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Famous Comedian Sir Harry Lauder Dies At His Home In Scotland

STRATHAVEN, Scotland, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Sir Harry Lauder, world-famed Scottish comedian, died at his home tonight after long months of illness. He was 79.

Sir Harry started as a mill boy and became one of the best loved — and one of the richest — figures of the stage in the world. It was he who wrote "Roamin' In The Gloamin'" and made it almost a folk song in its popularity and familiarity.

Suffering from arterio-thrombosis (an arterial blood clot) complicated by kidney ailments, he had been near death since August, 1949.

For a time daily bulletins on his condition were issued from his Lancashire Home, Lauder Hall. About three months ago Sir Harry rallied, but the improvement was only temporary.

Sir Harry, with his kilt, gnarled stick, infectious smile and catchy songs typified the Scotsman to the world's variety audiences for half a century. He made 25 North American tours, and up to his last illness denied that he would retire.

His songs, especially "The End Of The Road," "I Love A Lassie" and "Roamin' In The Gloamin'," won the hearts of audiences in Canada, the United States, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa as well as Britain.

Royalty Among Fans

Among his "fans" were King Edward VII, King George V and the Duke of Windsor.

He spent his last Christmas on a sickbed in the company of his niece, Greta, and his old friend, Dr. John Stewart.

Sir Harry was born at Portobello, near Edinburgh, in 1870. His parents were poor, and he began work early in a flax mill at Arbroath.

Always intensely proud of his country, he later told how while at school when an English boy spoke slightly of Scotland, he "leapt at him like a wild cat."

Young Harry Lauder was only 12 when he sang for the first time in public, in a show competition.

His first professional appearances were at Belfast and at Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

He was 30 when he ventured to London, where his Scottish songs and portrayal of the canny Scot brought him immediate success.

He always said that his marriage at the age of 20 to Annie Valance was the turning point in his career, and he never gave up traveling after her death in 1927. Their only son, Capt. John Lauder, was killed in the First World War.

Miss Lauder, the niece, had looked after her famous uncle during the years since his wife's death.

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Sir Harry took the advice he gave in the song he made popular during the First World War: "Keep Right On To The End Of The Road." It was only last year, on the repeated advice of his doctors against taxing his strength, that the famous comedian reluctantly announced his retirement.

"I suppose a man can't go on forever — though I'd be perfectly willing to," he remarked sadly. Although Sir Harry had sung his swan song on the commercial stage in the middle '30's, he had not ceased being a showman. All through the Second World War, at his own express wish, he had sung, capered and pantomimed as he had done a generation before for troops at home and for charity.

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Four Top U. S. Atomic Experts Give Views

(By Alton L. Blakeslee)

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 — (AP) — The hydrogen bomb, if it works, could easily be made a suicide bomb to kill everyone in the world, four top atomic scientists warned today.

They said it probably will be another three years before it is even known whether such a bomb can be produced.

If and when such a bomb is made, it would kill slowly by poisoning everything and everyone with radioactive dusts. The dusts would be carried around the world by the wind.

Scientists could make dusts that would stay active and kill for a few days, a few months, or as long as 5,000 years. They could pick the kind of dusts they wanted to create.

The warning was sounded by Dr. Hans Bethe, physicist of Cornell University; Dr. Frederick Seitz, physicist of the University of Illinois; Dr. Leo Szilard, biophysicist, and Dr. Harrison Brown, chemist, both of the University of Chicago.

They told of the suicide bomb in a University of Chicago round table broadcast, over NBC, originating here.

These are their statements: The H-bomb, as conceived in theory, would create huge amounts of atomic particles called neutrons. These neutrons can change harmless atoms, like cobalt or carbon, or almost anything, into radioactive, poisonous atoms.

It would take only 500 tons of heavy hydrogen, in one H-bomb, to make a dust that would kill everyone in the world, Dr. Szilard declared.

It would release 50 tons of neutrons — enough to make a radioactive dust that would settle over the world. The dust would stay lethal for five years.

