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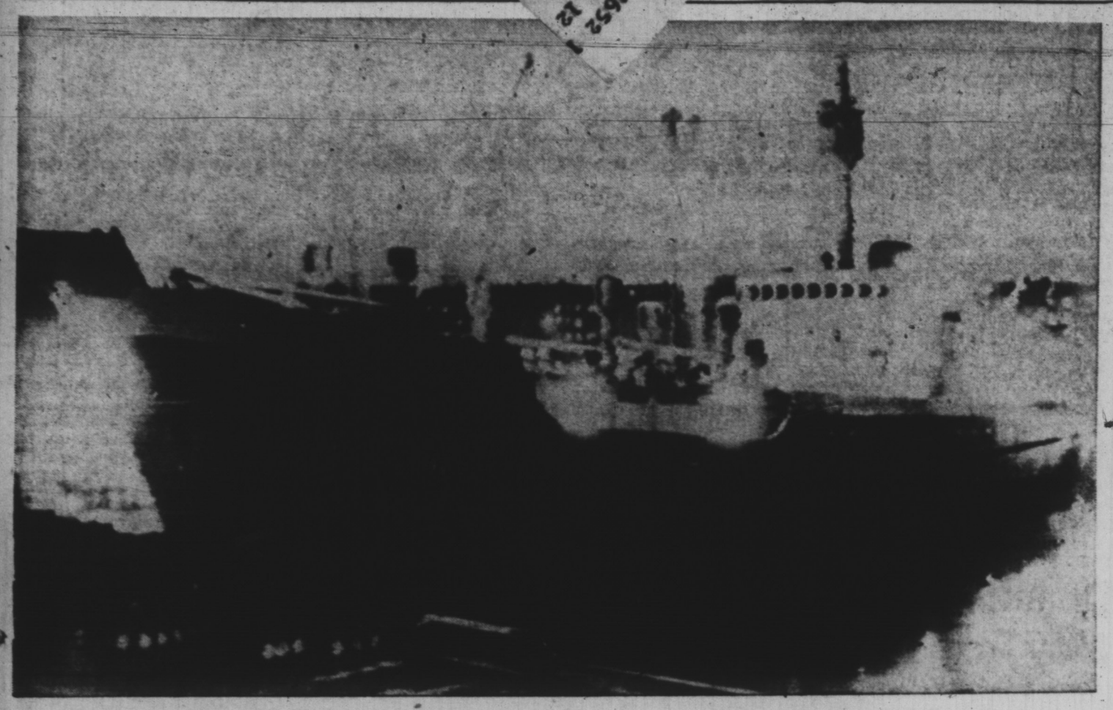

SMALL DANISH ship Hans Hedtoft, shown in Copenhagen harbor during trial trip last November. The 2,875-ton vessel carried a total of 95 persons Friday when she struck an iceberg. No trace has been found of her since.

U.S. Is Invited To Sign Trade Treaty With Russia

German Problems Feature Dulles' Plans For Talks

LONDON (Reuters)—The problems of Berlin and German reunification will dominate talks John Foster Dulles will have with British, French and German officials on his flying visit this week.

All three Western Allies welcome the visit of the United States secretary of state for the chance it presents to discuss again at the highest level Western action in the face of Russian pressure over Berlin and the future of Germany.

French officials are reported not as optimistic as those in Britain over Western unity on the German problems. In fact diplomatic observers in Paris say Dulles will try to reconcile differences between the U.S. and Britain on one hand and France and West Germany on the other.

Bonn reaction to the trip was surprise in official circles.

Chancellor Adenauer would welcome the chance to discuss the situation with Dulles, but sources close to the West German government say that nothing in the recent and far-reaching consultations between Bonn and Washington makes a visit by Dulles urgently necessary.

TO BRITAIN FIRST

Dulles will meet with Prime Minister Macmillan and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd here Wednesday before flying on to Paris Thursday.

British officials have emphasized that Dulles' trip does not signify any emergency in the Western camp. Conversely, it showed the importance the Allies attach to a continued unity of policy on the German issue.

On the German questions Paris backs Bonn in feeling that the West must maintain a firm line against the Russians, and should not hold any conference until the Russian deadline of May 27 is past.

