



### MOVING DAYS FOR BANK

Friday and Saturday were the busiest days for the Montague town branch of the Bank of Montreal. Its former premises on Grafton Street have been vacated as the first move toward the erection of a new up-

to-date bank building on the same site. Until its new home is completed business will be carried on as usual in the two-level building on Kent Street, east of the Burke Electric.

Here tractors manhandle one of the small strong boxes into the temporary quarters, under the watchful eye of armed police guard, Cst. Lloyd Archer of the city police.

## Known Facts Recounted Behind Invasion Of Cuba

Wednesday, April 17, marks the second anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion. Here is the story behind all that is known of the operation by Associated Press specialists in military and Latin American affairs.

**BY BEM PRICE and THEODORE A. EDIGER**  
 For the watchful Cuban troops of Premier Fidel Castro, the sudden appearance of the U.S. warship in the Bay of Pigs southeast of Havana was the final tip-off.

The long-awaited invasion was about to begin. Cuban radios began drumming out the alert in Morse code.

## EASTERN BREESES

**STUDENT HOME**  
 Miss Beryl MacKinnon, student at Prince of Wales College, spent the weekend at her home in Brooklyn.

**IN STURGEON**  
 Wendell Collins, who is employed in Halifax, returned to that city Sunday after spending the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, Sturgeon.

**FROM HALIFAX**  
 Miss Shirley MacGregor of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell MacGregor, Montague.

**FROM OROMOCTO**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Myron Patterson and their family of Oromocto, N.B., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Clements, Montague.

**SPENDING HOLIDAY**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wightman, Halifax, N.S., are spending the holidays with Mr. Archibald Hume and Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Wightman, Montague.

**HAD SURGERY**  
 Mrs. Melvin Fraser has returned home following surgery at the Kings County Memorial Hospital.

**DAUGHTER HOME**  
 Mrs. Giles Forest has as her holiday guest her daughter, Evelyn Gillis of Halifax.

**IN ALLISTON**  
 James Beck of Halifax spent the weekend at his home in Alliston. Mr. Beck returns to his duties today.

**WITH PARENTS**  
 Miss Lois Hughes, student in the first year at Dalhousie University, is spending the holiday with her parents in Montague.

**ARE GUESTS**  
 Mr. Mrs. Lloyd Marshall and their sons Robbie, Andrew and John of Fredericton are guests of Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart, Montague.

**ATTENDED FUNERAL**  
 Among those from out of the province who attended the funeral for Winston Harry Dingwell of Maric were: Mr. and Mrs. Leona MacKay, and son Oswald, Truro, N.S.; Rev. and Mrs. Russell MacLeod, Pictou, N.S., at his home; Melvin Felmate and daughter Emma of New Glasgow, N.S. Mrs. Felmate and her daughter, Felmate, spent some time with Mrs. Stewart's sister, Miss Ruby Bastwick, Miramichi.

"Place yourself on a work status report."  
 And so the invasion by 1,500 armed Cuban opponents on April 19, 1961, was doomed. Survivors of the invasion attempt, claiming betrayal by the United States, assert:

A U.S. aircraft carrier code named Santiago was within 200 miles of the invasion beach with jets and propeller-driven fighters, armed paratroopers and the blue stripe of the anti-Castro flag.

While some of these airplanes were shot down during the critical assault phase, none attacked. Qualified sources in Washington identify this carrier as the Boxer.

**GUNFIRE UNUSED**  
 There is ample, though unused, gunfire support available among the U.S. warships within 100 miles of the landing beach. These ships—cruiser, at least one frigate and several destroyers—accompanied the invaders' convoy from Nicaragua to Cuba. Neither the invaders' mission nor the U.S. objectives had been defined. They just hoped the United States would straighten things out once they got ashore.

The attempt cost the lives of five of the invaders, not including four American flyers who piloted two B-26 light bombers, and cost \$5,000,000 to execute, the chairman of the chief of staff, Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer, is reported to have told a Senate committee.

