

Grace Kelly Top Movie Box-Office Attraction

HOLLYWOOD (CP) — Sophisticated Grace Kelly has swept into top place as the movies' biggest box-office attraction in Canada.

Last year's king, Bing Crosby, topped out of the first 10 in the annual poll of exhibitors, results which were announced Wednesday by the Motion Picture Herald trade publication.

Following Miss Kelly were Dean Jagger and Jerry Lewis, Marlon Brando, Jimmy Stewart, Humphrey Bogart, Gary Cooper, Glenn Ford, June Allyson, Doris Day and William Holden. The list includes a native Canadian, Ford, who is from Quebec City.

The list shows several changes from last year with Stewart, Brando, Miss Allyson and Miss Kelly replacing Crosby, Alan Ladd, Marilyn Monroe, Danny Kaye and John Wayne. The comedy team of Martin and Lewis retained their standing finishing second both years.

Miss Kelly, who won last year's "best actress" academy award for her part in "Country Girl," made the American list. Stewart topped the American ratings, displacing Wayne, who dropped to third place.

Others, in order were: Holden, Cooper, Brando, Martin and Lewis, Bogart, Miss Allyson and Clark Gable, back in the top ten for the first time in several years.

Ontario Launches Big Drive On Heart Disease

TORONTO (CP) — Ontario doctors and research men are welding their talents in a campaign against heart disease.

The recently formed Ontario Heart Foundation, embracing both medical men and laymen, announced Wednesday that it has launched a province-wide attack on the problems of the heart and blood vessels.

Drawing on two grants of \$100,000 each from federal and provincial governments, it will back 17 research projects with nearly \$50,000.

The projects cover diagnosis, treatment by drugs and diet, surgery and other therapy. They are under way at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto General, St. Michael's and Western Hospitals in Toronto; the University of Toronto; Queen's University and Kingston General Hospital, Kingston; the University of Western Ontario and Victoria Hospital, London.

Ont.; and the University of Ottawa and Ottawa Civic Hospital.

OPERATE PROGRAM

The foundation also is operating an educational program for doctors. Under this plan specialist teams visit Ontario centres where they examine and diagnose patients and discuss treatment with local practitioners. Papers on the latest developments in heart treatment are also discussed.

Two such meetings have been held and nine more have been arranged for the next two months.

The present program, it is reported, follows about five years of study by a group of specialists and laymen. The last two years were devoted to discussions among doctors, universities, and government health officials.

The action, it is speculated, indicates the growing concern of business and industrial leaders in the toll taken annually of executives by heart disease.

Marathon Running Grandfather Startles Revellers

By J. C. GRAHAM
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AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP) — Revellers returning home in the early hours of the morning are inclined to disbelieve their eyes when they see a middle-aged man pounding along the road at a fast clip and pulling contentedly at a pipe.

But their eyes do not play them false. The phenomenon is Les Barker, Auckland's marathon-running grandfather, out for one of his daily training runs.

Barker has been in hard training for 30 years. He gets up at three o'clock every morning, gulps a couple of raw eggs mixed with orange juice and sets off for his 25-mile run before going to work as manager of a suburban bank.

30 MILES SATURDAY

He follows this routine five days a week and increases his run to 30 miles on Saturday. He calculates that he has covered 185,000 miles so far and aims to increase the distance a good deal further.

After he gets out on the road and nicely warmed up, Barker pulls out a weatherbeaten pipe, fills and lights it and continues on at an increased speed. He maintains that he enjoys his nightly outings but that distance running becomes boring unless there is some diversion. So he mixes periods of pipe smoking with a few miles of cheery whistling by way of a change.

Now in his 52nd year, Barker is a grandfather twice over.

A quarter-century ago he took part in the first big road race ever held in Auckland and placed third. He has run in the race annually ever since, and this year finished in just 40 seconds more than in the first contest.

"I still feel as fit as ever," he says. "As well as the early morning run, I get in an hour or two training most evenings to sharpen up my speed over short distances."

