

Carried Out Secret Tests in Defence of Radio-Active Particles

LONDON (Reuters)—The Royal Navy has disclosed that it had been carrying out secret tests in a bid to find a defence against radioactive particles from an underwater atomic bomb explosion. The tests which began in British waters last May have concluded on the Mediterranean last month, on the 10,000-ton cruiser Cumberland. They were aimed at protecting warships against radioactive particles in the "fall out" area—the outer fringe of the region affected by an underwater atomic explosion. The process is known as "pre-wetting" and involves the continual washing of all weather surfaces of the ship during, and after, exposure to contamination, the admiral announced Sunday. Experiments proved that fission matter was less likely to adhere to a surface while it was being subjected to a system of "salt water washdown," it said, and any matter which did adhere to the ship's surface could be more speedily removed from the infected parts.

Would Have Become Part Of States

HALIFAX, (CP) — Citizenship Minister Pickersgill said here Monday that if Newfoundland had not become Canada's 10th province in 1949 it would have eventually become a dependency of the United States. The federal minister who is also Newfoundland's representative in the cabinet, told a joint service club meeting here: "Such an evolution would have had dire political and economic consequences for Canada. If Newfoundland had become an Atlantic Alaska we would have felt so hemmed in by the United States that our self respect as a developing nation would have been stultified." Mr. Pickersgill emphasized particularly the effect on the Maritimes that such union with the United States would have had. "If the Newfoundland fisheries had fallen into the hands of the United States," he said, "it would have been a disaster of the first magnitude for Maritime, and particularly Nova Scotia, fishermen."

Oct. 18 Set By Cons. Party As Nominating Date

HALIFAX, (CP) — Progressive Conservatives today set Oct. 18 as the date of a nominating convention in Halifax South, the provincial seat left vacant by the death of Liberal premier Angus L. Macdonald in April. Convention chairman Donald McInnes said at least three names will be placed before the delegates: Mayor Richard A. Donahoe, John R. Milledge and E. Finlay Macdonald, manager of radio station CKOH. Standing in the 37-seat legislature now is: Liberals 20, Progressive Conservatives 12, CCF two, and three vacancies.

Duchess' Son Uses "Vanishing" Ink On Beautiful Rug

IVER, Eng. (Reuters) — Mothers, even when they're duchesses, take a dim view of offspring who sprinkle ink on rugs. Just before the Duchess of Kent and her daughter, Princess Alexandra, left on their Canadian tour, the duchess' 12-year-old son, Prince Michael, picked up some "vanishing" ink at a magic store. To show how well the stuff worked he sprinkled it all over a beautiful beige rug at the family mansion here at a party. While horrified guests looked on he announced blithely that it would disappear in a few minutes — only it didn't. The man who sold the stuff swore by his product. It always vanishes, he said. Someone, he claimed, must have switched bottles on Michael. That didn't solve the situation. The ink didn't vanish. Monday expert rug cleaners were called in to remove the spots before the duchess returned home. She was due later today.

Reserves were set aside for the Indians in New Brunswick as early as 1780.



Doctors Puzzled By Boy's "Labor Pains"

LONDON, (AP)—Two puzzled doctors Thursday reported a strange case of sympathetic "labor pains" in a small boy whose mother was about to have a baby. Writing in the British Medical Journal, Drs. P. J. Dally and A. G. Mullins said the three-year-old child cried out with pain a minute or two before his mother experienced the first pangs of labor. She called in the two doctors. "A repetition of the whole cycle was repeated at regular intervals for over three hours as long as the mother remained with the child," they wrote. "On every occasion the child's pain preceded the mother's by two minutes and lasted the same length of time. He cried out on every occasion. The mother showed no outward signs of her pain and made no reference to it in front of the child." The doctors said they examined the boy, who showed no symptoms of illness. He finally fell asleep and his pains stopped, although his mother continued to have hers for another four hours in an adjacent room. The doctors commented: "It is difficult to interpret this case by any recognized psychological or physiological theories. Possibly it is a case of extra-sensory perception, or perhaps just a coincidence."

Anglican Primate Speaks For The Hungry Peoples

HAMILTON, Ont., (CP) — Most Rev. W. F. Barfoot, primate of the Church of England in Canada, says he wonders if the people of India could be blamed if they were to accept bread from the Communists. Addressing the opening meeting Monday of the 69th annual Dominion conference of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada he said if delegates were to blame easterners in case of acceptance of such an offer, "I don't think you can ever have been hungry." The primate, who also is archbishop of Rupert's Land, said the Church of England has a lot to learn about partnership. "It is not enough to be generous and kind to the church of, say, India or Japan or Africa. That could be just pure sentimentalism which could prove to be destructive." The fact that the last World Council of Churches convention before the recent one at Evanston, Ill., was held 50 years ago was a measure of the Churches' failure, he said. He said he hopes the next one would be held in the Far East or in Africa. In her report, Mrs. Ethel F. Paull, recording secretary, said once gain there had been a "very

To Resign If Proposals Not Accepted

PARIS (AP) — Premier Pierre Mendes-France has declared he will resign if the French Parliament rejects whatever proposals he makes to it as a result of the nine-power London conference on rearming West Germany. "The life of my government will be connected with this debate," he says in a copyrighted interview with Robert Kleiman, Paris correspondent of the weekly U. S. News and World Report, "and I will not stay in office if the proposals which I make . . . are not accepted." He had not first considered the idea of West Germany entering the North Atlantic Treaty Organization because this idea "is very unpopular in France and in the National Assembly." "But when Mr. Eden, British Foreign Secretary came to Paris, we were told that all the countries concerned that he had visited . . .

Common-Law Wife Convicted of Forgery

KENTVILLE, N. S., (CP)—Mrs. Jean Spence, 24, of Montreal was convicted of forgery Friday but received only two years suspended sentence because of circumstances of the case. Defence counsel Victor N. Thorpe said William Debaie, 28, of Montreal had been separated from his wife before joining the army and that Mrs. Spence would have been entitled to receive soldier's allowance as a common-law wife. Monthly cheques were issued in the name of Doreen Debaie. Mrs. Spence cashed them—they totalled about \$2,000—and when she left Debaie she told the defence department to discontinue "her" cheques. When Debaie got another woman as well as the United States agreed to the inclusion of Germany in NATO. We have studied that carefully with Mr. Eden, and when we saw everybody agreed on that idea we felt that we could not oppose it." The premier reiterates that he did not stake the life of his government on ratification of the European Defence Community treaty last month because he knew the treaty had no chance of being ratified. Mendes-France says EDC fell when Frenchmen saw in it "a kind of German co-operation to be obtained at the price of cutting our co-operation with the British."

to cash a cheque, it backfired because the defence department was informed. Debaie was sentenced to three years in penitentiary and the other woman, who made restitution, drew a suspended sentence. Action was taken against Mrs. Spence on only one cheque. She will have to pay \$200 however, to her here from Montreal.

VISITS BRIGADE SENNELAGER, Germany (Reuters)—Canadian Defence Minister Campney Monday visited units of the Canadian Infantry Brigade in Germany, which is taking part in the NATO manoeuvre "Battle Royal." He lunched with Brig. W. A. B. Anderson, the brigade commander, at his canvas headquarters in woods south of the Lippe river.

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