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EIGHT BODIES RECOVERED

Mine Rescue Efforts Go On But Grave Fears Held

Ferry To Continue Service While Repairs Are Made

It was intimated last night by a Moncton official of the Canadian National Railways that the installation of a new armature in the bow starboard motor of the M.V. Abegweit will be carried out at Borden and that it will not be necessary for the big motor powered ferry to go into drydock to have the work done. "It is the intention to carry out the work on the armature while the Abegweit is still in service," said Douglas V. Gonder, vice-president and general manager of the Atlantic Region, C.N.R.

ed out armature was first made the, Abegweit has been powered by only three propellers but has been making its regular runs. Following is the complete report from the C.N.R. vice-president: "Work on an armature in the M.V. Abegweit will be undertaken in the near future and carried out under the direction of competent engineers and it is hoped that this work can be carried out without any interruption of regular service.

"Shippers on P.E.I. need have no misgivings about the ability of the C.N.R. to handle freight shipments across the Northumberland Strait. "Even if it were necessary for the Abegweit to be taken out of operation, the other vessels in the Borden-Cape Tormentine service could handle all traffic offered. "It is the intention to carry out work on the armature while the Abegweit is still in service."

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In the N.S. Agricultural College calendar the Farm Course is described as "a preparation for life on the farm and citizenship in the community."

Financial Aid For P.E.I. Agricultural Students

The Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture will in future pay one dollar per day towards the cost of board of all students from this Province attending either the first or second year Farm Course at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College at Truro, N.S.

ed courses leading to a degree in either Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, or Home Economics.

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It is understood that a new armature is now being built at Peterborough, Ont.

Lack of the necessary educational certificates does not preclude filling an application for this course, since all applicants will be judged on their individual merits.

"C. D. Howe" Will Arrive On Sunday

The C.G.S. "C.D. Howe" left Quebec City Thursday for Charlottetown. The ship is expected to arrive here Sunday and to commence loading lighthouse and radio station provisions and supplies on Monday morning.

In a telegram to Mayor Ralph Gilroy of Springhill, Mr. Diefenbaker said: "Please advise me at once if we can give any assistance in the work of rescue or in medical or other services."

Man Killed On Fishing Vessel

LUNENBURG, N. S. (CP)—Lloyd Charles Feener of Bridgewater, N.S., was killed Thursday night when he became entangled in a winch aboard the fishing vessel Cape North.

Mr. Diefenbaker offers federal aid to the stricken community of Springhill, N.S. Nearly 100 men are trapped in a coal mine there.

Local Man Has Father In Mine

A Charlottetown man, Harold Rector, has his father listed among the missing miners at Springhill, it was learned yesterday. His father is Percy Rector.

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Diefenbaker Offers Gov't. Assistance To Springhill

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REMOVE BODIES FROM MINE

The sad task of removing bodies from the No. 4 shaft at Springhill yesterday. Here workers take out one in mid-night a total of eight bodies had been removed from the mine.

Youthful Driver Killed In Three-Vehicle Crash

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

Jackie Moore, 19-year-old Harmony youth, was killed instantly in a three-vehicle collision on the Western Highway about a mile west of Miscouche about 8 p.m. last evening.

ded or rolled along the centre of the highway striking a second car, a 1948 Dodge driven by Edward Arsenault of Wellington, and proceeding eastward behind the truck.

Gallant, Tilmon T. Arsenault, Norman Leslie Reeves, Milton Bruce Baglole, James William MacNeill, and Cyril Joseph Hadley.

No one else was even injured in the accident, which occurred when the 1953 Chev. car, with Moore as its only occupant, proceeding westward towards his home in Harmony, collided with a heavy Mercury truck, loaded with bulk potatoes, driven by Vernon Collicutt, of Springfield West, and en route to Summerside.

Although the front of his car was also damaged to a considerable extent, Mr. Arsenault and other passengers in the vehicle escaped injury, as did the driver, of the truck.

