

Spectacular Fire In Buffalo Does \$70,000 Damage

Buffalo, Aug. 12 (Special).—Firemen trained their hoses from above tonight on a spectacular \$70,000 blaze which swept through a triangular two-story brick building housing the Lake City Beverage Co., Harry's Auto Service, and E. F. Daley, Inc., a moving firm.

Flames shot from the roof and windows of the building as the fire got under way late tonight. Firemen used long extension ladders and took up their posts on the roofs of nearby garages to point the stream of water downward toward the leaping flames.

Police and firemen said the fire was started in a men's washroom by a careless smoker. The firms affected included a beer and soft drink distributing firm, a garage repair firm and the moving concern.

The blaze attracted 2,000 in the congested Buffalo area, which contains both residences and business concerns of the downtown district. A police cordon had to be thrown around the immediate area to prevent interference with the efforts of firemen. The blaze was under control before midnight. It was a three-alarm fire which brought out about 20 pieces of firefighting equipment.

Airliner Burns After Hitting Mound of Earth on Sydney, N.S., Airport



Smoking wreckage of Trans-Canada Air Lines North Star is shown on airport at Reserve Airport near Sydney, N.S., after fire which broke out when aircraft was making a routine landing en route to Mont-

real from Prestwick, Scotland. Eleven passengers and six crew members escaped uninjured. The fire broke out when a buckled landing gear punctured a gasoline tank in the wing.

4 Still Missing In North Crashes

Edmonton, Aug. 12 (CP).—Whereabouts of four persons down in Canadian northland air mishaps is still unknown despite mounting efforts of both Canadian and United States air forces.

One search has been discontinued, but the other, for a university of Minnesota woman botanist named Oldenburg, her pilot and his wife, is increasing. Efforts to find W. B. Baker of Washington, D.C., missing on the 240-mile route between Edmonton and Grande Prairie, Alta., since last Saturday has been abandoned.

Unconnected with either effort was the crash today of a RCAF Norseman at Aishihik, Y.T., which crashed over the ice after a flight from Whitehorse, Y.T., 122 miles south. Its two crew members, Flt. Lt. C. C. Margerison of Whitehorse and Flying Officer J. E. John of Sidney, B.C., were slightly hurt and were flown to the Canadian Army hospital at Whitehorse for treatment.

90-Year-Old Man Killed by Train

Glencoe, Aug. 12 (CP).—A 90-year-old Glencoe man, James Lethbridge, was instantly killed this morning when he stepped in front of an east-bound Canadian National Railway freight train. The body was tossed 40 feet by the impact onto the west-bound right-of-way.

Lethbridge had been wandering between the two sets of rails when he stepped face-first directly into the path of the London-bound freight.

The elderly man lived in Toronto in the winter with a son, but moved to Glencoe every summer. He was described as having been "wandering aimlessly" between the two rows of tracks, and just stepped on to the east-bound tracks when the accident occurred.

He is survived by one daughter, Anna, Detroit, Mich.; two sons, Wilfred, Toronto, and Orland, Oregon, Mich.

Synod to Study Laws of Church

Ottawa, Aug. 12 (CP).—Archbishop Alexandre Vachon of Ottawa announced today that a diocesan synod will be held here next February to review the present and past legislation of the archdiocese of Ottawa.

He said that committees will set to work after Aug. 15 on an inventory of the various Church regulations passed for the archdiocese since it was founded more than 100 years ago.

The synod, expected to bring together leading priests and Roman Catholic laymen, will decide whether regulations should be changed or retained in their present form.

Saw Through Bars, Two Escape Jail

Woodstock, N.B., Aug. 12 (CP).—Michael Stevens, alias Stephanyk, 34, and David Allen, 22, escaped from the Carleton County Jail here today by sawing two cell bars and walking through a corridor door left unlocked by trustees who were working outside.

Stevens had been awaiting trial on a charge of automobile theft, and also was awaiting preliminary hearing on another charge of car theft. Allen, a Negro, was awaiting deportation by immigration officials.



Spatz Sees Atom War Claims Liberals Ignored Prices

New York, Aug. 12 (AP).—Industrial limitations would make Russia fight an "orthodox" war in the near future, Gen. Carl Spatz, retired United States Air Force chief of staff, said today.

