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PRINCE CHATS WITH KIDDIES

Prince Philip had an unexpected chat with a group of youngsters who climbed the balustrade of the legislative building steps in Regina. The Royal couple were signing a guest book nearby when the children shouted, "Hi, Prince," and the Prince went over to talk. (CP Wirephoto)

Firefighters Battle Desperately To Save Tiny Lumbering Centre

ST. BERNARD DES LACS, Que. (CP)—Firefighters Monday night were battling desperately to save this tiny lumbering community from a wall of fire eating through the rich forests of the Gaspe Peninsula 350 miles northeast of Quebec City.

Some 300 men toiled in choking smoke as the flames crept closer to the community—home to about 40 families. All women and children have been evacuated.

Two houses fell to the flames. The parish church and presbytery were threatened.

Wind, gusting to 60 miles an hour in some areas this Monday afternoon, dropped this evening. As it did the course of the fire's southerly advance changed slightly. It started to spread westward. This brought a threat to other nearby communities.

MORE EVACUATED

Evacuation was underway at tiny Sacre Coeur des Landes, west of St. Bernard des Lacs. About 25 families were reported evacuated from homes along the highway cutting southward through the heart of the peninsula from Ste. Anne des Monts, on the St. Lawrence coast 12 miles north of St. Bernard.

Firefighters estimated the fast-moving flames had devastated an area 20 miles wide and almost 40 miles long.

Other fires were also blazing in the area, some spawned by embers. Others were small brush fires that had been under surveillance but were fanned to dangerous life by the wind.

At St. Paulin, 30 miles west of here, 200 men fought a blaze eating toward the Cap Chat River and St. Octave, a lumbering village just across it. St. Octave residents have been standing by to evacuate their homes all day.

10 MILES BURNED

This blaze Monday scorched through a 10-by-five mile area of rich timber and farm land.

South of Matine, 60 miles west of St. Bernard des Lacs, another fire has flamed through a stretch two miles wide and eight miles long. Some of the families in nearby St. Nil have moved out and others are on the alert. The fire was about four miles from the tiny village Monday night.

A wind-fanned brush fire early Saturday engulfed St. Joseph des Monts, destroying about 18 buildings before wind shifted flames away from the rest of the town. About 100 persons were left homeless.

The whole peninsula is tinder dry. In the last month only a few light showers have sprinkled the forests. The fire as yet has caused no deaths or injuries.

On the St. Lawrence coast north of the fire-ravaged area the Red Cross has set up aid stations at Cap Chat and Ste. Anne des Monts. There were almost 20 homeless persons or evacuees at the stations. Red Cross officials said many others had probably moved in with friends.

Material loss from the fires is likely to have a severe effect on the economy of the peninsula. Lumbering, along with fishing, is Gaspe's chief source of revenue.

TRAINING CHIEF

The RCAF has announced the appointment of Air Commodore H. C. Rutledge, 50 of Wawanesa, Man., as chief of air force training. He has been serving as commander of 14 training group with headquarters at Winnipeg. He succeeds Air Commodore Murray D. Lister who has been named deputy vice-chief of the air staff. (CP Wirephoto from National Defence)

Dissolution Call Is Result Of Vote

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Premier Smallwood announced Monday night in the Newfoundland legislature that he would ask the lieutenant-governor today to dissolve the legislature and call a general election "as soon as the law allows."

An election may be called 21 days after the procalmation is issued.

Mr. Smallwood made the announcement after his resolution condemning the federal government's handling of Term 29—the financial basis for Newfoundland's union with Canada—passed 21-2.

The Liberal premier received support of 29 Liberals and two former Conservative members of the newly formed Newfoundland Party. The remaining two members of the Progressive-Conservative party voted against the resolution.

The premier said earlier that he would take the issue to the people if his resolution did not receive unanimous support.

The resolution came to a vote Monday night after the premier had delivered a fiery speech urging unanimous support of the resolution.

Opposition Leader Malcolm Hollett and his lone Conservative supporter, Rex Renouf were the only members to voice objection to the resolution.

