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My never-falling friends are they with whom I converse day by day.

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NATO Approves History's Largest Peace-Time Buildup Awards Made Possible By Federal Government Grant

Peace Negotiators Face Old And New Problems

Traffic Victims Reach Gaspe

GASPE, Que., Feb. 24 (CP)—Twenty persons—most of them haggard and unshaven—received warm welcomes from relatives and friends when they arrived here last night after being stranded four days in the lonely village of St. Therese.

Becomes World's 7th Jet Ace

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Reuters)—Major T. Whisner of the United States Air Force became the world's seventh jet ace Saturday when he down his fifth Mig.

Coming Events

- **Seeds! Send for free catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York.
**Dance cancelled Fort Augustus Hall Monday night.
**Reserve March 13th for Variety Concert in Hempton Hall.
**Dance, St. Andrews School, Monday night, February 26th. Good music. Luncheon.
**Hockey at Sandy's tonight. Sandy's Ramblers vs. East Royals. Skate after.
**Hockey match, Long River tonight, Long River vs. Bredalbane. If not live, first fine night.
**Lot 65 Hall, Monday, Feb. 25th, dance supper, card party and dance.
**Carnival in Souris Rink Wednesday, February 27th. Judging at 9 p.m. skating till 10:30. Cash prizes.
**Card Party, Summerfield Hall, Tuesday, February 26th. Sponsored by Credit Union.
**Another car of Old Sydney coal unloading Monday and Tuesday, McLean Bros, North Wiltshire.
**Pre-Lenten Dance on Monday at South Rustico. Music by the Charlottetownians. (No dance this Friday.)
**Hockey Stanley Bridge rink tonight. Second game of semi-finals, Graham's Road vs. Cavendish. Game time 8 P.M.
**Hockey, North River rink Monday, Feb. 25th. Glasgow Road Maple Leafs vs. Covehead Red Wings. Game time 8:15. Skate after.
**For Snapshots that will not fade, mail your films and negatives to Garabhan Photo Studios, Charlottetown.
**Dance, St. Peter's Legion Hall, Tuesday night, February 26th. This week will be the last dance till Easter Monday night.
**Loading hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., all day Tuesday at Vernon Bridge. Farmers are asked to bring their hogs to the car, Walter Crane.
**Loading hogs at Albany Monday, Feb. 25th. If stormy, first day roads are open. Please bring hogs to station or arrange to meet truck at highway. J. George Mackay.
**Collecting Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., each Tuesday at Craupaud and Carleton. When roads are impassable farmers are asked to deliver hogs to our trucks at Craupaud, and Carleton, up until 11 A.M. each Tuesday, under the same arrangement as last year. R. N. Dawson, Phone No. 12-11 or 17.

Plan To Cost More Than \$300,000,000

LISBON, Feb. 24 (CP)—The Atlantic countries Saturday night committed themselves to a master plan for the biggest peacetime military buildup in history. The plan calls for an Allied defence wall of between 45 and 50 divisions to be stretched this year across Europe. This is to be raised to double the number of men in arms by the end of 1954. The plan will cost more than \$300,000,000, but the ministers attending the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's ninth council session adopted it unanimously as an investment in security from Communist attack.

Federal Aid For Polio Centre Is Undertaken

OTTAWA, Feb. 25 (The Federal Government has undertaken to meet part of the cost of technical equipment for the polio centre at the provincial sanatorium, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Federal Health Minister Paul Martin said here today. When the Provincial Health Department moved its headquarters from the sanatorium to the centre of the city, part of the space vacated was converted into a treatment centre for children with polio. The Federal grant will assist in providing equipment to be used in the rehabilitation of the young patients being cared for there.

Queen Goes To Windsor Castle

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Queen went to Windsor Saturday to join her mother and sister at the Royal Lodge on the castle grounds where her father was buried last week. The 25-year-old Queen was accompanied by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, on the 20-mile trip to Windsor. The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret went there last night.

