

Canada in 1951

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January

Trade Minister Howe announces new \$30,000,000 atomic power plant to be built at Chalk River.
Canada allows entry of immediate relatives of Canadian citizens of Asiatic origin.
"Children of Light" sect ruthless vigil for "end of the world" at Keremeos, B.C.
Albert Guay, 33, Quebec, charged for murder in 1949 time-keeper's office explosion that cost lives.
New \$12,500,000 Hospital Sick Children opened at Toronto.
Immigration Minister Harcourt says Canada admits 150,000 immigrants in 1951.
Fierce storms batter 150 miles of B.C. coastline, one fatal.
Montreal Bulletin, founded 1844, ceases publication.
Three new Senators appointed from Newfoundland.
Fourth session of 21st Parliament opens at Ottawa.
Four killed in collapse of bridge at Three Rivers, Que.

February

Defence Minister Claxton outlines outline of \$5,000,000,000 defence program; National Advisory Council on Manpower created.
Count Jacques de Bernonville, ordered deported France to face charges of collaboration with Nazis.
Nine killed in collision between CPR train and bus at Constance, Ont.; 28 injured when CNR train collides at Montreal.
Suzanne Morrow, Toronto, Canadian women's figure skating title at Vancouver.
Premier Frost of Ontario announces \$2,000,000 Cancer Institute to be opened at Toronto.
British twin-jet bomber from Belfast to Gander in 4 hrs. 40 minutes.
Crawford Gordon, Toronto, named federal co-ordinator defence production.

March

Leon Mayrand appointed Canadian ambassador to Chile; Fraser Elliott becomes high commissioner to Australia.
Ottawa announces \$65,000,000 payment to western farmers United Kingdom wheat agreement of 1946-1950; First Canadian casualty list from Korea now six dead.
Parliament approves incorporation of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines to build 3,100-mile natural gas pipeline from Alberta to Montreal.
Federal consumer credit regulations tightened; new or used cars now need 50 per cent down payment.
Turgeon Royal Commission report recommends international transportation agency.
Mrs. Arthur Pitre convicted Quebec for murder in air time-bomb case; sentenced 10 years July 20.
Western blizzard leaves six dead in Alberta.
Canadian cost of living index at this date 131.8, compared with 127.5 at start of year.

April

President Vincent Auriol of France visits Ottawa; Canadian 100 jet fighter explodes at Chalk River, Ont., two killed.
Ottawa budget boosts income tax by 20 per cent surtax defence.
Governor-General Viscount Alexander reviews 25th Brigade Korea at Fort Lewis, Wash.

May

Defence Minister Claxton announces new 27th Brigade to be recruited for NATO defence forces in Europe.
Barrie Flyers defeat Winnipeg Monarchs four straight to win Memorial Cup at Winnipeg.
Owen Sound Mercurys win Allan Cup, beating Port Frances Canadians four games to three.
Valleyfield Braves win first Alexander Cup in Major Hockey series, beating Toronto St. Michaels three games to two.
McKee Aviation trophy for 1950 awarded Carl Agar, 50, of Vancouver.
New Radio Canada building of CBC opened at Montreal.
Four firemen die in \$300,000 fire at Peterborough, Ont.; Les Compagnons de Saint Laurent of Montreal win Dominion Drama Festival at London, Ont.

June

Massey royal commission on arts report tabled in Parliament; Mrs. Arthur Pitre, sentenced to hang July 20 for murder in time-bomb case appeals against conviction.
Estimate \$1,000,000 damage in fire at Central Ordnance depot, Ottawa.
Heaviest June snowfall on record dumps three inches on Lethbridge; amounts to 16 inches at Calgary before storm ended.
Rev. Eugene Fiset, 77, former lieutenant-governor of Quebec, dies.
Death toll 35 in fire at Ste. Genevieve Hospice in Montreal.
Fifteen arrested at Edmonton between young hoodlums and servicemen; Mme. Pierre Casgrain elected Quebec CCF leader.
Progressive Conservatives win three federal by-elections and retain fourth seat.
2nd Battalion of Princess Patricia's in Korea awarded the United States Presidential Citation for valor.
First individual gallantry awards for Canadians in Korea announced at Ottawa.
Parliament at Ottawa adjourns to Oct. 9 after sitting 104 days.