It cost upwards of \$53,000,000 to pay the fines of the invasion survivors and release them from Cuban prisons. It has cost \$75,000,000 to date to support 200,000 Cuban refugees whose homeland now is closed to them because the invasion failed.

**REPUTATION DROPS**  
 It cost the Central Intelligence Agency, which managed the ill-fated operation, a good deal of its reputation for competence. And it tarnished the image of the United States.

The invasion scheme apparently began germinating some time early in 1959. A year later anti-Castro refugees were training in Guatemala. During January 1961, unmarked planes began carrying volunteers from Cleveland and Opa-Locka, Fla., to Guatemala.

And it was in January that four members of the Alabama National Guard, all former B-26 bombers pilots of the Second World War, were recruited. In all, apparently, about 21 pilots were hired to train Cuban pilots. U.S. officers of Arkansas said most came out of his state's Air National Guard.

The infantry was being trained under the over-all direction of a man identified by refugees as a Filipino who went by the name of Col. Vallejo. There were U.S. officers, too; men known by the cover names of Frank Jimmie and "Doc."

From May 1960 to November, the anti-Castro Cubans were given instruction in the U.S. The training was shifted to straight Second World War infantry tactics.

After the invasion Lemnitzer and Eisenhower said the operation was intended primarily as a guerrilla reinforcement. Eisenhower said that when he left the office on Jan. 20, 1961, no firm plan for the employment of the refugee Cuban force had been determined.

This fact goes to the heart of the matter, what the invaders were supposed to accomplish, and how. Guerrillas would need another air-sep. regular troops, trucks nor jeeps. Regular troops for a standup battle with Castro would.

On April 13, 1961, Castro concentrated 45,000 heavily-armed

troops in Pinar Del Rio province. It was apparent Castro knew an invasion was about to take place, though uncertain as to precisely where or when.

On April 15 three rocket-firing B26s struck at three Cuban air bases, two just outside Havana and the third at Santiago de Cuba.

The planes were to have knocked out Castro's air force, consisting of U.S.-made T-33 jet trainers, British Sea Furies and B-26 bombers.

They failed. There was no follow-up air strike April 16—and no news either. Diplomats and correspondents from the Iron Curtain countries reported April 19 that Cuba had been attacked by planes and troop-carrying ships.

Late that same day, Havana radio said Castro had reported an invasion attempt and was now mopping up survivors. This was followed by the announcement that two Americans and seven Cubans had been executed as U.S. agents.

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"Aboard the transports were two small boats, the Blagovest 14 machine-guns and the Barbara J. with nine. These were small converted coasters."

"Seven landing craft were present for the invasion—three LCVP's (landing craft, utility) and four LCVPF's (landing craft, vehicle-personnel). Also 30 outboard motor communication launches, six aboard each (Liberty) ship. Also five tanks."

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"From that moment we knew the war was lost for us and that we had been the victims of a great betrayal."

"We had 16 planes. It took them three hours to fly from Puerto Cabezas. They would fight for about three-quarters of an hour and then fly back for supplies. Then they would come back. It was most grueling. I had a friend, Joaquin Varela, who went 46 hours without sleep."

"On April 19 when the Cuban pilots were played out, four Americans stepped in to relieve some of them. The Americans in two B-26s were the ones from Alabama who were shot down. They were killed."

"As for the para troopers, there were 183 of them, Darius said, and they captured the Bay of Pigs airstrip, but couldn't hold it because of strafing from Castro's aircraft."

**KENNEDY SAYS NO**  
 Were the Cuban invaders ever promised air cover? Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy,

## ISLAND REVENUE MONTAGUE Regional High Schools

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## Teachers' Convention Scheduled Wednesday

Teachers from all parts of Prince Edward Island will gather at Queen Charlotte High School this week for their annual convention, Wednesday afternoon with meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The convention, which actually gets underway Tuesday afternoon with meeting at 7:30 p.m. P. E. I. Teachers' Federation board of governors at Federation House, will see a wide variety of subjects discussed.