The deceased, Jackie Moore, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Leaman Moore, of Harmony, and was employed with Curran and Briggs Ltd.

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Newsman who later arrived on the scene considered the Moore car to have been the most extensively demolished car they had seen in this area for at least many years.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by the following sisters and brothers: Emily, in Ontario; Ennis, Victoria West, Erroll, Sadie, and Arthur, at home.

Dr. S. R. Cameron of Summerside was summoned, together with members of the Summerside detachment of the RCMP, and after Moore had been pronounced dead, Coroner Dr. W.E. Callaghan was called to the scene, empanelled a jury and ordered an inquest.

Members of the jury are: Victor Sanderson (foreman), D.H.

News of the death was revealed Friday when the vessel docked here.

(See picture on page 13).

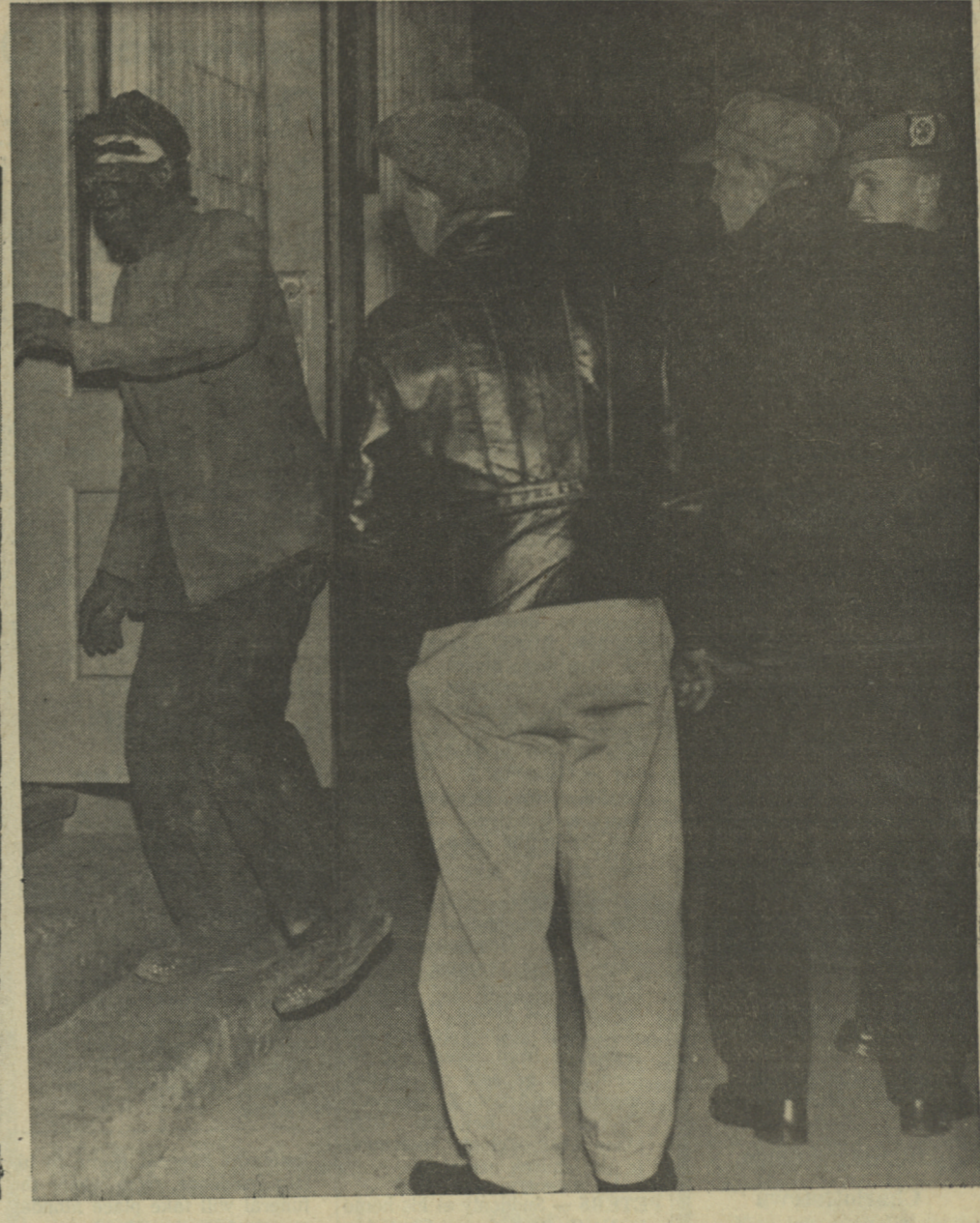
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VIGIL CONTINUES AS HOPE FADES Mrs. Isaac Holloway, whose husband is one of the missing.



