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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

Cloudy with showers, clearing during the morning; warm. Low-high at Charlottetown 45 and 73.

Rain Eases Fire Threat In N.S.

WINDSOR, N.S. (CP)—Rain began falling on the fire-ravaged forests of central Nova Scotia late Wednesday but chief forester R. W. Burgess said "Even a heavy rain could not alter the danger to this fire."

He said "The whole area will have to be patrolled for at least two or three weeks."

Mr. Burgess said he and his men had been "praying for rain" to help control the fires which since Monday have destroyed 10,000 acres of spruce and fir trees and brush.

He said that at present there is no danger to any communities fringing the fire front.

Mobile squads of firefighters turned the fires away from two communities Wednesday as flames darted toward the outskirts, pushed by winds estimated at 20 miles an hour.

MAKE FIREBREAK Many of the more than 300 firefighters engaged in the battle threw up a fire break before Ellershouse, about seven miles southwest here, and sent the flames retreating eastward at about two miles an hour.

Late afternoon found smoke billowing through the streets of the manly community of Three Mile Plains, three miles south of here, as flames sped toward the town.

The fast-moving brigades of men, carrying two-gallon tanks of water strapped to their backs, are apparently trying to pen the series of fires into a 30-square-mile area of unpopulated woodlands. The fire was reported burning eastward toward Panuke Lake.

Worst since 1916 Some sources described the outbreak as the worst since 1916. It is certainly the worst since more than \$1,000,000 was spent in 1956 on the fire-fighting effort.

At least five hunting camps and two sawmills have been destroyed in the fires burning across 30 miles with the largest spreading along a 1 1/2 mile front.

There has been no loss of life. Brisk winds, low humidity and high temperatures have added to the intensity of the flames.

All lines of communication remain open along the 40 miles between here and Halifax and none was thought to be in immediate danger.

OTTAWA (CP)—A revolutionary concept of sea warfare is being adopted by the Royal Canadian Navy. Tactics for the new strategy are being worked out.

The nub of the new policy—big change in naval planning since the First World War—is in the concept of sea warfare.

The main task would be formation of defensive barriers far out in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans to try to prevent submarines carrying nuclear-headed missiles from getting close to the Canadian seaboard.

Navy officials said Wednesday the basic role of the RCN—detection and killing of submarines—has not changed. But the capability of the submarine has.

A submarine now had the capability to fire a nuclear-tipped missile 500 miles. One could stand 50 miles off New York and strike the heart of Toronto. Or from 500 miles out to sea it could hit Halifax, Saint John, N.B., St. John's, Nfld., or Sydney, N.S.

Defence officials have said that Russia has built a fleet of more than 400 submarines—seven times bigger than the German U-boat pack when Hitler started the Second World War.

The evolution of the new strategy, the navy had judged that the war at sea would begin only some time after that on land and in the air had broken out. It then would convoy troops and supplies to Europe.

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ISLAND TEAM WINS DEBATE

Urban Laughlin of Sherbrooke and Garth Coffin from Head of Hillsboro comprised a debating team which yesterday defeated the Ontario Junior Farmers team of Keith Parkinson and Lois Strong, both from Brampton, Ontario. The debate was held at Shediac, N.B., during a two-day National Farm forum conference.

The Prince Edward Island team was on the negative side of the topic "Resolved that voluntary charity should be discontinued and replaced by contributions from general taxes."

The Island team won the unanimous decision of the judges, were Mr. W.A. Hawkins, Toronto, Ontario, Margaret Duncan, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Beatrice Smiley, Newport, N.S.

The manner in which the debate was conducted was rather unusual in that it was done entirely by recorded tapes which were begun on the first of May, and completed at the end of the same month, when all taped speeches were incorporated into one master tape of fifteen minutes duration, and it was these speeches on this tape that were heard by the adjudicators.

Of the four participants in the debate, Mr. Laughlin, who is a member of executives of six different farm organizations, was the only one present at the conference when the decision of the judges of the debate was announced.

