



JUST RECEIVED PASS MARKS

Whoopee we made it! Four happy trainees at RCAF Station Aylmer, Ontario from New Brunswick, P.E.I. and Quebec, have just received their marks

which state that they have passed the Operator Mechanic Mobile Equipment Course at Aylmer. Pictured left to right are: AC 1 Andy Leduc whose mother Mrs.

Amanda Leduc resides at 24 Shaw St. Waterloo, Que.; LAC John Annett whose wife Virginia Annett resides at Gaspé P. Que.; LAC Danny Mauncell whose wife Edna Mae resides at Frederic-

ton, N. B.; and LAC Tom Larken whose wife Eleanor Larken resides at Bedford, P.E.I. The OPMME School stresses careful and safe driving at all times under all conditions.

U.S. Election Campaign Pattern Becoming Clear

By GEORGE KITCHEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer
WASHINGTON (CP) — Political patterns and personalities are beginning to fall into place for the 1956 United States election campaign.

The big summertime conventions of the Democrats and Republicans will select the presidential and vice-presidential candidates for the Nov. 6 voting. But already the Republican ticket is cut and dried. Barring another heart attack, Dwight D. Eisenhower will get an acclamation as Republican presidential nominee when the party convention meets in San Francisco Aug. 20. His running mate will be the man Eisenhower has wanted all along—Vice-president Richard M. Nixon.

The Republicans already are planning to trim their convention to four days and to meet only in the evening to catch the big night-time television audience. Their most serious problem will be to hammer out a party platform with enough vote-winning planks to put Eisenhower back into the White House and to win back the congressional control they lost to the Democrats in the off-year 1954 elections.

OBSCURE PICTURE
The Democratic picture, with the race still wide open, is obscure at this early pre-campaign stage but Adlai E. Stevenson, titular head of the party and its presidential candidate in 1952, has the edge over Senator Estes Kefauver, the personable Tennesseean who lost the party nomination to Stevenson four years ago.

Conceded a "dark horse" chance at convention time is New York's Governor Averell Harriman, whose status in the Democratic race is described as "inactive." With the convention still 3½ months away, there is no clear indication yet of who will wind up in the vice-presidential slot when the Democrats meet in Chicago beginning Aug. 13. Though the names of other potential and favorites on candidates pop into the news from time to time, the Democratic race is largely a contest between Stevenson and Kefauver, both of whom have been barnstorming the country.

UNSTABLE CLUES
Unofficial tabulations indicate Stevenson is ahead of Kefauver in the number of delegates committed to date in the presidential primaries, that complicated political device by which 18 states select delegates for the party conventions. But, because of the complex and varying procedures from state to state, the primaries provide at best only a few unstable clues to candidate popularity. Nixon's recent announcement that he is prepared to accept renomination as vice-president has posed a fresh question on the Washington political scene: Whether his exercise of his option to be Eisenhower's running mate will help or hurt the president's chances of re-election. Eisenhower, if elected, would go back into the White House at the age of 66 and as a recovered heart patient. If he failed to fill out his

term, the presidency automatically would fall to the controversial, 43-year-old Nixon. Nixon's acceptance of renomination has given the Democrats a ready-made campaign target. Eisenhower, because of his personal popularity, is not an easy target but Nixon is, and the Democrats already have opened fire. They can be expected to link Nixon with Eisenhower's age and recent heart attack in an attempt to persuade voters that if they endorse the Republican ticket they may, in the long run, be putting the youthful Nixon into the White House.

Weather Stations Costly To Establish In Arctic

RESOLUTION BAY, N. W. T. (CP)—The five weather stations operated jointly by Canada and the United States in scattered areas near here illustrate the high costs of exploiting the deep Arctic. A department of transport official estimated that to construct the basic requirements of one station—four prefabricated huts each not much larger in floor area than an average three-bedroom house—cost from \$250,000 to \$325,000. Furnishings, weather and radio equipment, tractors and snow-

plows, maintenance of landing strips and storage sheds involve additional expense. The main buildings where the men on the weather stations live and work are built of wallboard containing a three-inch thick wool insulation, plus aluminum insulation and triple-glazed windows. It costs \$15,000 to supply one weather station with a year's supply of fuel oil. This is just the price of flying the drums of oil from Resolute Bay to the weather station.

STORM OVER MYSTERY GROWS

Did Reds Kill Frogman?

By R.B. MacLURKIN
LONDON (Reuters)—When Lionel Crabb, Britain's missing frogman, dived into Portsmouth harbor last month on a secret mission, he may have encountered Russian frogmen operating an underwater patrol on the advice of British security chiefs.

This information was advanced Thursday by a well-informed source as Sir Anthony Eden faced a big political storm over his refusal to answer the riddle of the diver's fate.

Scotland Yard's special branch charged with guarding Nikolai Bulgant and Nikita Khrushchev, were on the alert to foil any attempts by anti-Communist fanatics to sabotage the cruiser Ordzhonikidze, which brought the Soviet leaders here. They are believed to have warned Russian naval and security chiefs to take precautions and suggested that the Soviet navy's own frogmen should watch out for underwater saboteurs.

