

## Toronto Barber Shop Singers Hold Forth In Trafalgar Sq.

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN  
LONDON (CP)—Pigeons fluttered frantically and passers-by stood rooted with surprise when Toronto's East York barber shop singers began belting at 11 Neighbour in Trafalgar Square here.

Trafalgar Square, often the scene of ban-the-bomb and various other protest demonstrations, had never seen anything just like it.

"A little unusual" a bystander asked a bobby.

"Oh, aye," he replied.

Puzzled businessmen and diplomats came to the windows of their buildings surrounding the famed old world crossroads at the scene when the singers serenaded a quickly-gathering crowd of about 300.

Lionel Chevrier, Canadian high commissioner, watched the scene with delight from his second-store vantage point at Canada House, beside the square. He later welcomed the "ambassadors of harmony" and their wives at an impromptu reception.

They are from the East York chapter chorus of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, known for short as the SPESQA.

The men there isn't a barber in the lot—have already performed in Dublin, Belfast and Glasgow in a 19-day tour that began Sept. 13, and they are scheduled to let go with their ringing choruses at a concert here Tuesday night.

In gold jackets, red ties, blue and white vests and blue trousers, they first burst into song—

I. Feel a Song Coming On—Thursday at Ontario House, near Trafalgar Square.

"We're missionaries in a way because we're introducing the North American barber-shop style of singing to this country," said chapter president John Parkinson. "The reception has been wonderful everywhere."

After the Canada House festivities, the visitors headed for Berkeley Square as a fitting for one of their numbers, A Nightingale Sang.

## Ford Joins GM In Price Stand

DETROIT (AP)—Ford Motor Company Thursday became the second member of the U.S. automotive big three to hold the basic price line on its 165 cars. Chrysler Corporation is expected to make a similar disclosure. General Motors, biggest of the auto makers, said Wednesday it would hold the price line. Ford had said earlier that its highest priced car, the Lincoln Continental, also would hold the line.

In general, while basic car prices remain the same for the sixth consecutive year, there were some minor adjustments in prices of accessories and optional equipment.

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## NOT ALL GOLDWATER FANS

A crowd of some 4,000 turned out early to see and hear Sen. Barry M. Goldwater at the Portland, Maine, airport for an address by the GOP Presidential candidate Friday morning. But not all were for Goldwater as the signs indicate.

## British Scientists Said First To Perceive Atom Bomb Feasible

By DOUG MARSHALL  
LONDON (CP)—British scientists were the first in the world to perceive that an atomic bomb was technically and economically feasible, says an official history published here.

The book Britain and Atomic Energy 1939-45, by Margaret Gowing, historian and archival of Britain's Atomic Energy Act and Gory.

The volume contains a mass of material never before published. It deals in detail with initial British developments in nuclear explosions and subsequent co-operation and lack of co-operation with the United States and Canada.

Mrs. Gowing's documentary evidence shows that German scientists working in Berlin in 1939 decided fissioning of heavy elements was possible but that a super-bomb using this process was either impossible or ineffective in relation to costs.

But in 1940 two refugee German scientists working in Birmingham, England, produced a paper saying the Germans had overlooked one possibility.

COULD BE MADE  
The bomb could be produced, said Professors Otto Frisch and Rudolph Peierls, with uranium 235 of great purity. Oxford scientist Francis Simon went on to show how uranium could be separated by a gaseous diffusion process.

While the Battle of Britain was still raging and despite the strain on the economy, the British government immediately set up a secret panel of scientists code-named "the Maud committee."

Mrs. Gowing claims the Maud committee was one of the most effective scientific bodies that ever existed. Within 15 months it had turned theoretical physics into a practical program for building A-bombs at a cost of £236,000 each.

But while the science was clear, the political aspects of the issue were clouded with difficulties. Sir John Cockcroft, former head of the Harwell atomic research establishment, writes in the weekly Spectator:

"The main difficulty was that the project was too large for Britain's stretched war-time economy and scientific strength and there was a period of uncertainty whether to co-operate with the United States and Canada."

QUERY SECURITY  
Ironically, Britain, which

later was plagued by successful spy penetration of her own atomic secrets, at first questioned U.S. security measures. Britain also was worried about how to protect patent rights. Meanwhile, amid this hesitation copies of the Maud report had galvanized the half-hearted U.S. atomic project into action.

By the time co-operation was established by Churchill and Roosevelt, Britain had begun to lose her early lead. Then, in late 1942, all collaboration was abruptly terminated by the Americans.

Defence expert Leonard Beaton, writing in the Manchester Guardian, says present Anglo-American difficulties over nuclear defence had their origins in the uncertain war-time relationship.

RED-HOT ISSUE  
The whole question of Britain's independent nuclear deterrent is a red-hot issue in the Oct. 15 British election. The Conservatives want to keep it; Labor claims the deterrent is a myth and Britain should concentrate instead on conventional weapons.

Mrs. Gowing records that Anglo-American co-operation was re-established by Churchill and Roosevelt at the Quebec conference in 1943. Meanwhile, a joint Anglo-Canadian project was set up and eventually resulted in the Chalk River Ont. atomic energy establishment. Cockcroft, who headed the Chalk River project, comments:

"By the end of the war, we had not only done our utmost to help the U.S. war project but were well-equipped to start work in Britain in both military and civil fields."

"For this we owe a great deal to the United States and Canada."

HUSBAND SALE SAID IN JEST  
LONDON (AP)—A housewife who advertised her husband for sale claimed Thursday it wasn't a serious offer.

"I did it for a giggle," said Mrs. Donald Monaghan, 31, "I wouldn't exchange him for all the tea in China."

"We're a happy family, and if we were going to part, I wouldn't advertise it in the post office window."

The Monaghans and their two children live in the village of Toton, near Nottingham. Earlier this week, Mrs. Monaghan put up this notice in the post office:

"For sale or exchange one husband—Mrs. Linda Monaghan, Leyland Close."

She said she did it on impulse after a minor family row.

"A quiet life and an Irishman don't go together," said the wife of 49-year-old Irishman Donald. "We'd had a little argument, so I decided I would do this thing, well, for fun."

The Monaghan's eldest child, Clara, 9, wasn't amused.

"Clara thinks I'm a raving lunatic and is furious with me," said Mrs. Monaghan.

"I am saying nothing," said her husband.

Mrs. Monaghan said she got no offers.

TO HALT AIR SERVICE  
LONDON (AP)—The Bahamas government says it will halt a new air service from Havana to Nassau despite Britain's refusal to fear up the 1946 agreement that authorized Cuba to fly the route. The conflicting views were set forth in a joint statement Thursday night after two days of talks between British officials and Bahamian ministers who flew here after Cubans Airlines began the once-a-week service last Monday.

## BALTIC

Mrs. Connie Mae Van, Bothwell, underwent surgery recently in the P.E.I. Hospital and is making a good recovery.

Gary Young, Red Point, was a business visitor to Halifax.

Kennie Avery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Avery, Lakeville, underwent an emergency operation in the Charlottetown Hospital on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Maxwell, St. John's, spent the weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leith Robertson, East Baltic.

Mrs. J.P. MacDonald, Lakeville left by plane to visit with relatives in Halifax.

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