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Thine honour is your life; both grow in one, take none from these and thy life is done.

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That which in pale men we entitle subtily in mean cold cowardice in noble breast.

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## GARAGE FIRE CUTS HUGE SWATH THROUGH CITY BLOCK

### Estimate Sixty Deaths In Tropical Hurricane

### First Rotation Plan Drafts To Leave For Korea Shortly

OTTAWA, Aug. 19 (CP) — Defence Headquarters announced today the first two replacement drafts will leave Canada in September or early October to relieve Canadian troops being transferred home from Korea.

Disclosing some details of the army's plans for rotation of its Korean troops, a headquarters statement said the replacement drafts will include two rifle companies from the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, followed by the headquarters and a quota of miscellaneous personnel.

The support company of the 1st Battalion and a company to be formed from the P.P.C.L.I.'s 3rd Battalion will follow later.

The first troops to return home under the rotation policy will be men of the 2nd Battalion of the Patricias, who have been in the Korean war theatre since last December.

(Bill Boss, Canadian Press staff writer with the troops in Korea, reported Saturday the transfer back to Canada begins in September and that more than half of the Princess Patricia's will qualify under conditions prescribed for repatriation before Christmas.)

The headquarters announcement made these main points:

1. Men will be eligible for return to Canada who have approximately 12 months service in Korea.
2. No man shall be required to serve more than one winter in Korea.
3. To maintain maximum operational efficiency within the Korean theatre, only two companies will be rotated at any one time.

A battalion contains six companies — four rifle companies, a support company and the headquarters company.

The statement said other units on that 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Korea will be repatriated under the same policy early next year on completion of 12 months service.

It disclosed also that arrangements are being made to have 200 battle-trained men from each of the infantry battalions now in Korea flown to Canada for para-troop training at a rate of 50 a week. This will be done so they will have their training completed by the time their units are repatriated and assume an operational role in Canada.

The announcement did not say when this movement will start.

### Jamaica Hit By Worst Storm In History

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 19 (CP) — The death toll from the worst hurricane in this British island colony's history was estimated today at 60. Damage from the big blow Friday night and Saturday was put unofficially at close to \$17,000,000.

The island this morning began digging out from the wreckage which is estimated to total at least \$16,800,000.

In Kingston, the island capital, at least 40 persons died including several inmates of the city poor house and mental hospital.

A manhunt got underway today for 70 convicts who escaped when the hurricane flattened the wall of the island's general penitentiary at the old city of Port Royal which was almost completely wiped out.

The crops in rural areas were devastated, but the complete extent of the damage can not be measured yet because the storm knocked out communications with much of the island.

### Cease-Fire Talks Slip Towards New Deadlock

MUNSAN, Aug. 20 (Monday) (AP) — Informal cease-fire talks between Communist and United Nations sub-committees slipped back toward a pattern of deadlock Sunday, despite optimism earlier that eventual agreement would be in sight on a Korean armistice.

The two-man delegation met for 90 minutes but there was no hint of progress on the issue of where to draw a buffer zone across the peninsula. It was the shortest session since the smaller group began its sessions Friday.

The fourth sub-committee meeting was scheduled for 11 a. m. today (9 p. m. EDT Sunday) at Kaesong.

For three weeks full-scale negotiations had been stalled by Communist insistence on drawing the line for a demilitarized zone at the 38th parallel. The Allies sought a defensible line in the general area of present battle positions, mostly north of the parallel.

**Reds Have Complaint**

As a sidelight to Sunday's meeting the Reds raised a new complaint that the five-mile neutralization zone around Kaesong had been violated.

The Communists charged U. N. troops fired into the restricted area, killing one Chinese soldier and wounding another.

The Reds said the incident occurred shortly after daylight Sunday on a ridge west of Panmunjom, Communist outpost on the Kaesong road.

A joint U.N.-Communist investigation team made an investigation on the spot.

U.S. Marine Col. James C. Murray, the U.N. command liaison officer, will submit a report of his investigations.

The U. N. command continued to maintain strict secrecy on the sub-committee talks. There were no communiqués or briefings.

