

WEDNESDAY,

### Oxford University Will Investigate Student Suicides

OXFORD, England (CP) Thirty first-year students at Oxford University are to undergo physical and psychological tests as part of an investigation into the reported high rate of suicides among undergraduates.

The inquiry is being made by a committee set up at the request of Sir Maurice Bower, vice-chancellor of Oxford. Though the committee is primarily concerned with Oxford, concern also has been publicly expressed about the number of suicides at Cambridge University.

The committee is also expected to study financial problems of students. Its report will probably be made public in the summer. No statistics on the number of suicides have been made available by the universities. A fellow at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, wrote that intellectuals commit suicide about six times as frequently as comparable groups of athletes of the same age.

While some blamed the suicide rate on attempts to impose university training on persons who lacked the intellectual equipment to cope with it, a student of Gonville and Caius, Cambridge, wrote to The Times dismissing the problem on the ground that no figures were available to measure the rate of suicide.

### Provinces Solve Angling Problem

QUEBEC (CP) — Ontario and Quebec have solved a problem that has long been a nuisance to anglers.

Game and Fisheries Minister Paulot of Quebec announced arrangements for exchanging fishing privileges on that portion of the Ottawa River serving as an inter-provincial boundary.

An angler with an Ontario licence can now fish any part of the Ottawa to where it turns off into Quebec after bordering the two provinces for about 275 miles. Similar privileges are extended to the Quebec angler.

Until now, fishermen were restricted to their own side of the river.

The provinces are now negotiating for a uniform agreement on the size of catches.

### TO SING IN ABBEY

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP) — The choir of St. George's Cathedral here has accepted an invitation to sing in Westminster Abbey this summer. The dean and chapter of Westminster invited the choir to sing daily services in the abbey during August.

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## Dark Lightning

By Helen Topping Miller  
Synopsis

Gary Tallman, young petroleum engineer from Alabama, missed his bus to San Antonio. Mona Mason, wife of a cattle rancher, gives him a lift. Gary is injured when her car crashes into a ditch, and the Masons nurse him back to health. He falls in love with Mrs. Mason's twenty-one-year-old daughter, Adelaide, but, embarrassed by lack of funds, feels that he must be on his way to Mexico. Gary suspects there is oil on the Mason land and Harvey Mason has tests made which prove Gary is right. Determined to get a job and earn enough to repay the Masons, Gary starts on foot to town to see about trains. He refuses to let Adelaide drive him.

### CHAPTER IX

With his hands jammed in the pockets of his khaki trousers, Gary slogged along the sun-washed road to town. Before he had gone far he realized that his physical strength was still far below par, but his moody anger at life drove him on. And then a car swished to a stop in the dust, close to his elbow, and Adelaide said briskly, "Get in, silly. Unless you feel that you've simply got to put some more."

Gary was too tired to argue. He got in. Sweet was cold on his forehead and his eyes felt hot and dizzy.

"You could have telephoned from the house, you know, and found out all about the trains in five minutes," she went on, looking straight ahead from under the brim of the new sports hat.

"That is — if you have to find out about trains."

"Listen, my girl," Gary's jaw was so stiff that the words clipped off like lengths of wire. "Can't I make you understand that I can't be under obligations to your family any longer? I'm a man — I've got to work — pay my own way — get somewhere on my own..."

"Oh," she said flatly. "That's the reason, is it?"

"That's the reason." Equally flat, knowing that he was telling only half the truth — less than half, to be mathematical about it. Knowing that the other half — the other three-fourths — could not be told. Not till he owned more worldly goods than could be carried in one battered suitcase.

"We may as well go back," Adelaide turned the car around with one impulsive swoop. "Grace and Oliver are coming to dinner."

"I thought you had to go for your mother."

"Dad sent Slim after Mother. They passed us a mile back there. Didn't you see them?"

"No, I didn't."

The Kimballs arrived. Oliver very jauntily in a new spring suit and Grace with all her curls in place and her eyebrows arched to look like the latest Hollywood sensation. And immediately Harvey brought out the map and the geophysicists' report and began expansively to tell everything that had happened.

