

SUMMERSIDE GARAGE WORKER SUFFERS FATAL BURNS IN FLASH FIRE YESTERDAY

Mammond MacKenzie, 37, died in Prince County Hospital late last night from burns received in a gasoline flash fire in which he was enveloped while doing repair work to a gasoline powered hoist or winch in the maintenance garage at M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd., where he was employed in Summerside about 10 a.m. yesterday.

As MacKenzie lifted the gas tank from the machine on which he was working, gas from the tank poured over his clothing and body and onto the cement floor around him. Combustion, either spontaneous or from an acetylene welding operation in progress about 15 or 20 feet away may have provided ignition to fumes from the spilled gasoline which suddenly and instantaneously enveloped MacKenzie in a sea of fire. Men employed at other work in the same section of the building, startled by the seriousness of the situation, grabbed fire extinguishers from the walls and turned them on the blazing body of their fellow workman who collapsed on the garage floor outside the edge of the fire centre, while others extinguished the fire which had possibilities of further destruction.

Immediately the fire about MacKenzie was extinguished it broke out again on his gasoline drenched body and the clothing which workmen were removing, and fire extinguishers had to be directed at him again.

The man was in an extremely critical condition, Dr. J. B. Downing was summoned and had MacKenzie removed at once to Prince County Hospital where he passed away late last evening.

Married only a short time ago, he is survived by his wife, the former Bernice Moore of Charlottetown, by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. MacKenzie of Mount Stewart and by two sisters, Amy of Mount Stewart and Winnifred, married and residing in Toronto.

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Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Friday Finance Minister Harris said the government likely won't announce for some time appointment of a commission to study Canada's economic prospects.

Justice Minister Garson said he believes the new criminal code strengthens Parliament's judicial status in divorce-case fabrications of evidence.

Social Credit Leader Low said some government-backed agency is needed to provide small loans at low interest to persons with no credit standing.

William Hamilton (PC—Montreal Notre-Dame-de-Grace) accused the post office department of being derelict in their prosecutions.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner said if there is a good crop of rust-resistant Selkirk wheat this year there should be enough of it for prairie spring wheat seeding in 1956.

The Commons will consider government legislation. The Senate is adjourned until Tuesday.

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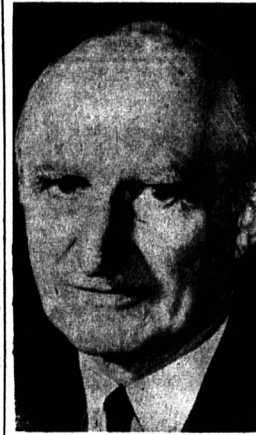
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Solicitor General Reviews Canada's Criminal Problem

"In a great majority of cases, the basic cause of criminal tendency is a faulty early environment," stated Hon. W. Ross Macdonald, Ottawa, in addressing the Charlottetown Board of Trade last night on matters coming within his jurisdiction as Solicitor General of Canada. His address covered a wide field and was heard with great interest and appreciation.

"In some cases," Mr. Macdonald said, "poverty and slum conditions alone produce the tragedy. But the causes are many and varied. Parental indifference, broken homes, arguments, irrational parental behaviour, faulty education, lack of adequate recreation facilities and so on. These are problems which all of us encounter in our daily living. Our duty to this class of person is not to kick them when they are down or shun them as undesirable, but rather to assist them in every way possible.

But you will say, how can we assist? Firstly, may I suggest that as leaders in your community you can help to provide the facilities necessary to combat these tendencies and in your individual relationships with such people, to provide constructive assistance in order to redirect their feet to the proper paths. As leaders in the business community in Charlottetown it is within your power to assist the law enforcement agencies in the reform and rehabilitation of persons who have offended against the law by providing them with employment and supervision. In so doing you would be contributing to the reclamation of



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Eden Party Has 60-Seat Majority

By ALAN HARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON (CP)—Britain's triumphant Conservative party Friday won the 15th general election of the century by a majority of some 60 seats and finally broke the virtual political stalemate of the last five years.

With only six of the 630 constituencies involved in Thursday's voting still to report, Sir Anthony Eden's "new Tories" had captured 342 House of Commons seats against 276 for the opposition Labor party led by Clement Attlee.

The Liberals had five members and there was one Sinn Feiner. Eden, thus confirmed as premier only 51 days after he took over the office from Sir Winston Churchill, promptly called a "victory" meeting of his cabinet. But the government, with a mandate for another five years, faces possible trouble on the industrial front spearheaded by the threat of a national railway strike.

