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BURNED BY EXPLODING GAS TANK

"That's the gas tank that blew up," Gerry Gormley points to the remains of the power boat's gas tank which exploded and burned last night sending three Charlottetown girls to hospital with burns. Gerry's sister, Gail, 10 will probably be in the Charlottetown Hospital for a week with burns about the legs, despite the fact that she managed to jump into the water immediately after the explosion.

Another sister, Lorna, 8, was expected to be able to return home last night despite burns on her arms. Their father is James Gormley, of 22 Union Street, a widower. Coleen Gormley, 9, a cousin of the others and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gormley, 24 Union Street, was burned in the face but was expected to be allowed home last night. It is thought that one of the children put a match to the gas tank of a Department of Fisheries patrol boat which has been hauled up on the Fisheries wharf at the foot of Rochford Street, near where it is proposed to build a slip adjoining the new Naval Barracks. Employees of the Atlas Construction Company heard the explosion about 8:30 p.m. and were immediately on the scene. The fire department extinguished the blaze in a few minutes.

4 Lose Lives In Nursing Home Fire In Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—Four elderly patients died Monday after a bedroom fire sent deadly smoke swirling through a west-end nursing home. Two of the victims died in ambulances en route to hospital, the others eight hours later of shock and smoke poisoning. They were Miss Tillie Hewitt, 85, leg empuitee William Cavanagh, 79, John Black, 75, and Frank Cooper, 71. In hospital in critical condition are Hannah Collett, 81, Edward Hansford, 81, Amy Robertson, 82, Mary Reeves, 80, Catherine Walker, 85, and Walter Metcalfe, 87.

An arson squad immediately began an investigation into the blaze, the second fatal fire in two years at the Craig Nursing Home. A fire in the nursing home in 1956 killed an elderly man. There were 64 patients asleep when the fire broke out just before dawn in a second-floor room in the north wing of the home, which comprises two three-storey buildings connected by a third-floor ramp. Firemen said 20 patients were in the burning north wing where the smoke reached deadly density. The others in the adjoining section were taken out before thick smoke reached their rooms.

Canadian Head Of Israeli, Jordan Commission Killed

\$300,000 FOR PROJECT

Parkdale Will Borrow Money For Sewers, Water

The construction of a sewerage and water system for the Village of Parkdale will begin in the very near future, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the ratepayers last night. The meeting gave unanimous endorsement, authorizing the commissioners to borrow up to \$300,000 for this purpose. The commissioners told the largely attended meeting that a Montreal investment firm had given assurance that they were willing to buy debentures guaranteed by the Government bearing a coupon of 4-3/4 per cent at a small discount. The firm also stated they were prepared to buy unsecured bonds from the Village at a 5-1/4 per cent rate, also at a small discount.

Mr. W.H. Crandall of Montreal has been retained by the Village as consulting engineer and it was decided at last night's meeting to let Mr. Crandall know of the decision, so that work can begin without delay. OUTSIDE AREAS Some discussion took place regarding the servicing of householders immediately adjacent to the northern boundaries of the Village. The Commissioners stated they had no objection to making such service available providing a charge similar to that being made on the residents of the Village was extended to those making such a request. One of the ratepayers suggested that these areas which are thickly populated should be given the opportunity of coming in to the Village if they so desired. The commission said extension of the boundaries of the Village was a responsibility and that the matter has been discussed already.

One of the ratepayers wanted to know whether connection with the system would become compulsory. It was pointed out that Health officials have been urging proper sewerage facilities for some time and would in all likelihood demand use of the system.

Lt.-Col. G. Flint Dies In Exchange Of Gunfire

JERUSALEM (CP) — Lt.-Col. George Flint, Canadian chairman of the UN Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, and two Israeli policemen were killed in an exchange of gunfire on Mount Scopus Monday, an Israeli spokesman said Monday night. The spokesman said the Canadian officer was hit by Arab snipers when he tried to extricate three wounded Israelis who were lying in the line of fire. The Jordanians continued shooting beyond the 3:30 p.m. ceasefire deadline that Flint, 47-year-old native of Outremont, Que., and other truce officers had ordered, the Israeli spokesman continued. He died to death from his wounds.

Heavy cross fire developed and he could not be rescued. He bled to death. The report said fighting began at 11:15 a.m. local time when five patrolling Israeli soldiers were fired on by villagers of Issawiya, an Arab community within the Israeli part of the Mount Scopus enclave. Only three of the Israelis, one of them wounded, returned to Israeli headquarters. "After that sporadic shooting broke out between the two sides, in which another Israeli was killed and three wounded," the report said.