Adelaide slipped out and clutched at Gary in the hall. "Oh, dear! He's telling Oliver! And I wanted him not to. He never could keep a thing, poor Dad. Now the fireworks will begin. You listen."

"They'll have to know, sooner or later."

"I suppose so," she sighed. "Go on in, Gary — keep Oliver from ruining everything if you can."

"I haven't any right..."

"Oh, go on, stupid!"

But Oliver had already taken command of the situation, abetted and prompted by Grace. He was advancing arguments against wildcatting an oil well, dilating

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## R. C. A. F. Reports Delay In Establishing Reserve

OTTAWA, (CP) — The RCAF, as well as the army, is having trouble establishing an adequate reserve, it was revealed Tuesday at the annual convention of the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association.

Member clubs of the association have embarked on a plan to train 600 RCAF reserve officers as flying instructors. So far, however, only 120 officers have been trained and the association said there has been "discouraging progress" during the last year and a half.

Air Vice Marshal J. G. Kerr, air officer commanding, training Command, told the association that the RCAF would have to rely on a trained "pool" of 600 flying instructors in the event of war. RCAF recruiting isn't what it might be either, Air Vice Marshal Kerr indicated. "The three armed forces are in a buyers' market," he said.

He said he questions the common statement that Canada's youth is air-minded.

### Clubs Can Help

The air force needed 850 new trainees a year. So far, it had been able to attract enough recruits to fly its aircraft but was "not really air-minded."

Air Vice Marshal Kerr suggested that the greatest contribution the Flying Clubs Association could make to Canadian defence would be to try to make the country's youth more air-minded.

Among the Air Vice Marshal's listeners were Air Marshal Roy Simons, chief of air staff; Vice Admiral E. R. Mainguy, chief of naval staff; and Lt.-Gen. Guy Simonds, chief of army general staff.

Last week, Gen. Simonds discussed with top reserve army officers problems besetting that service's reserve. The focus of discussion was a secret report on the reserve prepared at the request of Gen. Simonds. The report is understood to contain recommendations for a more closely coordinated reserve, logging off some

### Shearwater Base Garage Collapses

HALIFAX (CP) — Two walls and part of the roof of a new \$200,000 garage at the navy's new Shearwater base collapsed Monday night. Several naval men narrowly escaped injury.

The roof of a navy bus in the garage was crushed and several passenger cars were badly damaged.

Naval officials said cause of the collapse was not known but that an official inquiry would be opened.

The garage, considered one of the most modern on service bases in eastern Canada, was opened two weeks ago.

upon the advantages of selling leases, and for once Gary found himself agreeing with Oliver though he was too respectful to sneer and be superior like Oliver.

"I think Kimball's right, Mr. Mason," he said.

"Of course he's right," Grace put in. "Oliver knows the oil business — anyway, he ought to. Has worked as it ever since he left school."

"How do you know," Oliver marched around making flat-handed gestures, "how deep you'll have to go? You may not get oil at three thousand feet — maybe not at five thousand. Suppose you have to go down eight or ten thousand feet? Any idea what a well like that costs?"

"Got the figures right here," said Harvey promptly, bringing out a notebook with a little flourish. "Got figures on everything."

"You can hire men to spend your money, if that's what you want."

"Well, it's my money. I made it. I can make some more."

Oliver got out a little book himself. "Now, on a twelve per cent royalty—" he went on and on, and Grace chimed in. Gary said nothing more. He could see by the cant of Harvey Mason's jaw that it would be useless, that any additional argument from him would be only an impertinence and an irritation.

But Adelaide stood in the door, her eyes blazing. "Why don't you let Daddy alone?" she demanded. "He knows what he's doing."

"I wonder!" Grace was sarcastic. "Well, you can all come and eat dinner, anyway," sighed Mona Lee. "They're not going to dig for oil today — and the rolls are getting cold."

Adelaide edged Gary into a corner as the family trooped into the dining room. "That was shabby-agreeing with Oliver," she snapped. "I thought you'd stick with Dad and me."

"I agreed with him because in this instance he happens to be right," Gary said quietly.

At the table, Gary looked across at Gary. "When are you leaving? Mexico, isn't it?" she asked coolly.