British School Teachers Find Benefits Expensive

By KEN METHERAL
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LONDON (CP) — Britain's school teachers, embittered by the struggle to make ends meet in the post-war era of the welfare state, are revolting.

More than 250,000 teachers from young schoolmasters to veteran schoolmasters are casting off the restraining cloak of professional decorum to rebel against a government plan to increase their pension contributions and thus, indirectly, reduce their take-home pay.

Threatened action ranges from a proposal by the National Union of Teachers that its 220,000 members refuse to carry out extra-curricular duties such as games supervision and collection of school savings to an all-out strike demanded by 8,000 teachers in northern England's County Durham.

SIZEABLE INCREASE

Under the government plan, teachers' contributions to their super-annuation scheme will be increased to six per cent of salary from the present five per cent.

The increase, ranging from £4 to £8 a year for most teachers, is a sizable item in the personal budgets of men and women who must make every penny count.

Basic salary for qualified teachers—98 per cent of the total—ranges from £450 to £275 for men and from £405 to £250 for women. The top figure is reached after 15 years' service. Extra payments for special qualifications such as honor degrees can add another £100.

The teachers do not challenge Education Minister Sir David Eccles' statement that the pension scheme is actuarially sound and £290,000,000 below estimated requirements. But they insist any increase in contributions should be held off until such time as teachers are awarded a salary increase that will prevent a reduction in the amount they take home to their families.

"Teachers have witnessed the steady disappearance of any advantage which once accrued from skill and training," says Herbert J. Nurrey, 53-year-old East Anglia headmaster and president of the National Union of Teachers.

NEWSPAPER SUPPORT

Between 1938 and 1954 earnings of 7,000,000 manual workers increased by 242 per cent. But teachers' salaries rose only by 98 per cent in the same period.

Most national newspapers are supporting the teachers' pleas for higher salaries but deplore talk of strike action and refusal to carry out voluntary, but traditional, out-of-school duties such as supervision of school meals and games and collection of students' national

Every Time He Digs For Water Oil Gushes

KUWAIT (AP) — The ruler of Kuwait has an unusual problem — every time he digs for water, oil shoots up.

Beneath the sands of Kuwait's 8,650 square miles lie proven oil reserves running to 15,000,000 barrels. That makes this little country on the Arabian peninsula one of the world's richest in oil.

But Sheikh Abdullah al Salem al Sabah has yet to strike water. Providing water for his 200,000 subjects has been one of the most ambitious projects the sheikh has tackled since he became rich from oil.

A distillation plant to make sea water drinkable failed to meet the problem. Now the sheikh has gone to work on a pipeline system to bring fresh water from the Tigris and Euphrates rivers of Iraq.

