

Cubans Defecting At Gander Have Made Prior Arrangements

By JOHN E. BIRD
 OTTAWA (CP)—Majority of Cubans who defect at Gander, International Airport in Ottawa, make prior arrangements to leave their homeland and join stop at the Newfoundland airport, astro relatives and friends in the United States.

They also approach Canadian immigration officials in full view of other passengers and crew of the aircraft which bring them to Gander, with no apparent fear that they will fail to be granted temporary asylum in Canada. Only a few try to hide

An immigration department official said 99 per cent of these "more than 200 Cubans" have made prior arrangements to leave their homeland and join stop at the Newfoundland airport, astro relatives and friends in the United States.

Since 1961, a total of 405 per cent of all nationalities have defected from ships and planes arriving in Canada. Most of these defections have occurred at Gander and more than half of the individuals involved were Cubans.

official said that about 30 per cent of the defections occur during this check.

TELL STORY TO OFFICIALS
 "Cubans wishing to defect tell their story to immigration officers in French or Broken English," he said. "In many cases a Cuban will hand an officer a note written in English or French asking for asylum in Canada until he can make arrangements to go to the U.S."

After passports have been checked, passengers and crew are permitted to rest in the airport lounge or eat in the restaurant. About 50 to 60 per cent of the defections take place after the Cubans return to the reception room.

Another five per cent make their move immediately after their passports have been checked and they have left the reception room.

Another five per cent are more dramatic in their attempts, and

Agriculture Dept. For East Still Planned

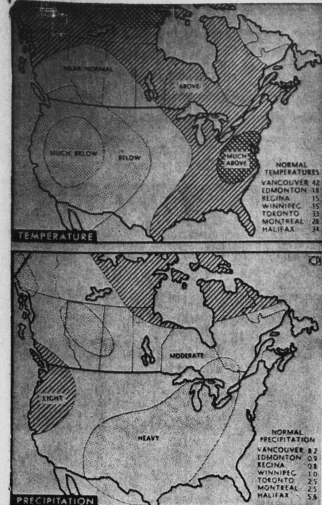
OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister "soon announced" a government still hopes to set up a new department of agriculture for eastern Canada but legislation may not be passed before Christmas.

Gilles Greig (Credit-Liberal) asked whether the plan, a Liberal party promise in the last election campaign, still has priority in the government's business before the Commons.

Mr. Greig asked for a promise that the bill would be dealt with before the end of this session.

PEARL EXPECTATIONS

Japan anticipates selling at least \$50,000,000 worth of pearls by the end of 1964.



WARM OUTLOOK

Almost all areas of Canada will have temperatures near or above normal from mid-November to mid-December according to the long-range outlook of the United States weather bureau. Normal temperatures are given in table at right. Other temperatures

New York 41; New Orleans 67; San Francisco 53. Heavy precipitation is forecast for central and northern Alberta, while the rest of the country will have moderate precipitation. Normal figures for the period are given in inches in table at right. (CP Newsday)

"Our Gracie" Captures Beatleland Audiences

By EDDY GILMORE
 LONDON (AP)—At the age of 66, white-haired Gracie Fields recently finished a triumphant concert tour through the land of the youthful Beatles.

"She was fantastic," said impresario Harold Fielding, the man who talked her into singing in her homeland again.

With her husband, Boris Alperovitch, Gracie now lives on the Mediterranean island of Capri, operating a highly successful restaurant.

The British tour was the first the homey songstress had done in five years.

"I hadn't expected to do this," said Gracie, "for I had convinced myself that I'd never do a big one again. Then something happened that I hadn't expected. It happened when I was over here about a year ago.

"It was up in Lancashire, at the Tower Ballroom in Blackpool where I was compering (being the mistress of ceremonies) at a charity show. Someone put a microphone in my hand and I began singing. To my amazement," she said very softly, "I found I was still with it. The dancers crowded around. Hundreds of the young ones stopped dancing and sat around on the floor listening.

"I almost broke down and wept. The reception they gave me was so—so wonderful."

THEY LOVED HER
 They behaved as if they wanted her to sing all night long. Some of the songs were written before many of her listeners were born. Songs like the nostalgic September Song.

"That decided me," she said. "That and Harold Fielding. You know he's supposed to be the smartest in the business."

Before that night in her native Lancashire, Gracie had serious

doubts about her ability to hold audiences in this pop-noise era, often intolerant of anyone older than 25.

In 1957, at a Royal Variety Show in London, Gracie had a shattering experience. For the first time in her life she clapped before a British audience.

After she finished her act as song and retreated to her dressing room, Boris told her with dreadful husbandly candor: "Darling, it was terrible. When you came on the audience loved you as always. But when you went off they hardly clapped at all.

"When you sang that silly song about Born to be Your Baby and born to rock 'n' roll, it was ridiculous. The audience looked embarrassed and then bored."

HIT BOTTOM
 It was one of the low points in her long life as an entertainer.

"I know," said Gracie on that shattering night. "I made a mistake. But it's making that kind of a mistake that makes me wonder if I'm finished. I wonder if I'm out of touch with what the public wants."

Returning to Britain in the bright Indian summer of 1964, Gracie dusted off her old songs and belted them out as she used to do—The Biggest Aspidochelone in the World, and Walter, Walter. Lead me to the Altar, and Sally.

But she had a couple of new tunes too. One she especially liked—and was liked by the audience—was When You Are Loved.

"Fantastic is an overworked show business word," said Fielding, "but it's the word that best describes this latest success of hers." Young people attended her concerts "by the hundreds and they loved her."

N.W.T. Council Takes Step To Cut Electric Power Cost

By STUART LAKE
 FROBISHER BAY, N.W.T. (CP)—The Northwest Territories Council has the first step towards reducing the high cost of electric power in the north government agency. Its rates are high because of the huge cost of constructing and operating power plants in the north and because of government policy that all plants be self-sustaining.

Council asked that the cost of such a subsidy be prepared by the northern affairs department in time for its February meeting in Ottawa. Council could then consider whether to put the subsidy into effect next year.

Power rates for householders in the north now run from a low of five cents in the gold-mining community of Yellowknife to as high as 15 cents in Rae, only seven miles from Yellowknife.

Council learned during its recent tour of the north that power bills for private homes in some settlements run as high as \$45 monthly. In Inuvik, combined charges for heat, light and water reach \$120 monthly.

Deputy Commissioner W. G. Brown estimated the power subsidy could cost the territory as much as \$300,000 yearly.

The air marshal's power resolution also called for installation of wiring in all new homes

built under territorial loans and for wiring to be placed in such homes already constructed.

Most power in the territories is supplied by the Northern Canada Power Commission, a government agency. Its rates are high because of the huge cost of constructing and operating power plants in the north and because of government policy that all plants be self-sustaining.

GOLDA MEIR AILING JERUSALEM (AP)—Foreign Minister Golda Meir entered hospital Monday at Petach Tikvah, near Tel Aviv, for observation after becoming ill during a speech at Tel Aviv Sunday night, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

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