Any country could threaten to use such a bomb, in a suicide-for-everyone ultimatum to get what it wanted, the scientists agreed.

Bombs might be rigged to produce dusts of short- or long-killing power.

One hydrogen bomb, not rigged for dust production, wouldn't create much danger.

It would make nitrogen and carbon in the surrounding air radioactive. But a lot of the H-bombs, used in a war, could create a 5,000-year carbon dust which would make life impossible," Dr. Bethe said.

There still are two hopeful facts. One is that it may not be possible ever to make a hydrogen bomb. "It has not been made — it has not even been conceived definitely how it will be made," Dr. Bethe said, estimating it would take at least three years before it is known whether an H-bomb can be made.

Secondly, the H-bomb would be big and heavy, and how to deliver it by plane or guided missile might be a tough problem.

N. S. Missionary Dies In Japan

TORONTO, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Dr. Luther L. Young, 72, well-known Presbyterian missionary, died in Japan it was learned here today. He had been in ill health for some time.

Dr. Young served as missionary and advisor to the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

Before going to Japan he held pastorates near New Glasgow, N. S., and Moose Jaw, Sask.

Strong Demand For PEI Turnips At Good Price

The price and quantity of Island turnips shipped from this Province to date have almost doubled the price and amount of those shipped to the end of February in 1949, it was learned from Mr. W. P. MacLeod, Senior Fruit and Vegetable Inspector here.

Approximately 1584 car loads or 1,267,000 bushels of turnips have been shipped this year. During the similar period last year 904 car loads or 733,200 bushels were shipped. The present price of turnips is

90 cents per bushel compared to 30-32 cents this time a year ago. A small turnip crop in Ontario was given by Mr. MacLeod as one of the reasons why the price and quantity of shipments increased to such an extent. He also felt that there was a better grade of Island turnips going on the market.

The majority of the turnips are being shipped to New York and Boston. A few were shipped to Ontario during the early part of the year.

Escaped Leopard Gives Jitters To 245,000 People

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 26 — (AP) — Weary, sunburned hunters late today halted a Sunday safari when darkness made it too dangerous to hunt a jungle-bred leopard which yesterday escaped from the Lincoln Park zoo here.

The leopard was reported sighted on one occasion but the clue fizzled out.

A motor patrol was posted around the area tonight, and the search will be resumed tomorrow.

Zoo officials said leopards usually do their stalking at dusk or early evening and "it is just too dangerous to have our men in that area at night."

Search officials issued warnings that the 200-pound animal would make an appearance to seek food.

Zoo director Julian Frazer said the animal was last fed Saturday morning but that it could go for three days without making a kill for food.

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Session Likely To Be Last For Premier Jones

(Canadian Press)

Informed circles said here last night, on the eve of the opening of the third session of the 21st Prince Edward Island Legislature since Confederation, that this will be Premier J. Walter Jones' last session.

Mr. Jones, leader of the Province's Liberal administration for the last six years and a member for the last 14, will resign after the end of the session to fill the Province's vacancy in the Senate, a reliable source told the Canadian Press. Prince Edward Island has four Senate seats.

The colorful farmer-politician, who will be 72 April 14, was unavailable for comment. Confined to bed with a heavy cold, he was expected to be present for the House opening tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Mr. Jones' successor, mentioned as his possible successor, will be House leader.

The Liberals hold 24 of the 30 seats, won in the December, 1947 general election. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Premier from 1933-35, heads a six man Progressive-Conservative opposition. The 68-year-old physician has been in the House for twenty-two years.

Four new members elected in by-elections last July will take their seats when Lieutenant-Governor Joseph A. Bernard reads the Throne Speech. Three of them — Walter Darby (L-2nd Prince), George MacKay (L-4th Prince) and D. A. MacRae (L-4th Kings) — were elected by acclamation.

