OFFERED TO PRIME MINISTER

This palatial home, nestled on the shore of Harrington Lake in Gatineau Park near Ottawa, may become a summer home for Canada's prime ministers. The home, built in 1925 at a cost of $100,000, has been offered to Prime Minister Diefenbaker by the Federal District Commission, caretakers of the 55,000-acre park and he is reportedly interested. It is an 18-mile drive from the Capital in Quebec province.

U. S. Missile Director Sees Red Satellite Significant

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Dr. Wernher von Braun, who directs the U.S. Army's ballistic missile project at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama, said Wednesday "it is folly to minimize the military significance of the Soviet satellites."

Von Braun flew to Miami from Cocoa Beach, where he witnessed the unsuccessful firing of the Jupiter at Cape Canaveral Tuesday night.

"The U.S. must realize Russia is after global conquest via air," he said in an interview. "We are behind the Russians because we started too late.

"They threw everything into the program right after the war. We started only in 1951. And today they have achieved a greater working speed than we have. In order to catch up with them now we must beat their working speed. That is the key to the entire program."

Von Braun, who helped develop Germany's V-2 rocket program during the war, compared Russia's surge to conquer space with Britain's surge to rule the seas.

"The purpose is the same," he said. "To rule the world—to control this planet. For this reason, we should not believe emphasis on missiles alone is the answer."

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

He said he does not believe the failure of the Jupiter firing Tuesday night "is something to get alarmed about."

"We must expect failure in experimentation. In this particular case, I am sure, it will be remedied within a week because it was only the reliability of one component which was lacking."

Algerian Crisis Harms NATO Cause In France

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The Algerian crisis is splitting French sympathies away from NATO, at least as far as public sentiment is concerned.

This was the fact faced by Prime Minister Macmillan of Britain in his mission to France, and the meaning of angry street demonstrations in Paris after he arrived.

It has given rise to fears that the "summit" meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization beginning in Paris Dec. 16, may suffer frustration clothed in high-flown phrases and generalities.

OUTRAGED PROTESTS

Ironically the West finds itself in disarray just at the time when leaders planned to show unity and common purpose in the face of Russian technological and propaganda triumphs.

Certainly every effort is being made in a diplomatic way to reach a measure of agreement on the Algerian question which now seems to be becoming an international issue despite France's outraged protests.

A Tunisian-Moroccan proposal for settlement of the fighting roused French suspicions, coming as it did almost immediately after Anglo-American shipments of arms to Tunisia in defiance of French wishes.

Although Premier Felix Gaillard was cool to the offer of "good offices" from Tunisia and Morocco, it was significant that even the rank and file of his own party—the Radicals—voted differently at a conference, calling for acceptance.

WORD MEANINGS

The Algerian war has cost 40,000 lives and resulted in 80,000 refugees. Gaillard estimates it costs France $360,000,000 annually, but former Premier Pierre Mendes-France, also a member of the Radical party, says it costs more than $1,200,000,000.

Despite France's implacable official attitude, observers see hope for early negotiations to end the conflict. It was noted that the Tunisian-Moroccan proposal used the word "sovereignty" for Algerian aims, avoiding the term "independence" which France detests.

Gaillard has said he would like to see Algeria develop its own "personality" while remaining in close association with France.

Observers are waiting with interest for exact definitions of the terms "sovereignty," "independence" and "personality."

Additional hope is seen in the forthcoming Algerian debate in the United Nations, but it is unlikely that this could produce any real results before the NATO meeting.

Hammarskjold Seeks To Head Off Israeli-Jordanian Clash

By TOM MASTERSON

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold began talks Sunday aimed at heading off a clash between Israel and Jordan—all over 490 gallons of gasoline.

Hammarskjold sat down with Jordan leaders to talk over the Jordan border situation within an hour after arriving form Beirut. He held a long session with 23-year-old King Hussein, two long meetings with Samir Rifai, deputy premier and foreign minister, and a short one with Premier Ibrahim Hashem.