Before the vote was called Mr. Smallwood urged members to "speak with one voice to all the people of Canada. . . we consider our rights have been stolen from us."

AFTER PUBLIC SYMPATHY

He said he wanted to "stir the conscience of the Canadian people."

"You can't force the Parliament of Canada to pass a law or unpass a law, except through the people."

The premier was referring to the Newfoundland Grants Act, passed as a result of Term 29, which gives Newfoundland special payments up to 1962. His resolution said the grants should be perpetual.

"We seek to make them (Canadians) understand we have been wronged by their government."

The last election was held in 1957. The government could stay in office five years after the first session of the legislature is called—in this case until 1962. The House standing is: Liberals 31; Progressive Conservatives, two; Newfoundland Party, two; vacant, one.

Speculation is the premier wants more time in office in

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Steel Strike End Hoped

WASHINGTON (AP) — Labor Secretary James Mitchell said after a conference with President Eisenhower Monday that he has hopes the steel strike will end "in the reasonably near future."

Mitchell told reporters Eisenhower is pleased that union and management representatives are negotiating in New York under auspices of the federal mediation service.

In reply to a question, Mitchell said he was not predicting an end to the strike in the reasonably near future, but he hopes this will be the outcome.

Massey Flies For Farewell

OTTAWA (CP) — Governor-General Massey is to fly Friday from Trenton, Ont., to Halifax for what is expected to be his last official farewell to the Queen.

Plans made public Monday at Government House show Mr. Massey will drive from Port Hope, Ont., where he has been entertaining the royal couple for the last three days, to the Trenton RCAF base.

He is to arrive at Shearwater naval base by transport department Viscount at 6:25 ADT Friday, dine aboard HMCS Gatineau in the harbor and attend a banquet for the Queen Saturday night.

After the dinner he will bid the Queen and Prince Philip farewell and leave Shearwater by air Sunday for Trenton and nearby Port Hope, his home.

A federal cabinet meeting has been called for Halifax before the Queen departs. She is scheduled to attend and it is believed she may take the opportunity to name a successor to Mr. Massey, who has served well past his allotted time. Maj. - Gen. George Vanier, Montreal - born former diplomat and soldier, has been a favorite speculative choice as successor.

Spooky Happenings Hit Negro Preacher

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. (AP) Strange doings have been reported at the home of Negro preacher Willis Booth and scores of curious neighbors swarmed to the house to see for themselves. They found overturned furniture, shattered mirrors and general disorder.

Here's Booth's own account of a hectic Sunday morning:

"About 1 o'clock I heard a little rattle and a piece of gravel fell down near me. I thought it was a rat in the rafters. Then some gravel flew and knocked out a piece of the window.

"Then we began to know it was no rat."

MIRROR SHATTERED

Booth said a mirror over the fireplace shattered and large pieces of furniture began turning over.

"One of the dressers fell and the drawers fell out, then another dresser fell and broke some glasses," Booth said.

When he sat down to read his Bible, Booth said "the book just lifted itself up, flew around the room, and landed on the bed."

HAPPY AND FRIENDLY

Maritimes Prepare For Royal Farewell

By JACK BRAYLEY
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FREDERICTON (CP) — Maritimers, with one eye over their shoulder on the weather are prepared to give the royal tourists a happy and friendly goodbye, starting here today and ending with the final departure from Halifax Saturday night.

"We appreciate it's been a tough trip; we hope to make these final five days as interesting and relaxing as possible and I think our program reflects this hope,", said Premier Hugh John Flemming of New Brunswick.

All around the legislature building men were banging hammers, stringing flags and bunting. The activity was general throughout the three provinces. Sydney had all its street streamers up last week.

The program has a special Maritime flavor ranging from harness racing and a day on a farm to a traditional naval ceremonial and the skirl of the pipes. And there will be at least one meal of salmon and fiddleheads, a fern much favored as a table green in some parts of the Maritimes.

PROSPECTS GOOD

As for the weather, there's promise of shine and warmth, at least until Wednesday. It was 88 and clear here Monday.