In a note Nov. 27 Russia called for the end of the four-power status of Berlin and proposed a free demilitarized city of West Berlin within six months, by which time Russia would hand over its administrative duties to East Germany.

Mikoyan Gives Invitation At Red Party's Congress

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan has invited the United States to sign a seven-year trade agreement with the Soviet Union, promising that Russia would place "large orders" in the U.S. in return for Soviet goods.

Mikoyan was addressing the fifth day's session Saturday of the Soviet Communist party's 21st congress. Another session will be held Monday.

The congress of nearly 2,000 Russian delegates and leading foreign Communists is debating a Soviet seven-year plan aimed at producing a higher standard of living than that in the U. S.

Reporting on his 17-day American tour last month, Mikoyan said he no longer heard about "containment" and "retaliation" in his talks with President Eisenhower, State Secretary Dulles and other American leaders.

NO DESIRE TO MEDDLE

"I gained the impression that the United States does not want to meddle in the internal affairs of the socialist (Communist) countries.

"From this, we might draw the conclusion that the American government leaders are inclined toward a policy of peaceful coexistence. If this is so, then words must be followed by deeds."

Mikoyan, Russia's leading trade expert, complained about the 1951 repudiation of the Soviet - American trade agreement signed by the late president Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Pointing out that Russia maintains trade relations with Britain and France, he declared: "We are ready to sign a trade agreement with the United States for three, five or even seven years, should the U. S. government want it.

"With dollars obtained through trading with the United States, we can place large orders in that country.

WON'T BUY ARMAMENTS

"We do not intend to buy armaments in America. We have enough of them at home and they are of better quality. We speak of goods needed for peaceful consumption."

The Kremlin leader promised that his government would trade in good faith and would build up trade even after Soviet living standards reach the seven - year goal.

Russia would never try to dump low-priced goods in foreign markets.

Many Americans, he said, have a "perverted view" of Soviet life. He said his trip had convinced him that American businessmen and American people are "fed up with the cold war" and "recognize the horrors of hot war."

WHERE SHIP DISAPPEARED

Circled cross locates area where small Danish ship Hans Hedtoft with 95 persons aboard struck an iceberg off Greenland Friday and vanished. Vessel was about 600 miles from where the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank on hear maiden voyage in 1912. The Hans Hedtoft was returning to Denmark from Godthaab on her inaugural Denmark-Greenland run.

Danish Ship Has Vanished In Icy Sea Off Greenland

HALIFAX (CP)—Two big U.S. Air Force patrol planes cruised above the stormy seas off Greenland Sunday, searching in vain for a trace of the little Danish ship Hans Hedtoft.

Surface rescue vessels were forced out of the immediate area where the Hedtoft was believed lost with all 95 aboard after hitting an iceberg Friday. The search ships were fighting 40-foot waves and freezing 60-miles-an-hour winds.

Although hope has been virtually abandoned for the Danish passenger-freighter, one of the search planes reported spotting an object it said could possibly have been an overturned lifeboat near the Hedtoft's last reported position in the North Atlantic.

SIGHT OBJECT

The U.S. Coast Guard in New York said the plane reported the object appeared to be a double-ended lifeboat with a lengthwise black stripe.

A spokesman for the Royal Greenland Trading Department, Copenhagen said the object described could hardly have been a lifeboat from the Hedtoft. He said its lifeboats all were made of aluminum and unpainted.

The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Campbell said the object was seen by the air force flyers only once and the next day's air and sea search would be conducted in the area where it was sighted —"weather and sea conditions permitting."

"The reported overturned lifeboat was the only significant result of the air search," the coast guard said.

MORE HELP

The Campbell was joined during the night by two Danish ships, the Tiesten and the Rink. Along with the German vessel Poseidon, which has already criss-crossed a wide area of ocean with the Campbell, they steered clear of the ice floes around the Hedtoft's last known position.

The 2,318-ton Danish motorship Umanak, carrying 85 passengers and 40 crew, was diverted from its Greenland-Denmark run to join the search but later withdrew because of the weather, the Greenland trading department said.