Col. Flint then entered the scene, walking ahead of a group of Jordanian soldiers with whom he had been working. He was hit by a sniper's bullet. "The whole party was pinned down by crossfire and could not reach Col. Flint. He bled to death before they could get to him." After 6 1/2 hours of firing, UN military observers succeeded in arranging a cease-fire Monday night. The shooting ended several weeks of calm on the border. Two weeks ago, Dr. Ralph Bunche, under secretary-general of the UN, conferred with Israeli and Jordanian government leaders in an attempt to guarantee peace in the area. Bunche, who succeeded Counte Bernadotte as mediator, also arranged the 1949 armistice agreements.

Two years ago, in the same area, he was wounded when a mine exploded as he was approaching a house to investigate rifle firing. TOP OFFICIAL He was the highest UN official killed in the Israeli-Arab conflict since a fatal Zionist assassination Count Folke Bernadotte, Swedish mediator in Jerusalem, in September, 1948. An Israeli army officer said the fighting on Mount Scopus broke out when Jordanian troops ambushed an Israeli police patrol at the edge of the botanical gardens of the Hebrew University compound. The report in Ottawa said Col. Flint accompanied a Jordanian army patrol with the object of investigating rifle fire. He had stepped ahead of the Jordanians when he was struck.

Gen. De Gaulle Speeds To Paris On Mystery Mission

PARIS (CP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle sped to Paris from his village home Monday night on a mission of mystery that may resolve or darken the French dilemma. Insurgents in Algeria predicted jubilantly the Paris government of Premier Pflimlin would collapse without a push. A police commissioner standing guard at Pflimlin's Matignon Palace offices announced shortly before 11 p.m. local time that de Gaulle had arrived on the outskirts. But where de Gaulle went from there was a mystery.

There were rumors de Gaulle might be meeting Pflimlin or his intermediaries in a suburb. But a spokesman for Pflimlin said the premier had retired for the night. De Gaulle was provisional president of the post-war republic and now has offered to return to power. But he has said he would have to be given extraordinary powers if he took over to deal with France's problems at home and overseas.

De Gaulle drove off toward Paris after a member of Premier Pflimlin's staff had gone to the general's home at Colombey les Deux Eglises and talked with him for half an hour. The envoy, Marcel Diebolt, then drove back to Paris and reported immediately to Premier Pflimlin.

Diebolt's visit to de Gaulle followed a new bid set in motion by the powerful conservative party to bring the general back to power. The Communist-led General Confederation of Labor reacted to the move immediately, ordering its 2,000,000 members to strike today after noon to show their opposition to de Gaulle. The conservatives, a grouping of Independents and Peasant party members, control 161 seats in the 594-member assembly. TIGHTEN GRIP Meanwhile, de Gaulle supporters tightened their grip on the French Mediterranean island of Corsica and four French warships steamed mysteriously into Algeria amid rumors their officers planned to join the committees of public safety set up there to demand de Gaulle's return. In the National Assembly, Pflimlin struck back at Pascal Arrighi, the leader of the Corsican takeover. He pushed through a bill suspending Arrighi from the assembly and depriving him of his parliamentary immunity from arrest and prosecution. But tension in government circles mounted swiftly in the face of apparent right-wing moves to desert Pflimlin and throw their support behind de Gaulle.

De Gaulle has stated twice since right-wing army and political leaders seized power in Algeria May 13 that he is ready to head a new French government. Pflimlin, weary and grim-faced, told the assembly Monday that "the danger facing us is civil war." He said there was "no justification and no excuse" for the right-wing takeover in Corsica Saturday. "It was an attack on the established order, an operation conceived and carried out for the purpose of overthrowing the legitimate powers," Pflimlin said. But there were signs that the 51-year-old premier's power over the assembly was slipping. When he called for unity against the budding revolt he was applauded by only the members of centre parties. Right-wingers and the Communists remained silent. The premier received another jolt when the conservatives decided to ask Coty to call leaders of all parties except the Communists to a meeting to consider asking de Gaulle to form a government. Their ministers in Pflimlin's cabinet said they would resign if the premier refused to support the move. They also wanted Coty to ask de Gaulle to attend the meeting. The conservatives' move was followed quickly by the strike call. The Communist leaders of the union said that after seizing control in Algiers and Ajaccio, the plotters are organizing themselves at the head of sedition-mongers.

