



TOP O' THE MORNIN' TO YOU'

It's a tip of the hat to you on this St. Patrick's Day and the charming little lady doing the honors is Alana Cahill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cahill, Alexander Drive, Charlottetown. Alana performs as a specialty number tonight at Birchwood High School auditorium when The Benevolent Irish Society closes out its two-night stand of the rollicking three-act comedy, "North's Folly."

Speaking in the draft address debate, Mr. Wedge said "The teeth of the children in Prince Edward Island are in a deplorable state and there are not enough dentists to take care of them. Fluoride would reduce tooth decay by two thirds and it has been proved to be a perfectly safe and inexpensive procedure."

"All other provinces, except New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, now have fluoridated waters and in the United States, 60,000,000 people are drinking fluoridated water and I would urge all communities with a water supply in the province to introduce fluoridation without delay."

MEDICARE DISCUSSED

Fluoridation Of Island Water Is Urged By Health Minister

All communities in the province who have their own water supply were urged to introduce fluorine into that water supply immediately by Health Minister Henry Wedge in the Legislature yesterday.

The question, he said, about a plan is "not if, but how." "We must be realistic. Surely the proposals placed before the premiers of Canada at the last federal-provincial conference make this fact obvious. Medicare in whatever form must be paid for. We know the federal contributions must be paid for through increased taxes, which means increased prices."

"The provincial portion, which in our case could run to a possible \$2,000,000, must be provided. Can we raise these funds from premiums from our citizens, which could run to a family cost as in Ontario, of \$150 per year? This would be impossible for families of modest income and from our experience with hospital insurance it would not be a practical method of providing the cost. Further, the suggested plan will only cover the cost of fees for the medical practitioner and surgery, whereas many of our citizens carry employer-employee medical plans which provide complete coverage and which they will hesitate discontinuing due to the extra benefits."

At the present time we have 47 per cent of our population who are subscribing to various types of medical care plans across this country. We have heard much on the proposed federal medicare scheme and most of the provinces, seven of the ten, and the most heavily populated, are unhappy with the proposal.

The biggest objections are to the compulsory requirements, and that it must be operated by a government agency. The provinces representing the major proportion of our population are unconvinced that the proposed scheme is the best method for (Continued on Page 5 Col 7)

Blizzard Hits Eastern Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A blizzard packing 10 inches of snow and high winds hit eastern Newfoundland early Wednesday and was expected to last about 24 hours.

Several inches of snow had fallen on the Avalon Peninsula by noon and winds reaching 60 miles an hour had caused severe drifting.

Ploughs in many places were giving up attempts to clear highways because of low visibility.

Uneasy Quiet Settles Over Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An uneasy quiet settled Wednesday over the Negro community of Watts, torn Tuesday by a two-day rampage, as police tried to avert further flare-ups in the area of massive and bloody rioting last August.

The main street was blocked to all but commercial traffic. Patrol cars carrying men with shotguns roamed the streets. Pedestrian traffic was light. Some stores were closed. School attendance was down.

Disabled Ship Forces Landing

By JOHN BARBOUR
CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — Two calm Gemini 8 astronauts plunged to a safe emergency landing at sea Wednesday night after some desperate, fearful moments in a disabled spacecraft tarnished their brilliant space success.

It was the first time that a U.S. manned flight had been cut short by spacecraft trouble. With ships speeding to the scene, the destroyer Mason was the nearest, closing the 50 miles that separated it from the spacecraft.

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It was an odd ending for a day that began so perfectly. Just half an hour before the spacecraft troubled, Armstrong and Scott had linked up with the Agena target ship—the first time two spacecraft had been joined together in space.

Gemini 8 splashed down in the western Pacific Ocean in full daylight and relatively calm seas some 500 miles east of Okinawa at about 10:23 p.m. EST and was spotted almost immediately by a searching U.S. C-54 aircraft.

It was the same plane that dropped the para-rescue men to reach the astronauts. The aircraft crew, relaying word through Japan, said the spacecraft was stable in three-foot waves.

Planes and two destroyers converged on the area. The reported position was smack in the middle of the emergency recovery area.

With Armstrong at the controls, the retro-rockets on the Gemini 8 were fired with a jolt at 9:45 p.m. as the spacecraft crossed the equator over the African continent.

Then the suddenly slowed ship began its fiery descent to earth and was out of communication with the ground for more than half an hour.

The flight ended 10 hours and 42 minutes after it began. It was supposed to last three days and feature a record space walk by Scott.