AMMAN (AP) — The Jordan government Wednesday announced it has granted the British Overseas Airways Corporation permission to resume use of Jordanian airports.

The ban of the British airline was imposed last November after the British-French invasion of Egypt.

Western 3 Charge Russia Is Spreading Fear In Mideast

LONDON (CP) — Russia was charged by the Western Big Three with spreading fear in the Middle East while at the same time talking piously of peace.

Britain, the United States and France made public parallel notes to Russia rejecting a Soviet proposal for a "hands off" Middle East agreement.

The notes, delivered in Moscow Tuesday and similar in tone although not identical, declared that the chief peril in the region is Arab-Israeli enmity.

Any Soviet contribution toward relaxing tension there "must be directed to this central problem," the British note said.

The Soviet government has so far made no constructive and realistic proposals in this respect."

The United States message chided Russia for using force to quell last fall's revolt in Communist Hungary and also said Russia has launched a "campaign of threat and intimidation" at nations bordering Soviet territory which have joined in mutual defence, such as the Baghdad Pact.

"Public attacks upon governments of these states, together with subversive intervention in their domestic affairs give them good cause to seek the strengthening of their security, as certain states in the Middle East now are doing," the note added.

REPLY TO PROPOSAL

The notes were in reply to a Soviet proposal made April 19 calling for an East-West pledge of non-interference in the Middle East and an arms embargo as the price of the West scrapping the Baghdad Pact and the Eisenhower doctrine of aid to the area.

France, in its reply, accused Russia of a "negative attitude"

Announces New Work To Be Undertaken At S'ide 'Port

Approval has been given by the Treasury Board for the construction of work amounting to approximately one and a half million dollars at R.C.A.F. Station Summerside, it was learned yesterday from Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, former member of Parliament for Prince. Tenders will be called for all this work this year he said.

Mr. MacNaught also said that he hopes, based on information received by him, that approval for the construction of a new hangar will be given shortly. All this information was received by Mr. MacNaught before the election.

The work includes the construction of underground electric and telephone communications lines throughout the station. A radio beacon will be built at Mis-couche Point. This item was announced previously and tenders have been called. Other buildings to be built include an explosive storage building, remote transmitter building and bulk fuel storage facilities. No information is available on the size of these works.

A large item of construction will be an addition to the Air Marshal Johnson School in Slemon Park which will include an auditorium and five classrooms.

It is also intended to build an overhead area for two runways. These are the runways not included in the expansion program last year which resulted in the lengthening of the major runway.

Queen Bestows Honors On 2,600 In Birthday Awards

LONDON (Reuters)—The Queen today awarded honors and decorations to about 2,600 of her subjects ranging from the men who took part in last year's military operation against Egypt to Sir Thomas Beecham, great orchestral conductor.

The official birthday honors list made a baron of J. Arthur Rank, British milling and motion picture magnate, and a knight of Donald Wolfit, celebrated Shakespearean actor.

The Suez honors with 300 names were recorded in a special supplement to the list. Gen. Sir Charles Keightley, overall commander of the operation, was made a knight grand cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE).

ONLY ONE CANADIAN

The only Canadian in the list is Warren Officer Frederick William Humberstone of Sarnia Ont., a Canadian airman serving in the Royal Air Force. He was made a member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).

Honors lists are issued twice a year, at New Year's and on the occasion of the Queen's official birthday, June 13 this year.

Her Majesty's real birthday—she was 31 on April 21—differs from the official date because by custom the sovereign's birthday is set on the Thursday of the first full week in June.

Vice-Admiral Leonard Durnford, in charge of the Anglo-French naval task force, became a knight commander of the Order of the Bath (KCB) and Lt.-Gen. Sir Hugh Stockwell, who commanded the land task force, was given a bar to his Distinguished Service Order. Air Marshal Denis Barnett, the air task force commander, also was promoted to KCB.

China Charges U.S. "Invasion"

LONDON (AP) — Communist China claimed an American air and naval force had "invaded part of the South China Sea" for eight hours Wednesday and sent flight after flight of U.S. planes pouring over the Chinese mainland.