Thus far, the UN secretary-general apparently has found no elimination by Jordan to give ground.

The Jordan government steadfastly refuses to permit an Israel convoy carrying 490 gallons of gasoline to pass through Jordan territory. The Jordanians maintain the gasoline falls in the classification of military supplies, which are prohibited form convoys supplying Israeli-held Mount Scopus.

Moreover, the Jordanians have refused to co-operate with U.S. Marine Colonel Byron Leary, acting chief of the truce supervision organization. Rifai has accused Leary of being prejudiced toward Israel and has demanded that Hammarskjold fire him.

IS MILITARY AID

Jordan says Israel is trying to transport gasoline to Mount Scopus for military purposes. The Israelis maintain the gasoline is needed for an electric generator. The Israelis have occupied Scopus for nearly 10 years, since the end of the Palestine War. It is a low hill adjacent to the Arab-held old city of Jerusalem entirely surrounded by Jordan territory. It is 900 feet long and 400 feet at its widest part.

On the hill are Hadassah Hospital, the Hebrew university and an old German-built rest house. These were Jewish buildings long before the Palestine War.

Israel has been supplying men guarding the isolated buildings by convoys sent out once every two weeks. The Israelis encountered no trouble until the Jordanians found gasoline aboard — twice — and turned the convoys back.

WONT BACK DOWN

Jordan officials say Hammarskjold found Rifai refusing to back down either on the gasoline or Leary issues. The officials said Rifai firmly believes Israel is wrong and he appears determined to stand fast. Egypt and Syria have accused Rifai of being soft toward Israel.

Jordan contends the gasoline issue, insignificant in itself, has brought to a head a series of Israeli violations of armistice agreements.

Eight Children Burned To Death In Quebec Town

SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP) — Eight children were burned to death and their father critically injured Sunday when fire destroyed their home on the outskirts of Sherbrooke.

The dead were all children of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Denault. They are Suzanne, 12, Jeanmarc, 9, Solanges, 8, Michel, 6, Yves, 5, Gaetan, 4, Carole, 2, and Richard, 18 months.

Mrs. Denault, 34, and a ninth child, Robert, 13, were at church when the fire broke out shortly after 7:30 a.m.

Neighbors said Mr. Denault, 32, fled the house with his clothing in flames to summon help. He was taken to hospital suffering third - degree burns, cuts and shock. Hospital officials said later he had improved slightly but was still in critical condition.

It is believed the fire started from an oil-stove explosion. The first alarm was given at 7:42 a.m. But when firemen arrived it was too late to check the blaze, fanned by strong winds.

The flames spent themselves in less than two hours, leaving standing only two charred walls of the asphalt-shingled, 1 storey frame house.

Mr. Denault, a mechanic, is employed by a Lennoxville, Que., firm which manufactures asphalt shingles.

It is thought at least some of the Denault children were up when the fire started, but details are not expected until after an investigation.

BREADALBANE

Among the early fall visitros to this vicinity was Mr. Howard V. Ackland who visited relatives in Fredericton and Breadalbane Village. Mr. Ackland who is presently employed in an office of the General Electric Building, one of the skyscrapers of New York City was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. (Rev.) Lemuel Ackland who resides in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacLeod, Breadalbane Village, are spending the winter months with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacLeod (Jr.) Halifax.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Millage MacLeod who recently was a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, is making a satisfactory recovery. Her mother, Mrs. Harry Craswell, Charlottetown, is remaining with her during her convalescence.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Todd recently sold their farm and home to Mr. Johnnie Gamester, Breadalbane Rural.

Friends in this vicinty learned with great regret of the passing of Mrs. A.R. Wallis on November 21, at Truro, Nova Scotia. Mrs. Wallis who was a resident of Breadalbane twenty-five years ago when her husband was pastor of the United Church, Breadalbane, will be remembered for her very friendly unassurming personality. Sincere sympathy is extended to her husband, Rev. A. R. Wallis and daughter Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis and family, Charlottetown, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hickox, Springfield on Sunday, November the 24.

