

CANADA, U.S. CARRY OUT EXTENSIVE TEST OF DEFENCE COMMUNICATIONS

ARNPRIOR, Ont., (CP)—Reports of heavy "bomb damage" to Canadian cities poured into civil defence headquarters Wednesday night as part of a joint United States-Canadian exercise. First city to report damage was Saint John, N.B. Other reports were expected through the night.

The west coast of the Niagara peninsula and the Maritimes were heavily "hit" Wednesday when some 25 theoretical bombs fell in Canada, some of them unaimed as crippled aircraft jettisoned them.

The exercise was entirely a paper operation designed to test the communications system.

Balfour said he was "ashamed and appalled" at the city's unpreparedness. He said he will urge a complete investigation of the civil defence organization.

Two Canadian provinces also did not take part—Quebec because it wasn't ready and Prince Edward Island because it is not considered a target area.

Eisenhower Flees Capital

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL, EMERGENCY PRESS HEADQUARTERS, Operation Alert (AP) Imaginary atom bombs blasted Washington and half a hundred other American cities to theoretical rubble Wednesday. Thousands of officials, led by President Eisenhower, fled the capital.

Spreading from the White House to a secret command post, Eisenhower declared a mock "state of total national emergency," then went on television to tell the public the purpose of this vast civil defence operation.

It is designed, he said, to make sure the government could go on functioning in a real emergency. Aides on the spot assured him all 31 participating agencies with their 15,000 evacuated employees were "ready to do business" two hours after the first simulated alert.

Operation Alert, 1955, as it is called, also saw Defence Secretary Charles Wilson and the joint chiefs of staff whisked from the Pentagon to another secret centre where they planned the strike-back action they would take in a genuine emergency.

Pick Resting Place For Arctic Boat

VANCOUVER, (CP)—The famed RCMP patrol boat of the Arctic, the St. Roch, will find a final resting place on a park-like water-front site here, probably as a museum.

City council and parks board officials decided Tuesday that funds would be available to hoist the abandoned vessel out of the water and move it to Kitsilano point.

The St. Roch is first and only ship to navigate the Arctic waters through both the Northwest and northeast passages.



New Matheson Government Ministers Sworn In

The members of the new Matheson Government are shown above, after they were sworn in yesterday by His Honour Lieut. Governor T. W. L. Prowse in the traditional manner. The members are, left to right—seated—Hon. Dougald MacKinnon Minister of Public Works and Industry and Natural Resources; Premier A. W. Matheson, Attorney General, and President of the Executive Council; Hon. E. P. Foley, Minister without Portfolio; Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Provincial Secretary and Treasurer; Hon. M. L. Bonnell, Minister of Health; Hon. Eugene Cullen Minister of Agriculture; Hon. George MacKay, Minister of Highways.

Barter's Film Lab.

Bevan's Wife Fined For Careless Driving

CHESSHAM, England, (Reuters)—Jennie Lee, labor member of Parliament and wife of left-wing labor leader Aneurin Bevan, was fined £10 Wednesday for careless driving. She pleaded guilty to mounting a sidewalk in her husband's car and pinning a pedestrian against a wall.

Commons Passes CNR Bus And Trucking Bill

OTTAWA (CP)—The question of whether new government legislation puts CNR bus and trucking operations outside provincial control was fought out in the Commons Wednesday.

Opposition Leader Drew said it does, breaking an agreement by the federal government for provincial legislation of such traffic.

Transport Minister Marler denied the claim and said the bill gives legal effect to the government's intention to ensure provincial jurisdiction.

The Commons had the final word, voting 54 to 21 in support of the legislative section objected to by the Progressive Conservative leader. Liberal and CCF members supported it against the votes of Conservatives, Social Crediters and two independent members.

More Than 800,000 Receive Vaccine

SUDBURY, Ont., (CP)—Health Minister Martin estimated Wednesday that more than 800,000 Canadian children have received Salk polio vaccine doses and that new production will help Canada achieve its target of immunizing 3,000,000 children against polio by next March.

The new, large-scale production will come from the University of Montreal Institute of Microbiology which will increase output to reach an estimated maximum production of 2,000,000 immunizations annually by next fall.

The Montreal production will be in addition to that of the Toronto Connaught Laboratories where virtually all current Canadian doses have originated.