The air force C-54s in the hunt have come from Goose Bay, Labrador, and Keflavik, Iceland.

A coast guard spokesman in New York said the aerial search would continue all night. An American search plane was over the area, he said, and a Royal Canadian Air Force Lancaster was to go up later. The two air force C-54s have returned to their bases.

A Danish government plane has landed at Keflavik, he said, "and is expected to take up the search from there shortly." More planes

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15 Below Forecast For Today

Islander shivered in the coldest temperatures of the winter over the weekend as a deep freeze cold air front moved into the Maritimes following Friday's thaw.

Lowest temperature recorded at the department of transport meteorological station at the airport was a frigid 10 degrees below zero about 8 a.m. Sunday and that mark was expected to be lowered last night.

Late Sunday night the thermometer was reading 5.2 below zero and expectations were that the mercury would drop to a season' low of between 14 and 15 degrees below shortly after dawn this morning.

Four Of Family Perish In Fire

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask. (CP) RCMP officials said Saturday they believed all four members of one family burned to death Friday in a locked farmhouse 12 miles south of here.

Missing are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wieler, both about 29, and their sons—Edwin, 4, and Ronald, 10 months.

Charred parts of what a funeral director described as "three or four bodies" were recovered from the basement of the five - room bungalow.

A 14-year-old boy who first noticed the fire said he found one door padlocked. Neighbors said another had been boarded up for the winter and a basement entrance was closed.

2 Nova Scotians Die Accidentally

HALIFAX (CP) — Highway accidents Saturday night claimed the lives of two Nova Scotians.

Frank Andrew Spence, 20, of St. Croix, was killed when his car was struck by a Dominion Atlantic Railway diesel passenger train at Panuke Crossing near Windsor.

Earlier, 12-year-old Marilyn Ann Richards died after the bicycle she was driving to deliver newspapers was struck by a car near her River Herbert home.

Fires Cause $47,000 Loss

SYDNEY (CP) — Two fires in sub-zero weather Sunday caused damage estimated at $47,000.

At New Waterford, 15 miles from here, a family of three narrowly escaped when fire levelled the two-storey frame store operated by Benny Gaum. Mr. Gaum said the loss to his heavily-stocked store was $40,000. It was only partially covered by insurance.

At nearby Mira Road, a family of four went homeless when fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home of Angus Muise.

Firemen kept the flames from spreading to a nearby saw mill.

Smog Fills Beds In 4 Hospitals

MANCHESTER, England (Reuters)—Smog caused four hospitals in this northern England industrial city to declare a state of emergency Sunday.

The hospitals are jammed with persons suffering from chest complaints.

No more medical cases will be admitted unless they are urgent.

At another hospital in Manchester, 36 nurses are off duty with illness.

Although fog—and smog—was severe last Wednesday and Thursday throughout most of Britain, the weekend was clear in most areas. London, hardest hit by the 1952 "killer" smog, enjoyed bright sunshine.

Pair Escape Crash Landing

DORCHESTER, N.B. (CP)—Two Halifax men escaped injury Sunday afternoon when their Tri-Pacer flipped over after making a forced landing in a field near here.

Pilot Samuel Ross and his passenger Walter Conrad were unhurt. The pilot radioed the Moncton Air Traffic Control Centre at 3 p.m. AST he was going to crash land because of engine trouble.

The Piper was originally owned by D.L. Tanton of Charlottetown.

Two Bandits Rob N.B. Motel Owner And His Wife Of $600

SAINT JOHN, N. B., — (CP) — Police are searching for two men who assaulted and robbed a motel owner and his wife of $600 in American currency at nearby Glen Falls, early Sunday morning. Ora Parlee had recently drawn the money from a bank for a trip to Florida.

The armed robbery was the third in the province in as many weeks. None of the bandits have been caught.

Jan. 11, two masked gunmen robbed a Doaktown, N. B., physician of $600 and an undisclosed quantity of drugs. Jan. 17 a lone gunman held up and robbed a Saint John tobacco shop owner of $95.

The Glen Falls motel robbers were described as "big men" between 30 and 40 years old. They applied for a room and were told there were no vacancies.