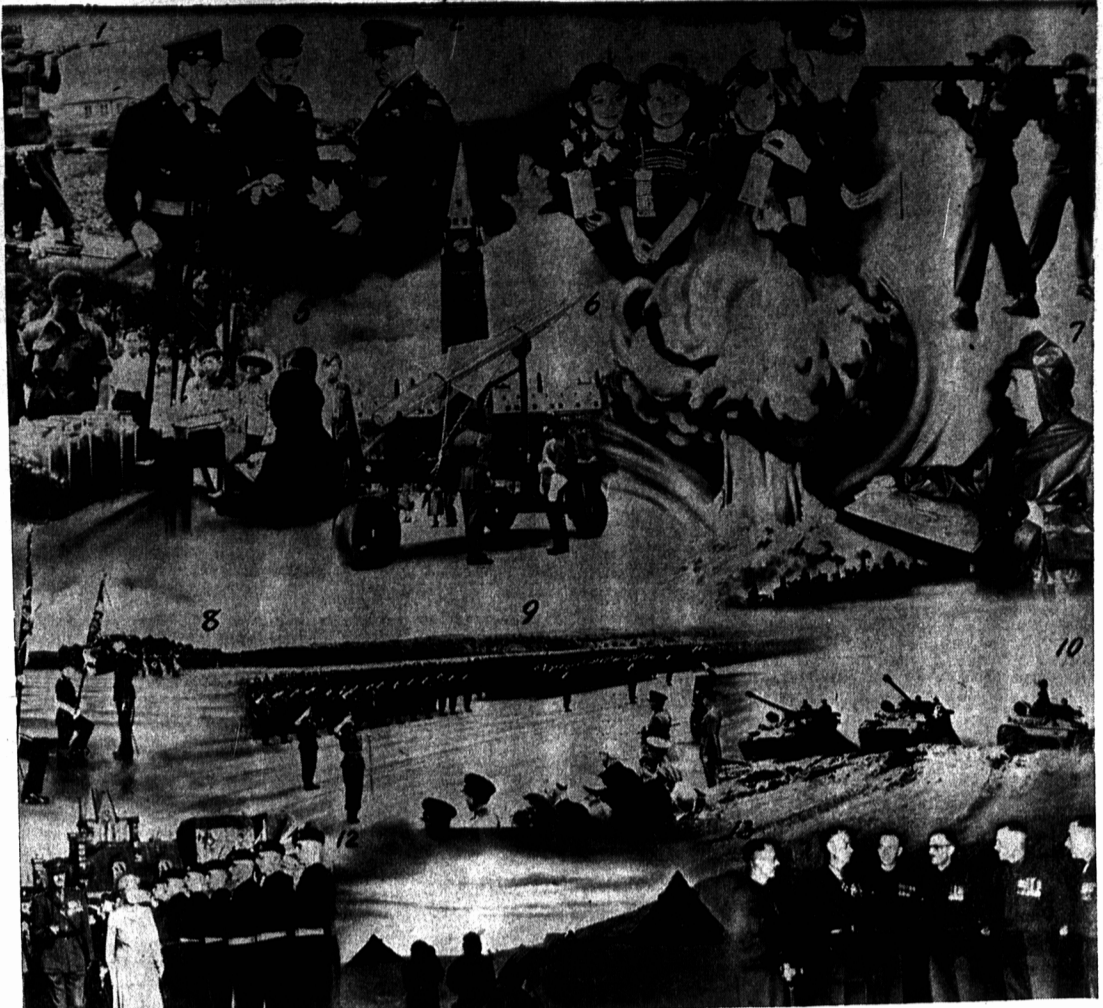
When completed, the water line will bring 100,000,000 gallons of water daily to Kuwait from the Shatt al Arab, the wide channel formed when the two rivers converge just before they flow into the Persian gulf.

Since Iraq's own irrigation projects are all farther north, Kuwait will be drawing off water which normally would flow uselessly out to sea.

Kuwait will take only five per cent of the minimum flow of the Shatt al Arab. Expected to cost nearly \$100,000,000, the project will provide Kuwait with both drinking and irrigation water.

FROZEN AREA

The continent of Antarctica is almost as large as Australia and Europe combined.



CANADIAN ARMY HIGHLIGHTS — 1955

1. Soldiers of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade in Germany try out the new FN rifle recently adopted for use by the Canadian Army.
2. The pennant of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade is lowered and that of the 2nd Brigade raised as Brig. Roger Rowley takes over command from Brig. W. A. B. Anderson at Fort York, Germany.
3. The family of L-Cpl. Robert O'Donnell departed for Germany to spend the next two years with their daddy, a member of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade. This year's rotation plan involved more than 18,000 soldiers and dependants.
4. Two members of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers fire the Canadian Army's latest anti-tank weapon, the 'Heller', the first weapon completely designed, developed and manufactured by Canadians.
5. On a street corner in Hanol, Indo-China, two Canadian soldiers on the International Truce Team look over the wares of street vendors.
6. The one-hundred year span, 1855-1955, is represented here in the uniforms of the old and the new of the Royal Canadian Artillery Centennial celebrated in May 1955. The NIKE, a modern guided missile, is seen here as part of the Artillery display held on Parliament Hill, Ottawa.
7. Lieut. George Parrett, a member of No. 1 Radiation Detection Unit, Royal Canadian Engineers, was with his unit when they participated in atomic tests at Desert Rock, Nevada. This was the first time Canadians have ever taken part in an atomic explosion demonstration.
8. The Duke of Edinburgh presented new colours to the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, during the battalion's Troop-
9. Lt.-Gen. G. G. Simonds, retired Chief of the General Staff, took the salute from the 1st Canadian Infantry Division at Camp Gagetown, N. B., during the biggest parade ever held in peacetime in Canada. The ceremony was held prior to the divisional exercise "Rising Star".
10. Sherman tanks of the 6th Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars (Militia), roll over the sandy dunes of Petawawa during militia summer training exercises.
11. Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Canadian Signals, visited Canada in the Fall of last year. Here, she is seen inspecting soldiers of the Royal Canadian Signals.
12. Sub-arctic conditions in the "land of the midnight sun" are depicted here during exercise "Bull-dog III".
13. The new Chief of the General Staff, Lt.-Gen. H. D. Graham, chats with warrant officers at the Royal Canadian School of Military Engineering at Chilliwack, B. C., during a cross-Canada tour of Canadian Army installations. The tour was made shortly after he took over the senior Army appointment.