July

J. Scott Macdonald, 55, of Goldenville, N.S., appointed Canada's first ambassador to Yugoslavia.
Prime Minister St. Laurent announces Princess Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh will visit Canada; 12 per cent increase in Canadian freight rates announced at Ottawa.
Forty buildings destroyed in \$300,000 fire at Cap Chat, Que.
Jim Ferrier wins Canadian open gold title at Toronto.
Canada formally ends state of war with Germany.
Jack Guest Jr. of Toronto wins Canadian singles sculls title at Port Dalhousie, Ont.
Five persons killed in sinking of hand-operated ferry at

August

Laurier House at Ottawa, home of late W. L. Mackenzie King, formally turned over to nation.
General Omar Bradley, chairman of U.S. joint chiefs of staff, visits Ottawa.
Canada wins first Davis Cup tennis zone final in 18 years, beating Cuba five straight at Montreal.
William (Red) Hill, 38, famed riverman, killed in attempt to go over Niagara Falls in rubber-tubed barrel.
Marlene Stewart, 17, of Fonthill, Ont., wins Canadian ladies' open golf championship at Laval-sur-le-Lac, Que.
First rain in British Columbia lower mainland in 58 days.

Count Jacques de Bernonville, under sentence of deportation to France, leaves for Brazil by air.
Harold Gunter, 19, of Saint John, wins Governor-General's gold medal at Dominion rifle meet at Connaught Ranges, Ont.
Marguerite Carson of Ottawa awarded first place in women's international air race from Florida to Windsor, Ont.
Bill Barliko, defenceman of Toronto Maple Leafs, NHL, and Timmins dentist Dr. Henry Hudson missing on flight from James Bay holiday.
Jerry Kerschner of Columbus, O., wins 10-mile \$5,000 marathon swim at Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto.
Strike at Hellinger gold mine, Timmins, for higher wages and union check-off ended after 52-day tie-up.

September

Bishop Walter Barfoot of Edmonton elected Anglican Primate.
Nine killed in collision between truck and car at Drummondville, Que.
North Atlantic Treaty Organization opens international conference at Ottawa.
Canadian Army authorized to prepare 27th Brigade for movement to British zone of Germany.
NATO meeting at Ottawa recommends admission of Greece and Turkey.
Pat Conroy of Ottawa resigns as secretary-treasurer of Canadian Congress of Labor after policy split at Vancouver convention.
Ottawa announces royal tour postponed for short time because of King's illness; David M. Johnson, 49, appointed Canada's permanent representative at UN headquarters.

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1951 News in Pictures

Outstanding events in Canada during the year 1951 are shown in these pictures which were provided to Canadian Press newspapers, including the Daily News during the year 1951. They illustrate outstanding happenings, places and personalities in an eventful year in this country. The pictures were provided by various member newspapers. Happy and tragic events are depicted and various phases of the nation's life.