RESCUE WORKERS PAUSE BRIEFLY BEFORE RETURN TO SEARCH Two miners take brief break during rescue operations. Donald Oakley (left) and Ambrose Summerton.



ONE OF THE SURVIVORS RECEIVES FIRST AID Fred Hahnen, one of the first survivors to come up enters mine building for first aid treatment.

85 Miners Are Still Trapped

By IAN DONALDSON Canadian Press Staff Writer

SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—The known dead in Cumberland No. 2 colliery here rose to eight Friday night as hope faded for the safety of 85 others trapped deep underground.

alive. The official, acquainted with mining problems, asked not to be identified. While those with loved ones trapped in the mine refused to surrender a slender thread of hope, they had little to support them during the agony of waiting.

Harold Gordon, general manager of Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation's colliery operations, emerged at mid-day after nine hours underground. In a choked voice, his eyes full of tears, he said that hope was gone for most of the missing men.

NO HOPE AT BOTTOM He told a press conference there was no hope whatever for miners on the two lowest levels—13,400 and 13,800 feet from the mine entrance, more than 4,000 feet vertically below the surface.

Doosco officials said the death toll might rise to 93, the worst tragedy in Canadian coal mining in more than half a century. The bodies of Eldon Stevens and Clyde Corkum were brought to the surface by rescue workers Friday night. Six bodies were brought out earlier. Survivors and miners searching the depths for the trapped have reported seeing several more bodies.

Early reports were that some 55 men were at these two levels but later it was said the number was 32 to 37.

Some Walk Out Many of the survivors walked or crawled to safety after the bump—a sudden shifting of the strata. Piles of rubble hindered their progress.

They were caught almost 2 1/2 miles along the sloping passage that could lead to safety.

A top-ranking Nova Scotia government official said Friday night only "a double miracle" would bring any of the trapped out.

Miners who managed to escape from these low sections brought out word of tremendous rock falls (Continued on page 5 Col. 1)

Grounds Of Mine Virtually Deserted Late Last Night

By HARRY CALNEK Canadian Press Staff Writer

SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—The grounds of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company's No. 2 mine were almost deserted Friday night, more than 24 hours after an underground upheaval rocked this town.

The crowds speculated, argued—many prayed.

Somewhere in the depths, 85 men were entombed. The absence of crowds underlined opinions of company officials that the men were dead. Only a few weary women kept vigil.

An explosion had wrecked the shaft. No one knew the cause. The blast was a mystery. This, somehow, kept hope alive.

On another Friday night, Nov. 2, 1956, crowds milled around the mine buildings. Down in neighborhood No. 4 pit, 118 men were trapped.

The "bump" that occurred at 3:05 p.m. ADT Thursday was something the people in this mining town of 7,000 could understand. "Bump" is a word known in each household—a dreaded word.

The description of Thursday's upheaval given by miners who reached the surface seemed to smash the hopes of wives, mothers and relatives gathered at the pit-head. There were few words. They turned and walked slowly back to their homes.