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Hail Losses In Sask. Are Record; Man., Alta. High

Insurance May Pay 4 Million

EDMONTON (CP)—Hail losses for this year in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are increased from 1956 with Saskatchewan's the highest on record, hail insurance company officials report.

To date in Saskatchewan about 10,000 claims have been received by the Saskatchewan Hail Association, more than double the number received at this time last year.

"It is expected that the company will pay total indemnity of not less than \$4,000,000 in 1957, a record amount in the company's 41-year history," said J. S. Gishby, association manager.

A. S. Simpson, secretary of Canadian Hail Underwriters Association, described the 1957 hail season as "disastrous" for both farmer and hail insurance companies.

Worst Year "As far as Manitoba and Saskatchewan are concerned it is probably the worst year in the history of hail insurance," he said. "It is definitely so in Saskatchewan."

Hail so far has been recorded somewhere in the prairies every day except June 16. As of Aug. 22, in Manitoba it had hailed 44 days from June 1. In Saskatchewan from June 12, 36 days of hail were reported and from June 3 in Alberta, 43 days.

Two sweeping storms July 1 and July 7 which moved across Saskatchewan and into Manitoba caused the worst damage so far.

In Alberta, hail losses on insured crops are more widespread this year than last, said Glen Elder, managing director of the Alberta Hail Insurance Board.

Almost daily hail storms in Alberta during August have pushed the percentage of losses higher than they were for the entire 1956 season.

Asiatic Flu Cases Reported

LONDON (AP)—A total of 218 American airmen stationed in England were in hospital Friday night with suspected Asiatic flu, but the fast spreading epidemic seemed to have comparatively little effect on the British themselves.

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Eleven new cases of suspected Asiatic flu turned up on the U.S. Destroyer Huntington Friday, pushing its total to 108. She carries a crew of 218.

Seeks Meeting With PM Over Murdochville Strike

OTTAWA (CP) — President Claude Jodoin of the Canadian Labor Congress Friday conferred with Labor Minister Michael Starr and sought a meeting with Prime Minister Diefenbaker over the turbulent strike situation at Murdochville, Que.

The head of the 1,000-member organization, who joined the picket lines at Murdochville Monday, said later he made no representations to the minister but posted him on developments at the Gaspe town and asked him to help set up the meeting with Mr. Diefenbaker.

Mr. Starr said after the conference he would try to set up a meeting, possibly for next Tuesday.

At the same time, the minister said in an interview he regards the federal government as having no jurisdiction in the Murdochville scrap between the United Steelworkers of America (CLC) and Gaspe Copper Mines Limited.

"The questions of a settlement of the dispute and of the preservation of law and order in Murdochville lie with the Quebec authorities," he said. "We cannot intervene unless we are asked to do so by the provincial authorities."

Violence broke out in Murdochville Monday, the day Mr. Jodoin headed a group of outside picketers backing the United Steelworkers of America, which has been blocked by a Quebec court ruling from getting certification as bargaining agent for workers.

The congress head had nothing to say Friday about what he planned to tell the prime minister, but it appeared likely he would emphasize union claims that persons participating in Murdochville violence included non-Canadians subject to deportation by the federal government for such action.

Britain Blasts At Russia In London Arms Conference

LONDON (AP)—Britain blasted back at Russia in the United Nations disarmament negotiations Friday with charges that the Soviet Union is blocking any agreement except on its own terms.

David Ormsby-Gore, the British delegate, noted that Russia had just exploded another nuclear weapon at its Siberian proving grounds.

It is ironic, Ormsby-Gore said, that Soviet nuclear weapon continued after the Soviet delegate, Valerian Zorin had upbraided Western powers last Wednesday for continuing atomic bomb tests.

The United States, too, set off another test Friday.

An American comment at the conference—the 15th meeting of the UN subcommittee—was that tests are not banned now.

RUSSIAN SOLUTIONS The British delegate complained that Russia apparently seeks to make any ban on nuclear tests conditional on the West's accepting Russian solutions for the problems of European security.

The mood in the conference appeared somewhat depressed by the news of the nuclear test.

Zorin listened to the British delegate without any sign of emotion, and then relieved the gloom a bit by asking a number of serious questions about the new Western proposals.

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BECOMES CITIZEN BOSTON (AP) — Mrs. Oksana Kastenina, Russian school teacher who jumped to freedom from a third-floor window of the Soviet consulate in New York nine years ago rather than be sent back to the Soviet Union, has become a United States citizen. Secret service agents accompanied her at naturalization ceremonies in court here Wednesday.

