WORK ON BOMARC BASE — Two Bomarc-B bases — at North Bay, Ont. and La Macaza, Que. — are included in Canada's defence plans although no decision has been made yet on acquisition of nuclear warheads for them. Here, work continues near the North Bay site on an underground tunnel linking the missile-launching area to the Bomarc's control centre.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Second assault on capital defeated

VIENTIANE— Anti-Communist forces loyal to **Gen. Phoumi Nosavan** held the centre of this Laotian capital today after recapturing it for the second time since the assault on Vientiane began at midday Tuesday. The mixed forces of paratroopers commanded by **Capt. Kong Le** and the pro-Communist **Pathet Lao** appeared to be falling back toward the airport at the western edge of the city.

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PARIS — **Robert H. Thayer,** chairman of the United States delegation at a UNESCO general conference here, said Wednesday his country is prepared to contribute up to $1,000,00 for education in Africa.

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LONDON—**Vivian Van Damm,** 71, owner of London's Windmill burlesque theatre, which boasted that throughout the wartime bombing of London it "never closed," died in a hospital Wednesday night. In compliance with his last wish that "the show should go on," the theatre will be open today as usual.

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BERN — **Friedrich T. Whalen** one of the world's leading agricultural experts who helped improve the quality of Canadian wheat, was elected president of Switzerland today for the 1961 term.

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THE 1,000-year-old German town of Soest will bestow the highest honor ever given a foreigner on **Brig. D. C. Cameron** of Alexandria, Ont., commander of the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade stationed at Soest. Brig. Cameron presided at a special council meeting December 12 at which time the council paid tribute to the brigadier for the harmony between Germans and Canadian soldiers.

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MANCHESTER — **Professor** Bernard Lovell, director of Britain's giant radio observatory at nearby Jodrell Bank, said today's failure to put an American satellite in orbit round the moon was "a major disaster."

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CAIRO—Aides of ousted Congolese premier Patrice Lumumba have cabled President Nasser of the United Arab Republic from Stanleyville asking for troops, arms, ammunition and food.

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MADRID—In her native Spain the new queen of the Belgians will be known as Dona Fabiola. Fabiola is her Christian name and Dona (pronounced dohnya) is one of the honorary titles accorded persons of distinction in Spain. The masculine equivalent is Don.

May head New Party group

VICTORIA (CP) — Stanley Knowles, former CCF MP, and now chairman of a committee setting up a new CCF-labor political force in Canada, said today he hopes Saskatchewan's Premier Douglas will take over the reins of the new party.

Here to address a CCF Esquimalt-Saanich byelection nominating convention Wednesday night, Mr. Knowles said he realizes Mr. Douglas has already said he won't take the leadership.

"But I hope the groundswell of opinion will change his mind," he said.

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MOVIE COLUMN

Opera star joins Lewis in new comedy feature

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—"I don't believe in fate," said Helen Traubel, "but it is amazing how single events can change the course of your life."

The course of the former opera singer's life has taken a sudden change from near-retirement to working 12 hours a day making a movie.

"I had decided to cut my career down to almost nothing," she said. "I had worked hard for many years, and I thought I deserved to slow down. I didn't get restless; I'm very good at doing nothing.

"Then Jerry Lewis called me up and offered me a part. At first I said "no"; but then I got interested. I'm glad I didn't. I'm fascinated watching Jerry create comedy."

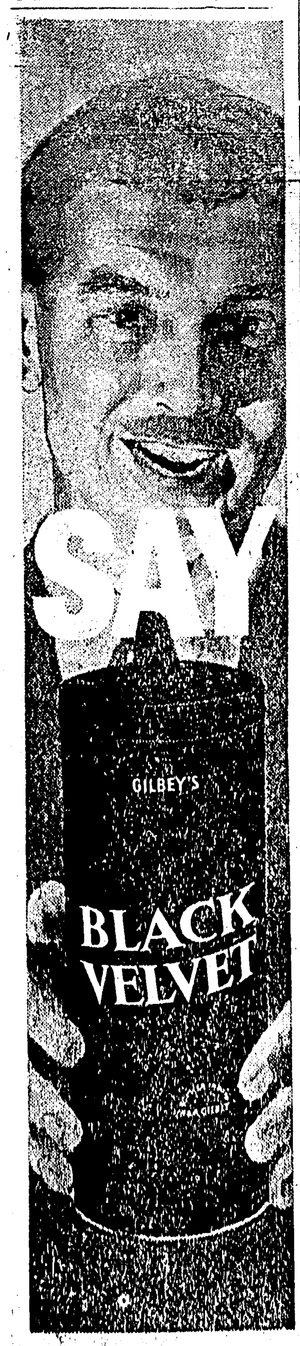
Now she plans other films and even a TV series.

WAS ON RADIO

One of her first ventures away from the operatic stage — she was a Met star for years — was on the old "Duffy's Tavern" radio show. She was clowning with Ed Gardner (Archy) one day when Jim Durante's producer, Phil Cohan, happened in from the next studio. Bingo!

