ice locked at the Railway wharf for the past ten days. Once free the *Mexico* is due to load potatoes at either Georgetown or Souris for southern ports.

Coming up the harbor yesterday, the huge ship made short shift of the ice, maintaining a speed equal to that of a motor launch. Captain Wilfred Dufour in describing the trip down from Quebec City, reported that heavy ice was encountered until reaching the mouth of the Saguenay River. From there until the ship was five or six miles off Gaspé the ice was much lighter. From then on until arriving at a position east of Indian Rock most of the travelling was in open water.

Off Indian Rock very heavy ice was encountered and three hours were spent in attempting to punch through. After several unsuccessful attempts, the captain decided to turn the *MacLean* around and proceed stern first through the ice, which ranged from twelve to twenty inches in thickness with heavy piling in many places. The stern-first maneuver was continued until the ship arrived off Point Prim, which took a matter of three hours.

Sudden Death Yesterday Of Coun. George R. Keefe

The death of City Councillor George R. Keefe occurred at 6:30 last evening at the P. E. Island Hospital following illness which rendered him unconscious at 5:30 yesterday morning and his immediate removal from his home eight Richmond St. to hospital. He was in his 70th year.



THE LATE COUN. KEEFE

Mr. Keefe was born at Rollo Bay the son of the late William E. Keefe and Margaret Robertson. Early in life he removed to Milwaucke where he served an apprenticeship and became a graduate machinist. On returning to the Island joined the staff of the International Harvester Co. and within a short time was transferred to Woodstock, N. B. where he was placed in charge of an area of several counties of New Brunswick as Blockman.

Mr. Keefe returned to Charlottetown and opened the Baird Drug Company as manager for the organization, eventually acquiring the sole control of the establishment here which he operated for ten years under the name of the Keefe Drug Co. Later he sold the business interests in real estate and the Keefe Hydraulic Service.

Mr. Keefe enjoyed a large circle of friends throughout the city and Province. He took an active interest in the affairs of the city and for the past ten years represented the city as Councillor, successfully contesting a number of civic elections during that time. While on the Council Board he rendered outstanding service to the city as chairman of various important committees which he freely gave of his time and talent. Surviving relatives are his wife, the former Elizabeth Anne Hume, born near Montague, whom he married 43 years ago, one son, Ewen and one daughter, Dorothy, both of whom reside at home. Another son, Hume, died in 1940.

Other surviving relatives are: sisters, Mrs. M. L. Reeves, Darkmouth, N. S., Mrs. Arthur Dixon, Bay Fortune, P. E. I. and Mrs. H. Webster, Brookline, Mass. Three brothers also survive Percy, in Concord, New Hampshire, and Russell and Ivan at Bay Fortune, P. E. I.

Mr. Keefe was Head Usher of Trinity United Church for many years, from where the funeral will be held on Wednesday at two o'clock.

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Boy Conscious After 50 Days

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Nine-year-old Joseph Lilly began 1956 by opening his eyes after 50 days near death in a coma.

The lad was hit by a car Nov. 13 near his home at Harbor Grace about 70 miles from here on Conception bay.

Doctors said Monday was the first time Joseph regained complete consciousness since the accident but would make no comment about his condition.

His awakening ended a seven-week bedside vigil by his parents and answered the prayers of Ignatius Crotty, a 10-year-old boy who spent three months unconscious following a similar accident in 1954.

Ignatius Crotty woke partly paralyzed and speechless but made a complete recovery after well-wishers subscribed \$10,000 to send him to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

6,600 Whales Feed Nfld. Mink

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — The federal department of fisheries said Monday that 6,600 pothead whales were driven ashore in Trinity and Bonaville bays during 1955 to feed mink brought to the province by mainland ranchers under government sponsorship.

Reception Held Yesterday At Government House

At Government House, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor T.W. D. Prowse held a special levee, for those in the precedence list, prior to his reception for the public. This included members of the clergy, Members of Parliament, Judges, Senators, Members of the Legislature, Deputies, Ministers, Army and Air Force.