Report Eisenhower Seeks Bigger Air Force Budget

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Eisenhower was reported to have laid before congressional leaders Tuesday a defence budget in excess of \$85,000,000,000 with nearly half to go for the air force and guided missile functions.

In a White House conference with leaders of both parties, the president was said to have emphasized the necessity of shaping U. S. military forces toward averting disaster at home in case of war and providing immediate heavy retaliation against an enemy.

Some of those who attended the conference said the summary of world conditions given by the president and State Secretary Dulles generally was optimistic despite their obvious disappointment at Russian actions since the Geneva "summit" conference.

It was emphasized that neither the president nor Dulles felt there was any immediate danger of war.

In the current budget, \$34,000,000,000 is allotted to defence.

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POINT DE ROCHE PISQUID EAST

Mr. Desmond Doyle has returned to his home in Mount Stewart. Mr. Doyle was a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital. His many friends and relatives are hoping that Mr. Doyle will be restored to his full measure of good health.

Miss Ann McInnis returned to her home in Point de Roche after spending a holiday in Tracadie at the home of Mrs. James McInnis.

Mr. Raymond Feehan of Charlottetown, a student of the Provincial Vocational School returned to his home in Point de Roche to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Feehan.

Mr. Rueben McInnis of Little Harbour had the misfortune of losing three fingers while peeling pulp wood at Souris on December 16. He was rushed to Souris Hospital where he is at the present a patient. Rueben is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McInnis of Point de Roche.

A large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel McCormac on December 14, for a card party in aid of Point de Roche school. As the smoke of the battle cleared away, Mr. Reggie McIntyre of Mount Stewart held the banner of high honour. Reggie set an all time record and was the winner of the blanket, fruit cake and a set of towels. Other prize winners included: Reggie McInnis, Bernard Feehan, Joseph S. MacKay, Duggie Doyle, Frankie Feehan, Billy Gunn, George McCormac and Miss Joan McCormac. A bountiful lunch was served by the ladies.

* Point de Roche school closed for the Christmas holidays on Thursday, December 22. A short program was held with the exchanging of gifts. School will re-open on January 2.

Mr. J. A. B. McConnell, teacher at Savage Harbour school, left on Thursday for Georgetown where he will spend Christmas with Mrs. MacConnell and his family.

Mr. Benny McCormac a student at Saint Dunstan's College, Charlottetown, and Miss Mary McCormac a student at Prince of Wales College are spending their Christmas holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruel McCormac Point de Roche.

Mr. Joseph McKenna of Point de Roche is spending his Christmas holiday in Borden, guest of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelley and family of Point de Roche have taken up residence in Mr. Victor McPhee's at St. Andrews. Their many friends and relatives wish them happiness in their new home.

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The many friends and relatives regret to learn that Mr. James McInnis of Tracadie is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital. Jimmy, as he is better known to his friends, became jammed in the elevator at new Federal building in Charlottetown. He received serious



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