The trouble came at about 6:41 p.m. when Armstrong

noted some aberrational action between his spacecraft and the Agena target ship it had joined. He "decided quickly to back away from the fuel-loaded Agena, which has been called a flying bomb in space."

Some of the thrusters in the main manoeuvring and control system aboard the Gemini 8 failed to fire. Armstrong quickly brought auxiliary thrusters into play—but they were a set normally used to control spacecraft position during re-entry.

The Agena rocket used as a target ship is really a flying rocket with an engine that can be turned on and off in space. The idea had been to use the Agena's power to propel the Gemini spacecraft.

So clear had been the success that President Johnson in Washington predicted publicly for the first time that the United States would beat the Soviet Union in the race to the moon.

The docking technique is an essential part of the plan to land Americans on the moon. They will descend to the lunar surface from the moon orbiting mothership, then rejoin the mothership for the return flight to earth.

The nearly perfect early part of Wednesday was in a sense a celebration. In the "tremendous progress" made since the late American inventor, Robert H. Goddard, fired the first liquid-fueled rocket.

It was 40 years to the day since that flight, which attained a height of 35 feet and had a downrange distance of 200 feet. The sudden turn of events seemed hard to believe. What minutes before had been starting success became first serious trouble, then life-endangering action.

It halted a try at a record space stroll by Scott, a 35-year-old U.S. Air Force major. He was to have drifted about on the end of a 100-foot tether for some 2½ hours during 1-2-3 times around the earth.

That would have outdone the 10 minutes spent on the end of a 16-foot tether by Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov, the first space-walker, and the 21 minutes on a 25-foot tether by U.S. astronaut Edward White.

There was no question about the flying skill and the mathematical computing of both Armstrong and Scott. They had performed the first link-up in space between two spacecraft and it came barely six hours, 34 minutes after they had blasted off from Cape Kennedy.

Armstrong, the 35-year-old experienced civilian pilot, had handled the flying chores from the moment, 11:41 a.m., that Gemini 8 had dashed into space trailing the blue fire of its 109-foot Titan II rocket.

At that time, the Agena target ship was 1,207 miles ahead and above. A series of six precise manoeuvres closed the gap and by 6:15 p.m., Gemini 8 slipped its nose into the green-lit flexible docking collar of the Agena which then closed down and created a 44-foot joined vehicle weighing more than 24,000 pounds.

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Industrial Corporation Capital Will Be Increased By \$5 Million

A bill raising the amount of working capital the Prince Edward Island Industrial Corporation may borrow from \$5 million to \$10 million and authorizing the company to issue securities for such loans received second reading in the Legislative Assembly yesterday.

The discussion on the amendment to the bill would effect quite heated at times, with members of the government accusing the Opposition of being against industrial development.

Mr. Wedge said he was alarmed that nothing had been done in the way of fluoridation of water systems in the province and "it is hoped that municipalities will take this very important matter under consideration."

RCMP Services In Province Cost About \$259,000 Yearly

Police services by the RCMP cost this province about \$259,000 per year, Attorney-General Alban Farmer said in the Legislature yesterday.

On the matter of offshore mineral rights, the attorney-general said that the Atlantic Provinces and Quebec had agreed on what water areas involving mineral rights should belong to each province but the federal government does not accept the provinces' agreement.

Mr. Campbell, the leader of the opposition, said, "We haven't been told what they are going to do with the \$5 million or what they did with the last \$5 million."

Mr. Farmer said that the situation "as far as crime is concerned is not too bad" in the province. He noted that four homicides were committed last year and said this was "unusual" for this province.

The attorney-general is provincial treasurer but he said he would save his comments on provincial finances until he delivered the 1966-67 budget which may come down next week.

Robert Campbell asked, "Will some of the \$5 million be spent in West Prince?"

CONDITION SAID GOOD

Two Russian Space Dogs Land After 22-Day Trip

MOSCOW (AP) — After 22 days in orbit, two Soviet space dogs returned to earth in good condition Wednesday despite soaring in the Van Allen belt of intense radiation, the news agency Tass said.

Veterok and Ugolek were rocketed into an orbit Feb. 22 from 116 miles to 362 miles above the earth—an altitude never approached by the manned Soviet and U.S. flights.

space craft — functioned normally and showed great reliability under conditions of long flight, weightlessness and radiation at high altitudes.

At more than 500 miles the small black-and-white dogs repeatedly ran through the lower reaches of the Van Allen belt, a source of worry for space planners.