Her three companions were taken from the island by a U.S. coast guard helicopter and landed on the grounds of a hospital.

WORST EPIDEMIC WELLINGTON, N.Z. (Reuters) —Four deaths this week now are attributed by doctors to Asiatic flu, making it the worst epidemic of its kind here since 1918. School children have suffered particularly from the disease.

200,000 FLU CASES LAGOS (AP) — Two hundred thousand cases of influenza have been reported from all parts of Nigeria, it was announced Friday.

Leading Actress In Romania Makes Escape

MONTREAL (CP) — A leading Romanian actress arrived in Canada Friday and told of a hard-and-soft chase on the canals of Venice in her flight from her Communist homeland.

Svelte Nina Diaconescu, 29, arrived by air Friday with Adrian Popovici of Montreal, the uncle to whom she wired for help in her get-away adventure.

"My first message is to thank Canada for her hospitality and generosity," said Miss Diaconescu, who described herself as the leading comedienne in Romania's Bucharest National Theatre and a star in radio, television and films.

The actress, who said she left behind her parents and a sister, was a member of a Romanian theatre delegation which attended an international festival at Venice in July.

There were nine actors in the party and "we were accompanied by 17 police personnel charged with watching us," Miss Diaconescu said.

"I made my get-away July 25. But I had wired my uncle in Montreal when I got to Venice. The wire was only a few words but he understood."

"We fled together after the last performance and it didn't take the guards long to notice I'd left. They set out after us."

"We got into a gondola my uncle had hired, then transferred to a motorboat and finally to a taxi which took us to the train for Padua, Milan, Rome and then Paris. We left there for Montreal."

She wants to work in Montreal the round-faced actress said. She had fled because of the Communists although she received an excellent salary.

She said the thing that keeps the Romanians from rising against the Communists is the fear that it would develop into another Hungary.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States Friday announced Russia has resumed testing of nuclear weapons, and then fired off another test blast of its own.

The Russian explosion, described by the atomic energy commission as of substantial size, took place Thursday and apparently marked the start of a new series at the Soviet proving grounds in Siberia.

The announcement of a Russian test firing was the first since last April, when the Russians set off five blasts within a space of two weeks. The Russians said those tests were designed to perfect nuclear weapons for use in arming various kinds of troop formations.

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Four Doctors To Attend W. M. A.

TORONTO (CP) — Four Canadian doctors will attend the 11th general assembly of the World Medical Association in Istanbul, Turkey, Sept. 29-Oct. 5, the Canadian Medical Association announced Friday.

Dr. Norman H. Gosse of Halifax, and Dr. E. S. Mills of Montreal are official delegates of the CMA.

Dr. T. C. Routley of Toronto will attend the meeting in his capacity as consultant general to the W.M.A. Dr. Margaret Gosse of Halifax is an alternate delegate.

Members from 50 national medical associations are expected at the meeting.

PEI Students Get Scholarships

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP) — Awarding of 12 entrance scholarships valued at \$500 each and renewable on maintenance or academic standards, were announced here Friday by Mount Allison University.

The scholarship fund was established at Mount Allison by the late Herbert S. Sharp of Summerside, P.E.I.

They will go to Thane Drummond, Freetown, P.E.I.; Jeanne Rebecca Duncan, Dalhousie, N.S.; Robert Jamieson Estey, Pictou, N.S.; Graham Fraser, Saint John N.B.; John Fraser, Bridgetown, N.S.; Gordon Neville Henderson, Brookfield, N.S.; Majorie Jean Murray, Kensington, P.E.I.; John George Ross, Westville, N.S.; Mabel Scott, Bathurst, N.B.; Barbara Sinclair Springfield, P.E.I.; Carole Mabel Turner, Glace Bay, N.S. and Geraldine Woodside Kensington P.E.I.

4,730-Mile Trip To Nowhere

LONDON (AP) — "It was the longest and most comfortable journey I have ever made to get precisely nowhere," said Mrs. Joan Mitchell of Loughan as she stepped from a plane at London airport Friday.

She had just returned from a 4,730-mile trip that took 16 hours. The BOAC stratoscruiser set out Thursday with 56 passengers for Trinidad. A landing could be made at Gander, Nfld., because of fog, and the pilot decided to return to London.

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DOCTORS ENTERTAINED AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Members of the Prince Edward Island Medical Association last night were guests of His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse and Mrs. Prowse at Government House. House Left to right are Mrs. L. E. Prowse, Mrs. Dr. Young, Dr. Morley Young, President of the P.E.I. Branch of the Canadian Medical Association. During the evening, the doctors and their ladies attended the formal dance which continued until 1.30 a.m. The P.E.I. Medical Association will conclude a two-day convention at Charlottetown today.