But, he adds, if it came around 1952 or later, it probably would start with an air raid on the United States by hundreds of bombers carrying atomic bombs.

Gen. Spatz, writing in Life Magazine, said the USSR's "foremost military thinkers still believe in massive armies, and their heavy industry is organized primarily to supply that type of military establishment."

While Russian commanders are thinking about airpower "the programs that realistically propose are necessarily restricted by the limitations of their industrial system."

"Before the Russians can have airpower on the scale and in the broad variety known to us, they must first build up their industrial potential."

Spatz pointed out that Russia, along with other powers—may have atomic bombs "in quantity" by the end of 1952.

Should war start after this time, Russian leaders "would probably begin with an initial strike in the pattern of strategic air warfare."

Spatz said the Russian commanders, though, would believe in gaining a final decision "by a struggle on the ground," which would use their greatest assets—space and manpower in almost unlimited quantity.

The initial drive probably would embrace hundreds of bombers "launched against us in secrecy" and probably carrying atomic bombs.

He said the air strike "would issue in a number of groups simultaneously from the east coast of Siberia and from the Murmansk tundra. Some will dart across the Polar Sea."

Spatz added that such an attack "would hamper and might even temporarily paralyze our ability to counter-attacks in sustained force," but would not be decisive.

American "security" during the next few years dictates four rules in the light of foregoing Russian strategy:

- "1. The sea lanes must be kept open.
- "2. Control of the air over the North American continent must be held by ourselves and friendly nations.
- "3. There must be in existence, in a state of constant readiness, a little force of a way no Socialist strategic air force powerful enough to deal a critical, if not a mortal blow in immediate retaliation to an aggressor.
- "4. We must have access to outer bases from which to project our airpower in the decisive struggle for air supremacy."

Ottawa, Aug. 12 (CP).—F. R. Scott, national chairman of the CCF, said tonight the Conservative elements of the Liberal Party won out at last week's convention here.

On a CBC political broadcast known as "The Nation's Business," he said that students calling for positive, progressive action had little effect "on the official platform platitudes."

While the convention had not faced the problem of rising prices, the cost-of-living index had risen by 26 points just after it ended.

"How many of us realize that a rise in prices is a form of capital levy?" Mr. Scott asked. "The \$100 bond we bought in 1941 now is worth about \$70 in real money."

"Liberals preach against Socialism, yet they follow policies which confiscate the hard-earned savings of little people in a way no Socialist Government would tolerate."

Declaring that Canadian liberalism was too old-fashioned to solve the problems of a highly industrialized state such as Canada, Mr. Scott said the Conservative Convention next month also would side-step "all the vital issues."

Says 3,300 Graduates to Cut Industry's Engineer Shortage

Ottawa, Aug. 12 (CP).—Graduation period began, 2,900 engineering students have been graduated and next year will "considerably" relieve industry's engineer shortage, Labor Minister Mitchell said today in a statement. More than 68 per cent of the 3,300 are veterans.

Next year's graduating class, almost twice as big as the 1948 class, will be the biggest one-year crop of engineers in Canadian history.

More than 63 per cent will graduate in mechanical, electrical and civil engineering—approximately 21 per cent in each branch. Of the remaining 37 per cent, 12½ per cent will be chemical engineers and the others divided among metallurgical, mining, physics, ceramics, aeronautical, agricultural and forest engineering.

A survey of future possibilities, conducted by the Labor Department in 1946, indicated 9,450 engineers would be required by Canadian employers between 1947 and 1951. In two years, since that

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Ottawa Owns Street Railway By Giving \$6,300,685 Cheque

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Acting Mayor Dr. G. M. Geldert turned the cheque over to company officials as full payment for the company's hundreds of street cars and buses, shops and terminals and miles of track and other equipment. It now goes under public ownership and will be operated by the Ottawa Transportation Commission.

The street railway was opened June 28, 1891, by what the press of the day called "two modest young electricians"—Hon. T. Ahearn and Warren Y. Soper, both of whom now are dead.

The first line ran down Bank St., one of Ottawa's main thoroughfares, from Wellington St., close by the Parliament Buildings, to Lansdowne Park, in the capital's Glebe district. A competing horse-car service quickly went out of business and was absorbed by the O.E.R., whose routes now spread throughout this rapidly growing capital.

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