Miss Catherine Stevenson, teacher North Granville, spent Remembrance Day weekend with friends in Breadalbane.

Miss Jurretta Murray, teacher of Greenwood School, spent the weekend of November 24th at her home in Breadalbane.

Mr. Homer Chappell who visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chappell during the weekend of November the tenth, returned to his home in Ottawa on November 16th.

Misses Dorothy and Flora and Master David MacLeod, Hunter River, were guests of Mrs. Duncan MacKay on Saturday, November 23rd.

On Thursday evening, November 21st, a large crowd of neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willabird Inman to honor their daughter, Elma, with a prenuptial shower. To the strains of Longengrin's Wedding March, played by Mrs. James Snowie, the petite bride-to-be was ushered into the living room by Mrs. Blois Toombs, followed in a few minutes by little Misses Marion MacDonald and Betty Gamester, who carried a basket of gifts. Mrs. Lorne Cobb cut the ribbons of the presents, while Mrs. Elton Somers and Miss Margaret Kennedy read the accompanying verses, and Mrs. Blois Toombs and Mrs. Lionel Robinson arranged the gifts. After the bride had thanked those present, "For She Is a Jolly Good Fellow" was sung by the guests. A social hour of games was enjoyed during which dainty refreshments were served.

A lively group of school children assembled in the Breadalbane Library on Saturday afternoon, November 23rd, to celebrate Young Canada Book Week —a week annually devoted by librarians throughout Canada —to the emphasizing of the educational and entertaining values of good reading. An interesting program of contests and games and the dramatization of the story, "Red Riding Hood" were rendered and the children were treated with candy by the librarian.

Find Grave Of Captain Bligh's Ship

WASHINGTON (AP) — Finding of the grave of Captain Bligh's Bounty, scuttled off Pitcairn Island in 1790, was reported Saturday by the National Geographic Society.

The discovery is described in the December issue of National Geographic by Luis Marden, veteran undersea photographer for the society.

Marden, who was living on the South Pacific isle to collect material for a story and to make a color film about descendants of the Bounty mutineers, said he found the ship's remains about 30 feet down in Bounty Bay.

Helping Marden in his six-week search were two Pitcairners whom he trained in the use of an aqua-lung—Tom Christian, 21-year -old great - great - great-grandson of Fletcher Christian, and Tom's brother- in -law, Len Brown.

Along the line of the ship's keel, Marden reported finding hull fittings, an oarlock, and fragments of copper with which the Bounty, an armed transport, had been sheathed. Carbonized wood clung to the metal fastenings.

RUDDER FOUND IN '33

The spot was some distance from where the Bounty's rudder was found in 1933. The rudder now is in the Fiji museum on Suva.

The mutiny of the Bounty, in 1789, was attributed to the severity of the British ship's commander, Lieut. William Bligh. Bligh and 18 loyal crew members were set adrift by the mutineers, and after journeying almost 4,000 miles in an open boat they reached Batavia safely.

Some mutineers were captured on Tahiti. Those who accompanied Fletcher Christian to Pitcairn founded a colony which now numbers about 155 persons. They subsist by selling wood carvings, baskets and fresh fruit to passengers on passing ships.

Famed Stalian Operatic Tenor Died Saturday

ROME (AP) — Tenor Benlamino Gigli, whose golden voice took him from the choir of his native Italian village church to the great opera houses of the world, died Saturday at 67.

Gigli's doctor said he became ill two days ago. At first it appeared to be only a cold with fever. It suddenly developed into pneumonia.

Gigli's funeral will be held today.

Two years ago Gigli suffered a heart attack. In September he was injured slightly in an automobile accident.