4 Electrocuted On Hydro Job

WARREN, Ont. (CP) — Four men of a six-man hydro crew were electrocuted here Monday when their steel scaffold touched a live, 120,000-volt switch. For a tense four hours Ontario hydro men and hospital attendants worked over the victims while the two survivors were taken to hospital in Sudbury, 40 miles west. The four were pronounced dead by Dr. J. A. Pidutti, Sudbury coroner, at 12:45 p.m. Earlier the list of the Roman Catholic Church were administered by the parish priest of Warren. Dead are Aubrey Staples, 36, of Garson, the foreman of the crew; Louis Villa, 36, of Sudbury; Maurice Paradis, 33, of Chalmersford; and Aurel Fournier, 30, also of Chalmersford. Kenneth Sloat, 27, of Barrie, and Clair Jodouin, 25, of Crystal Falls, Ont., were taken to hospital in Sudbury, suffering burns and shock. Their condition was described as not severe.

REPLACING TRANSFORMER The crew, which worked out of Sudbury, was getting ready to replace a transformer at an Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission substation when the flash of power hit them. G. O. Armstrong of the North Bay hydro office said their steel scaffold touched the blade of a live switch. The men were held fast to the scaffold until a trans former fuse blew, breaking the circuit. In Toronto, the commission's head office announced that a three-man investigating team was on the way to the scene.

Two Atomic Submarines Stay Under Water For 30 Days

GROTON, Conn. (AP) — Two atomic submarines — the Skate and Seawolf — have set endurance records of 30 days under water, the naval chief of operations announced Monday. Admiral Arleigh A. Burke termed it "a major breakthrough with implications extending far beyond the realm of undersea warfare." He added: "It gives us insights into space life problems as they are actually encountered under working conditions. Both vessels, with a total of

160 men aboard, travelled 8,000 statute miles during training operations ended May 23. The previous under-water endurance record was 16 days, set last September by the Seawolf. Burke said the men lived in confined quarters in an environment completely sealed from sunlight and the earth's natural atmosphere. Burke made his announcement just before the newest U.S. atomic submarine — the shark-shaped Skipjack — slid down the launching ways, the prototype of six more undersea fighters to come.



MAJOR T.E. MACNUTT

Cornerstone To Be Laid June 3

The official opening and cornerstone laying of Birchwood High School will take place on Tuesday, June 3, according to an announcement made last night by Mr. K.A. Parker, Superintendent of City Schools. The cornerstone will be laid by Major T.E. MacNutt who for 33 years served as Secretary of the Charlottetown School Board. Mr. MacNutt retired a year ago last January. Birchwood High School has been occupied since mid winter. Following the ceremonies the public will have an opportunity to inspect the building and its facilities.

P.E.I. Hosp. Nurses Graduate Tonight

OTTAWA (CP) — NRU—code name for Canada's most powerful atomic reactor—is out of business while crews mop up after a rare uranium-metal fire that spread radioactive dust through the huge building housing it. Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, Crown company in charge of the Chalk River, Ont., atomic project, said Monday no one was injured in the Saturday accident. The company also said the \$57,000,000 research reactor was not damaged. Radioactive dust spread through the 12-storey building when a small piece of a uranium fuel rod broke off and caught fire. The flames were smothered with sand.

Anti-Recession Tax Cuts Out

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Monday ruled out any anti-recession tax cut at this time, so far as the administration is concerned. The White House announced also that Eisenhower is renewing his recommendation to Congress that corporation and excise taxes be maintained at the current level. They would be reduced about \$3,000,000,000 July 1 without extension of the present law. The decision to renew the call for continuation at the going rate came after Treasury Secretary Robert Anderson had conferred with congressional leaders of both parties. Anderson then met with Eisenhower and the president notified Vice President Richard Nixon, the Senate's presiding officer, and House Speaker Sam Rayburn of the decision regarding corporation and excise taxes.

EXPEL MEMBERS DIES AFTER OPERATION

MADRID (AP) — Romanian Prince Constantine Cantacuzeno, 50, a famous acrobatics flyer, died Monday in a local clinic after a stomach operation. Prince Cantacuzeno had lived in exile in Spain since the end of the war.