SAME VOTING PATTERN Defeat marked a possible turning point in Labor's fortunes. Secretary Morgan Phillips said Socialists would take the opportunity of "revitalizing" the party but observers saw a possibility of further recriminations between the Socialist right and left.

BLAMES SPLIT IN PARTY Labor leader Attlee said the split in the party was one cause of the Socialist's defeat. "There is no doubt that dissension in the Labor ranks had some effect on marginal voters," Attlee told newspaper men when asked for an explanation. He suggested no other possible reason for Labor's loss.

Attlee's deputy, right-wing chief Herbert Morrison, declared: "Now we must re-examine, not the fundamental principles of the party, but the statement of party policy and expounding of the policy in the light of modern conditions."

"It is profoundly important that the unity of the party... be established."

40 BEVANITES ELECTED: The moderates will doubtless charge that Bevan, by splitting the party, cost Labor a lot of votes in the election just ended. Between the moderates and the Bevanites stand Labor's middlemen—such as John Strachey, Hugh Dalton and Emanuel Shinwell, all former ministers but not closely identified with either side.

If Bevan could win their votes, he might make Bevanism the official policy of the parliamentary Labor party.

The voting sent about 40 hard-core Bevanites back to Parliament—about the same as before. Once again on some issues Bevan can command the votes of perhaps 60 of the party's 276 Commons members.

Apart from the definite but not effect on marginal voters," Attlee (Continued on Page 7 col. 7)

Mr. B.E. Rogers Elected President Board Of Trade

Mr. Ben E. Rogers was elected president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade at the 68th annual meeting which was held last evening at the Charlottetown Hotel. More than 100 members and guests were present at the dinner. President Keith MacKinnon presided.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald, Solicitor General of Canada, Government leader in the Senate, and a former Speaker of the House of Commons, was guest speaker.

Senator MacDonald was introduced by Neil A. Matheson, M.P., who spoke in appreciation of the kindness shown him on his first arrival in Ottawa as a member of Commons by Mr. MacDonald. He was member from Brantford, Ont. from 1935 until 1953 when he retired. While Speaker of the House, to which office he was elected in 1949, he studied French at Laval University and became proficient in the language.

"I am happy to have accepted the invitation of Mr. Neil Matheson to address you tonight, and further to appear on receiving a summons from your Chief Magistrate, Mayor Stewart. 'Coming in by air this afternoon, viewing the wonderful panorama of brown, red, green and water, I felt that I was looking at the eighth wonder of the world.' Senator MacDonald said, 'You may forget me and what I have to say, but I can never forget this delightful experience.'"

In extending a vote of thanks to the speaker, His Worship, Mayor J. D. Stewart said "the Charlottetown Board of Trade had long enjoyed a reputation for securing gifted speakers on occasions such as this. The high standard has been fully maintained in what we have been privileged to hear from Senator MacDonald. On behalf of the Charlottetown Board of Trade and guests present, I express our grateful thanks for your coming here tonight and giving us an insight of an important part of the services of Canada."

Town Crier Ivan Doherty then appeared, dressed in habiliments befitting that office of a hundred years ago and made the announcement: "Hear ye; Hear ye; Hear ye; Members and guests at this and a third possible broken back. The co-driver saved himself by leaping from the cab."

Property damage was estimated at \$85,000. Many of the trapped clung to window ledges, flames licking at their feet as firemen worked desperately to push ladders up to them. Some jumped to the streets.

Paul Franck, 28-year-old typewriter serviceman, was one of the guests who hung onto a window ledge. "I could feel my fingers burning as I hung onto the hot cement"

Three charred bodies were taken from the ruins of the 50-year-old hotel during the day. Four are still sought. The bodies recovered were those of a young boy, a young girl, and an elderly man. The missing include an 89-year-old man and a 74-year-old woman.

The only victim identified was Miss Harumi Shimoto, 18-year-old Japanese girl.

51 GUESTS There were 51 guests in the three-storey hotel when the fire broke out around 1 a.m. "It was what I imagined hell must be like," said 19-year-old Rolin Joseph Peck, a Nelson fireman, who told his story from hospital where he is recovering from smoke fumes.

"When I arrived flames were shooting over the front and west sides of the building. People were hanging out of every window on the east side. We immediately threw up ladders.

"I saw an old lady close to 90 on the top floor. I could see the flames behind her. I went up and brought her down."

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Glace Bay Mine Given Month Respite

SYDNEY (CP)—Cape Breton's "white elephant" I-B colliery got a 30-day lease on life Friday but the owners made it plain there was little to cheer about in the sales future of the ailing Nova Scotia coal industry.

President Lionel A. Forsyth of the Dominion Steel and Coal Co. issued a statement disclosing that the scheduled closing of I-B had been set back from May 31 to June 30.

