



THIS IS THE scene of an explosion that leveled this house killing three persons and severely injuring two others in Montreal's west-end Notre Dame de Grace district. All the victims were members of the same family. Cause of the blast was not immediately known. (CP Wirephoto)

## 3 Persons Die In House Blast

MONTREAL (CP) — Three persons were killed and two severely injured early Sunday in an explosion that destroyed a two-story building in the west end suburb of Notre Dame de Grace.

Dead are Mrs. Sheilah Haumont, 44, and her two daughters, Nicole, 16, and Leslie, 10. Mr. Haumont, 41, a French literature teacher at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., and his son Marc, 15, were in critical condition.

"It was the worst thing I've ever seen in my life," said fire captain Bernard Tobin.

"When I arrived at the scene a little after 8 a.m. and after the explosion—the whole house was down."

"Only my boy's head was sticking out of the rubble. Everyone else was buried under two miles of buildings within a one-block radius."

"I immediately got another fireman to pull the second alarm. We desperately needed men."

Cause of the explosion was uncertain. Capt. Tobin said firemen found two tanks of propane gas nearby but there was no other evidence to indicate what had happened.

Mr. Haumont, a French resistance fighter in the Second World War, was to take his family Sunday to the U.S. to live with him. U.S. visas were found in the rubble.

Firemen at first thought there were others in the building and a police dog was brought in to scour the debris. They found nothing.

The blast, heard more than two miles away, smashed the windows of buildings within a one-block radius.

## PM's Talk To Feature Annual APEC Meeting

HALIFAX (CP) — More than a hundred delegates arrived here Sunday for the three-day annual conference of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council which will be highlighted by a speech by Prime Minister Pearson.

The conference gets down to business this morning with the annual APEC meeting when officers and directors will be elected and reports will be heard from the president, treasurer, executive vice-president and a committee chairman.

Theme of the 1963 conference of the regional self-help organization is community and municipal development. Major speakers at today's sessions will be Prof. W.Y. Smith of Fredericton, head of the University of New Brunswick department of economic and political studies and a past president of APEC. He is also economic adviser to the Nova Scotia government.

A panel discussion in the afternoon will evaluate the role of community and municipal development agencies in regional economic development.

Ward Miller, Jr., of Washington, D.C., will address tonight's dinner meeting. Mr. Miller is attached to the area development administration of the United States commerce department.

Mr. Pearson will be special speaker at a dinner Tuesday evening which will conclude the conference. Nova Scotia's Premier Stanfield will be chairman. Sessions Tuesday include a panel discussion on community and municipal development experience in New England with special emphasis on what it can teach the Atlantic Provinces.

Ronald M. Rieffer of Chicago, executive officer with a factory location consulting firm, will be luncheon speaker Tuesday and Prof. W.J. Woodfine of St. Francis Xavier University will head a panel discussion on technology for community and municipal development.

The APEC conference is held each fall and is designed to provide business, academic and governmental leaders with opportunities to meet and discuss development policy and economic progress in the Atlantic region.

The aim of the 1963 conference is to identify the measures that

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## White Minister Faces Challenge in Virginia

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP) — and again was turned down. Rev. Richard Eisfeldt is a 27-year-old Lutheran minister facing a real challenge.

He's white and his first charge is an almost all-Negro church in Richmond, Va., a southern city that is only partly desegregated.

His first three months have been beset by problems and headaches but the youthful pastor from Kitchener remains confident that "things will move toward a solution."

"Last July he and his wife moved into a house in a white section of Richmond, three blocks from a large middle-class Negro area. Of the 220,000 people in the old capital of the Confederacy, 92,000 are Negro."

"My first job was to find people willing to join the church."

Meetings were held in homes and he gave instruction in the faith. Within a short time he had a potential congregation of 18. Two were white, a Lebanese doctor studying in Richmond and his wife.

The search for a suitable place to hold services was a problem and here he was rebuffed by his fellow Christians, a not uncommon occurrence in the South today.

WHITES REFUSED He asked a white Lutheran church to provide room for instruction classes and was turned down by a vote of its council. He applied at a white Lutheran parochial school for space to hold Sunday worship.

Boxer "Sugar Ray" Robinson's real name is Walker Smith.

## N.S. Winner To Quit Job

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP) — Frank G. Leck of Dartmouth, one of six Canadians to win about \$150,000 each on 171 h sweepstakes tickets, said Saturday he is going to quit work and take it easy for a while.

Leck, who is employed as an aircraft fitter at Fries Aviation Limited here, said "I never thought much about winning it... I'm going to take it easy for a while."

## Soviet Freighter Loads In Halifax

HALIFAX (CP) — The 21,255-ton Burechrest, the first Russian ship to load grain in Halifax as part of the Soviet Union's \$500,000 wheat purchase from Canada arrived here Saturday.

The Burechrest will take on 2,000 tons of grain here. She was diverted to Halifax after taking on part of her cargo in Montreal. Port facilities in Montreal are too shallow to handle the vessel when it is fully loaded.

## Survivor Describes Struggle With Tide

TRURO (CP) — A 17-year-old duck hunter who survived a bath with the fierce bore of nearby Cobequid Bay told Sunday how a companion knew he was about to drown.

Allan Birt, a high school student, was with 16-year-old Robert Rutherford when they were caught by the rushing bore which feeds into Cobequid Bay from the Bay of Fundy, famous for its world's highest tides.

Rutherford, whose body was recovered Sunday, had said "this is the end" as he and Birt struggled in the water shortly before he drowned.

They had gone duck hunting on the muddy flats at low tide and were caught by surprise.

"We knew of the bore all right," Birt said from his home where he was recovering. "But we didn't notice the tide coming in until... I looked out and the whole channel was raising with water. The next thing I knew the water was up to our waists and we kept walking toward shore."

"Bobby cried out 'this is the end' I noticed he was panicky and tried to tell him we were near the other side. He was very panicky and crying a lot. I just never cried. I knew if I was going to die there was nothing I could do about it anyway. I fought hard though. I just never panicked but I don't know why."

He said Rutherford asked him to take him by the hand and he

## BRITAIN'S NEW

(Continued from page 1) plans for improving higher education, on which a royal commission will present a major report this week.

Rounding out the Home team is Lord Hailsham, a Tory reliable who becomes leader of the House of Commons and takes on Heath's old title as Lord Privy Seal, giving him a seat in the cabinet.

Lloyd served first as Macmillan's foreign secretary and then as chancellor of the exchequer until he was dumped in a major cabinet reshuffle in July, 1962. His unpopular pay-raise policy made him expendable.

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The chat came at the end of a hectic day that started with conferences with his Tory rivals and the victory trip to the palace.

KISSES QUEEN'S HAND Home is expected to shed his major titles and seek a seat in the House of Commons where he would be known as Alexander Douglas-Home.

Informants said Home intended to ask Opposition Labor Leader Harold Wilson for a delay in the opening of a new session of Parliament until he is elected to a Commons seat. But even before this could be confirmed as official, Wilson told a rally in Manchester the Labor party rejects the request as "an impertinence."

However, the government has the right to decide the opening date of Parliament and it would be only a matter of courtesy for Home to consult Wilson.

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