



### GRAND ORANGE LODGE OFFICERS

Above are the officers elected during the 96th annual session of the R.W. Grand Orange Lodge of P.E.I., held Wednesday in the Boyne Lodge rooms on Richmond Street. From left to right are: Rev. W.H. Forsythe, Davis Ward.



### GRAND LODGE L.O.B.A. OFFICERS

Officers elected during the 37th annual session of the R.W. Grand Lodge of the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association of P.E.I. are pictured above. The Lodge met on Wednesday. From left to right are: FRONT ROW — Mrs. Alice Jewell, Mrs. Myrtle MacPhail, Mrs. Rena MacCauli, Mrs. Mary MacPhail, Mrs. Melda Sutherland; BACK ROW — Mrs. Charlotte Matheson, Mrs. Isabelle Newson, Mrs. Ruth Whitlock, Mrs. Agnes Johnston, Mrs. Ethel Getson, Mrs. Elsie MacEachern, Mrs. May King, Mrs. Catherine MacDonald, Mrs. Margaret Johnston, Mrs. Grace Francis.

# Britain Explodes Her 1st H-Bomb High Over Pacific

## Await Decision On Taking Out Crash Bodies

CHILLIWACK, B.C. (CP) — A coroner's desire to bring out "one identifiable body" of the 62 who died near here in a TCA air crash last December may never be realized.

Search parties Wednesday agreed that no one, not even European alpinists, can bring out bodies now. British Columbia alpinists said it might be possible about the end of July, and then only at great risk.

(The Sun says: Herb Seagram, TCA vice-president of operations, decided it would be "too dangerous to try to bring out bodies.")

The 62 died the stormy night of Dec. 9 when the TCA North Star crashed into 8,000-foot Mount Slesse, 72 miles east of Vancouver. The plane had been on a flight to Calgary from Vancouver and had turned back after the pilot said a warning light on his dashboard signalled a fire in one of the four engines.

## Good Progress In Seeding

OTTAWA (CP)—Excellent seeding progress is being made in the Prairie provinces and seeding has already been completed in a large portion of the grain-growing area, the bureau of statistics reported Wednesday in the second of the 1957 series of telegraphic crop reports.

The report said the season is as much as two weeks ahead of last year.

In southern Manitoba, in the south and western parts of Saskatchewan and over most of Alberta a large proportion of the seeding has been completed. Early-seeded crops have already emerged in some of these regions.

Seeding has been backward in eastern Manitoba, northeastern Saskatchewan and in Alberta's far north.

Moisture conditions are generally satisfactory for germination but the bureau reported rain would be beneficial in some districts.



DR. MACDONALD

## Observes Ninety-Ninth Birthday Anniversary

Prince Edward Island salutes Roderick James MacDonald, K.S.G., M.D.C.M., who is celebrating today the completion of ninety-nine years of abundant life.

For several days expressions of congratulation from across the nation have been pouring in to the Doctor's comfortable country home overlooking the blue waters of St. Peter's Bay.

In this northern Kings County village, Canada's grand old man of medicine began the practice of his profession immediately after his graduation from Trinity College, Toronto, April 9th, 1868. On the same date this year, the venerable physician closed the office from which he had dispensed for the greater part of his lifetime the comforts of medical science to those in need.

## Nuclear Test Series Begins Despite Protest Campaign

LONDON (AP) — Britain exploded its first hydrogen bomb high over the Pacific ocean Wednesday.

The blast began a series of tests establishing Britain as the world's third nuclear power.

A terse announcement by the ministry of supply said merely it was "the first explosion of a nuclear device in the present series."

But an authoritative source said the device tested was a hydrogen bomb.

It was fired at a high altitude after being dropped from a four-engined Valiant jet bomber in the area of British-owned Christmas Island, 1,400 miles south of Honolulu. The precise location was not divulged.

An air ministry spokesman said the white-painted Valiant—one of four flown from Britain to the test area—was manned by five men.

**NO DETAILS**

The official announcement gave no details of the type of weapon exploded, but government officials announced previously the explosions would be "in the megaton (1,000,000 tons of TNT) range" and would be high air bursts without heavy fallout.