Just in case, alternative programs were ready to put various ceremonies indoors, though little

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Civil Service Office Sought

OTTAWA (CP) — A two - way contest appears to be shaping up for the presidency of the Civil Service Federation of Canada to be decided at the federation's triennial convention in Halifax Aug. 31 to Sept. 4.

The decision could affect the future organization of the federation, which claims a membrship of some 82,000 federal civil servants.

Wendell Hewitt-White national secretary of the Veterans Affais Department Employees Association, will be seeking the office held for many years by Fred W. Whitehouse.

Castro's Foe To Face Trial

HAVANA (AP) — Rafael Del Pino, once a close associate of Fidel Castro but later a leader in an organization working against him, will live to face charges of high treason and possibly a firing squad, a spokesman for the National Police Hospital said Monay.

Del Pino, burned and wounded Saturday when police ambushed his light plane as it landed for a rendezvous with anti-Castro forces on a highway outside Havana, was said to be in satisfactory condition.

Del Pino, 32, was born in Cuba but now is an American citizen. No formal charges have been filed against him, police said but he will be treated as a Cuban and charged under new laws against counter-revolutionary activity. His light plane had been chartered in Miami.

Delpino served with Castro in 1956 in Mexico. Castro accused Del Pino of sabotaging an expedition to Cuba by tipping off Mexican authorities for $10,000.

Cuban authorities said Del Pino now is a member of the anti-Castro White Rose organization, but his wife said in Miami that Del Pino belongs to the anti-Communist movement of the Americas, formed after Del Pino's break with Castro.

British Government Facing Severe Test

By DAVID OANCIA
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LONDON (CP)—Britain's Conservative government faces one of its most severe tests today in a debate that brings into question its handling of African affairs.

The debate, an outgrowth of last spring's Nyasaland riots, is shaping up as a major issue in domestic politics.

With a general election expected in October, the controversy could be the most electorally damaging of the current parliamentary session for the Tories.

Labor's big guns, led by fiery Aneurin (Nye) Bevan, will be brought in for the attack when Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd defends his approval of wholesale arrests in Nyasaland on the strength of a reported "massacre plot."

Since Parliament adjourns this week, the Labor leaders are expected to attempt to make the battle the fiercest since Suez. This will shatter the relative tranquility of Parliamentary sessions in recent months.

Two days are to be devoted to African affairs. The first will be to consider the report by Mr. Justice Patrick Devlin on the Nyasaland riots.

The report said there was no evidence of a "massacre plot" which led to a state of emergency in the central African colony.

The second day will bring the debate on the government plan to set up a commission to study the political situation in the Central African Federation of Southern and Northern Rhodesian and Nyasaland and to make recommendations about the federation's future constitutional status.

Atlantic Region Wins Top Honors

MONCTON The Atlantic Region of Canadian National Railways has taken top honors in the company's system wide first aid competitions.

For the first time on record the coveted Sir Henry Thornton cup has come into possession of the Moncton Division. The companys first aid activities are directed by R. E. Cunningham, Moncton, regional supervisor of first aid, in conjunction with the St. John Ambulance Association.

The distinction was achieved by the Moncton motivepower and car shops team captained by Edwin Mitchell, who individually scored the highest percentage mark across the entire system

The Moncton team has also annexed the officers cup for 1959, emblematic of first aid championship within the Atlantic region. This is the second consecutive year they have won this honor.

Members of the record breaking first aid team, with their percentage scores are Edwin Mitchell, 98.88; Emmett Byron 97.77; C. Aubrey Melanson, 99.77; Murray Crossman 96.66; Gerald Doucet, 90, and Fred Beals, 86.66

Presentation of the Thornton together with individual awards from the company, will be made at a dinner to be held in the fall.

Tories Meet In December

OTTAWA (CP) — Progressive Conservatives from across Canada meet here in December for their first review of the party's affairs since the two Conservative election victories in 1957 and 1958.

A general meeting Dec. 1 and 2 of the partys' national association was announced Monday by Allister Grosart, national director.

He estimated that between 1,000 and 2,000 members will attend. The only requirement is membership in the association, which involves a $1 annual fee.