They forced their way in and one struck Mrs. Parlee on the head with the butt of his gun. The other struggled with Mr. Parlee and fired a shot into the floor.

"We mean business, hand over your money," he said. The pair took the money and fled.

EIGHT LEFT HOMELESS

GLACE BAY, N.S. (CP) — Fire Sunday destroyed the home of Mrs. D. J. Boyd. Eight persons were left homeless. There was no estimate of damage.

Dutch Princess Beatrix Observes 21st Birthday

THE HAGUE (Reuters)—Once upon a time, a baby princess was carried away to a far land to escape a wicked tyrant who stole her throne.

That was the fairy-tale beginning to the life of Crown Princess Beatrix of The Netherlands, and—as in all good fairy tales—it had a happy outcome.

Her country, long since freed of Hitler's oppression, was decked with flags Saturday to celebrate her 21st birthday.

But the young heir-apparent to the Dutch throne has no fairy-tale remoteness from her people.

CAMPED OUT

Every summer she spent a week with her schoolmates camping out in the country and did her tour of duty as cook and dishwasher.

After high school, she followed her mother's footsteps and entered Leyden University, founded by an ancestor, William the Silent, nearly 400 years ago.

The no-privileges policy is still holding today. Crown Princess Beatrix is cramming for a degree in sociology.

She has a flair for languages and is especially good in English—the result of her early years in Ottawa.

Her favorite pastimes are sports. The blue-eyed, russet-haired princess is an expert rider and has taken honors at international events.

Occasional rumors of possible marriages with eligible European aristocrats have been promptly denied.

The Amsterdam newspaper de Telegraaf, outlining the legal consequences of her coming of age, notes she still will need the approval of her parents for a marriage until she is 30.

Western Farmers Get Wheat Price Increase From Seaway

WINNIPEG (C) — The Canadian wheat board has announced a new schedule of wheat prices aimed at giving western farmers the benefit of freight savings to come from the operation of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Included in the move was an increase of 5⅞ cents in the basic price of wheat stored at the Lakehead. This raised Friday's price for No. 1 northern to $1.69½ a bushel.

The board said the increase will be offset by reduced shipping costs when deep - sea freighters will be able to sail to the Lakehead for grain cargoes. The seaway is to open in June.

The board for the first time quoted prices for St. Lawrence River and Atlantic ports. No change was made in prices of wheat for shipment from Vancouver or the Hudson Bay port of Churchill, Man.

Pacific coast prices Friday were 6⅜ cents higher than Lakehead quotations and Churchill prices were 7⅜ cents higher. Initial quotations for St. Lawrence ports were 16¼ cents higher than the Lakehead and Atlantic ports 18¾ cents higher.

The wheat board said the new schedule extends the policy of quoting separate selling prices for wheat stored at the Lakehead, Churchill and the Pacific coast, designed to give flexibility in pricing and to make Canadian wheat competitive on overseas markets no matter from which port it is shipped.

Explaining the objective of the new schedule, a wheat board spokesman said the board is trying to anticipate what the overall saving will be on grain shipments from the Lakehead to St. Lawrence or Atlantic ports after the seaway opens. He said the saving would fluctuate with changes in the newly instituted quotations for the St. Lawrence and Atlantic.

Search Underway For 2 Men Missing On Ice Near Pictou

PICTOU, N. S., — (CP) —The search will resume today for two men last seen early Sunday driving across harbor ice here.

Alexander Russell Ross, 50, of Abercrombie, across the harbor from here, and George Shearer, 81, of the Falls, N.S., were taking a short cut across the ice to Ross' home. They were followed in another car by Ross' brother-in-law Fraser Murray of the Falls, and his family, but they turned back.

Murray told RCMP he turned back when his wife protested that the ice was unsafe. He said he drove to Abercrombie by the highway around Pictou harbor, a distance of about 18 miles. When Ross and Shearer failed to show up, Murray raised an alarm.

Searchers led by RCMP retraced the route believed taken by the two men. An RCAF Search and Rescue Dakota from Dartmouth, N.S., circled the harbor Sunday searching for breaks in the ice.

RCMP warned last week that the harbor ice was unsafe. Friday a car broke through and plunged into 100 feet of water. The three occupants escaped unhurt.