HAD HEART TROUBLE

The tenor, who long had suffered from heart trouble, retired two years ago after a final, triumphant tour that took him through the United States, Canada and Europe.

He succeedied Enrico Caruso as the star tenor of New York's Metropolitan Opera in 1921.

In mourning Gigli's death, maestro Tullio Serafin, one of Italy's leading directors, said:

"Of Gigli one can say this: That singing for him was a necessity of his nature. In his singing had something particular and, above all, what was impressive was the sincerity of his presentation."

SON OF COBBLER

Gigli was born March 20, 1890, in Recanati in central Italy. He was the son of the village cobbler and made his opera debut at Rovigo in 1915 in the part of Enzo in La Gioconda. He sang with the gusto of his peasant background.

After 12 years as the star tenor in New York, he returned to Mussolini's Italy after a squabble with the Met over a pay cut during the depression.

In 1955, after a 16-year absence he returned to the United States to sing three farewell recitals in New York's Carnegie Hall.

In recent years he stayed mostly in Italy, where he was a wealthy estate owner.

CHIMP DIES AT 34

CHICAGO (AP) — Mike, the ham actor of Brookfield Zoo, died Sunday at the age of 34. He was the only male chimpanzee in the United States to survive birth in captivity long enough to reach full growth. He was born in Havana, Cuba.

Key Personalities Emerge As Parliament Proceeds

By ALAN DONNELLY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—The new Parliament, in action now for seven weeks, has just about completed its shakedown cruise. In that period some key personalities have emerged in the Commons.

The undisputed captain of the new Progressive Conservative government is Prime Minister Diefenbaker. He is the strong man of the treasury benches and on several occasions has stepped in with a firm hand when some cabinet colleague has shown sign of wavering under Opposition fire.

His newly-exalted position has removed none of his love for a lively political fight. The opposition is willing to oblige. The result is that the prime minister's chair has come under sniping fire far more than it did when it was held by the more aloof Liberal Prime Minister St. Laurent.

Mr. Diefenbaker seems happier in meeting an attack with counterattack, instead of a defensive reply. Almost invariably it is done in good humor, and sometimes with shattering effect.

CAPABLE COLLEAGUES

A number of Mr. Diefenbaker's cabinet colleagues have attracted notice by displaying a calm, sure touch in handling the Opposition. So far this has been shown mainly during question period but at the start of each day's sitting, when Opposition members have a chance to grill the government on questions large and small.

The government's house leader, Works Minister Green, when in opposition was noted as a somewhat grim, needling critic. Now he has a soft answer to turn away Opposition wrath and uses good-humored wit to win Commons compliance with what the government wants to do.

Transport Minister Hees has won a degree of Opposition admiration by earnest attempts to provide information requested and by skilful handling of a couple of difficult situations.

TURNED THE TABLES

One such situation was a threatening fuss over the action of a Conservative MP in obtaining the dismissal of a temporary government employee who had campaigned actively for the Liberals in his constituency.

Mr. Hees did some fast homework and came up with chapter and verse of several other instances where the Liberal government had done the same thing. The matter was quickly dropped. Justice Minister Fulton and Labor Minister Starr are two other ministers who have gained Opposition respect by apparent sincerity and diligence in meeting Opposition queries.

IMPRESSES IN FRENCH

Agriculture Minister Harkness, handling a big and difficult portfolio, also has impressed members and parliamentary observers. He has warmed the hearts of French-speaking members with off-the-cuff replies in French.

But a different tack has been taken by Finance Minister Fleming. A good share of his blunt belligerence as an Opposition member has stayed with him. It is revealed in caustic replies to Opposition queries and in a willingness to debate an issue at any time, even during the question period when argument is banned.

Usually the provocation comes from hecklers and more than once, when Mr. Fleming has shot back a strong reply, he has been checked by the Commons speaker.

One outcome of this has been that the Opposition fire has been centred on Mr. Fleming and, to that extent, his cabinet colleagues have had an easier time.