SECRET SERVICE UNWARE
The British secret service organization thought to have planned Crabb's mission would be unaware of this because it acted without the authority of the government or any consultation.

There is no clue as to whether the diver, in his flippers and oxygen helmet, did in fact encounter Russian underwater sentries. But the "cloak and dagger" tone of Eden's refusal to reveal the truth has sent speculation mounting that Crabb was killed or kidnapped by the Russians.

Another possibility is that Crabb—46, a heavy smoker, and out of condition—was accidentally drowned in an underwater chase of frogmen after frogman.

Many politicians are convinced that Eden's determination to keep the facts hidden—in the public interest," he told parliament Wednesday—betrays an anxiety to prevent an international incident rather than to cover up one of his secret service groups. They argue that the truth about an official

blunder could not harm Anglo-Soviet relations more than the world-wide speculation already aroused.

AWKWARD TO EXPLAIN
But Russian action against a Briton in his own home waters would be a more awkward thing to explain away—even though, the politicians say, the Russians could scarcely be blamed in the circumstances for investigating someone so suspicious as an unknown frogman swimming near their warships.

Newspapers of all shades of political opinion continue to demand the truth about Crabb's mission and presumed death.

The left-wing Daily Mirror accuses Eden of covering up a big political blunder which has made him look foolish in the eyes of the world.

The pro-Labor Daily Herald declares: "Nothing worse could have happened to muddy our improving relations with Russia. It will not increase American confidence in British handling of affairs."

The News Chronicle, Liberal, says Eden has talked himself into serious political trouble and if he is badly stung he will have only himself to blame.

The right-wing Daily Sketch calls for immediate firing of the men responsible for Crabb's death.

Probe Strange Suicide Attempt

SUDBURY, Ont. (CP) — Provincial police are trying to discover why a young German immigrant bound himself with 300 feet of wire, then apparently waited for death in the wilderness.

Carl Heinz Engler, a blond, wavy-haired youth, appeared before Magistrate P. J. McAndrew charged with breaking into a mine office and stealing three rolls of wire and a measuring tape.

Provincial police constable Harold Kerns told the court Engler was found in the bush May by two Renable mine employees. It was only by chance that the two miners happened to visit the remote spot where Engler was found.

"His feet were tied, his hands were tied, and he was wired from the shoulders to the knees," constable Kerns said. "He had also placed a six-foot stick up his back. He would not have been able to get loose, and would likely have starved to death."

Little is known of the youth except that he had worked at Renable for 11 days after coming here from northern Quebec. He made no statement, other than to plead guilty.

The magistrate remanded the youth one week for mental examination.

SICKNESS CLOSES SCHOOL

ST. BONIFACE, Man. (CP) — Scarlet fever has closed St. Boniface College where 26 high school students have contracted the disease. Rev. Steven Valiquette, prefect of the Roman Catholic institution, said the first case was noticed at the beginning of the month, shortly after college students left. About 200 boys are enrolled in high school.

BONSHAW SCHOOL

Bonshaw primary classes for April is as follows:
Grade V — 1. Paulette Buchanan; 2. Sandra MacDonald; 3. Keir MacLeod.
Grade IV — 1. Vicki MacNevin; 2. Gail Buchanan; 3. Shirley MacNevin.
Grade III — 1. Joseph White; 2. Price Boyce; 3. Donald MacLeod.
Grade II — 1. Dawn MacDonald; 2. Shirley MacDonald; Lynn MacNevin; 3. Hazel MacRae.
Grade I — 1. Veda Farrar; 2. Joan MacManus; 3. Wayne Crosby.
Teacher: W. T. Cousins.

RECOGNIZE INDEPENDENCE

LONDON (AP) — Britain Thursday recognized the independence of Tunisia and Morocco and announced negotiations for diplomatic relations with both North African countries will begin soon.



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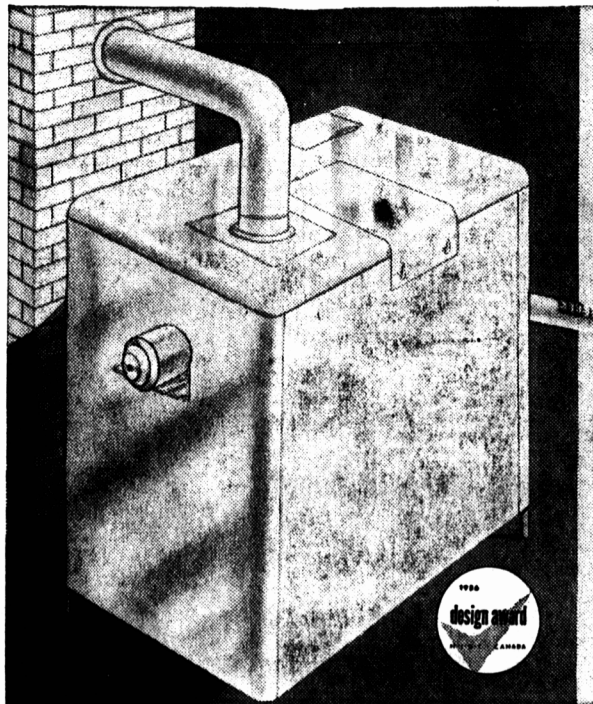
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