It was the surefire combination of Durante and Traubel that got her out of the Brunhilde get-up and into the public's consciousness as a warm and witty entertainer. That turn of events also led to her break with the Met.

After the singer made a night club debut, Rudolph Bing, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera, cautioned her about preserving dignity. She still smarts over the incident.



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First Christmas cards said encouragement to drunkenness

By EDNA BLAKELY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Many Londoners were outraged when Sir Henry Cole, a patron of the arts, sent the first Christmas cards in 1843.

The cards depicted a family toasting the recipient. The puritan element of the city said the cards would encourage drunkenness.

London artist, John Calcott Horsley, was commissioned to produce the first hand-colored cards. Sir Henry ordered 1,000 of them and sold those he did not use for a shilling each.

The following year a few others sent cards and the custim seemed to be catching on mildly. But cost kept the custom to the upper classes and it wasn't until the 1860s, when manufacturers began printing cards on left-over Valentine stock, that sending of Christmas cards became widespread.

The lace borders made it impossible to distinguish a Christmas card from a Valentine card until the message was read. Fringes and tassels became popular during the period and many cards had elegant frames.

The quality of the early cards was generally high. Many were made from 12-color plates and resembled oil paintings. Birds and flowers were favorite subjects and the cross, now associated with Easter, appeared on many cards.

High cost became a problem again in the 1880s and the high-quality cards faltered. As one means of cutting printing costs, "Xmas" was often substituted for the word "Christmas."

The first use of postcards as Christmas greetings was in Germany. Their lower cost made them popular for a time but people soon returned to the original idea of cards enclosed in envelopes.

Many of these early cards, including the controversial one sent by Sir Henry, now are part of the collection of antique cards on exhibit at the National Gallery in Ottawa.

Santa Claus appeared on cards as early as 1860. He was slim, serious and called St. Nicholas. Over the years he became robust and jolly although he has shed a few pounds in recent years.

Bells, an early Christmas symbol, head the list of favorite greeting card subjects for 1960. Second on the list are poinsettias. Trees, candles and holly are prominent and reproductions of paintings by the old masters and Canadian artists are being used.

Canadians are expected to spend about $9,000,000 on Christmas greeting this year, about one-third of the amount spent on cards.

While Toronto remains the centre of the greeting-card industry in Canada, many interesting designs originate with religious orders in Quebec.

The Benedictine monks of St. Benoit du Lac offer a wide selection, including some modernistic designs. The Benedictine nuns, who have been producing cards for 30 years, have decided not to offer any until a new set can be worked out.

The Sulpician Order of Notre Dame Church and Notre Dame de Bonsecours buy and sell cards displaying the beautiful Montreal cathedral.

Cards are printed from paintings by Mother Nellis at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Montreal. Many show the Christ child. Other Quebec cards are done by Mrs. Leonie Colagelo of Verdun who uses the name Christiana. Others come from Madeleine Fortin of Beauce.

QUEEN MOTHER ELIZABETH talks to Ontario's Dairy Princess, Susan Linton, at the Royal Dairy Show held in Earl's Court, London, England. The biggest show of its type in the world, it attracts entries from breeders, buyers, farmers from all the major countries. — UK Information Photo

Soviet doctor tries heart rebuilding

By The Associated Press

The heart has some ability to regenerate new tissue, says a Soviet physiologist, Prof. Nikolai Sinitsyn.

Experimenting with dogs, he removed small pieces of the heart wall and replaced the missing bits with flaps of borrowed skin or muscle, or synthetic materials.

The flaps provided a scaffold for growth of new connective tissue to make the heart wall strong again, he reports. The method might be useful for strengthening areas of the heart damaged by heart attacks or tumors.

DANGEROUS BOUNCE

Rebound tumbling - devices which can turn you into a gymnastic jumping-jack—can be much fun, but dangerous unless their use is wisely controlled, a medical team warns in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The physicians tell of five young men who suffered severe nerve injury, with three paralyzed and one fatally hurt.

In four cases, they were hurt while trying backward somersaults. The physicians urge that no one try dangerous manoeuvres until he's well trained.

DREAM AWHILE

Dreams occur during about 20 per cent of all our time asleep, even if people don't remember dreaming. And it's all to the good that we do dream, says the publication, Therapeutic Notes.

Volunteers prevented from dreaming became anxious and found it difficult to concentrate. They were awakened whenever movements of their eyes during sleep indicated they were about to begin dreaming.

TROPICAL LIFE

If you're thinking of volunteering for an assignment in Africa, don't worry that life in the tropics will make you age prematurely.

For there's no reason to believe the tropics speed up aging, says a consultant in the current Medical Digest, and in fact, "one cannot fail to be impressed by the comparatively young appearance of many of those who have lived long periods in the tropics."

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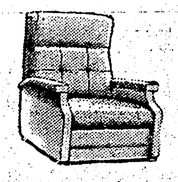

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