Britain began its series of nuclear tests in the face of a sustained protest campaign by the Japanese government. Also pressuring Prime Minister Macmillan's government were the British Labor party, scientific organizations, and other societies and individuals in dozens of countries.

But Macmillan repeatedly rejected protests that the tests would endanger the future health of mankind. He said the explosions would in no way harm peoples of the Pacific lands.

**LAST IN RUSSIA**

The last reported explosion of an H-bomb was somewhere in the Soviet Union April 16.

This blast was the fifth Soviet nuclear explosion within two weeks and latest in a series of Soviet tests that began last August.

Immediately afterward Moscow called for a halt in nuclear tests. It asked Japan to join it in a joint appeal to Britain and the United States for a cessation of all nuclear explosions.

The last U.S. nuclear tests were conducted in the Bikini atoll testing grounds. They began in May and ended July 23 last year. The United States reported they were successful.

New U.S. Atomic test blasts begin today in Nevada.

## Reports Trend Towards P.C.'s

ST. BONIFACE, Man. (CP) — John Diefenbaker said Wednesday there is a trend across Canada towards support of his Progressive Conservative party from those who have backed other parties.

On a visit to St. Boniface the Conservative leader had an example in the Conservative candidate here, Laurier Regnier, who was a Liberal candidate in Selkirk riding in the 1949 federal election.

Mr. Diefenbaker shook hands and ate cakes and coffee with about 125 persons at a morning gathering here. In a brief speech he said Mr. Regnier is bringing to his party an attitude of mind found in other parts of the country.

## Caledonian Club Takes Dim View Of "PEI Tartan"

Strong objection to the idea of adopting a Prince Edward Island tartan was expressed at a meeting of the Caledonian Club last night. It was agreed that the promotion of such a project would be contrary to the principles of a Scottish society because the spread of such an idea could endanger the whole clan tartan system.

The project was first mooted about two years ago by members of the club but the matter was soon dropped when it was realized that the adverse results might be.

Recent reports that a private group of individuals had resurrected the idea of a provincial tartan were discussed at a meeting of the club last night and resulted in a unanimous denouncement of the idea.

Club members felt that very encouragement should be given to weaving in the Province—but that weavers should be discouraged in any attempt to create another tartan. This prerogative, they felt, was still one which rested with the ancient Scottish families.

It was unanimously agreed that a spokesman for the club should make known to the Provincial Government its views on the matter.

It was felt that the continuation of a policy of provincial tartans would endanger the whole clan tartan system and eventually bring the distinctive Scottish family apparel into disrepute. It was the opinion of some members that it was not desirable to copy and perpetuate what they thought to be "a mistake made by another province."

A letter received recently from the Lord Lyon, King of Arms by the Club's corresponding secretary, George V. Fraser was read to the Club. The Lord Lyon is the final authority on tartans and without his permission a tartan can not be officially registered.

## School Children Hear St. Laurent

FERGUS, Ont. (CP) — School was let out 30 minutes early Wednesday morning to allow the 750 Fergus school children to hear Prime Minister St. Laurent.

But as they crowded about him asking whether he would give them a school holiday, the prime minister reminded them that this is examination time and they have to study for exams.

Mr. St. Laurent spoke of Canada's early history and told his audience of the thrill he received as he journeyed through Canada. He made no reference to political issue.

The local school board had debated whether to dismiss school early so the children might see the prime minister. They decided to do so and to do the same when John Diefenbaker, Progressive Conservative leader, visits here early in June.

## Ice Patrol Flight Yesterday Was Latest On Record

Ice conditions are much improved in the Gulf area and around Cape Breton Island," stated Capt. Angus Brown last night following a five-hour patrol over the ice field yesterday.

The flight was the latest on record, the previous late date being May 12 in 1948.

The southerly wind relaxed the Strait of Canso and George Bay area so that five small ships were proceeding through at the time of observing. Around P.E.I. and on the west coast of Cape Breton there is no ice. The worst situation lies on the east coast of Cape Breton between St. Esprit and Cibouxtown.

The ice breaker Montcalm was escorting ships in and out of Sydney Harbour. The Government tender Bernier from Halifax was seen supplying Cibouxtown light while the other side of the island was unapproachable owing to ice. The steamer track is in very good condition allowing free passage of ships.

Owing to poor visibility the flight did not pass over the west coast of Newfoundland.

## I.O.D.E. Meeting At Vancouver

TORONTO (CP)—The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire annual meeting will hold its 57th annual meeting in Vancouver May 25 to 29.

National President Mrs. Lawrence B. Smart of Toronto will preside at the official opening May 25 and during the general sessions.

## Letter Quoted

"Applications could only be entertained from the Provincial Government, and would be strongly discouraged and probably refused," states the letter from the Lord Lyon. "Historians and clansfolk are deeply worried lest this new idea of province, town, and college tartans may wreck the whole clan tartan system and the spirit of the clan, as it would largely supersede clan tartans. The National Association of Scottish Woolen Manufacturers are also much worried on practical and sentimental trade grounds, as retailers cannot stock so many tartans. I am sternly pointing out that these proposals are contrary to the whole concept of the tartan as a clan cognisance, and a thoroughly un-Scottish. Un-clanish trade checks might easily kill the whole Scottish set-up in Canada."

"The practice is for official units and departments to get the tartan and badge of some appropriate clan and chief, and beyond that the only unit or official tartans are the Royal, Stuart and the Government or Black Watch tartan, both of which are equally applicable in Canada. Beyond

## Pre-Summer Inoculations Against Polio Bring Response

Great response by the people of Prince Edward Island to the Public Health Immunization Programme is being noted at the present time, Dr. Lorne Bonnell, Minister of Health, announced last night.

Thousands of youngsters are flocking to immunization centres for their pre-summer inoculations.

The programme, which provides immunization against polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and smallpox series may be obtained for any child over three months of age.

Next week, the second series of clinics will be held in Charlottetown for polio inoculations only. For further information refer to the advertising section of this paper.

Dr. Bonnell concluded by saying "Now that we have the means to combat these communicable diseases, it is the responsibility of each and every parent on Prince Edward Island to see that their children are protected against such illnesses as much as possible."

## Jap Fishermen In Test Area?

TOKYO (Reuters)—The president of Japan's anti-bomb test council said today the council believed about 15 Japanese fishing vessels were operating in the area where Britain exploded a hydrogen bomb Wednesday. Some might have suffered damage, he said.

Kaoru Kasui, the council's president, said his organization believed that world public opinion will "explode in anger" at the knowledge that Britain went ahead with the planned series of nuclear tests near Christmas Island in mid-Pacific "in defiance of that opinion."

## Heads Canadian Welfare Council

OTTAWA (CP) — W. Preston Gilbride of Toronto Wednesday was elected president of the Canadian Welfare Council.

The Toronto business executive succeeds M. Wallace McCutcheon of Toronto, CWC president for the last two years.

Other officers are A. A. Crawley, Ottawa, treasurer; K. Lem, Carter, Toronto, Lucien Nasse, Hull, Que., Mrs. Gordon Selman, Vancouver; Marshall Wilson, Halifax, J.S. White, Regina, all vice-presidents; M. Wallace McCutcheon, Toronto, nominating committee chairman; Felix Guilbert, Montreal, French commission chairman.

Chairmen of board committees are: W. M. Anderson, George Marshall, Mrs. W. Noss Kerr, all of Toronto; A. L. Cawthorne-Page, B. M. Alexander, Gordon G. Cushing, all of Ottawa; Senator Muriel Ferguson, Fredericton, N.B.

## Limited Term

The president of Burma, elected by both houses of parliament in joint session, is permitted re-election only once.

## Defence Government

Macmillan was defending government against Labor charges on Suez policy.

His statement was similar to that made by President Eisenhower in a Washington press conference. The president likewise defended Israel's right to send her ships through the waterway, but urged that force not be used.

Macmillan told the Commons the issue could be settled "more quickly" by the United Nations than through lengthy world court procedure.

Opening a two-day Suez debate, he said of the world court suggestion: "That is one method, but I would earnestly hope that this matter could be settled by the United Nations more quickly and thus avoid a long delay through the international court procedure."

## UN Failed

"I agree that this throws a great responsibility on the United Nations. It may be said—and it is true—that the United Nations have failed up to now but I cannot help thinking that the dangers involved in letting these matters drag on are now more clear than ever before."

In a memorandum to the UN last month, Egypt said she would run the canal herself and collect tolls in specified currencies. Nasser promised, however, to observe the 1888 convention guaranteeing free passage to ships of all nations and to submit disputes on tolls to international arbitration.

Macmillan told the house that these terms are not "very far" from the Suez principles recommended by the UN, but fell short mainly in that they came in a "unilateral declaration" which could be amended or withdrawn.

## Great Designer

Claude Perrault, 17th century designer of the Louvre in Paris, was a physician by profession.

## Local Man On Committee To Visit Bases In Labrador

MONCTON (CP)—A seven-man committee of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council leaves here Monday for Goose Bay to assess business opportunities at United States Air Force bases in Labrador.

President R. J. Rankin will head the group which includes Dr. F. W. Walsh, Nova Scotia's deputy agriculture minister; his New Brunswick counterpart, Dr. E. M. Taylor; F. P. Blackmore, a Moncton chartered accountant; Secretary J. Lincoln Dewar of the Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture; Ward Stewart, Atlantic division manager of the

## Canadian Manufacturers' Association

Canadian Manufacturers' Association; and the council's executive manager Nelson Mann.

Plans for the trip were made in Halifax Wednesday at an executive meeting.

Mr. Mann announced the council is studying the possibility of staging an Atlantic provinces food product show, similar to the Atlantic apparel and footwear exhibit which concluded here recently.

Plans were also laid for an area-wide membership campaign.

Mr. Rankin said "to do a really effective job for the area, and the people that reside here, APEC

# Says "Way Below" Danger Level In World Radiation

BROOKHAVEN, N.Y. (AP)—A leading American specialist in the effects of nuclear radiation said Wednesday he thinks "we are way below the danger level" in the amount of radiation in the atmosphere.

Eugene P. Cronkite, of Brookhaven National Laboratory, one of the principal United States centres of atomic research, was asked whether the world is approaching the danger point in radiation levels in the atmosphere. He replied with an emphatic "no," adding:

"There are multiple sources of radiation which must be watched, no one of which has done any harm yet. I am really sure there has been no damage. I think we are way below the danger level now."

Cronkite was one of four speakers who discussed aspects of exposure to radiation at the inter-American symposium on atomic energy Wednesday.

**PEACEFULLY APPLICATION**

Scientists from 26 Latin-American nations and the U.S. are studying peaceful application of the atom at Brookhaven.

The papers were read on the eve of a new series of nuclear weapons tests in Nevada and as Britain announced explosion of her first hydrogen bomb.

Referring to an interview to the "multiple sources" of radiation in the air, Cronkite said:

"They keep adding up and you have to keep a watchdog on the levels."

The very fear of too-heavy contamination of the atmosphere, however, he said, has stimulated safety programs and a search for ways to prevent or reverse the damage to human beings.

Cronkite pointed out three areas of the world where people have been subjected to unusual radiation exposure. One was in the Pacific Marshall Islands where 267 persons were exposed after the large Bikini thermonuclear tests of March, 1954.

**STUDYING ISLANDERS**

Cronkite is one of a group of American scientists which has been conducting a continuing study of the Marshall Islanders ever since. He said:

"Nobody died as a result of exposure in the Marshall Islands."

No cancerous developments have been found in the skin, he continued. The birthrate is normal.

The scientist said people in India and Brazil who live near deposits of heavily radioactive monazite sands receive up to 50 times the amount of radiation there is in the United States today. Studies are being conducted of these people also, he said.

## MUSIC ON ROAD

Nearly 1,500,000 automobiles in Canada in 1956 were equipped with radio sets.