Peiping Radio said its anti-aircraft defences had damaged a U.S. navy plane and shot down two others flown by Chinese Nationalist pilots.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Navy said Wednesday one of its carrier-borne planes received minor damage when fired upon by Chinese Communist shore batteries about eight miles off the China coast Tuesday afternoon.

The plane, flying off the carrier Hornet, reported that it changed course to the eastward when Communist guns opened up and that no one aboard was injured.

The navy issued a brief statement after the incident had been reported by the Peiping radio.

The navy said the plane, not otherwise identified, was on a "routine training flight" off the Chinese coast in the Formosa Strait area.

The navy said the incident occurred in hazy weather and that it appears that the aircraft concerned was to the westward of its plotted position, being about eight miles off the coast when it was fired on.

The circumstances of the incident are already under investigation by the navy.

Crop Report; Rain Needed In Wide Areas Of Prairies

OTTAWA (CP) — Early-seeded crops are off to a good start in the grain-growing Prairie provinces but rain is needed in wide areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta, the bureau of statistics reported Wednesday.

In the third of its 1957 series of telegraph crop reports covering all Canada, the bureau said a larger proportion of the spring Prairie grain crop was seeded early this year in contrast to a year ago. It said late seedings in many districts require moisture to promote even germination.

"In wide areas in Saskatchewan and Alberta, more rain is also required to prevent deterioration of all crops regardless of stage of development," the bureau said.

Many of the bureau's Prairie correspondents reported the hay crop will be light this year. But insect damage to date has not been serious, although control measures have started for grasshoppers.

GROWING GOOD IN EAST Seeding and planting operations have been practically completed throughout the Maritimes and Quebec under favorable weather conditions. In the Annapolis Valley, development of forage crops is slightly ahead of last year and early potatoes and grain now are up and showing good growth.

Grain and truck crops are germinating well in New Brunswick. A sizeable acreage of fodder corn has been shown in Quebec but growth has been delayed by cool weather in some areas. Truck crops are about two weeks ahead of normal despite mid-May frosts.

The bureau said crop conditions are reasonably good in Ontario but several weeks of wet weather in the southwest prior to June 3 delayed planting. Wheat continues to make good growth and now is heading out in counties along Lake Erie.

Recent heavy rains in British Columbia generally improved the crop situation there and early-seeded grains are growing well. The B.C. hay crop is excellent in most areas and ranges are in good condition.

111 Warships In Giant Review

NORFOLK, Va. (Reuters)—Warships of eighteen nations, dressed over-all with bunting and with crews lining the rails, drew up in columns 14 miles long for Wednesday's international naval review in Hampton Roads.

The British aircraft carrier Ark Royal, flagship of the Royal Navy contingent, lay between the giant United States cruiser Saratoga and the French cruiser De Rasse.

Altogether 111 warships were on parade, including the Royal Canadian Navy anti-submarine destroyer escorts Assiniboine and Ottawa.

Architect's Sketch Of Royal Bank Building

Mr. Lauchlan D. MacKay, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, Charlottetown, has received the architect's sketch of the new bank building to be erected on the site of the present Royal Bank of Canada building on the corner of Queen and Richmond Streets.

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work will have that building ready. Then tenders will be called for demolition of the present bank building. Tenders will be called for the new building as soon as working drawings have been completed.

The new building will be the most modern Royal Bank branch in eastern Canada, said Mr. MacKay. From street level upwards will be able to go up or down to the two main banking floors. A mezzanine will be devoted chiefly to rest rooms and lockers for the staff. The top floor will consist of office space.

CCF Executive To Discuss Role

OTTAWA (CP) — The CCF has called a national executive meeting to take place in Toronto Friday and officials said they will discuss the party's role in the next Parliament.

CCF Leader M. J. Coldwell will attend the meeting along with national chairman David Lewis and other executive committee members.

The party in the June 10 election boosted its strength to 25 seats from the 22 it held at the dissolution of Parliament. With the prospects of a minority Progressive Conservative government in power, the CCF may find itself able to increase its parliamentary influence.