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ALASDAIR M. SINCLAIR

Rhodes Scholar Former Islander

Another native of Prince Edward Island has been added to the list of illustrious Canadians who have been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship.

Alasdair MacLean Sinclair, an honour student of Dalhousie University, is the latest to receive the high award. He is the son of Rev. Donald M. and Mrs. Sinclair, Halifax Nova Scotia, well known to Prince Edward Islanders when Rev. Mr. Sinclair was minister in the Wesleyfield charge where Alasdair was born 20 years ago.

Alasdair Sinclair comes from a long line of brilliant parents. Besides his father, who occupies the pulpit at Fort Assize United Church in Halifax, he had for his maternal grandfather, after Dr. Cecil Jones, for many years President of the University of New Brunswick. People of the Belfast congregation hold dear to their hearts the memory of Rev. Dr. Alexander MacLean Sinclair his paternal grandfather, who was their pastor for 18 years.

The 20-year-old Dalhousie student will attend Oxford University where he will pursue honour post graduate studies in the field of philosophy-politics-economics.

Island students who have won Rhodes Scholarships since 1904 include: Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Chief Justice of the Province (1917), W. E. Cameron, (1904), L. Brehaut (1905), R. A. D. Gillis (1907), R. Leitch (1908), J. Daly (1909), D. C. Harvey (1910), H. C. Warburton (1911), A. L. Collett (1913), A. T. Seaman (1914), A. A. Paoli (1915), C. A. Simpson (1916), J. J. R. H. Fleming (1920), Edgar McInnis (1933), R. H. Norton (1925).



HUNDREDS OF CITIZENS yesterday visited Government House where they were received by Lieutenant Governor Prowse, Mrs. Prowse and Premier A. W. Matthews. Mr. N. W. Lowther, A steady stream of visitors made their way to and from the Governor's residence between three and five o'clock.

Oliver-Monroe May Star in Movie

LONDON (Reuters) — Sir Laurence Olivier, famous British Shakespearean actor, may star in a movie with Marilyn Monroe. Olivier's London representative said Monday there is a "strong possibility" the pair will act together in "The Sleeping Prince."

Director John Huston was quoted here Monday as saying: "It's the greatest combination yet of opposite kinds of talent."

Olivier would play the part of a foreign prince who invites a pretty American actress to supper at his embassy. His aristocratic advances are cleverly parried by the worldly-wise actress.

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Firemen Are Hampered As Russian Embassy Burns

OTTAWA (CP) — A stubborn New Year's Day fire fought in sub-zero weather amid a hampering confusion of languages and diplomatic delicacy Sunday night virtually destroyed the Russian embassy here.

An embassy official said the general alarm was sounded in a top-floor office of the three-story brick building which stands on a promontory overlooking the Rideau river in the capital's east-central Sandy Hill district.

The official, Vitali A. Loginov, counsel and charge d'affaires who is second in authority to Ambassador Dmitri Chuvahin, estimated the loss at \$250,000. Valuable paintings, carpets and other fixtures were destroyed.

Firemen were called to the scene at 4:55 p.m. EST to find squads of embassy personnel carrying out armloads of documents and loadings into two black limousines. The fire was extinguished in off-duty firemen, was sounded at 6:37 p.m. The fire was considered under control at 10:52 p.m. but it was not until 6 a.m. Monday that it was declared out.

The ambassador was in the embassy when the fire broke out. He later stood stolidly outside the building for hours as the old mansion went up in flames. A New Year's party for children of embassy staff had broken up not long before the blaze was discovered.

Embassy officials said Monday it has not yet been decided whether the Soviets will rebuild on the present site, move to rented quarters or build elsewhere in the city.

Coal Short In Annapolis Valley

KENTVILLE, N.S. (CP) — A coal shortage of Cape Breton coal in neighboring Annapolis valley communities, Donald Oyer described the situation as "touch and go."