Shakeup In Provincial Government Announced

With a fresh mandate from the people in the recent general election, Premier Matheson reshuffled his Liberal cabinet yesterday, naming two new ministers and creating one new portfolio, that of Labor, which was promised during the campaign and has been combined with that of Welfare.

Other portfolios have been split. The new cabinet was sworn in by the Hon. T. W. L. Prowse, Lieutenant Governor, at a ceremony in the Confederation Chamber. His Honour was accompanied by his aide, Lieut. Col. A. W. Rogers.

The new cabinet: Premier, Attorney General and president of the Executive Council: Hon. A. W. Matheson.

Increase In Gross National Product

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada's gross national product rose to a high of \$5,656,000,000 in the first three months of 1955 and the bureau of statistics estimated today that it continues at that rate. It will reach a record \$25,000,000,000 for the full year.

The gross national product is the value of all goods and services produced and reflects the country's economic health. It dropped in the first part of 1954 as Canada and the United States experienced a mild economic recession and began to increase towards the year-end as the economy strengthened.

A gross national product of \$25,000,000,000, if realized, would be an increase of \$1,000,000,000 over the \$24,000,000,000 in 1954 and a rise of \$600,000,000 over the previous high of \$24,000,000,000 in 1953.

P.E.I. Economy Reviewed In Speech At Convention

FREDERICTON (CP)—Possibility of New Brunswick eventually having a smelter "as large as the one at Trail, B.C.," was mentioned Wednesday night by Attorney-General W. J. West in welcoming delegates to the 34th annual convention of the Association of Canadian Fire Marshals.

Mr. West referred to the possibility while reviewing discoveries of base metal deposits in New Brunswick.

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Reviews History

At a luncheon tendered by the province of Prince Edward Island, Hon. Sydney Fielding, P.E.I. secretary-treasurer, reviewed the history of his province and noted its changing economy.

Once a pair of foxes would sell for up to \$20,000, he said. Now there was an appropriation for the removal of pests, including "skunks, owls and foxes."

Argentine Gov't Expels Two Prelates

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—President Juan Peron's police expelled two Roman Catholic prelates Wednesday and swooped down on hundreds of parish houses in a search for documents.

The prelates, after being held overnight on the basis of government charges that they incited riots and other disorders, were directed aboard a plane bound for Rome. They are Rt. Rev. Manuel Tato of Buenos Aires and Rt. Rev. Roman Pablo Novoa, canon deacon of the archdiocese. They were taken into custody for questioning Tuesday soon after the government issued a decree ordering them dismissed from their church posts.

NAMED JAIL GOVERNOR

WINNIPEG (CP)—S. B. H. Littlewood, police chief at Dauphin, Man.; for the last three years, has been named governor of Headingly provincial jail. He replaces the present governor, E. G. Weeks, who is being moved to another post in the attorney-general's department.

Education: Hon. Keir Clark (part time duties) who held the same post in the last cabinet and was also provincial treasurer.

Highways: Hon. George MacKay, formerly minister without portfolio.

Minister without portfolio: Hon. E. P. Foley.

Former Agriculture Minister C. C. Baker did not return to cabinet position, and former Provincial Secretary William Hughes lost the Liberal nomination and did not contest the general election.

PREMIER'S STATEMENT

In announcing his cabinet changes yesterday Premier Matheson said he had tried to take members from the country as a whole for the present. He was watching several other representatives closely and when they have gained experience in the House, changes would be made if he considered it to be in the interest of good government.

The Department of National Revenue (Continued on page 2, col. 3)