Brenton St. John (L-1st Kings), defeated Melvin MacQuaid, his Progressive Conservative opponent, by 270 votes.

Forrest Phillips (L-2nd Prince) is being mooted as the possible successor to Speaker Eugene F. Cullen (L-3rd Queens) appointed Industry Minister — new cabinet post. The election will take place before the Throne Speech is read.

The cabinet, reshuffled last October, has been increased from eight to nine members, four of them new faces. Premier Jones has given up the Education, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, and Public Works and Highways portfolios he held temporarily.

The by-elections resulted from the elevation to the Senate last July of Highways Minister George H. Barbour (L-2nd Prince), appointment of minister without portfolio Horace Wright (L-4th Kings) as chairman of the Provincial Board, resignation of Thomas J. Kichham (L-1st Kings) elected to the House of Commons, and appointment of minister without portfolio John A. Campbell (L-4th Kings) as supervisor of the Provincial Government's Beach Grove farm.

Mr. Darby succeeds Hon. Frederick A. Large (L-1st Queens) as appointee to Education Minister, and Attorney General and also Provincial Treasurer. J. Wilfred Arsenault (L-3rd Prince), former minister without portfolio, is Provincial Secretary.

Harry H. Cox (L-2nd Kings), formerly minister without portfolio, succeeds Mr. Barbour as Highways Minister. Cleve and C. Bakke (L-3rd Kings) are minister without portfolio.

As yet there is no indication that any contentious legislation will come before the House. Most bills are expected to be amendments to existing acts and informed circles predict the session will last no longer than a month.

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Attlee Spurns Idea Of Coalition; Party Now Has Ten Over-All Majority

LONDON, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Prime Minister Attlee, spurning the idea of a coalition, has informed the King he will form a new government based on his razor-edge majority in the Commons.

"We are carrying on," said Attlee after a 75-minute emergency cabinet meeting Saturday.

Labour held 315 seats tonight, a working majority of 10 over the combined strength of the other parties. Conservatives and allied Liberals had 294, plus the Conservative Speaker of the House who votes only in case of a tie. Other party representation was: Liberals 8, Irish Nationalists 2, and Independent 1.

Four constituencies have not reported — three isolated ones in Scotland where returns are expected Monday and the Manchester Moss Side district in England where voting has been deferred until March 9 due to the death of the Conservative candidate. Three of these districts returned Conservatives in 1945, one a Socialist.

Two districts reported Saturday. The Western Isles district of Scotland, reporting ahead of time, added a Labour victory. M. K. MacMillan won a three-way race with a Liberal and an Independent by 1,437 votes. Labour won the seat in 1945 by about the same margin.

In the other contest, Capt. J. MacLeod, an Independent Liberal, got 10,912 votes against A. C. Reid's 8,521 for Labour in the Scottish constituency of Ross and Cromarty.

The fate of the midget majority administration will depend entirely on a host of factors of which consequence when Labour had steamroller weight in Parliament, but which now might be big enough to bring the government down. These include such things as minor backbench rebellions, parliamentary absenteeism, and even sickness among members.

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Russia Puts Increased Stress On Naval Might

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Feb. 26 — (AP) — Russia has created a navy ministry free from control by the ministry of the armed forces to emphasize the Soviet Union's increasing importance as a sea power.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet issued a decree Saturday establishing the new ministry, and approved Admiral Ivan Stepanovich Yumashev to head it. Yumashev was formerly deputy minister of the armed forces and commander-in-chief of the Soviet fleet.

(Formation of the new ministry followed by two months the disclosure by the authoritative British publication, Jane's Fighting Ships, that the Soviet Union was building up its naval strength in a program calling for the construction of at least three ultra-modern battleships and up to 1,000 submarines.)

(The battleships were said to be equipped to fire aerial torpedoes and rockets. The submarines were reported to be long-range types with a high submerged speed. Four hundred of them were listed by Jane's as intended for service in the Pacific, which has been dominated by the United States navy.)