The 11,000-member United Mine Workers (CCL) district 26 released a statement of its own acknowledging Dosco's action.

Convocation Address By Dr. Frank MacKinnon

Following is the text of the address delivered yesterday by Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College, at the College convocation:

"It is my pleasure once again to welcome to the Prince of Wales Convocation the relatives and friends of the students who today are receiving the tangible rewards of the year's work. This day, we all know, is one of thanksgiving and celebration; we must not forget, however, that it is also a day of dedication for the work ahead and for the lives which are just getting under way.

"One of the interesting things about this Convocation each year is its representative character, for it is one of the few gatherings which draws people from every corner of the Province. Our student body is a cross section of the Island's population—every district, creed and occupation is represented—and this mingling of young people of different backgrounds is one of the great virtues of Prince of Wales. It has a healthy and broadening effect which contributes enormously to a well-rounded education.

"Important also is the fact that this is the one hundred and twentieth closing since this institution was founded as the Central Academy in 1835. The College is part of the history of this Province and the students today are following a great and honourable tradition. We are thus participating in an ancient ceremony which not only dedicates new graduates but also rededicates the College to its duty of maintaining and strengthening its heritage and at the same time meeting the demands of education in the twentieth century."

"We recall too that this ceremony takes place amid other events which mark the centennial of this city. While the College is a provincial institution serving the whole Island, it has enjoyed, for (Continued on Page 7 col. 4)



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U.S. Ready To Make New Start In Polio Program; Outlook Said Hopeful Now

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. government cleared the way Friday for a fresh start in polio vaccination—with new, extra-sensitive safety tests. But chances were dim that all children 1 to 9 could get their Salk vaccine shots before the peak of this year's polio season.

Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele announced vaccine would start flowing from the laboratories "in a very short time" under tight new safety standards established by the government and finally accepted by all the manufacturers.

Well-known Secretary Oveta Culp Hobby called the agreement a heartening "ray of sunshine." She also took occasion to deny categorically a rumor of high-level political intervention on behalf of one vaccine manufacturer whose product has been withdrawn from circulation temporarily.

Mrs. Hobby and Scheele appeared before the House of Representatives commerce committee as the number of confirmed polio cases among persons receiving Salk vaccine jumped to 111—an overnight increase of 17. Thirteen of the new cases were non-paralytic.

PROGRAM HELD UP Some 6,000,000 persons have been inoculated since the program, at a virtual standstill for three weeks while the government rechecked safety procedures, was started in mid-April.

Scheele described himself as "very optimistic now" about the program's future. He said he hoped to announce in a day or so when the first vaccine produced with the new safety tests will be released. And he said inoculation of first and second graders then will "go forward rapidly."

Scheele and Dr. Jonas E. Salk, developer of the vaccine, both children who have received their first shot to start all over before getting the second and third shots.

The surgeon-general told the House group: "Regrettable as it may be, injections will not go ahead as rapidly as we all had

Guests And Board Of Trade Officers At Dinner Meeting

Distinguished guests and new officers of the Charlottetown Board of Trade elected at the 68th annual meeting held at the Charlottetown Hotel last night. Front row left to right, Neil A. Matheson, M.P., Mayor J. D. Stewart, Ben E. Rogers, President, Hon. Senator W. Ross Macdonald, guest speaker, Premier A. W. Matheson, Keith MacKinnon, immediate past president. Back row, Bentley, J. VanMaaron, E. D. Reid, B. G. Rogers, Frank Brennan, A. A. MacLeod, Morton Dew

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Lt. Governor T. W. L. Prowse is seen unveiling the Prince of Wales College plaque, honouring students and former students who served in World War II. Members of the three armed services joined the students for the ceremony.

7 Killed When Van Runs Wild In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A big interstate moving van ran five wild blocks through the heart of San Francisco Friday, killing seven persons and injuring three as it crashed and exploded.

Its brakes gone, the huge yellow Mayflower truck and trailer roared down the steep side of Nob Hill on Clay street at an estimated 90 miles an hour.

It ran miraculously clear for four blocks. All the death and damage came in the final block. It scraped a half block of store fronts and wrecked a dozen automobiles. At least eight, including three police cars, were smashed into junk. Street signs, lights and poles tumbled in crazy confusion.

Pedestrians along the sidewalk scattered but some could not escape in time. The unlucky were crushed beneath the wreckage and splashed with flaming gasoline from the truck's fuel tank.

One of the dead was the van driver, identified as William Russell McCandless, Davenport, Ia. Another was a police patrolman. Two women suffered broken legs

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