Successful Operation On Eight-Year-Old Girl

CHATHAM, N. B., Feb. 24 (CP)—The dramatic story of Marie Mazerolle had a happy ending today when the eight-year-old girl, suffering a ruptured appendix, was airlifted from the snowbound village of Point Sapin and underwent a successful operation here. Her condition was reported favorable tonight, with every indication of recovery. Capt. James Gilbert, army doctor who parachuted into the northern New Brunswick fishing village last Saturday, said he was "well pleased" with the outcome. An R.C.A.F. helicopter which arrived here yesterday from Greenwood, N. S., went to Point Sapin at 9 a.m. today. Landing was made without difficulty near the Roman Catholic church there. An hour later the ailing child was in the Hotel Dieu Hospital at Chatham after an air force ambulance waiting at the R. C. A. F. station here had completed the last stage of the mercy trip. Dr. Percy Losier performed the operation this afternoon. It was officially termed successful. Ft. Lt. R. H. Ritchie, Edmonton, flew the helicopter to Point Sapin and return, a total distance of 60 miles. With him were Capt. Gilbert and Cpl. Thomas Roycroft, Edmonton, of the R.C.A.F. paratrooper unit at Greenwood. The corporal had parachuted with Capt. Gilbert on Thursday. Arrangements for today's airlift were made yesterday when the helicopter dropped down at the village for its crew to survey the situation. On their return trip Saturday the air men performed another mercy mission by bringing Philmore Carroll, 16, to hospital here for treatment of an ear ailment.

French Retreat Before Indo-China's Reds

SAIGON, Indo-China, Feb. 24 (AP)—French authorities announced tonight that they pulled out of Hoa Binh, key highway point on the Black River they once vowed they would never give up to Indo-China's Communists. They also withdrew their forces strung along colonial route No. 6, main supply channel to Hoa Binh, and thus cut the French defence perimeter around Hanoi from 500 to 375 miles. In all, about 20,000 French and Viet Nam soldiers made the retreat, in which about 170 were reported wounded. Gen. Raoul Salan, commander of the French union forces, told reporters today that the Communists succeeded in building roads to the west of Hoa Binh, over which they are receiving increasing amounts of war supplies from Red China. The general said all French Union troops now are massed in the Red River delta. The French are determined to hold the delta as a beachhead until they can launch a big-scale offensive against the Reds, he added. Even though the French have written off Hoa Binh as unimportant, its loss is bound to have a widespread psychological effect among the Indo-Chinese. It further points up the fact that the moment of decision in Asia's second biggest war is yet far away. The fall of the strategic town gives the Vietminh an excellent propaganda weapon and a chance to shout victory. Abandonment by the French of the network of defences along routes 6 and Hoa Binh opens the way for a possible big Vietminh push on Hanoi itself. The evacuation of Hoa Binh was the first big French withdrawal since they quit Langson, north of Hanoi, near the Chinese frontier, in November, 1950. The French took Hoa Binh in a mid-November offensive but since then there have been constant Vietminh attacks on the garrison there and along the road.

Number of Men And Women Almost Equal In P.E.I.

Men and women are almost equal, so far as numbers are concerned, in this Province. The recently completed census reveals that there are 52,218 men and 48,211 women. The only county showing more women than men is Queens where there are 42,751 people, 21,245 men and 21,506 women. Kings County has 9,529 men and 8,414 women, while Prince County has 19,444 men and 18,291 women. Quebec, which shows more women than men, even there the disadvantage is only slight with approximately 11,000 more women than men in a total population of over four million.