The Conservatives have 110 seats of the 265-seat Commons, the Liberals 103 and the Social Credit 19.

Duplessis Has No Comment

QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Duplessis declined to comment Wednesday on the result of Monday's federal election.

"I have nothing to say for the moment," he told newspaper men before entering a regular weekly cabinet meeting.

Finance Minister Osmine Gavner, who has been ill for several months, attended the meeting.

Russians And Finns Agree To Increase Trade

HELSINKI, Finland (Reuters)—Russia and Finland agreed Wednesday night to increase the volume of mutual trade by 100,000,000 rubles.

(That is \$25,000,000 at the official Soviet - fixed exchange rate, but would represent much less on a straight barter basis.)

The agreement to increase trade—a move likely to be welcomed—was part of a joint communique since Finland has been suffering from economic difficulties—was one point in a joint communique issued by the leaders of Finland and Russia.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist party secretary Nikita Khrushchev will leave today after a seven-day official visit to Finland—the first trip outside the Communist sphere they have made since the Suez crisis and the Hungarian uprising last fall.

The communique was signed by Bulganin and Finnish Premier Veino Sukselainen after the Russian leaders returned here from a tour of the Finnish provinces.

Under the supplementary trade Finland will send Russia electric cables and timber products such as pulp. Russia, in return, will send Finland oil, coal, wheat, sugar and other foodstuffs.

In the communique, the Finnish premier joined with Bulganin in appealing for international agreement to ban atomic weapons.

Finland, an independent, non-Communist country bordering the northern part of the Soviet Union, steers a political course in between the Eastern and Western power blocs.

The agreement for increased trade followed talks here by trade experts on both sides.

DISCUSS TRUCE UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.

(Reuters)—The special advisory committee on the United Nations emergency force met Wednesday to discuss the situation along the Egypt-Israel demarcation line. Sources close to the seven-nation committee said members found the situation "satisfactory in general."

The present members included Dr. R. A. MacKay, Canada's permanent delegate to the UN,

New French Premier Is Approved By The Assembly

PARIS (AP)—The National Assembly early Wednesday confirmed Maurice Bourges - Maunoury, 42-year-old Radical - Socialist, as premier, ending the nation's three-week political crisis.

An unofficial tally of the ballots reported the vote was 242 to 163 for Bourges-Maunoury.

The ballot which made Bourges-Maunoury the nation's youngest premier since 183 also confirmed in office his coalition cabinet of 13 other ministers, including Christian Pineau as foreign minister and Robert Lacoste as minister for Algerian affairs, both holdovers from the Guy Mollet government.

A last-minute decision of the Popular Republicans (MRP), a slightly left-of-centre Catholic party, to abstain sliced into Bourges-Maunoury's support.

THREE PARTIES

Affirmative votes came mostly from his own Radical - Socialist party, the Socialists and a large segment of the right-of-centre Independent-Republicans.

By the new premier's record as defence minister under Mollet and by his choice for finance minister, 37-year-old Felix Gaillard of the Radical-Socialist group, a recognized economic expert.

The Communists, as expected, voted solidly against Bourges - Maunoury.

The assembly as a whole seemed to be voting Bourges-Maunoury in office with many reservations and with no enthusiasm.

The pre-ballot debate almost ignored the premier-candidate and concentrated instead on various aspects of Mollet's Algerian and financial program.

FAITH IN INTEGRITY

A spokesman for the Independents said most of his group was supporting Bourges-Maunoury because it had faith in his integrity and patriotism, but not necessarily because of his program.

In a lengthy statement of policy for his prospective new cabinet, Bourges - Maunoury told the National Assembly the country's financial program.

Other points in the Bourges - Maunoury program:

1. Speedy ratification of the existing common market and Euratom treaties.

2. Constitutional reforms to reinforce the executive and to give French cabinets a longer term of office.

3. A concerted effort to develop the oil and other resources of the Sahara in co-operation with other sections of French Africa and with the neighboring states of Tunisia and Morocco.



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