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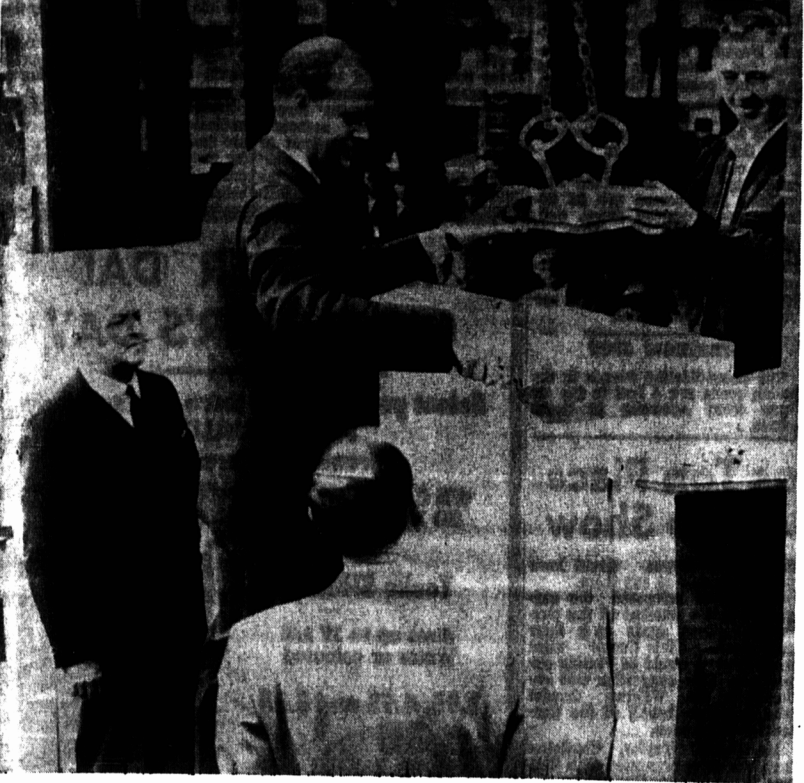
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Federal Minister Lays Cornerstone

"I now declare this Cornerstone well and truly laid" Hon. Robert H. Winters, Federal Minister of Public Works said yesterday morning on completing the ceremony of placing the stone, in the new Federal Building under construction. Pictured left, P. S. Hunter, District Architect Hon. R. H. Winters back to camera, R. S. Turnham, Superintendent Anglin Norcross Company building contractors; Donald Gould, stonemason, assisting.

Large Attendance At Corner Stone Ceremony

Yesterday morning thousands of citizens witnessed the laying of the cornerstone of the new Federal Building by the Hon. Robert H. Winters, Federal Minister of Public Works. The invited guests were piped to their seats by Bruce MacLaren and Barry MacGillivray. Mr. Neil A. Matheson, M.P., presided.

Coming Events

- *Reserve July 20th, Iona picnic.
- *Your Saturday night Jamboree—Forum.
- *Sorry we are now sold out of Kale seed. Arthur Vessey.
- *Crapaud Hall, Variety Concert and one-act play, tonight.
- *The Cream Social, South Granville School, June 21st. Sponsored by W. I.
- *The Cream Social and Dance at Tracadie Cross School, Friday night.
- *Dance in Emerald Hall, Friday, June 17. Music by the Myers Brothers.
- *Regular dance Friday night, Beaver Club Hall, Montague. Al Blanchard's Orchestra.
- *See Covehead Road Variety Concert—Eldon Hall, (Belfast), Thursday, June 16th.
- *See "The Irish Millionaire" by Cornwall Players in Wheatley River Hall, June 17th.
- *Peter's Variety Concert, Bridgetown, June 17th, 8.30. Sponsored Dundas Y. P. U.
- *Last Willshire Cemetery work continuing Thursday afternoon, June 16th. Help appreciated.
- *16th Ann, Thursday 16th. Ice Cream Social and Dance. Auspices Nine Mile Creek W. I.
- *At Ellis Bros., Quaker Hog Grower, July \$3.65, paper \$3.85. Special price for limited time.
- *Dance Beaver Club, Montague, Friday, June 17. Al Blanchard's Orchestra. Modern and Old Time.
- *Cake Sale at Moore & McLeod's, 2.30 Daylight Time, Friday, sponsored by Pownal Ladies' Aid.
- *Unveiling of Memorial Plaque and Honor Roll at Mt. Allison School, Tuesday, June 21st. Programme.
- *Graduation dance St. Mary's Alumni, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Soreau, June 17th. Jackie Doy's Orchestra.
- *Cake Sale, Simpsons—Sears, Friday evening, June 17th, 7 p. m. Daylight Saving Time. Dunstaffnage W. I.
- *Annual Meeting Breadalbane Cemetery, June 20th, 8.00 p. m. Breadalbane Hall. Plot holders fee of \$2.00 due.
- *Weekly Dance, Winsloe Station Hall, Friday, June 17th. Rollo McKenzie Orchestra. Dancing 9.30 to 12.30 Daylight Time.
- *At Ellis Bros., special registered Laurentian turnip seed, 85 cents per lb., mangle seed 80c per lb., onion sets 55c per lb.
- *Unloading to-day car Master chick starter and grower krumbs. Clark's Feed Service, Mount Stewart. R's Results That Count.