Conservatives haven't held a national meeting since the leadership convention of December, 1956, when John Diefenbaker was chosen to head the party six months before the election June 10, 1957, that brought the Conservatives into office.

ORGANIZATION MEET

The December session, however, will be chiefly concerned with organizational matters.

10,000 Attend St. Anne Feast

STE. ANNE DE LA ROChelle, Que. (CP) — More than 10,000 people Sunday attended celebrations of the feast of Ste. Anne at the shrine honoring her in this tiny village 60 miles east of Montreal.

Msgr. Leo Blais, auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, conducted a pontifical mass during the afternoon on the mountain on which the shrine stands. Earlier in the day two other masses were said.

A novena, nine days of prayer, preceded Sunday's celebrations in honor of the mother of the Virgin Mary.

30 CHILDREN

Foster Mother Defies Officials

BOWMANVILLE, Ont. (CP) — Mrs. Bertha (Mom) Whyte Monday flatly refused to allow two provincial health department officials to take any children from her Whytehaven foster home.

The officials with a Salvation Army officer, were sent to the home, which has had recent outbreaks of infectious hepatitis, impetigo and influenza, to remove about 30 children and relieve "overcrowding."

Shortly after talking to the officials Mrs. Whyte telephoned Governor - General Massey's Batterwood House residence at Port Hope, Ont., where she spoke for several minutes with an official who told her Mr. Massey was entertaining the Queen.

Mrs. Whyte asked if she could speak with Mr. Massey in a case "of great emergenc y." She was told she would have to write a letter.

Before her conversation with Batterwood House Mom Whyte also refused to make her records available to the officials.

"Until you have searched the records of the Salvation Army, Roman Catholic and other denominational missions you won't search mine — I'm incorporated and you've no business in here," she told them.

Ontario Welfare Minister Cecile said in Toronto earlier Monday all parents who have accommodation available would be required to take their children out of the foster home which has accommodated as many as 140 children. He described the home as "overcrowded."

He said he would like to see a Salvation Army or some other child welfare expert move in as caretaker.

Mrs. Whyte replied: "I am head of this mission and I will continue to be head of this mission. . . ."

Stones Shatter Prison Windows

CALGARY— (CP) All windows in the west wing of the provincial Spy Hill jail at Calgary were shattered by stone-throwing prisoners last week in what a former prisoner described Monday as a near riot.

Warden B.C. Jakeman Monday confirmed that "some trouble" had developed Friday after a prisoner was punished for using abusive language in front of a guard. He declined to give details.

Halifax To Get Royal Cruise

HALIFAX —(CP)Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will cruise Halifax harbor waters after all before ending their 45-day tour of Canada.

Tour planners Monday anwill leave the navy's dockyard at 10:30 p.m. ADT Saturday aboard the royal barge. The barge is to cruise between two lines of navy ships, drawn up in review formation with decks and superstructures illuminated.

Aboard the barge with the royal couple will be Nova Scotia Lieutenant-Governor E. C. Plow and Mrs. Plow, and Rear Admiral H. F. Pullen, flag officer Atlantic. The party is scheduled to arrive at the Shearwater air base jetty on the other side of the harbor, near Dartmouth, at 11:10 p.m., from where it will proceed by car to the Shearwater air station. The royal plane is scheduled to depart 20 minutes later.

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YOUNGSTERS TRADE WITH RUSSIANS

Enterprising young hucksters recently leapt to horse-trade with ter Korsakov, in Halifax for re- ake advantage of a temporary the crew of the Russian freigh- pairs. They swapped trinkets for rubles and kopeck notes before Halifax harbor police put an end to free world trade.

Atomic Pact Is Effective

OTTAWA (CP)—The agreement signed May 22 by Canada and the United States for co-operative use of atomic energy for mutual defence was put into effect Monday.

The agreement was tabled in the Commons May 25 by Prime Minister Diefenbaker. The delay between signing and implementation results from a requirement of the U.S. Atomic Energy Act that there be a waiting period of 60 days before such agreements are final.

An announcement by External Affairs Minister Green said Monday: "The agreement will continue and extend the harmonious co-operation in the atomic energy field which has existed for many years."