Says Air Force Against Spreading Korean War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—If Korean truce talks break down, what happens then? The possibility that such a collapse might lead simply to a prolonged stalemate in the war is being considered by United States strategists. There are signs that President Truman's advisers are opposed to the U. S. taking any initiative to hit Communist China directly in an effort to break such a stalemate. The dominant feeling in the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff and National Security Council is reported to be that the U. S. should extend the war beyond Korea only if it is compelled to do so by aggressive Chinese actions. The air force has long been counted on as the fighting arm which would carry the burden of such an air-sea war but it is understood that air force leaders are among those who have advised against it if it can be avoided. Three principal arguments are being advanced in support of this attitude: 1. The present 90-wing air force has been designed to retaliate directly against Russia if Russia starts a war, to defend the U. S. and to support Allied ground forces in Western Europe. It does not have more than just enough planes to do these jobs. If it had to expand its operations in the Far East it would have to divert planes from these essential purposes. 2. China is a junior partner in the Communist bloc. Russia is the centre of power there just as the U. S. is the centre of power for the free nations. Action against China, therefore, could not be decisive. 3. In terms of the results which could be obtained, a limited war on Red China now would be a costly one in U. S. planes and personnel and perhaps naval craft as well. The U. S. government has been examining for several weeks the possible courses of action which it might follow in the event that the truce negotiations go sour. One of the big problems which officials say they cannot measure is what public reaction would be in the event of a truce collapse. In both the state and defence departments some officials believe that the demand for action directly against China, quite apart from the strategic questions, would be almost overwhelming.

Canada Requires More Technicians Says St. Laurent

QUEBEC, Feb. 24 (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent said Saturday night Canada's economic development required more and better technicians than ever before and put it up to Canadian universities to produce them. Mr. St. Laurent spoke at the closing banquet of a three-day convention of Laval University's Alumni Association. The meeting inaugurated centenary celebrations of the French-language university. "We need more engineers, geologists, chemists, economists, sociologists, scientific researchers and laboratory specialists who can create and apply new processes to bring out the full value of the enormous resources at our disposal," said the Prime Minister. "It is the universities which will continue to produce these specialists, and it is important that the universities do this and thus contribute to the material development of our social environment. "But the legitimate pursuit of a higher standard of living must not make us forget that material goods are not an end in themselves; that they must be only means to preserve and consolidate our true civilization. "In its 100 years, Mr. St. Laurent said, Laval had always understood its role and fulfilled it with a devotion that "makes all of us old boys proud."

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N. B. School Lost In Fire

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Feb. 24 (CP)—Loss estimated at \$250,000 occurred tonight when fire destroyed the Southampton Regional School 27 miles from Woodstock. Officials said the four-year-old building had cost \$150,000 and was valued at \$250,000 at current prices.

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Philip May Be 'King Consort'

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Sunday Pictorial says today the Queen may have her husband crowned "King Consort" instead of "Prince Consort." In the established order of royalty, the 30-year-old Duke of Edinburgh has been expected to receive the princely title devised a century ago by Queen Victoria for her consort, Albert. But the Pictorial predicts a surprise announcement giving the Duke a king's title because the new Queen wants it that way for her husband. "The Duke is man of independence and personality are a great potential asset to the country." Officially, the Queen still would reign alone. Either as King or Prince, her husband's title would have the telling qualification—"Consort." The Pictorial says the higher title would be well received—"nothing would please the people more." (Reuters News Agency reported last week that reliable sources said the coronation is expected to be held Aug. 7.

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HALEFAX, Feb. 24 (CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Monday.

Synopsis: The weather was generally sunny over the Maritimes Sunday with temperatures in the -5's. A high pressure area centred over Nova Scotia is moving slowly eastward. Little change is expected in the weather Monday.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 11:07 A.M. and 10:34 P.M. High tide on the North Shore at 5:57 A.M. and 5:54 P.M. Sunrise today at 7:00 A.M. and sets at 5:54 P.M.

MCA AIR SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 5:30 A.M.; 11:20 A.M.; 4:50 P.M. Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:25 A.M.; 1:35 P.M.; 6:55 P.M. Leave Charlottetown for New Glasgow—Halifax 7:40 A.M. New Glasgow—Halifax 1:50 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow and 4:35 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY 9:10 A.M. Arrive Sydney from New Glasgow Arrive New Glasgow 10:25 A.M. Arrive New Glasgow from Sydney. SUNDAY ONLY Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 11:20 A.M. Arrive Charlottetown from Moncton 5:55 P.M. BORDEN — CAFE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE Daily (Including Sunday) Leave Borden 9:10 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. Leave C. T. 10:35 A.M. 2:40 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.