India Fighting Quiet But Serious Financial Battle

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN
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India is fighting a quiet but desperate financial struggle that is all but lost on the Western world in these days of spectacular news and noisy controversy.

Britain's Earl Attlee called attention to the plight of the Indian government with a warning to the West that the situation holds an incipient danger of communism.

He pointed to India's state of Kerala, which went Communist in the last general election, and said this may be an omen of things to come despite the country's well-known determination to follow a so-called neutralist line.

What is happening is that India is paying out about $17,000,000 a week more than it is taking in, a staggering amount even for that vast country.

RICHES DWINDLE

Attlee, who as prime minister of Britain helped India to independence in 1947, recalled that then it had $1,500,000,000 in sterling reserves—truly the riches of the Indies.

This has melted away until, with the figure at about $680,000,000, the Indian government has decided to take drastic action by freezing $630,000,000 of its sterling assets held in Britain to meet bills and restore a measure of economic balance.

India still hopes to keep in reserve some of the sterling held in Britain, banker for the sterling bloc, but according to the terms of its amended law it has the power to restrict currency backing to $240,000,000 in gold which is held in New Delhi.

This is a big change from 1947, when the law required that $840,000,000 be held in sterling reserves, along with $240,000,000 in gold.

It is obvious that the Indians made their latest move with great reluctance, especially since they currently are dickering for loans and investment at both the government and private-business levels. They risk loss of confidence.

ARMS BURDEN

But apparently Prime Minister Nehru found the action necessary to save his big industrialization program, not to mention the demands of his arms purchases.

Indian spokesmen have made discreet complaints from time to time that the United States supply of arms to Pakistan under the Baghdad Pact has resulted in heavy expense to India because of the smouldering Kashmir dispute.

India, holding aloof from alliances with the West, nevertheless has felt itself forced to buy such items as jet fighters to match the military advances of Pakistan.

At the United Nations, Russia's spokesman entered the Kashmir debate to back up India's claims —with the clear implication that his country would be only too glad to extend tangible assistance to the Indian side.

Auto Output In U. S. Ahead Of Year Ago

CLEVELAND (AP)—The hope of an early pickup in orders for steel is being sparked by increasing production of automobiles, Steel Magazine says.

"Latest reports show auto output running about 30-per-cent better than it did a year ago," the trade weekly says. "Figures for the latest week place output above the 154,000 cars for the first time since late in December last year."

The magazine says that steel buying for December is "hand to mouth," but that sellers are encouraged by a slight improvement in consumer interest in requirements for the first quarter of 1958.

Leading steelmakers, sizing up market prospects for next year, expect the current economic adjustment to continue, but they think the consumption of finished steel will hold close to the 1957 volume of around 85,000,000 tons, the publication said. Ingot production is expected to slip no more than five per cent below this year's estimated 114,000,000 tons.

Steelmaking operations reflected continued sluggish demand in dropping three points last week to 73.5 per cent of rated capacity. This was the slowest production pace, except for strike and holiday periods, since 1954.

Scrap prices declined again following a week of relative stability. Steel's composite on No. 1 heavy melting steel dropped 17 cents to $33 a gross ton—a low since December, 1954. The magazine's composite on finished steel was unchanged at $146.03 a net ton.

Corner Brook Has Police Needs

CORNER BROOK, Nfld. (CP) Negotiations to give this pulp and paper city a 30-man RCMP force early next year are expected to resume this week.

Mayor Allison Bugden said only one hitch remains. It has not been decided who will pay the RCMP services from June 30 to Dec. 31, 1957. About 18 men patrol this area. The provincial government's contract with them expired June 30.

"We have no provision in our budget for paying part of the expenses during 1957," the mayor said. "And we simply can't afford the $25,000 or $30,000 it would probably amount to."

The city's share of the increased costs is estimated from $60,000 to $75,000 a year. At present, St. John's is the only section of Newfoundland not patrolled by the RCMP.

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