

Radio Blackouts Plagued Patrol

OTTAWA (CP)—Meteorologists aboard the navy's patrol ship Labrador were reduced to the "aching corn" method of weather forecasting during an Arctic radio blackout that lasted for several days.

During the September blackout—caused by sunspots—all contact was cut off between the outside world and the patrol ship engaged in a survey of Arctic waters in support of DEW (Distant Early Warning) radar line operations. Without the usual weather reports radioed from a large surrounding area, it was impossible to produce the weather forecasts needed for safe and efficient operations in the Arctic.

Hence, navy headquarters reported, the Labrador's crew had no warning of the season's first snowstorm that stranded a helicopter and a boat overnight on a beach. They were also surprised by a sudden weather change that brought fast rising seas and forced two wounding boats to scuttle back to the mother ship from a channel they were surveying.

Radio operators aboard the supply ship, waiting for the airwaves to clear, eyed a mounting pile of outgoing messages that could not be sent. Similar stacks of messages, destined for the Labrador, accumulated in other ships in the area and at the naval radio station at Churchill, Man.

The radio blackouts, or magnetic storms, descend on Arctic regions without warning and are most frequent during the spring and fall. When they hit, it is usually a matter of patiently waiting them out, as the crew of the Labrador did.

Writer Curbed By University

QUEBEC (CP)—Abbe Louis O'Neill, co-author of an article describing electoral methods in Quebec's June provincial election as a wave of "immorality and refrain from writing for publication and from public speaking for one year, a Laval University source has disclosed.

The University spokesman said the request came from a high university authority.

The priest, who wrote the 4,400-word article with Abbe Gerard Dion for the religious publication Ad Usam Sacerdotum, also was relieved of his post as professor of moral philosophy and assigned to teach logic at Le Petit Seminaire, a classical college, under the jurisdiction of Laval.

Abbe Dion, director of the department of industrial relations of Laval University's faculty of social sciences, said he has not received any directives restricting his activities.

An informant at Laval University, who asked that his name be withheld from publication, said the restraint placed on Abbe O'Neill is "not as serious" as might appear. He said it might be lifted within a few months although the time limit of one year was mentioned.

The article written by the two priests accused Quebec's political ing electoral officers, and waving the scarecrow of communism without justification. It also said members of the clergy were not beyond accepting favors from politicians.

Queen's Chaplain Is Engaged To Non-Christian

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth's chaplain Sunday announced his engagement to a widow who he admits "does not call herself a Christian."

Canon Charles Earle Raven, 71, said he would marry Mrs. Helene Jeanty, 52, a heroine of the Belgian resistance during the Second World War, on Dec. 6 in St. Martin-in-the-Fields, historic Anglican Church.

Mrs. Jeanty's husband was shot by the German Gestapo for sheltering Allied airmen in their home. She escaped execution by feigning insanity and spent two years in an asylum.

Canon Raven, one of Britain's foremost theologians, has been married twice before. His first wife died in 1944 and his second, an American, died 12 days after their wedding.

"Madame Jeanty does not call herself a Christian," he said, "but to say she is not religious is untrue. She is merely bewildered about Christ. Her difficulties about Christ are theological and due, very likely, to ignorance of the theological niceties.

"She goes to church and will be very glad to be married to me in a church," Madame Jeanty has believed in God and has prayed with me."

STOLE CRUISER

GUELPH, Ont. (CP)—Donald Lee, 20, of Elora, Ont., pleaded guilty Friday to stealing the Guelph police cruiser Oct. 8 and to a charge of criminal negligence in operation of the vehicle. He was remanded for sentence. Lee was arrested after he darted off in the cruiser which a constable had left unattended while investigating an accident.

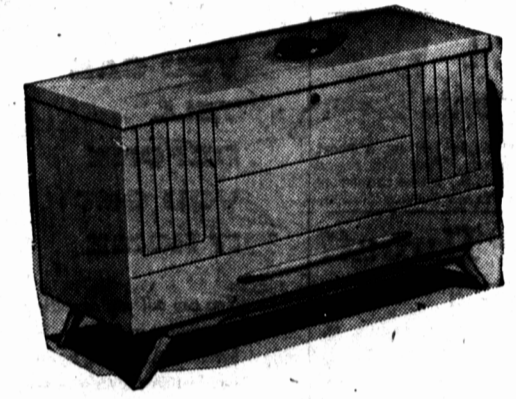
SHOT FATHER, SURRENDERS

CLEVELAND (AP)—A frightened 14-year-old boy walked out of a woods early Tuesday, signalled police with his flashlight and surrendered, eight hours after he shot and killed his father. Robert Zavalnak left in the woods, with his sleeping bag, the rifle he used to fire three bullets into his father Joseph J., 42, after an argument Monday night at their home.



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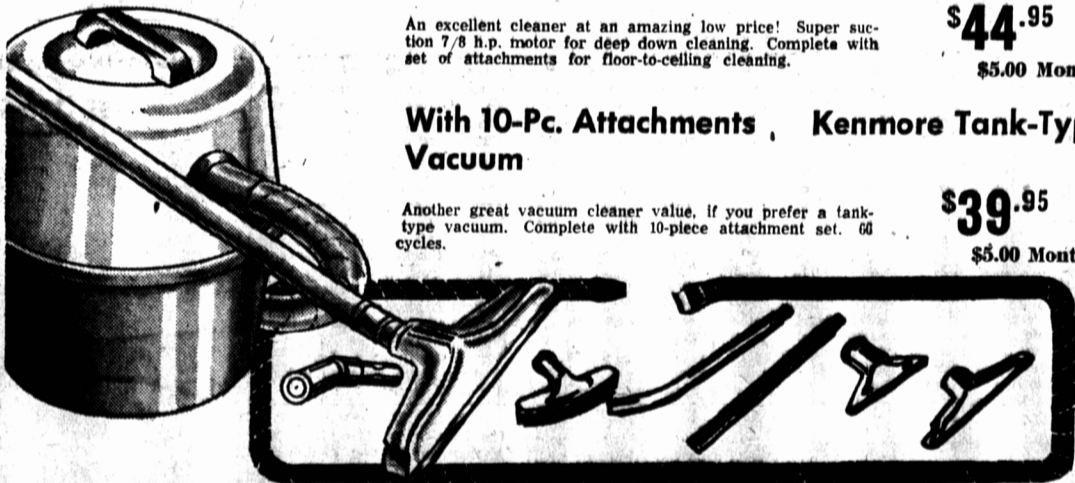
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