He said Canning and other towns have been getting along on a small supply of coke and small coal orders received from Kentville dealers. But he said Kentville dealers have also felt the shortage during the last month.

Rail transportation, said Mr. Oyer, appeared to be the cause of the shortage and "miners can't do much about it without cars to haul."

Eden Rejects Proposal For New Approach To Russia

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Eden Monday night rejected a British Laborite proposal to invite Russia to help keep peace in the Middle East. The proposal was made by Labor party leader Hugh Gaitskell at a dramatic meeting with Eden at 10 Downing street, the prime minister's residence.

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Nfld. Claims First 1956 Baby

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Newfoundland Monday laid claim to Canada's first 1956 baby after a report from isolated Campbellton said a 12 pound baby was born there two minutes after midnight.

Because of time zones Newfoundland has a half-hour advantage over other provinces.

The report said the 12 pound boy was born in the Notre Dame Bay community. Mrs. Fred Mansel had been in communication difficulties since the birth could not be reported here until Monday.

Queen Grants Royal Clemency

LONDON (AP) — The Queen Monday night granted royal clemency to a condemned murderer — the third time in three days she has acted to save a man from the gallows.

Home Secretary Gwilym Lloyd-George, the Queen's sole adviser on the death penalty, announced the royal reprieve for John Bancroft, 28-year-old coal miner who was to be hanged this morning for hitting a young child to death in a state over his crying.

On New Year's Eve, Lloyd-George announced reprieves for two other murderers awaiting a hanging — a 34-year-old man, John Berry who killed his 21-month-old son, and Adam Nuttall, who killed his wife.

Sentence on all three men was reduced to life imprisonment.

German Forces Begin Training

ANDERNACH, Germany (AP) — The first 1,800 men of the new West German army, navy and air force started training Monday.

At Andernach, 800 officers and men started a three-month basic training course at three U.S. Air Force bases in southern Germany. 630 future pilots of the new air force entered courses with American instructors. At Wilhelmshaven, the first 165 volunteers of the new navy were organized under command of Lt. Cmdr. U. Reschke, a former U-boat captain. And at Neerwinch in the Rhineland, 180 technicians and maintenance men of the air force began training.

Caribbean Conference At London Scheduled Feb. 7

LONDON (AP) — Britain Monday summoned a conference of Caribbean leaders for London Feb. 7 to hammer out final details for merging her West Indian possessions into one self-governing federation.

Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd will preside over the talks, scheduled to reach final decisions on all outstanding issues and agree on settlement machinery for ironing out last-minute snags. No date has yet been fixed for setting up the federations.

Main job of the conference will be to consider the reports of three committees set up to work out the fiscal, civil service and judicial problems involved.

The new Caribbean federation will include Jamaica, Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, Anguilla, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Vincent, Grenada, Barbados and Trinidad, and Tobago.

Coming Events

- Ice racing New Glasgow Wednesday, 2 o'clock.
- Let 65 Hall dance Wednesday night, January 4.
- Dance Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 3. Music by weather permit.
- Store will be closed for stock taking, Parker Canfield, Crapaud.
- Holiday Dance, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Tuesday, January 3rd. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- Crapaud Rink tonight, Cape Traverse Rovers vs. Winsloe Rovers. Game time 8:30 sharp. Skates after.

Reds And Small Party Gain

PARIS, (CP) — The Communist and the discontented small business men's movement led by Pierre Poujade appeared early today to be surprise gainers in the French general elections. Their gains could be big complicating factors in efforts of moderates to rule France.

Mounting returns from Monday's parliamentary balloting showed the so-called Republican Front led by ex-premier Pierre Mendes-France and the rival right-centre grouping behind Premier Edgar Faure not doing as well as predicted.

The result may be that the new assembly elected for a five-year term will be even more ungovernable and difficult in handling the nation's urgent decisions than the outgoing deputies were.