### Worst Conflagration In Many Years Hits Ch'town

One of the most destructive fires experienced in Charlottetown in many years mushroomed up on the garage property of F. R. McLaine Ltd., auto dealers, Grafton Street, Saturday afternoon and cut a wide swath through the entire centre section of the block to Kent Street.

In its path the fire consumed the buildings of Horne Motors Ltd., Kent Street, Batt & MacRae, and the Whelan Memorial Building and Hall, Grafton Street, as well as several smaller structures in the rear. No official estimate of the total damage could be obtained yesterday, but it is believed to run well over \$500,000. This makes it the most costly fire since the Canada Packers plant on East Grafton Street burned in 1946. That same year serious fires destroyed the establishments of Bruce Stewart and Company the Island Fertilizer Company and the Sterns Laundry.

Still smoking yesterday morning with City firemen maintaining a 24-hour watch, the burned-out area included Wilson's Barber Shop, Mary's Beauty Salon and the office of Dr. J. D. MacGuigan. In addition several private apartments, including that of Mr. and Mrs. Rankine McLaine were completely destroyed. The couple saved nothing but the clothing they were wearing. Mr. McLaine was away from the Province at the time of the fire, but returned on receiving word of the blaze.

He had gotten as far as Port Hawkesbury, N.S., as a guest on the motor launch of R. S. Allen, of Halifax, and started hitch-hiking his way back arriving here early yesterday morning. Mrs. McLaine was at their summer cottage at the time of the fire and there was no one in their second-floor apartment. The fire started about 1.28 but it was 4 P.M. before it was under control.

Mr. Gallant, who was working on a truck in the pit at the time the fire started, was burned about the arms before fellow employees could get him up on the floor.

### Coming Here To Plan Royal Visit

OTTAWA, Aug. 19 (CP) — A committee in charge of arrangements for the Oct. 20 visit of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip will begin a perial trip along the royal route this week to confer with local officials.

The party will be headed by Charles Stein, undersecretary of state. The stops in Quebec and the Maritimes: Montreal, Aug. 26; Quebec, Fredericton, and Halifax, Aug. 29 and Charlottetown, Sydney, N.S., and St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 30.

### M.C.A. To Make Flight From New Port

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Aug. 19 (CP) — The first scheduled flight from Saint John's new airport beside the Loch Lomond Road is expected to be made within the next 10 days by a plane of the Maritime Central Airways, which has been using the smaller airport at nearby Millidgeville. The new airport will not be in full operation until autumn.

LAPORTE, Ind., Aug. 19 (AP) — Mrs. Mayme Johnson has been widowed by a lightning bolt for the second time in six years. Mrs. Johnson's second husband, Keith Johnson, 26, was killed by lightning Friday near a lake. Her first husband, Walter James, was killed by lightning in 1945, while working on his farm.

### Small Steamer Lost Off Nfld.; Crew Escapes

ST PIERRE, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON, Aug. 19 (CP) — A small coastal steamer sprung a leak and sank Saturday off the southwest coast of Newfoundland, but her crew, believed to number about 20, was picked up by a passing motor vessel.

The stricken ship, the 371-ton Armoricain, registered in St. John's, Nfld., and Halifax-owned, came to grief off the French-owned islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon. Her crew members made a vain attempt to prevent the 30-year-old vessel from going under; then scrambled into the boats.

The men drifted for some time before being spotted and taken aboard the motor vessel Daphne and Phillips. They are believed to be en route to St. Pierre.

The Armoricain was abandoned two miles from Cape Columbia, a lonely, barren chunk of rock which rises sharply out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence off the Newfoundland coast.

### Ships Lost

The Dominican Republic ship "La Dominicana" capsized in Kingston harbor. The captain and seven crew members are feared lost. Five other ships were dashed ashore.

The strongest blow in Kingston's history lashed the island capital with wind and rain from 9:45 p.m. Friday until 2 a.m. Saturday.

Tore rooftops from thousands of buildings, flattened walls and snatched up trees and heavy beams like straws.

Automobiles were sent somersaulting down streets, and the winds ripped through stone and metal structures as though they were paper.