Judge Against One-arm Driving

MONTREAL, (CP)—A Montreal district judge has his way no longer will be lawful for a motorist to drive with one arm around his sweetheart.

Judge Didier Leroux said he will seek an amendment to the Quebec Motor Vehicles Act to make "one-arm driving" unlawful.

"My mind has been made up for a long time on this type of driving," he said Tuesday in sentencing 120 motorists for various traffic offences. "I have always considered that these rather amusing motorists often figure in atrocious mishaps."

"You can always detect whether a couple in a car is married. When married, the driver is usually at the extreme left of the front seat and his wife, at the extreme right— a practice which should also be followed by unmarried people."

ZINC PRODUCTION UP

OTTAWA (CP)—Zinc production increased but lead and silver output dropped during April, the bureau of statistics reported Wednesday. Zinc production rose to 41,719 tons from 31,528 tons a year earlier. Lead production dropped to 17,865 tons from 19,452 tons while silver output fell to 2,251,698 fine ounces from 2,700,315 fine ounces in April last year.

Predicts Voluntary Health Insurance Within 10 Years

These provinces as in Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and, as from July, Alberta. The president said TCMP plans rapid expansion to meet the needs of Canadians not covered under the plans, such as rural and retired groups and individual business men.

He said this could be speeded if provinces followed the example of B.C. and Manitoba and put through legislation allowing towns and townships to collect health insurance premiums as a group.

Earlier, Dr. Lees said in his (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

Crop Outlook Favorable In Most Prairie Areas

OTTAWA, (CP)—Prairie farmers have virtually completed all spring seeding operations and the crop outlook, aside from flooded areas, is generally favorable, the bureau of statistics reported Wednesday.

In the third of a series of telegraphic reports on countrywide crop conditions, the bureau said that seeding in Saskatchewan, Canada's biggest wheat-growing province, is larger than expected earlier because of dry weather.

Manitoba has been hit by some cool, damp weather but conditions now are getting better, while Alberta would welcome rain after a considerable period of dry weather.

Pearson Notes Offer By Czechoslovakian Legation

OTTAWA (CP)—External Affairs Minister Pearson said Wednesday he is sure Czechs and Slovaks in Canada "will not be misled" by a newspaper advertisement placed by the Czechoslovak legation here promising amnesty for Czech citizens who return to their homeland.

Port Cities Hit

The port cities of Vancouver and Victoria, along with industrial Trail, were hit in British Columbia. There were strikes at Sault Ste. Marie locks, the mining centre of Sudbury, and Ontario's industrial cities of Sarnia, Peterborough, Oshawa, Niagara Falls, Kingston and Windsor. In the Maritimes the coastal port cities of Saint John, N.B., and St. John's, Nfld., were hit.

Col. C. L. Smith, operations officer who set up the exercise, kept Canada's four civil defence regions—the west coast, the Prairies, central Canada and the Maritimes—informed of the time, location, size and type of bomb supposedly falling on each centre. In theory both hydrogen and atom bombs fell.

The regions informed civil defence teams in the communities "hit," and the local organizations went to work, assessing the damage and carrying out rescue operations.

Maj.-Gen. F. F. Worthington, federal civil defence co-ordinator, said he was "generally pleased" with the way communications were operating. However, he said he would know better later when reports from volunteers from coast to coast were assessed.

Pilot Killed At Dartmouth

HALIFAX (CP)—A Sea Fury fighter from the Shearwater naval air station at Dartmouth crashed and exploded Wednesday four miles from here killing Lieut. W. R. Poulton, 24, a native of Galt, Ont.

His widow and child live in Dartmouth. Witnesses said the plane was doing acrobatics in the Prospect bay area of Halifax county when it suddenly plunged to the ground half a mile from the highway.

James Marriott of Lakeside, a member of the Shearwater fire department, one of the first on the scene said "the whole thing was in flames, you couldn't get near it."

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TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

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Dawson	33	62
Vancouver	48	64
Victoria	47	60
Edmonton	54	66
Calgary	47	72
Regina	60	82
Winnipeg	58	85
Toronto	57	82
Ottawa	53	81
Montreal	61	78
Quebec	52	76
Fredericton	50	73
Saint John	51	73
Moncton	52	65
Halifax	56	75
Charlottetown	56	58
Sydney	48	55
Yarmouth	48	65
St. John's	40	62

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