

Still Fairly Easy To Build Small Empires

NASSAU, The Bahamas (AP)—Did you ever yearn to carve out a new empire of your own? Or, at least to build a new town from scratch, designed as a perfect community to live in?

Here in the sun-washed isles of The Bahamas, it is still fairly easy to build small empires of ideal communities (fashioned after your heart's desire), and a number of people are doing it.

The requirement is simple. All you need is money—preferably several million dollars—and time.

As a multi-millionaire gets older in most civilized countries, such as England and the United States, the problem of what to do with his money becomes more and more vexing. He has created it with him, and because of high inheritance taxes, he can't leave it to his family.

BEAT TAXES

But there are no death taxes on real estate in The Bahamas. A multi-millionaire can come here, have the fun of building a resort development, and know his investment will pass intact to his heirs.

This fact has led to the creation of half a dozen opulent tourist residential areas in these island paradises in recent years. It also accounts for the tripling of Bahamian real estate values.

Islands that could be bought for a small sum 30 years ago are now being had only for a big fat bundle of cash.

Typical of the new developments are Andros Town and Coral Harbour.

In 1951 Dr. Axel Wenner-Gren, the Swedish financier, took over 100,000 acres of land on Andros, largest island in The Bahamas, since then he has poured an estimated \$6,000,000 into developing it.

WEALTHY REFUGE

He has built homes, a schoolhouse, an airport, laid out farms, imported cattle, dredged a yacht harbor. He has erected the luxurious Lighthouse Club, which attracts as guests notables such as Lord Beaverbrook.

Eventually, as transportation speeds up and population increases, Andros as a community of thousands of expensive homes, a refuge for the retired wealthy who want to get away from it all. Since he has no children, the tax advantages mean less to Dr. Wenner-Gren himself.

"He loves to build," said an associate. "To him this is a vast playground. It pleases him to watch it grow."

Coral Harbour, a 3,000-acre development on New Providence Island, 12 miles from Nassau, is equally plush. It is owned by Mrs. Lindsey Hopkins Sr., Atlanta soft drink heiress.

CAN'T LOSE

She has poured \$2,500,000 into it. About 1,000 homes are available—for prices ranging from \$6,000 to \$20,000, not including the house.

"We're going to go slow and take our time," said her son, Lindsey Hopkins Jr. "We want to make a real community and get the best people in the world in the best place in the world."

Florida has had it. The Bahamas are just coming into their own.

Like most of the multi-millionaire operations here, the Hopkins family is unworried that they are pouring in money—and getting the government wants to expand the powers of the Crown-owned Export Credits Insurance Corporation. One source said the talks are approaching the critical stage.

FIRST CANNON

The first cannon ever used in England were fired at the battle of Berwick-on-Tweed about 1406.

10 Shopping Days till Christmas
WHAT is the Feast of the Epiphany and where is it celebrated?

Will Purchase Additional Canadian Wheat

OTTAWA (CP)—Informants say several countries will buy additional Canadian wheat if Canada will extend long-term credit to finance the purchases.

Canadian negotiations with the countries, among them Spain and Poland, became known Tuesday.

One week after Trade Minister Gordon Churchill announced the government wants to expand the powers of the Crown-owned Export Credits Insurance Corporation. One source said the talks are approaching the critical stage.

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GEORGETOWN: Leave Charlottetown at 2:30 p.m., Mt. Stewart Jet. 3:45 p.m., and Georgetown at 7:00 a.m., Mt. Stewart Jet. 9:15 a.m., daily except Sunday.

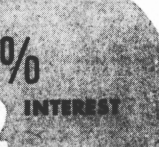
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Red Cross Pays Tribute To Late Dr. MacMillan

Fitting tribute to the memory of Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan was paid by Mr. W. E. Wilson, president of the annual meeting of the Canadian Red Cross Society held at the Edward Hotel Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Dr. MacMillan was president of the P. E. I. Division, Canadian Red Cross Society, and was a prominent Red Cross worker in humanitarian causes, particularly in the Canadian Red Cross Society, of which he was an Honorary Counsellor since 1944—the highest honor which can be bestowed by the Central Council.

Delegates at the Central Council rose and observed a silence to mark the memory of Dr. MacMillan and Mrs. A. W. L. Anglin, who died in St. John's, N. B., while a prominent Red Cross worker in humanitarian causes, particularly in that Province.

Borden Train Service Interrupted Last Night

For several hours last night a derailment that occurred a short distance east of Sherwood Station interrupted rail traffic on the C.N.R.'s main line.

The mishap took place at 8:30 p.m. when the rear end of a train of an auto-car broke clear and jammed against the rails. The train from which the truck became detached was the third from the van of extra trains to Borden. Other units of the seven-car train were not affected.

The "railway" crane manned by an auxiliary crew from the City arrived on the scene at 11:00 p.m. The line was cleared shortly after 12:30 this morning and full operations of the service was able to be resumed.

Examination of the track showed that the derailment had been caused by the roadbed becoming softened due to the amount of rain that has fallen during the past several days.

Due to the derailment, the Borden train en route to the city was held at Winsloe, where it was met by a fleet of taxis dispatched by the C.N.R. By this means passengers, express, and baggage completed the journey to the capital.

In charge of the extra was conductor M.H. Graham. The engineer was George Mitchell.

Shock Cause Of Lineman's Death

"We find that the deceased came to his death by coming in contact with a high tension wire, causing extreme shock and severe loss of blood on November 28th, while working on a power pole at Stanley Bridge and died at approximately 3:45 p.m. in the vicinity of Kensington while en route to Prince County Hospital in Summerside."

The above was the verdict returned Tuesday evening by the Coroners Jury assembled at the Court House, Summerside, to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of John Freeman Aitken, 43, of Mount Stewart. A total of six witnesses were heard before the jury returned to deliberate.

Coroner Dr. W. E. Callaghan conducted the inquest and Mr. D. O. Stewart, Q.C. appeared for the Crown. Members of the jury were: L. J. Murphy, foreman, James MacLean, Ray Doyle, James Derek Hughes, Joseph Gormier and Charles Linkletter.

TRINIDAD (CP)—Trial of three Toronto newspapers, the CBC and radio station CKZY on charges of violating the Lord's Day Act were adjourned Wednesday until Jan. 15. Magistrate T. S. Kimore ordered the adjournment after learning that the Ontario Court of Appeal has yet to deliver its judgment on an application by the BC that it is not liable to prosecution because it is not subject to the act.

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