Many persons in this area were homeless and without lights, power, drinking water or telephone service. Shipping and airplane service were at a standstill.

### Scarcely Roof Left On Building In Kingston

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 19 (AP) — Under a tropical sun in a cloudless sky, Jamaicans today surveyed the devastation and damage on their island from the hurricane that ripped across its south shore Friday and Saturday morning.

Kingston itself presents such a battered picture that it is surprising to learn the hurricane death toll is only about 60. The toll may rise when inland communities whose communications have been cut are able to report to the capital.

Estimates of the damage range from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. (Reuters News Agency said damage estimated ranged up to \$56,000,000.)

Governor Sir Hugh Foot attributes the low death rate to accurate warnings of the hurricane's progress and path and to efficient evacuation work by the Red Cross and other volunteer units.

In all of Kingston, a city of 200,000, there is scarcely one whole roof left on any building. In some places, whole rows of buildings were razed.

Five hundred homeless persons are housed in one school, all beds in 26 hospitals and medical centres are filled, and cots have been placed in the corridors for the overflow.

Lights, power, and telephone service have been out since the blow struck yesterday. Food requiring refrigeration is spoiling.

### Crowd Aids

A large crowd of citizens who had gathered to watch the fire aided in removing furniture and fixtures from stores and apartments. Millinery and clothing from Adella's Millinery and the Gloria were taken from the stores and temporarily placed in Zion Church and the Guardian office. Hundreds of other articles ranging from batteries to filling cabinets were piled on the lawns of St. Paul's Church and on Church Street.

Tense excitement gripped the crowd as the fire fanned out on both sides of McLaine's garage and consumed the nearby buildings despite efforts of firemen to control it. Just at the height of the blaze when it appeared the whole block would be destroyed, a providential downpour came to the rescue and aided the embattled firemen.

### Light Bulb Explosion

The fire is reported to have started in the garage of Mr. McLaine where an employee, James Gallant, was working in the pit on a truck. An extension cord apparently slipped dropping a light bulb which exploded and started a flash fire. Nearby extinguishers proved useless.

In the McLaine garage, which was erected in 1940, were two brand-new Chrysler automobiles as well as four other cars and two trucks. One of the latter was a new Fargo owned by Vere Beck and Son, Montague, while the other was owned by Maritime Electric Company.

Mr. McLaine could make no estimate of his total loss but did state that he was carrying a heavy inventory with a large stock of tires, batteries, parts, accessories and shop tools. The only things saved were the new office safe and the book accounts.

Thousands of citizens gathered to watch the spectacular fire as a heavy cloud of dense, black smoke poured straight up into the sky. It was visible for several miles. Nearby the heat was intense and could easily be felt more than 100 feet from the blaze. City firemen under Fire Chief H. H. Jewell had every bit of equipment in the Fire Hall in use — including the Bickle pumper, the hook and ladder and

### Spreads To Kent Street

On Kent Street the entire building housing the Horne Motors was destroyed. Several other buildings, mostly of brick construction, were damaged by the fire and some contents were damaged by smoke and water.

Considerable loss was suffered by Maurice Block whose warehouse in the rear of a new brick building was destroyed with all its contents. His loss is unofficially estimated at \$30,000. Some damage was suffered by the new Block Building from the intense heat and it is thought considerable repair work will have to be done.

It is too early yet for plans to be made for rebuilding, but it is understood that eventually both Horne Motors and F. R. McLaine will erect new buildings. In the meantime both are making plans for continuing their businesses in temporary quarters.

