

Financial Problem Is Posed By Death Of Khwait Ruler

LONDON (Reuters) — The death of the multi-millionaire ruler of oil-rich Kuwait has set London financiers and stock-brokers a problem.

What effect, they wondered, would his death Wednesday have on the future of millions of pounds invested or banked by the Persian Gulf sheikhdom in London?

The holding in pounds alone in London of this major oil producer is so enormous that a change of policy in Kuwait would have world-wide financial repercussions.

Although there are no official figures, experts believe the sterling holding in London, carefully looked after by the Bank of England, approaches £250,000,000 (\$750,000,000).

In addition, Kuwait's investment in stocks on the London market is thought to be around £90,000,000.

So any change of financial policy by Kuwait "could prove most embarrassing for ster-

ling," one expert commented Thursday.

However, since the Kuwaiti dinar is linked to the pound, it would itself be affected if any harm came to Britain's currency.

Since the first barrel of productive oil was pumped from under the sheikhdom in 1944, millions of pounds have accumulated in Kuwait coffers as royalties mounted higher and higher.

Royalties now are estimated at £10,000 a day.

Kuwaiti authorities have been chary of issuing any official figures on their invested fortune, but some figures were given in July, 1964, by the finance minister of the day, Sheikh Jaber Ahmad Al Abee.

He told the national assembly Kuwait's total investment in countries other than Britain, which he didn't identify, amounted to about £400,000,000. Much of this is believed to be in Swiss and United States banks.

Agnostic Control Squabble Continues Over Que. Books

QUEBEC (CP) — Charges of "agnostic control" and counter-accusations of "witchhunting" are all part of a Quebec province squabble touched off by the removal of references from first and second grade French Roman Catholic textbooks.

The revised editions of two primary school readers which appeared this year have had all verbal or pictorial references to religion removed and replaced by lay equivalents.

This substitution in the Forest-Ouimet texts provoked Frederic Dorion, chief justice of the Quebec Superior Court, into lashing out against "a handful of agnostics who are trying to make our children forget everything having to do with religion and the existence of God."

Speaking last week at the opening of the assizes in Quebec City, Mr. Dorion said that in order to please this group "we have totally deformed the first- and second-year readers in the province's schools."

Paul Gerin-Lajoie, Quebec education minister, counter attacked with the accusation that Mr. Justice Dorion was "witch-hunting."

The changes in the readers, "far from being the work of agnostics" are the modifications approved by the catechism committee "created by the Roman Catholic bishops themselves."

Examination of the old and revised texts shows that the greatest change is in the first-year reader. All illustrations of a religious nature have been replaced by non-religious scenes.

On the first page of the revised edition, a picture of the Christ child, John the Baptist and his lamb has been replaced by that of a child playing with blocks while an adult looks on. A child who has disappeared and been replaced by father, mother, uncle, Jesus, God, Mary and saints. Throughout the text the words aunt and others.

The second lesson of the former edition contained this sentence: "Aline likes cats and she would have wanted the Christ child to give her one as a New Year's gift."

LESSON ALTERED
In the revised edition this was replaced by: "Aline likes cats and she would have liked to receive one as a New Year's gift."

In the fourth lesson of the old edition a disobedient child cries: "I am well punished for my disobedience! My God, cure me, I will no longer be talkative, I promise you." In the new edition this becomes: "I am punished for my disobedience! I will no longer be talkative."

Morals of stories such as "The Sacred Virgin never abandons those who give themselves to her" are struck out entirely and the stories themselves are modified to remove the religious element.

The eighth lesson which censures a woodcutter for working Sunday during Mass, is entirely changed and the words Sunday and Mass are deleted.

Throughout the books, for both the first and second year, at-

most all words with a religious connotation are replaced or stricken out.

EAST BALTIC

Mrs. Gussie MacLean, celebrated her 88th birthday quietly at her home in Kingsboro on Nov. 19th. Mrs. MacLean enjoys good health and is about her housework daily. Her host of friends wish her many more happy occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ching and Mr. and Mrs. Heath Ching attended the winter fair at Halifax.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacAulay who on Nov. 15, celebrated their 50 wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Anslem MacDonald, Souris East.

Floyd MacLean, Kingsboro is a patient in the Souris Hospital. Miss Annie Townsend, South Lake, has taken up residence in Montague for the winter months.

John Harris, Elmira, will leave shortly to join the RCMP at Rockcliffe, Ontario. Mr. Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harris. His host of friends wish him every success in his new undertaking and surroundings.

Peter MacLellan, Souris, is a patient in the Souris Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burke, Mrs. George Saville, Mr. and Mrs. Hal MacQueen, Mrs. J. Coffin, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reid of Rollo Bay and Fortune attended the party at the Baltic hall on Friday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chester MacNeil who were recently married.

Mrs. Ralph Robertson, celebrated her 80th birthday quietly at her home in Kingsboro on Nov. 4. Her host of friends are wishing her many more such happy occasions.

Mrs. William Fraser returned to her home at North Lake having been a patient in the Souris Hospital for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. James Copley, Charlottetown were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Robertson, Munn's Road.

Mrs. Garfield Stewart returned to her home in East Baltic following her illness in the Souris Hospital.

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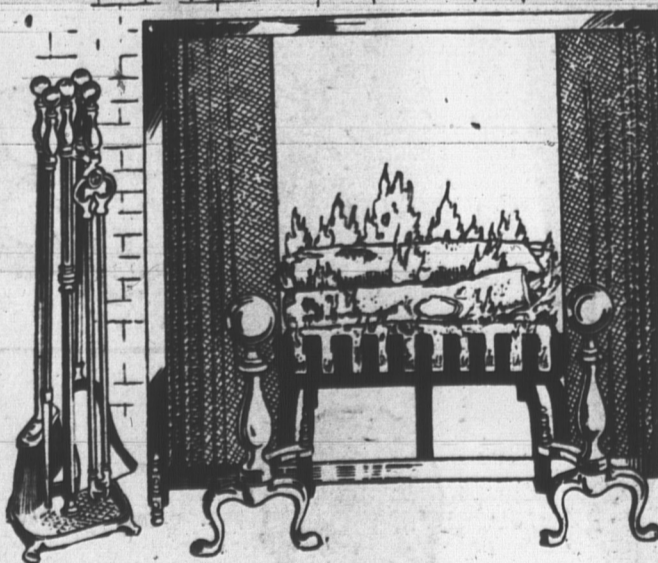
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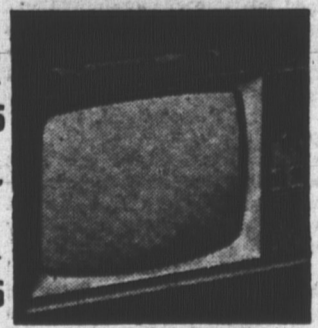
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