Soviet Union Leads U.S. In Race To Build Nuclear-Powered Ships

WASHINGTON (A) — The United States has four nuclear-powered surface ships under construction, but Russia apparently is going to put one into operation a year ahead of the Americans.

The semi-annual report of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission issued during the weekend lists three atomic-propelled ship projects for the navy and one for the merchant marine.

It notes that Russia has announced its nuclear-propelled ice-breaker will be ready "for actual use in the spring of 1959."

Not before next year will the first American atom-powered surface ships be ready. The nuclear merchant ship Savannah is scheduled for sea trials in 1960.

And about that same time the cruiser Long Beach should be completed, navy records indicate. The other two atomic navy ships —the 80,000 - ton carrier Enterprise and a nuclear destroyer are scheduled for completion in 1961.

However, the U.S. continues to hold an apparently long lead in the nuclear submarine field. The report notes that there now are 33 nuclear powered American navy submarines built, building or authorized by Congress.

Four of these now are operating in the fleet. A fifth, the Seawolf, is laid up in a yard preparatory to a year-long project of replacing the reactor plant.

To date there has been no official word that Russia has completed a nuclear submarine.

The AEC report, covering specifically the last six months but generally all of 1958, contains only brief data on military weapons.

ATOMS AND OIL

In discussing the latest test series at the Nevada proving ground last September and October, the AEC said 18 tests were conducted to determine whether "projected weapons would be nuclearly safe for handling and storage."

In a branch of the peaceful use of atomic energy, the AEC discusses the possibility of using atomic blasting charges for petroleum production and mining. There has been talk of using such processes in northern Alberta's tar sands.

"Nuclear explosives," says the report, "can be used to fracture large masses of oil-bearing shale so that oil can be released or recovered by in-place heating followed by conventional pumping."

In-place heating means that the heat produced by an atomic explosion would, release petroleum from rocks or tar sands while still underground.

The report gives uranium ore production in the U.S. during 1958 as 5,200,000 tons, compared with 3,700,000 in 1957. It notes that Canada, still a prominent uranium supplier, has virtually ceased to hunt for further uranium, ostensibly because its reserves now stand at a whopping 377,000,000 tons. American domestic reserves are estimated at 6,000,000 tons.

P.E. ISLANDERS IN GERMANY

Members of the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade are presently undergoing winter training in Germany. Behind a snow-covered wall in the ancient village of Korbecke, soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, The Regiment of Canadian Guards, take up a "fire position". From left are Gdsm. Ivan Hill of Hunter River, Cpl. Albert Laird of Cavendish, and Gdsm. John Garnhum of Montague.

(National Defence Photo)

British Make First Move Against 'Common Market'

By COLIN FROST

LONDON (AP)—British industrialists, fearful of an approaching trade war, announced Sunday their first counter - measures against Europe's six - country Common Market.

After just a month's operation, the market already is hurting British manufacturers. Industry and government fear the outlook is bleak.

An influential group led by Raymond Gordon of Fairey Aviation announced it is forming an organization called the Commonwealth Union of Trade. Its aim is to build up Commonwealth trade as an insurance against possible loss of European markets.

British manufacturers — big names in the auto and engineering industries among them — already have lost sales outlets carefully built up in Europe since the war. Continental dealers and merchants who had been importing British machines are switching to German products, which they believe will benefit most from the Common Market scheme.

STARTED JAN. 1

The Common Market started operating Jan. 1 in France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. The six countries cut tariffs and increased quotas for imports from fellow members.

France is the focal point of British worries, since it has more barriers against imports than other members of the six. That makes the tariff-reduced German product an even bigger attraction for French buyers.

Britain still is pressing a rival scheme which would extend Common Market advantages to all 17 members of the Organization for European Economic Co - operation. France is the main objector to this all-European free trade area. One objection is that Britain, while seeking equal treatment in Europe, refuses to give up preferential trade arrangements with the Commonwealth.

The newly formed Commonwealth Union of Trade will be largely an advisory group, pooling knowledge on ways to increase sales. Its basic aim is to remove tariffs and other trade barriers such as import quotas inside the Commonwealth.