

# HMCS Victory is saved From a real life decay

PORTSMOUTH, England (Reuters)—The threat of decay hanging over one of Britain's most famous warships has been averted at least for the time being. This labor will take about 10 months to complete. HMS Victory, aboard which the British won the decisive battle of Trafalgar, now is embedded in concrete here.

Repairs made necessary by rotting timbers and general decay are almost complete above the keel. But much work remains to be done above the waterline. This labor will take about 10 years, says Arthur Bugler, the naval building officer in charge of the project. Bugler says the Victory would last forever if maintenance were kept up at the present rate by future generations.

The Victory, which Nelson sent his famous message 'England expects that every man on his duty' on the day of Trafalgar, is a small ship by modern standards. She weighs 2,162 tons and is 120 feet long. At Trafalgar she carried 104 guns, one of which was fired in 1925 for the first and only time in more than 100 years. She has been repaired inside and out since 1945 and has been furnished in its original style with charts, writing paper, a telescope, an inkstand and a clock cloak all combining to give it a 'live-in' appearance.

The great cabin, now used as a dining room by Portsmouth Commander Sir Wilfred Woods, was painted in pastel shades with gold leaf on the heading and pilasters and silk curtains.

Work on the rigging of the Victory will start soon and will involve the use of 34 miles of Italian hemp, 24 gallons of tar and one ton of oak varnish and three tons of gun yarn.

By DOUG MARSHALL  
LONDON (CP)—A HOUSE OF COMMONS estimates committee report says the cost of the restoration of the Anglo-French Concord and the Concordia project.

The committee, composed of members from all three parties, has recommended that the exchequer's officials failed to safeguard Britain's 50-per-cent investment in the £170,000,000 (\$310,000,000) project.

The agreement, signed in November 1962, is designed to provide a 1,450-mile-an-hour 150-passenger jetliner across the Atlantic by the early 1970's.

The committee report says British officials concentrated on technical questions when the agreement was being negotiated and its financial expert failed to take an active part in the agreement's preparation.

The agreement also contains no clause covering the possibility that one or other country may withdraw from the agreement. The French financing ministry to exercise joint financial control over the project's progress.

It stresses this because of the "watchdog" committee suggested British should immediately establish formal relations with the French financing ministry to exercise joint financial control over the project's progress.

ARTHUR MURPHY, theologian at Pine Hill Divinity Hall Halifax, spent the weekend at his home here, with his family.

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Point, Mrs. Willard King, Mrs. Mary MacLean, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin, Kingsboro, paid their last respects to the late Mr. Norman MacLeod, Dundas on Sunday, Jan. 25. The first three days of Winter Carnival held in Souris was a real success and all said it was a ball of time with Miss Janet Fraser, grade 10, student at the Regional High School, Souris, crowned Carnival Queen. Miss Fraser is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fraser, Souris.

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Three of the members of the Rod and Gun Club team are shown here. They are from left to right: Neil Duffy, captain, Ronald McCormick and Leo Dowling, Jr. They are taking part in the Charlottetown inter-club tournament which has been underway for the past few months and will end in March. Seven clubs are taking part in the tournament. The trio shown here are also taking part in the Continental beard growing contest.

By J. C. GRAHAM  
Canadian Press Correspondent  
MUCKLANTY, N.Z. (CP)—  
Australia and New Zealand are jostling in another bout of rivalry, interest and snobbery. This time it is over the issue of one another and, as usual, are thoroughly enjoying it.

These two Commonwealth countries, isolated in the South Pacific, are so similar in racial groups, interests and outlook that many people elsewhere view them as one and the same.

True enough they co-operate in defence and many matters, though the Queen and both together on most things at the United Nations. They stick together as a team against the rest of the world.

By IAN McFARLING  
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