### Heavy Losses

The caretaker of the Whelan Memorial Hall, Mr. Larry Kelly, who is also caretaker of the Basilica, resided in the Hall and lost all his possessions in the fire. It is also reported that musicians in



### Coming Events

- "Dance, Belfast Hall, Wednesday, August 22nd.
- "Dance, Glenfanning School, Tuesday night, August 21st.
- "Dance, Iona Hall, Tuesday, August 21st.
- "Dance at Covehead Race Track Tuesday, August 21st.
- "Chicken Supper at Tracadie, Labor Day, September 3rd.
- "Chicken Supper, Bazaar, Da'ce, Vernon River Hall, August 22nd.
- "Ice cream festival and dance at St. Andrew's School Aug 20th.
- "Variety concert, Cardigan Hall, Friday, Aug. 24. Auspices Catholic Women's League.
- "Ice Cream Social, Rose Valley Hall, August 20th. Sponsored by L. O. L.
- "Institute dance Millview Hall, Friday, Aug. 24. Proceeds Sauritorium Radio Fund.
- "Come to the Ice Cream Social in St. Michael School, Tuesday, August 21st.
- "My Store will be closed from August 22nd, till September 12th. S. R. LePage.
- "Buying good feed bags daily. We pay the freight. Russell Driscoll, Mt. Herbert.
- "Come to the Regular Dance at Bonahave every Tuesday night MacNeill's Orchestra.
- "Maritime Racing, Strawberry Race Track, New Glasgow, Wednesday, August 22nd.
- "Notice—Buying live poultry every Monday. Highest prices. C. C. Green, Emerald.
- "Paying \$30.00 pair for good eggs, 30 lbs., and over up until Wednesday of this week. Willard Trowse, Brackley.
- "For Snapshots that will not fade mail your films and Negatives to Garnum Photo Studios, Charlottetown.
- "Dance, St. Peter's Legion Hall, Wednesday night from 9.30 to 10. Webster's Orchestra. Admission 50c.
- "Reserve Monday, September 3rd for Chicken Supper. Immaculate Conception grounds, Wellington.

### Heavier Than Expected

The city was prepared for a blow but not for such a strong one.

Here are some of the incidents reported from various areas:

- Palisado Airport — The main hangar and all outbuildings collapsed like a pack of cards. Corrugated sections were plucked.

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### Unofficial Estimates Of Fire Losses

Fire losses of close to a half million dollars were caused by Saturday afternoon's disastrous outbreak according to unofficial estimates. Following are the unofficial estimates of the losses to the main buildings:

- Rankine MacLaine's—\$150,000.
- Horne Motors—\$150,000.
- Batt and MacRae—\$70,000-\$100,000.
- Benevolent Irish Society—\$35,000-\$40,000.
- Maurice Block—\$30,000.

LANGS, Ayrshire, Eng. — (CP) — An American woman tourist, venir — one of Winston Churchill's famous cigars. The prize cost has returned home with a souvenir the tourist \$30 at an auction held to raise welfare funds.

### Mayor Expresses His Appreciation Of Fire Fighters

Appreciation of the services rendered by the Charlottetown Fire Department, citizens and visitors was expressed last night by His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonald in a statement on Saturday's holocaust.

"It is not necessary to repeat what I have always maintained about the wonderful volunteer Fire Department which our City has," His Worship said.

"I know from experience how confident the citizens feel about this particular civic department, but once again I wish to say we are thankful for the splendid job done Saturday under trying circumstances. Two garage buildings, so close together, and on fire is not an easy situation with which to cope, yet it was done.

"I would like also to say a special thank you on behalf of the City Council to the many citizens, people of the Province and visitors who volunteered their services in many ways.

"The work of the R.C.M.P. who augmented the City Police in their duties was exemplary, the work of the Telephone Company in maintaining service, and the Maritime Electric Company which so quickly restored service is commendatory.

"I can assure one and all of the appreciation of the City Council in preventing what could very well have been a much greater disaster."

### Huge Gathering Of Clans Is Held In Edinburgh

EDINBURGH, Aug. 19 (Reuters) — Half-a-million excited Scots pushed and jostled each other across the streets of Edinburgh Saturday and swamped a projected crowd of 1,500 blaring pipers.

Police failed to control the crowd as it converged on Princess Street the main street, for the highlight of the festival of the gathering of the clans.

Instead of marching 16 abreast, the tartan-clad pipers had to fight their way through the maelstrom in twos and threes.

It was the biggest, happiest crowd Scotland has seen for years. Some said there were more clansmen gathered together than at any time since the Jacobite assembly before the 1745 rebellion.

Hundreds of women fainted in the crush and ambulances tried to make their way through the congested streets.