President Of Syria Asks U.S. To "Stop Meddling"

CAIRO (Reuters) — President Shukri el Kuwaty of Syria has asked the United States to stop meddling in his country's affairs. His plea, which appeared Friday in the Egyptian newspaper El Ahram was issued as Kuwaty prepared to return to Damascus after a period in an Alexandria hospital for a reported stomach ulcer condition. He has been in hospital since shortly after a Communist party member, Col. Affi Birry, became commander-in-chief of the Syrian army last week.

"The West, particularly the United States, should leave us alone," he said. "It should put an end to allegations that we are Communists."

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Will Seek To Settle Boston Paper Strike BOSTON (AP)—Governor Foster Furcolo announced Friday he is calling a conference Monday of both sides in the printers' strike that has shut down six metropolitan newspapers for two weeks.

Furcolo acted after receiving a letter from the Boston local of the American Newspaper Guild, more than 800 of whose members have been made idle by the strike. The dispute has put 5,000 persons out of work.

Representatives of the publishers and of the printers' union had no comment other than to say they will attend the session.

There has been no meeting of the third consecutive weekend when the union turned down a publishers' offer of a \$10.50 package increase during the next two years. The present scale is \$94.13.

THIRD WEEKEND If nothing develops before Monday to end the impasse, it will be the third consecutive weekend that Boston has had no local Sunday newspapers.

Papers shut down are The Morning and Evening Globe, The Morning Record and Record and The Evening Traveler and American. The Record and American are Hearst papers, the Sunday outlet of which The Advertiser, The Christian Science Monitor, the only other daily publishing in the city, Friday resumed public sale of its papers in Boston and within a 30-mile radius. It had discontinued sales at the outset of the strike.

In a front page statement, the Monitor said resumption of normal delivery "is only to meet our public obligation as far as possible."

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Acadia Reveals Expansion Plans

WOLFVILLE, N.S. (CP) — Acadia University Friday announced a \$1,750,000 expansion program to cope with "the growing demand for educated men and women."

President Watson Kirkconnell said Sydney Frost, president of the Bank of Nova Scotia and native of Argyle, N.S., will head a campaign for funds. He will appeal to Canadian business firms, business leaders in the United States and university alumni.

Dr. Kirkconnell said expanding the university's faculty will cost \$500,000; expanding the science department \$750,000; a new men's residence \$400,000; and expanding the theology department \$100,000.

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British troops stood by as police continued the raids in this British crown colony which is due to get internal self government after next year.

The white paper said the outlawed Malayan Communist party was gaining power among the workers and in the People's Action party.

It warned that a secret Communist plot to take over Singapore had become more and more blatant in the last few months and said the colony faces rioting and bloodshed if Communist activities are not crushed.

Tan Chong Kin, elected chairman of the People's Action party last Tuesday, was among the five party officials detained by police officers.

The raids were the biggest since Communist-inspired rioting broke out in Singapore in October, 1956.

The new leaders of the People's Action party replaced members of the moderate section, who said Communist penetration of the party no longer could be disguised.

One of the aims of the party is to eliminate from the present constitution the "subversive clause" under which "subversive persons" are barred from running in the first self-government elections.

Singapore Chief Minister Lim Yew Hock told reporters Friday the police action "has the full support of the government."

Toh Chin Chye and Lee Kuan Yew, former party chairman and secretary who refused to hold office after left-wing elements took control last week, told reporters they will reconsider whether to accept office.

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BUMS AND CRIMINALS Hoffa previously acknowledged he made a mistake in associating with "bums and criminals" like Dio, some of whom are alleged by the committee to have been planted in key offices of phony Teamster locals in New York.

But the 44-year-old Hoffa promised he'd cleanse the union of such elements if, as expected, he moves into the top spot next month.

"Amazing" was the acid comment of committee chief counsel Robert F. Kennedy.

Before excusing Hoffa, who had spent most of four days under questioning, McClellan read a statement accusing him of "confrontations of interest and questionable actions," as well as "a long and continuing association" with hoodlums and gangsters, as the Teamsters' midwest boss.

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SCARBOROUGH, Me. (AP) — A gasping, sobbing mother who lost her tiny son after a boat capsized swam ashore after a four-hour stymie Friday. A helicopter rescued her companions.

Mrs. Martha Cole of Philadelphia, unaware that her infant son, Jeffrey, had tied fought vicious tides in a three-mile swim. She gasped out the story of how a 15-foot outboard motorboat capsized to summer residents Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Desjardins of Boucherville, Que.

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