COMMUNISTS WIN 52

An Associated Press tabulation of 177 deputies seats—almost one-third of the 544 total at stake in metropolitan France—showed the Communists had won 52 seats. In the same departments in 1951 they won only 35.

The Poujade forces at the same stage had won 10 seats. Pre-election estimates said they would win only four of these 10 and eight in the whole country.

These returns were on the basis of less than 20 per cent of a total popular vote totalling around 25,000,000.

The Republican Front led by Mendes-France won 53 and the right-centre coalition which had collaborated with Premier Faure won 62 of the 177 seats.

GAULLISTS DROP

There was another noticeable trend in the election in which the prime issues were France's ability to hold onto her overseas possessions and the need for establishing government stability.

This was the unexpected drop in strength by the old adherents of General Charles de Gaulle.

The Social Republican party, an offshoot of Gen. de Gaulle's old Passembléist du Peuple Français, had not elected a deputy. Its popular vote had fallen to about five per cent from the 21.75 per cent harvested in 1951.

Gen. de Gaulle and his wife did not bother to vote. The general disbanded his party as a political force two years ago.

President Etoile, who was overseeing the whole election operation as provisional minister of the interior, was returned to the assembly from the Jura department of southeastern France.

Mendes-France got back in handily, as did former premiers Paul Reynaud, Edouard Daladier, Antoine Pinay, René Pleven and Robert Schuman, Guy Mollet, secretary of state for foreign affairs.

The mayor said fire fighters were impeded from getting equipment in until it was much too late.

"NO ENTRY"

Officials said the external affairs department's advice was that if, in the opinion of the mayor and the fire chief, the fire was endangering adjacent property, they had the legal right to enter the building to fight the blaze.

But Chief Foote said his men were not allowed into the embassy's north wing—although they had access to other parts of the building—until the coding section had been cleaned out by the Russians.

"It is my personal opinion that they were more anxious to save the records in the coding section than the building," he said. "They were well drilled. They made a 100-per cent job of it. There wasn't enough left in there to fill your pipe."

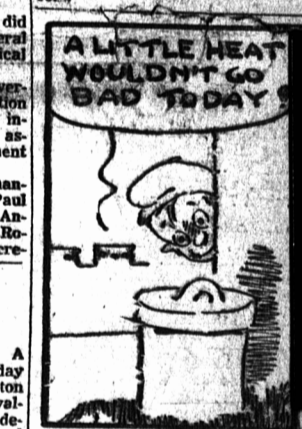
Deputy Chief Maynard Dolman, who led the first fire squad to the scene, said he went outside to check the rear of the embassy and tried to re-enter through the same north wing stairway on which Chief Foote was later stopped but was blocked by a Russian who told him: "No entry." He said he then re-entered the embassy through the main centre door.

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Ottawa	13b	8
Montreal	0	9
Quebec	14b	5
Fredericton	12b	—
Saint John	5b	10
Moncton	9b	3
Halifax	5	16
Charlottetown	5	6
Sydney	5	17
Yarmouth	11	17
St. John's, Nfld.	15	18



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HALIFAX (CP) — The weather office says the high pressure area causing the extra mild cold weather over the Maritimes will cross the district today and in its wake southerly winds will bring milder air.

A disturbance over the Great Lakes is moving towards the district and will bring increasing cloudiness and followed by snow to New Brunswick and Gaspe late today.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Clear and milder; light winds becoming southeast 15 in afternoon. Low-high at Charlottetown 2 below and 20 above.

Northern Nova Scotia: Sunny and milder; light winds. Low-high above. New Brunswick: Clear becoming overcast in the afternoon; snow by evening; milder with southerly winds 15. Low-high at Moncton above, Saint John zero and 25 above, Edmundston 12 below and 20 above, Campbellton 10 below and 15 above.

High tide at Charlottetown today at 2:10 a.m. and 2:58 p.m. Sunrise tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises at 7:51 a.m. and sets at 4:48 p.m.