(Continued)

units where attendance is low and merging them with larger ones. The navy is also paying attention to the reserve problem. It was disclosed at the association meeting that the senior service plans to establish two more reserve air squadrons — at Quebec and Calgary. Reserve squadrons have already been formed at Victoria, Kingston, Ont., and Toronto.

## Czech Industry And Transport Paralyzed

By Richard O'Regan  
VIENNA, Austria, (AP) — icy winds from Russia plus critical shortages have brought partial paralysis to Czechoslovak industry and transport plus freezing homes to millions of Czechs, Prague newspapers disclose.

Official newspapers of the Communist government in recent days have appealed to the population to help relieve the "critical situation."

Extreme cold and water shortages have frozen up or crippled most of the nation's water-driven electric plants — and these are the source of industrial and domestic power.

The result is a partial breakdown of industry. Westerners in Vienna say the effect on the Czech economy must be particularly severe because it is busy switching from its immense plans for heavy industrialization to the production of consumer products — along the lines of the "new look" in the Communist world.

### Coal Shortage

On top of a power shortage, Prague newspapers report a critical lack of coal. The Siberian temperatures apparently have increased the use of hard fuel and newspapers indicate miners are not eager to work.

The coal shortage, the newspapers indicate, also means less fuel for homes, insufficient for factories, and a critical shortage for the railways.

Experts here say the transportation crisis can be expected to have an effect on industry that will add to the complications of the power shortage. It means that the output of state-run factories will be held up while they wait for the delivery of parts from other state plants. In the Communist state, industrial production has to run according to plan. A breakdown in one part means a collapse of the whole.

## Terrorists Are Bound By Oath

By Ronald Batchelor

NAIROBI, Kenya, (Reuters) — Mau Mau terrorism, which has swept this colony for the last 15 months, causing thousands of deaths and maimings, is rooted in one of man's oldest and most abiding conventions — the oath.

Only recently have the authorities managed to obtain anything like a comprehensive picture of the oaths and the influence they exert on the minds and actions of the average member of the Kikuyu tribe. But they now know that Mau Mau has three distinct groups of oaths, with grades within each group.

Most Kikuyus believe that to break a sworn oath means death, either supernaturally or at the hands of the oath administrator and his "priest."

The first grade oath, which officials say has been administered at one time or another to about 90 per cent of the 1,250,000 Kikuyu tribesmen, requires the oath-taker to pass through a banana-leaf arch seven times, swearing to obey the orders of the Mau Mau Society "or may this oath kill me."

To Ensure Security

A "second grade" oath, according to intelligence sources here, is later administered with much the same ceremonial to fully "graduated" members of a local committee, with the object of ensuring security. Penalties threatened to anyone breaking this type of oath include disfigurement, followed by death.

Another type of oath is reserved for Kikuyu political leaders.

But the core of all Mau Mau oaths today is the "forest oath" taken by terrorist leaders and the Mau Mau shock-troops in the mountainous forests.

These oaths involve depravity and sexual bestiality so designed that the oath-taker will commit any act of savagery to which his leaders order him without the slightest feeling of revulsion.

### ESCAPE BOAT BLAZE

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Five-man crew who set out in a dory when their fishing boat caught fire landed safely Monday 35 miles north of here, the sheriff's office reported. A deputy said he had no word as to the power of the fishing boat, the Sea Lion, reported earlier to be safe from stem to stern.



GOUZENKO IN MASK — Igor Gouzenko, former employee of the Russian embassy in Ottawa whose disclosure cracked a spy ring in Canada in 1945, appears in public for the first time. Wearing a hood covering his face, Gouzenko appeared in a film interview with United States columnist Drew Pearson. The film was scheduled on a U.S. television network. The interview was filmed "somewhere in Canada." (CP from AP)

## Sharp Air Engagement Near The Korean Coast

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The United States Air Force said today U. S. planes and MIG-15 jet fighters fought a sharp engagement near the Korean coast only 10 days ago, after a U. S. reconnaissance bomber was attacked.

No American aircraft were lost, but one of the Russian-made jets was shot down. An air force spokesman here, who had only terse information on the incident, said so far as is known in Washington there were no U. S. casualties nor plane damage.

As for the nationality of the MIG pilots, he said only, "It is safe to assume they were Communists."