Experts here believe that the navy was rewarded for successful completion of the tasks assigned it under the 1946-1950 five-year plan by creation of its own ministry.

One of the tasks assigned in 1946 was the creation of a new sea route by 1950 through the Arctic Ocean north of Siberia from European Russia to the Pacific. Others were a great addition to the merchant marine and the building of new

Guard Of Honor From 3 Counties At House Opening

Members of the Prince Edward Island Regiment under Captain Frank White and Lieutenants John Rogers and George MacRae will act as guard of honor for the opening of the Legislature this afternoon. The House will be opened at 3 o'clock by His Honour Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard.

This year for the first time members of squadrons in the three Counties will form the guard. Squadrons participating will be "A" Squadron, Charlottetown, "B" Squadron, King's County and "C" Squadron, Prince County. They will be accompanied by the Recce Band under the direction of Bandmaster Muggford.

A salute will be fired by the 28th L.A.A. from Victoria Park at 3 o'clock. Commanding officer will be Capt. L. E. Wellner.

Brigadier W. W. Reid, D.S.O., E.D. will represent Major General H. W. Foster, C.B.E., D.S.O., General Commanding Officer of the Eastern Command, Halifax, at the opening. The Lieutenant Governor will be attended by his aides, Col. P. S. Fielding, Sqdn.-Ldr. C. H. Trainor and Lt. Cmdr. Robert MacMillan.

Navy League Annual Meeting

TORONTO, Feb. 26 — (CP) — David H. Gibson of Toronto Saturday was re-elected president of the Navy League of Canada at its annual meeting here.

Reports presented by the 14 divisions of the League stressed the youth-training program. A total of 78 Cadet Corps are being operated, with all training in seamanship being conducted by the Royal Canadian Navy.

During the year hostels and clubs for personnel of the R.C.N. and merchant marine were maintained at the ports of Louisburg, Sydney, Halifax, Saint John, Vancouver and Victoria.

Highlights of 1949 were the League's sponsoring of the first Commonwealth and Empire Sea Cadet camp at Cholsy, Que., the bringing together for the first time of representatives of each Sea Cadet Corps in Canada and the opening of a new club for naval ratings at Halifax.

The auditor's report indicated income of the National Council exceeded expenditures by \$17,000. Current surplus is \$328,000.

Fatally Burned In CRIB

LIVERPOOL, N. S., Feb. 26 — Two-year-old Joyce Robinson, who was severely burned when her crib caught on fire at her home here early today died in hospital tonight. The infant's mother suffered hand burns when the burning crib. No inquest is to be held. Cause of the fire is not known.

Bridge Closed

THREE RIVERS, Que., Feb. 26 — (CP) — Sagging on the south side, the Duplessis steel bridge linking Three Rivers with Cap de La Madeleine across the St. Maurice River was closed to heavy traffic tonight following a break Saturday night in an arch. Cause of the break in the two-year-old bridge was not known.

Pope Plus Recovered

VATOGAN CITY, Feb. 26 — (AP) — Pope Plus, fully recovered from his recent illness, today held an hour-long general audience for 5,000 holy year pilgrims. The Pope suffered a light attack of influenza 16 days ago.

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Instead they detoured a bitter diplomatic issue by referring only to "the east mark and west mark currency areas."

Both "areas" agreed that their 600,000,000 mark (\$12,800,000) trade pact, which has four more months to run, should be "considerably expanded."

Both agreed they could not clamp on any embargo in the future without first talking it over together.

The Russian-zone Germans assented to the West's demands that Eastern buying be spread over more Western industries than steel alone and that steel orders be in a constant volume instead of crowded into a short period.

The Easterners also pledged themselves to make up their deficit in deliveries of their own products to the West.

It was this lag in Soviet zone commodity payments which was the official reason for the steel embargo. But some observers suspected that Allied officials, who prompted the West's restriction, wanted to retaliate for Russian interference with Berlin's supply lines.



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HALIFAX, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis