

13 Prison Escapees Are Caught

IVY BLUFF, N. C. (AP)—Thirteen Ivy Bluff escapees were behind bars Thursday night, but seven others remained at large and presumably were heavily armed.

That was the score as police throughout the east hunted the remainder of a convict gang that fled from the maximum security prison here Tuesday.

The seven still at large included one of the ringleaders, Charles W. Stewart, 32. He was serving 25 years for armed robbery and storebreaking.

Authorities suspect the seven are well armed. Eleven of the 17 weapons taken in the escape still are missing. The weapons include a sub-machine-gun.

The latest to be taken into custody was Robert Lee Council, 30, who was serving 20 to 25 years for armed robbery. He was arrested Thursday as he walked along a highway near Rustburg, Va., 15 miles south of Lynchburg. Council and the other 12 surrendered without resistance, leading some authorities to express surprise.

The convicts escaped from the so-called Alcatraz of North Carolina, a prison camp maintained for incorrigibles, and theoretically escape-proof.

Virginia authorities have captured eight, and four were nabbed in Ohio. One of the escapees was run down near the prison camp shortly after the break.

LIZARDS USED AS YULE GIFTS

SYDNEY, Australia (CP) Live "armor-plated" lizards have become popular as Christmas gifts for children in some Australian cities.

They are about a foot long, as thick as a child's arm, slow-moving and harmless.

A reptile expert said the lizards, known as bobtails because they have thick stumpy tails, ate vegetation in their natural state but in captivity look readily to snails, raw meat and bananas.

A Sydney departmental store manager said youngsters "loved" the colorful ornaments great as they were easy to keep and did not run off as long as they were well fed.

Mostly they were kept in gardens but some adults were cultivating their friendship in flats.

U.S. Army To Leave Iceland Navy, Air Force Will Stay

Latin American Tour Is Seen Likely For Ike

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WASHINGTON (CP)—President Eisenhower, now in the midst of a triumphant Asian tour, may also attempt a similar trip through turbulent Latin America next year.

A Latin tour is "very much in the president's mind," State Secretary Christian A. Herter told a press conference Thursday. He said he did not want to speculate on what the final decision would be. No United States president has ever made a complete tour of the 20 Latin countries.

Herter observed that Eisenhower's unprecedented Asian trip "exceeded our greatest expectations," indicating wide "public acceptance" of the president as an individual and a symbol of the U.S.

ENTHUSIASM GREAT

"The turnout has been tremendous and the genuine enthusiasm there, indicating a depth of feeling for this country, certainly must have been tremendously gratifying to the president."

Herter, who leaves Saturday for Paris to attend the NATO ministerial talks and the Western summit conference there next week, showed more self-confidence at Thursday's meeting

with reporters than at previous sessions.

He candidly appraised U.S. problems overseas and those closer to home and indicated NATO allies in Europe will be asked to bear a greater share of European defence costs. But he quickly emphasized the U.S. will not be "dogmatic" about how the sharing should be revised. All this would be done through consultation.

SUMMIT IN APRIL

Indeed, the U.S. would strongly support the smaller NATO powers in their demands for greater discussion. He said consultation will continue right up to the time of the East-West summit conference which he expected at the end of April or sometime in there.

Closer at home, Herter indicated the U.S. is negotiating with Panama to overcome anti-American feeling there. Negotiations would include training of Panamanians to give them higher-paying jobs in the Canal Zone.



LAW CLERK

J. Arthur McGuigan, Charlottetown lawyer, yesterday was appointed law clerk for the Legislative Assembly. He replaces J. Elmer Blanchard, law clerk for the last session of the legislature. The appointment was announced last night by Premier Walter R. Shaw following a meeting of the executive council.

Belle Isle Dam Investigated

MONTREAL (CP)—Shipping executive Jochem Carton said Thursday the federal northern affairs department is conducting surveys to determine whether it would be beneficial to close the Strait of Belle Isle between Newfoundland and Labrador.

Mr. Carton said the surveys are aimed at learning how such a move would affect fishing, climate, water temperature and other factors in the St. Lawrence Gulf area.

He was asked to elaborate on comments he made Wednesday night in a speech to the Westmount Rotary Club.

PROPOSAL SEEMS UNREAL

In his address he said a proposal to close the strait must seem as unreal today as the St. Lawrence Seaway did in 1925. But once drift ice is prevented from coming down the strait into the gulf the winter navigation problem in the river would be solved and "a new climate and thereby a completely new era for the province of Quebec will have been achieved."

Mr. Carton is a director of March Shipping Agency Limited. The block-off proposal has also put forward by some Newfoundlanders as a safeguard for year-round navigation on the island's west coast.

ICE SEALED OFF PORTS

In the winter of 1957 ice drifting through the strait from the north sealed off ports on the coast.

That year at Corner Brook, the largest port, Bowater's Newfoundland Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd. had to transport newsprint production by truck and rail to a port on the southeast coast for overseas delivery.

Troops Vacate Within 6 Months

WASHINGTON (AP)—The army said Thursday it is ordering its 1,200 troops out of Iceland in the next six months.

The defence department said some 4,000 other U.S. military personnel, of the air force and the navy, will remain.

Informed sources said the air force also may decide to withdraw some of its strength in the near future. The navy, on the other hand, may increase its forces.

The defence department, in reporting plans for reorganizing U.S. forces in Iceland, said only that the United States had discussed plans with the island government which included "possible expansion of other defence activities in Iceland."

NORMAL SWITCH

The defence department and the army denied that the withdrawal of the 1,200-man army battalion combat team, which had been stationed there since 1951, had any bearing on recent difficulties with Iceland civilians or represented a cutback in NATO commitments.

The army said it was a normal redeployment, the result of a continuing look at worldwide commitments, and had been under consideration for at least 2½ years.

The army added that the team being withdrawn was not a NATO force but had been stationed in

the island under a separate 1951 agreement with Iceland.

BACK TO U.S.

The troops will be redeployed to other active army units in the United States. The army said no reduction in overall army strength was involved.

Bad feeling between Iceland civilians and U.S. military forces cropped up recently amid charges of Icelanders that the Americans had been guilty of brutal treatment.

Body Is Found Under Trees

MONCTON (CP)—The body of eight-year-old Raymond Goguen was found huddled under trees in dense woods near his home at nearby Cocagne Thursday, ending a search that started Sunday when the boy disappeared.

The body, partly covered with snow, was sighted by an RCMP helicopter. One of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Adela Goguen, the boy failed to return home from a walk in the woods Sunday.

There was no immediate indication of how long ago he died. RCMP said Raymond had apparently taken a wrong turn as he walked down a woods road.

Instead of heading for home, he walked deeper into the woods. His body was found about 2½ miles from his home.

About 300 searchers, aided by the helicopter and an RCMP tracking dog, widened their hunt daily since late Sunday.

Earlier Thursday, an RCMP officer said: "We're just about licked."

Quiet Follows Violent Riots

SUVA, Fiji Islands (Reuters)—An almost eerie quiet Thursday night enveloped the capital of this British Pacific colony after two days of violent rioting.

Four persons were arrested on charges of breaking the government's dusk-to-dawn curfew. Otherwise, the only signs of life on city streets were armed guards patrolling outside wrecked stores and police cars enforcing the curfew.

Bank Interest Rate Is Hiked

OTTAWA (CP)—The Bank of Canada interest rate Thursday rose to 5.27 per cent from 5.00 last week with the sale of \$100,000,000 in 91-day government treasury bills.

The rate, an indicator of conditions on the short-term money market, now stands at the same level it reached Oct. 29—the highest point in the last eight weeks.

During that period its low point was 5.00 per cent on Nov. 5.

The bank rate — minimum charge by the central bank on its infrequent loans to chartered banks — is set at one-quarter of one per cent above the average yield on the weekly sale of 91-day treasury bills.

'IS NOT PRIVILEGED'

Election Battle Libel Forms Basis Of Suit

OTTAWA (CP)—John Boland, Toronto lawyer, Thursday argued before the Supreme Court of Canada that an election campaign

does not provide a privileged occasion for statements that may be libellous.

He advanced the argument in asking the court to order a new trial of his \$50,000 damage suit against the Toronto Globe and Mail for alleged libel against him during the 1957 federal election campaign.

Mr. Boland, defeated independent Conservative in Toronto Parkdale in the election, claims he was libelled in a Globe and Mail editorial.

The action was dismissed by the trial judge in the Ontario Supreme Court, Mr. Justice W.F. Spence, who ruled that an election is an occasion of qualified privilege. The decision was upset by the Ontario Court of Appeal which ordered a new trial.

SUPREME COURT APPEAL

The newspaper appealed to the Supreme Court to restore Justice Spence's judgment.

Mr. Boland said it was up to the jury, not the judge, to rule whether he was libelled in the newspaper editorial. The trial judge had withdrawn the case from the jury and dismissed the action.

Amherst Plant Plans Layoff

AMHERST (CP)—A spokesman for the aircraft division of Enamel and Heating Products Ltd. here said Thursday 35 to 40 men will be laid off before Christmas if the company's present contract bids fail.

He said the company has bids in for several products. Should only two or three of them be successful, layoffs would be necessary.



ST. ELEANORS JUNIOR RED CROSS

Mrs. Paul Devlin, director of Junior Red Cross for the province is seen interviewing Faye Creswell, president of the St.

Eleanors School Junior Red Cross (senior) Thursday during a visit to the school by Mrs. Devlin and Mrs. Harry Cud-

more, director of first aid services of the provincial Red Cross organization.

Premier Forestalls Ottawa Move To Downgrade Agric, Offices Here

Premier W.R. Shaw revealed to a group of Island breeders yesterday that he was able to forestall Ottawa moves that were intended to have the director of certain federal agriculture services in the province come from outside the province.

"I was not completely tied up with the Conservative convention all the time I was in Ottawa," Mr. Shaw said. "I was making contacts with my various offices and I am sure that as a result of my talks, there will be a closer liaison between the federal and provincial departments from now on."

The premier speaking in his capacity of minister of agriculture was addressing the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Ayrshire Breeders Association held at Birch Court.

FROM MAINLAND

Some of the moves, proposed by Ottawa he said, would have reduced the federal staff on the Island and have the supervision come from the mainland. He gave assurance that this idea has been abandoned and will not take place.

While at the Ayrshire luncheon Mr. Shaw presented meritorious production certificates to four breeders and club prizes to several others who stood high in the BCA tests.

Special guests at the luncheon were the 4-H King and Queen Jerry Doyle of Albert Plains and Gail Carter of North Milton. Also present were young Barbara MacRae who had the grand champion calf at the Royal Youth Fair and Betty Lou Doyle of Albert Plains who had the reserve grand champion.

The premier also announced that the federal government will send an agricultural livestock agent to the province in the very near future and added, "we can have a second one if we need him."

Referring to the appointment of Miss Audrey MacMillan as director of 4-H club work in the province he said, "The growth we can see in our youth work is evidence of the splendid work of Miss MacMillan."

The Ayrshire club was told by Mr. Shaw they were one of the finest agricultural organizations in the province. But he cautioned

them it was not enough to improve their own individual standard. Their job, he said, was to raise the standard of the average breeder.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The premier said he was not satisfied that government grants to breeders' clubs were being used to full advantage, and added, "This whole matter will be due for review. We want to see that the money is used to the best possible advantage."

He suggested that the clubs could use their government grants

Victoria Cross Breeder Heads Ayrshire Assoc.

Gavin Reid of Victoria Cross was elected president of the P. E. Island Ayrshire Breeders' Association which held its annual meeting yesterday.

The meeting, chaired by the retiring president, Andrew B. MacRae, was the largest in the history of the association.

At noon the breeders and their wives attended a luncheon at Birch Court, provided by the Parkdale Women's Institute.

Special speaker for the occasion was W. R. Shaw, premier and minister of agriculture.

Wallace Wood of Little York was named vice-president and

Mrs. Ruth Baldwin was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Directors named were Wendall Moase, Kensington; R. C. Parent, Charlottetown; Lloyd MacLeod, Bridgetown; Arthur MacRae, Central Royalty; George Boswall, Dunstaffnage.

The association has asked that Gilbert MacMillan be the next judge at the provincial exhibition. Mr. MacMillan comes from Huntingdon, Quebec. Alternate judge named was Archie MacMillan, Truro, N.S.

Considerable discussion developed around the breeding services charged for certain bulls.

SERVICE COSTS

J. H. MacPhail of New Haven said it should be the purpose of the club to encourage the new breeder and help him get established. It was seen that in view of the \$10 charge for semen plus a \$50 charge for the registration of a bull calf, plus a \$4 insemination charge most new farmers would find that a difficult obstacle to overcome.

A committee to study the whole question involved and to make recommendations for the use of four or five proven sires was set up. On the committee are J. H. MacPhail, Wallace Wood, Wilfred Furness, Sterling MacRae, George Boswall and Andrew MacRae, M.L.A. as ex-officio member.

Dr. George Fisher, director of veterinary services for the province, complimented the club on its initiative but cautioned that some effort should be made to find out what use would be made of the semen if it were stocked.

He also suggested that a charge be made to the breeder and in this way the possibility of having an over-supply of semen would not so likely occur.

TRIBUTE PAID

President MacRae in recalling the years activities noted with regret the passing of Edward Boswell of Victoria who at the time of his death was vice-president of the club.

"Mr. Boswell was one of the country's most promising breeders—an excellent showman and a person who always had the interests of the breed at heart", Mr. MacRae said.

The president also noted the appointment of Jim Williams as part time fieldman and stated that reports that he had heard from the breeders indicated that the fieldman had been well accepted.

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Sherbrooke Man Chosen Junior Farmer President

John Dekker of Sherbrooke last night was elected president of the Prince Edward Island Junior Farmers Federation. He succeeds Mrs. Sterling MacRae of New Windsor.

Peter Sauer of Savage Harbor was named vice-president and June Hutchinson of Central Lot 16 secretary-treasurer.

ON EXECUTIVE

Others named to the 1959-60 federation executive were Harold Lyle, Central Lot 16, Douglas Proffitt, Freetown, and Glenford MacLean, Southwest Lot 16, representing Prince County. George Fitzpatrick, Woodville Mills, Mrs. Ivan Morrison, St. George's, Mrs. George MacPherson, Launching, and Peter Campbell, Newport, representing Kings County; and Mrs. Robert Rackham, Hunter River, Rolie Larkin, New Glasgow, Leith Dickieson, New Glasgow, Wally Wood, Marshfield, and Mark Gallani, Hunter River, representing Queens County.

Held in Central Royalty Hall, the annual meeting of the federation was preceded by a banquet. Both events were chaired by Mrs. MacRae.

Premier Walter R. Shaw was guest speaker at the banquet. Presidential reports were given by Mrs. MacRae, and the presidents of the three active groups comprising the federation: George Fitzpatrick, St. George's; Leith Dickieson, New Glasgow and District; and John Dekker, East Prince.

The Junior Farmer Trophy awarded annually was presented to the East Prince group by Audrey MacMillan, junior farmer co-ordinator and chairman of the panel of judges.

Unemployment insurance for farm workers, the institution of a points system for drivers, a ban on the use of trading stamps, and the establishment of a training course for group leaders were among the chief changes sought in several resolutions adopted at the meeting.

Mr. Shaw said that all farm people should try to impress their children with the importance, dignity and responsibility

of farm life which he termed "the greatest vocation in the world."

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PREMIER Walter R. Shaw is shown speaking at the Prince Edward Island Junior Farmers' Association at their annual meeting last night. Left to right are Mrs. Shaw, A. G. Wright, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Wright, Sterling MacRae, Mrs. Wallace Wood, Jean MacRae, retiring president of the Association and Mrs. Shaw.

Record Budget Is Seen By Treasurer In Quebec

QUEBEC (CP)—Finance Minister John Bourque Thursday predicted record revenues and expenditures for Quebec province during the 1960-61 fiscal year without "any change in the level of taxation."

No tax changes for the coming year were contained in the budget speech he delivered in the legislative assembly.

Mr. Bourque announced the provincial government will finish the 1959-60 fiscal year ending March 31 with an over-all surplus of \$839,900. The budget he brought down last February forecast a \$7,043,500 deficit for the year.

Mr. Bourque forecast on the basis of seven months of actual operation that 1959-60 revenues will reach \$593,633,900 — \$47,000,000 more than the previous year — and ordinary and capital expenditures \$592,794,000. On ordinary account alone the surplus is estimated at \$114,423,900.

WHOPPING REVENUE

For the coming 1960-61 fiscal year Mr. Bourque forecast revenues will reach a whopping \$617,797,200 and capital and ordinary expenditures an unprecedented \$617,297,300, leaving an over-all surplus of \$499,900. Anticipating surplus on ordinary account alone would be \$117,124,900. Traditionally, the provincial budget is brought down in February. This budget, Mr. Bour-

que's third, is the earliest in Quebec history.

By March 31, Mr. Bourque said, the government will have spent \$104,838,000 during the current year for education at all levels.

He said the forecast 1960-61 surplus on ordinary account will be the province's 15th consecutive surplus and the first to exceed \$100,000,000.

The net debt of the province stood at \$194,385,355 or \$39.10 per capita March 31, 1959, Mr. Bourque said. In 1944 the per capita net debt stood at \$87.16.

"The 1959-60 fiscal year may well be considered as a year of economic prosperity for our province," Mr. Bourque said.

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