Jamer Anxious To Work But Office Key Missing

LONDON (CP) — H. Watson Jamer, the Atlantic provinces' newly-appointed economic ambassador here, Monday was eager to get working on "the very challenging" job of selling his area's "great potentials." But he couldn't find a key for his new office. Jamer arrived during the holiday weekend when London was virtually closed up and most of its residents were off to the country. A contractor, renovating the new Atlantic provinces office, could not be reached and the new agent-general didn't get to see his new quarters. "I can't seem to find anyone who has a key," he said after an afternoon search. "But I understand the offices are not quite ready yet anyway." Premiers Matheson of Prince Edward Island and Smallwood of Newfoundland arrived Sunday to be present for the office's official opening Thursday. Premier Fleming of New Brunswick arrived Monday night and Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia is due today. Jamer said a number of formal opening likely will be held later when the co-operative office is finished. The new agent-general, representing two Liberal and two Pro-

gressive Conservative provincial governments, said there "is a tremendous amount of work to be done for our provinces here, but it will be very challenging and I am looking forward to it." While he begins the job of building up business between the two regions, the four premiers will be touring England and parts of Europe to see industrialists and keep abreast of economic developments. During their 10 days as guest of Lord Beaverbrook, they will meet many of the businessmen with whom Jamer may later hold economic discussions. About four days will be spent at the Brussels World Fair, where they will fly with their Canadian-born host in a chartered aircraft.

Atomic Fire At Chalk River Site

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NRU likely will be out of action for three or four weeks while the interior of the building is thoroughly examined and the radioactive dust cleaned up. FIRST OF TYPE The accident was the first of its type at Chalk River; but the third involving Canadian reactors. A smaller reactor, known by the code name NRX, was seriously damaged Dec. 12, 1952, and to a lesser extent July 25, 1955. However, NRX has been operating without mishap since September, 1955. Company officials at Chalk River described the Saturday accident as minor. They said it would not cause any major setback to current research on the reactor, especially experiments in the field of atomic power. Research reactors frequently were shut down for a week or more in preparation for new experiments. The officials said there is no similarity between the Chalk River mishap and a major accident to a reactor at Cumberland, Eng., last October in which radioactive iodine was spread over 200 square miles. Crews of men will work the inside of the building with a decontaminant until the contamination is eliminated. Company officials hope this job won't take more than four weeks. The contamination is entirely confined to the NRU building. The area surrounding the reactor building was not contaminated and work in other buildings was not affected.

Former N.S. Judge Dies

HALIFAX (CP) — Mr. Justice William Lorimer Hall, a member of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court for 27 years and a former provincial attorney-general, died in hospital Monday. He was 82. Mr. Justice Hall died about one hour after his son-in-law—Nova Scotia's Premier Stanfield — left here for Montreal on the first leg of his trip to London to join other Atlantic premiers in opening an Atlantic provinces office.

Provincial Drama Festival Opened In City Last Night

Only a few dozen people turned up at Prince of Wales College last night to attend the opening and initial production of Prince Edward Island's 10th annual Provincial Drama Festival. The opening performance in the week long festival was a three-act farce produced by the Souris Credit Union Players under the direction of Mr. John D. MacIntyre. Presiding at the two-hour func-

tion was Dr. Lloyd W. Shaw, Deputy Minister and Director of Education, who is also Honorary President of the P.E.I. Drama Festival Association. Premier Matheson was represented by Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Provincial Treasurer. He was accompanied by Mrs. MacDonald. The adjudication was given by Mr. Barry Bugden of Charlottetown.



IN A SCENE from "Adam's Evening," a 3-act farce adjudicated at Prince of Wales College last evening by Mr. Barry Bugden, Mrs. Bean, played by Mrs. Leo

Mahar is in the midst of a telephone conversation while the maid, Greta, played by Eleanor Clinton, listens closely. Mr. Bugden, in his adjudication, said that

both these players gave a very effective performance. The production was presented by the Souris Credit Union Players. The play described the various machinations employed by Mr. Adams (Don Fitzpatrick) to prevent his wife, Anna (Mrs. Clifford Cheverie), and her mother Mrs. Bean (Mrs. Leo Mahar) from learning where he had been until 4:00 a.m. the previous morning. In this he receives able assistance from his black face butler, Casper (John Cheverie), is crossed up by the black face maid, Gertie (Elinor Clinton), his friend Dr. Fragoni (Elmer Doucette), a lunatic taxidriver, Elmer (Edward Clinton), and Mr. and Mrs. Cokes, a rather unamiable couple played by John D. MacIntyre and Mrs. Chris Cheverie.

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