This was the first known clash between U. S. and Communist planes since the Korean armistice was signed July 27. Whether by coincidence or not, it occurred on a day of considerable tension — Jan. 22 was the day on which United Nations officials released

civilian status prisoners of war who refused to be repatriated to Red-held territory. The Communists had insisted they must be kept in neutral custody.

### Large Red Formation

The air force gave this account of the plane incident: A U. S. RB-45 — a light, jet-propelled bomber fitted for reconnaissance work — was flying a reconnaissance mission Jan. 22 over international waters northwest of Sok-to Island, off the west coast of Korea, when "a large formation of Mig-15 jet fighters" attacked it.

F-86 jet fighters guarding the bomber opposed the attack and in the ensuing fight shot down one MIG.

The clash apparently took place north of the 38th parallel, the old dividing line between North and South Korea.

## Tax Cuts Unlikely For Canadians In 1954-55

By Harold Morrison  
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
OTTAWA, (CP) — The men who advise the government on budget planning have concluded that though the Canadian economy shows some signs of weakness, this is not the time for a switch to deficit financing.

Informants said that if translated into policy by the government this likely will mean no tax cuts for Canadians in 1954-55.

Deficit financing is sometimes employed by central governments to stimulate the flow of money and goods during deflationary periods. To increase consumer purchasing power, the government cuts taxes to a point where its income is less than its expenditures and borrows to pay its way, thus increasing the national debt.

The current outlook is that the government will require another \$4,500,000,000 — similar to the 1953-54 outlay — to pay its way in the 1954-55 fiscal year April 1. The official estimates likely will be tabled in the Commons at the end of next week.

Though the estimates may show a small drop in 1954-55 defence spending, this may be balanced by heavier requirements for civil services salaries, interest charges, payments to provinces, pensions and family allowances.

Revenue Barely Enough

Experts believe that based on the current level of taxes, government revenues next year will barely cover expenditures, leaving no room for tax cuts, unless the government goes in for deficit financing.

There still is some hope that national production — on which revenue forecasts are based — will increase again from the 1953 high of \$24,200,000,000.

But the increase is expected to be small, much less than the \$2,200,000,000 increase in 1953. Even an increase of two or three per cent in national production will hardly warrant any worthwhile tax cut, one official said.

Fear Industry Reaction

If the government suddenly switched to deficit financing, some officials say, it might lead to "reaction conditioning." Industrial leaders might believe the government expected a heavy recession and curb industrial expansion.

The government has been maintaining a pay-as-you-go policy since the end of the war. Budgetary surpluses, built up year after year, have been applied to reduce the national debt. The net debt currently is about \$11,000,000,000, down from the peak of \$13,400,000,000 in 1946.

## Nfid. Barber Gives Smooth Shaves With 6-Inch Spike

By Stewart MacLeod  
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Al, the barber, can give you a better shave here with a six-inch spike than most barbers would with a new, super-deluxe razor.

In his Gower street barber shop, Al Skiffington still shaves the occasional customer with the improvised razor, now in use for 18 years and still providing a smooth shave for the toughest beards.

Al was barbering in Bishop Falls when he obtained the unique razor. The late Garrett Kelly of Gumbo, near Gander, then a worker in Labrador, walked into Al's shop one day to get his razor honed.

Blacksmith's Creation

"Well," Al explains, "I didn't know what to say when he hauled out this spike, but I told him I would do what I could with it."

"Kelly then told me the history of the razor. He was working in the Labrador and had no razor, so being a blacksmith by trade he decided to make one. He got a spike, hammered part of the sides flat, hollow-ground it on one side and tempered it with pickle brine."

Kelly then shaved himself before skeptical onlookers.

"When I saw the razor," continued Al, "I was kind of fascinated by it, and since I was going to the United States the next year, I thought I would like to have it as a souvenir. So I made a trade with him, giving him a new razor."

After 16 years of practice Al knows how to use the implement and he has no trouble whittling off the whiskers. But give it to another barber and anything could happen. The spike loses its edge faster than a factory razor and if Al doesn't stop it after every two or three strokes, the customers get that dental chair expression.

"That's his biggest fault," he says, "but if I put a handle on it, covering the rest of the spike, it would lose its value."

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