### Look For Repercussions In Army Rotation Plan

OTTAWA, Aug. 19 (CP) — Cabinet Ministers are believed to have been examining details of the army's rotation plan for Korea with an eye to possible political repercussions.

The repercussions may lie in plans to use paratroopers trained for the 23rd Brigade, the airborne-Arctic unit the cabinet refused to send to Korea last summer because it was specially trained for home defence and was the only formation then available.

Details of the rotation scheme, which involves sending fresh troops to Korea to relieve those with a year of service there, were given to the 23rd Brigade troops in Korea during the week-end and released here today.

That would be a week and a half after Defence Minister Claxton told a press conference there will be rotation on a one-year-in-Korea basis, that it is hoped the originals of the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry will be home by the end of the year and that details would be released "in a few days."

The cabinet is well aware that plans to use fairly substantial numbers of home-defence paratroopers for Korea, to spell off the men there now, are likely to stir controversy in the Commons.

Opposition members are likely to question Mr. Claxton closely when Parliament meets in October if large numbers of 23rd Brigade fighting men have been ordered to the reinforcement pools for Korea.

At his press conference, the Minister said paratroopers have gone to Korea in the past and that more would go because 1,600 new ones had been trained in the past year. When a reporter asked if the 23rd Brigade is up to strength, the Minister said there are enough trained men available to bring it up to strength.

Any Parliamentary controversy over use of its men would recall the July days of 1950 when the United Nations was pressing desperately for troops for Korea and the 23rd was the only unit Canada had. Cabinet ruled against sending it.

Opposition members, without directly challenging this decision, rapped the government for allowing the country to be caught in such a position.

Since then two new brigades have been formed, the 25th which is in Korea and the 27th which is earmarked for Europe. Neither, however, is trained for airborne or Arctic warfare.

### British Miners Oppose Italians In Coal Mines

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Reuters) — Resistance from British miners threatens to wreck a plan for employment of Italians in the country's seriously undermanned coalfields.

The opposition has developed suddenly among miners in many pits scheduled to receive the first of thousands of Italians, all of them eager for work.

If they resist in their refusal to work with the Italians, a severe fuel shortage, already looming, may come more quickly. It will also mean a serious setback in fighting Italy's crucial unemployment problem.

The pithead veto, so far reported from nearly 100 collieries, has shaken government experts because the Italians were originally approved by the miners' union executive.

The reversal has come from local miners' lodges, asked to give a firm "yes" or "no" to the question whether they are prepared to work alongside Italians.

In the key coal-heaving area of Yorkshire, 87 of the 114 collieries have said "no."

Votes have still to be taken in most of the 300 pits in Lancashire, the West Midlands and South Wales, many of which have vacancies for foreign labor. However, the Yorkshire majority against is regarded as a fair preview of the country-wide attitude.

The plan to bring Italians here was accepted by the union in January in return for a wage increase, and union leaders promised they would use their "best endeavours" to get rank-and-file acceptance of the project.

But the miners are refusing. Coal board and union officials, however, are still convinced the men can be won over by repetition of the grim facts at stake.

### Leave Charlottetown For Moncton

Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 5.30 A.M.; 11.20 A.M.; 4.50 P.M. Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7.25 A.M.; 1.25 P.M.; 6.55 P.M.

Leave Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax

7.40 A.M. New Glasgow & Sydney 1.50 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax. Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow & Halifax 11.00 A.M. from New Glasgow & Sydney.

4.20 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

Charlottetown — Sydney flights daily except Sunday.

SUNDAY ONLY

Lv. Charlottetown for Moncton 11.30

Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 5.55 P.M.

### WOOD ISLANDS — CARIBOU FERRY SERVICE

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7.30 P.M.	7.30 P.M.
9.05 P.M.	9.05 P.M.
10.30 P.M.	10.30 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS — CARIBOU FERRY SERVICE (Standard Time)

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Prince Nova — 7 A.M., 11 A.M. 3 P.M.

Chas. A. Dunning—9 A.M., 1 P.M. 5 P.M.

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Prince Nova — 9 A.M., 1 P.M. 5 P.M.