The two dogs' stay aloft was longer than the manned space flight record of 14 days set by the U.S. last December.

They were landed in what Tass described as the prescribed areas, believed to be in Soviet Central Asia not far from the launching site at Baykonur.

Tass announced "the animals are in good condition after landing."

The announcement said the dogs will be placed under observation. Results of the study will be made public.

Except for some heart irregularity, the condition of both dogs was satisfactory through the entire flight, Tass said.

"Of great importance are data obtained about effects on an organism of cosmic radiation and the earth's radiation belts," Tass said.

The Russians have announced flights by animals will precede

During the initial period of the state of weightlessness, some disruption of coordination was observed, such as a rocking of the head and a certain uneasiness, Tass reported. But with the eighth and ninth days, the conduct of the dogs became calmer.

The state of the dogs was observed with the aid of television cameras aboard the satellite.

CNR Deficit Is Reduced

OTTAWA (CP) — The publicly-owned CNR had a deficit of \$34,718,000 last year, down from a \$38,726,000 loss in 1964 and its lowest in five years, the government reported Wednesday.

Beef cattlemen on Prince Edward Island had stirring challenges thrown to them yesterday when George Morris, Merin, Ont., spoke to a meeting in the Basilica Recreation Centre here. About 200 were in attendance.

"You people have weather that is perhaps better suited to beef cattle raising than any other place in this country—tests had indicated 50 degree weather is

ideal and you people are perhaps closer to that than any other part of the country. This is a cattle heaven," he said.

Mr. Rossiter said he was happy to submit the names to the fisheries committee, but I don't think they should be splashed across the papers of this province."

Fishermen's Loan Details Will Be Kept From Public

During question period at the opening of yesterday's sitting of the Legislative Assembly, William Acorn (L-1st Kings) asked the Minister of Fisheries Leo Rossiter for the names of the fishermen who have received loans from the Fishermen's Loan Board.

and he pointed out that such information was not available from other lending agencies such as banks, "I have no intention of giving these names and I won't," Mr. Rossiter shouted.

The question appeared to anger the Minister of Fisheries and he replied, "I have no intention of giving the names of fishermen who received loans from the Fishermen's Loan Board."

George Ferguson (L-5th Kings) expressed the opinion that as members of the House and as representatives of the people of the province they had the right to know this information.

The discussion ended when Mr. Rossiter said, "I will be happy to submit the names to the fisheries committee, but I don't think they should be splashed across the papers of this province."



SUCCESS AND THEN TROUBLE

Gemini 8's Pilots Neil Armstrong LEFT, and David R. Scott Wednesday rode their spacecraft to a space-first when they docked successful-

ly with Agena, unmanned space vehicle, but then backed away, reporting trouble. Space officials called for an early termination to the flight,

bringing them down the Gemini spacecraft in the Pacific Ocean. (AP Wirephoto)

Industry For West Prince Strongly Urged By Liberal

First Prince Liberal Robert Campbell made a strong plea in the Legislature yesterday for the establishment by the government of industry in West Prince.

Taking part in the draft address debate, Mr. Campbell said "we need industry. There are about 10,444 people in the First District and we have nothing. I want to see industry started in the district and I am 100 per cent in favor of industry when it is handled right."

He said the government had provided a great deal of industry for Kings County but "nothing has been done for West Prince yet."

Mr. Campbell adjourned the debate on the Speech from the Throne and will have the floor when the debate resumes today.

Ottawa Planning Spur To Fishing Industry

OTTAWA (CP) — Legislation empowering the fisheries department to assist in financing cold storage plants for fishermen and commercial bait-freezing plants was introduced in the Commons Wednesday.

Techniques, new types of vessels and equipment and economic studies.

Fisheries Minister Robichaud said it is another step in the government's program to spur fisheries development.

Details will be given when it comes up for second reading later in the session.

The bill does not spell out the terms of such assistance or specify the groups eligible for it.

It is expected it will be aimed chiefly at assisting co-operatives and other fishermen's groups.

It also provides Mr. Robichaud's department with authority to enter agreements with provinces for financing the development of new fishing

over-supply.

ALSO HAD GOOD LAUNCH

Before that historic moment, the Gemini astronauts played cat and mouse with the target ship at the climax of the 105,000-mile chase, flying in formation with it. The Agena had a perfect launch at 10 a.m., speeding into orbit aboard the 104-foot Atlas rocket in a flare of thunder and orange-colored flame.

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