The major address will be given by Dr. Floyd G. Robinson director of research, P.E.I. Teachers Federation, on the subject "Stars on the educational horizon: new light on the role of the teacher."

The teachers will also hear an address by Education Minister L. G. Dewar and they will be welcomed to Charlottetown by Mayor A. Waltham Gaudet.

Social activities will include a dinner at Montgomery Hall Thursday night and a social evening at Parkdale Junior High School Wednesday.

President of the teachers' federation is Frank Costello, principal of Parkdale High School.

**CARDINAL AILS**  
 VATICAN CITY (AP)—Vatican Cardinal Valeri, 79-year-old Italian-born member of the Vatican Curia, was in a Rome hospital Sunday. Vatican sources did not say what his ailment was, but said his condition was satisfactory after an operation Saturday. Cardinal Valeri is prefect of the Vatican Congregation of Religions.

The key word is "military," that is, informed pilots in U.S. marked planes.

Dr. Enrique Llica, one of those captured and later released, said "we were told there would be air cover. Not officially. But it might as well have been official. We all knew the United States had a hand in the matter. We were transported to the training area in U.S. planes. We were trained by Americans. Our weapons and gear were American. What else could our conclusion be?"

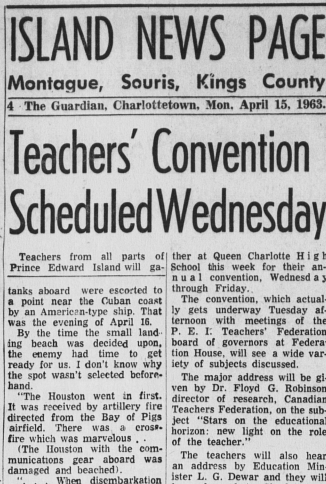
The invading troops were landed on Girón Beach, which is approached by land via a single road flanked on both sides by impassable marshes and mangrove swamps. There was only one way to attack and that was straight ahead into Castro's 45,000 men.

By the morning of the 19th, the men were given up the hopeless fight. They were out of ammunition and Castro's planes dominated the air.

Of the 16 planes in anti-Castro operation, eight were shot down and the remainder arrived back in Nicaragua full of holes.

Llica reported that the invaders managed only to progress from the beachhead to a road junction designated as "central Australia." This was 10 to 15 miles inland.

That was that. It was a total disaster.



later served on the Georgetown-Lower Montague ferryboat. He was also a successful farmer and an expert blacksmith, a trade he learned from his father. He was a life member and past master of St. George's Masonic Lodge which he joined in 1920. Mr. Ross was a former town councillor and a former steward in St. David's United Church.

He is survived by two sons: Gordon at home and Melburn of Clyde River. Two daughters, Lydia and Winifred, predeceased him. Also surviving are three sisters: Mary, Daniel Phillips Jessie (Mrs. Atwood), and Mimi (Mrs. Blanchard) all of Brookline, Mass.; also three half-sisters and two half-brothers: Myrtle (Mrs. Babineau of Charlottetown), Ella (Mrs. David Lavers, Georgetown), Eleanor (Mrs. James Llewellyn, Georgetown) and Oliver of Charlottetown, and Sheldon of Halifax.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from St. David's United Church. The service will also be conducted.

plowed out by last night's heavy rains. Work will continue main highways. Some secondary roads were narrow and muddy but most were passable.

It is expected classes will be held in the high school here today and tomorrow. Then for three days the school will be closed while teachers attend the annual convention in Charlottetown.

**P.M. Ross, Geo'town Dies**  
 GEORGETOWN—The death occurred at his home in Georgetown, Saturday, April 13, of Peter Melville Ross in his 82nd year. He was the son of the late Peter Ross and Margaret Weatherlie. His wife the former Havilah Graham, predeceased him in 1939.

The late Mr. Ross was a lifelong resident of Georgetown, and in his early life he sailed on the SS Enterprise in the Georgetown-Pictou run and

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