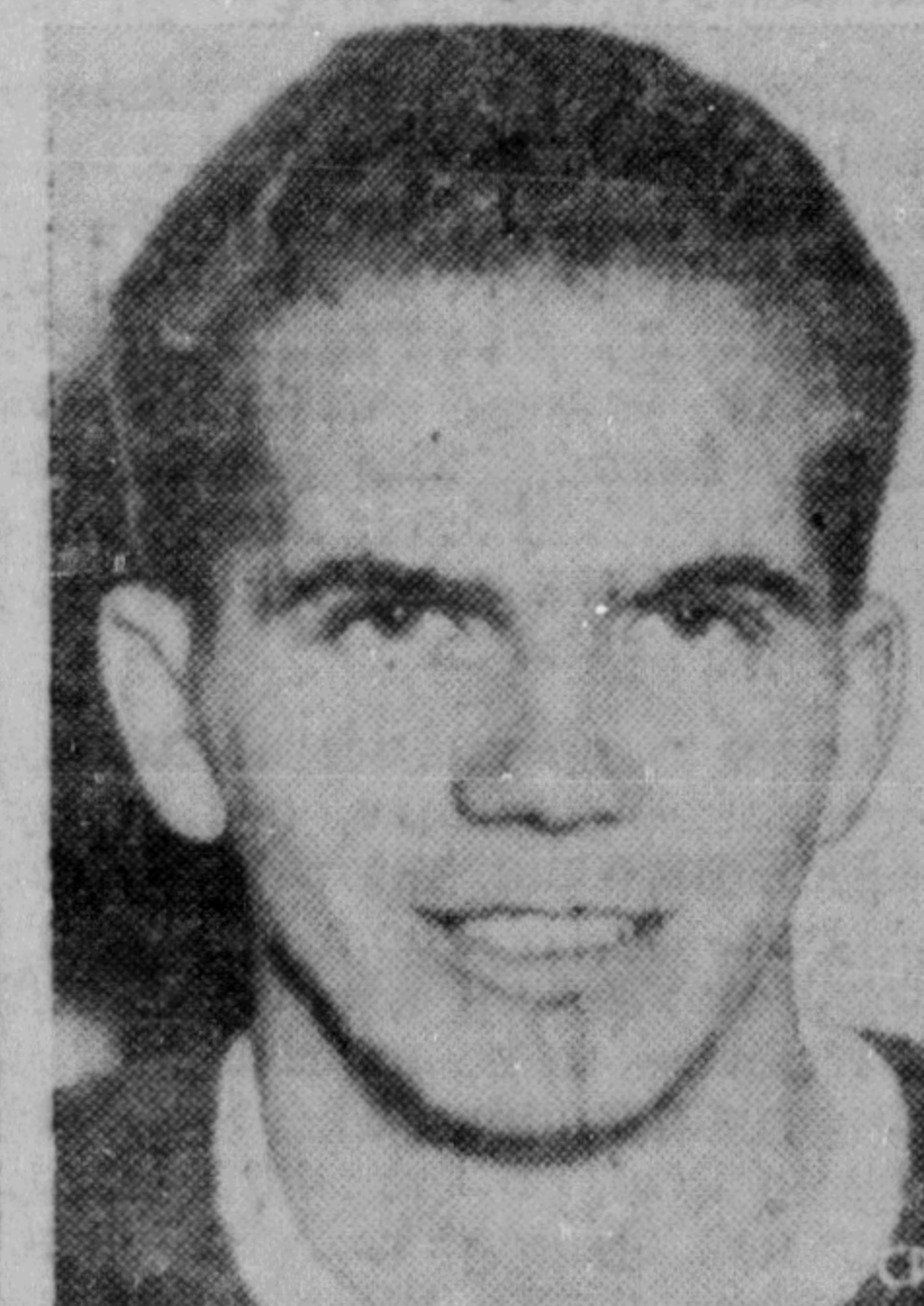


DAREDEVIL DIES—William (Red) Hill, Jr., veteran Niagara riverman, and son of another famous riverman, tried to conquer Niagara Falls in a rubber-tube-and-netting contraption on Aug. 5. His body was recovered from below the falls the next day. (CP Photo)

TERM EXTENDED—Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Canada's popular Governor-General, continued to endear himself to the people by his appearances at functions in all parts of the country. Here he tries his skill with a cross-cut saw. On Oct. 26, his term of office was extended until the fall of 1952. (CP Photo)



COUNT DEPORTED—Count Jacques de Bernonville, under sentence of death as a wartime collaborator in his native France, ended four years of illegal residence in Canada on Aug. 17 when he left Montreal by air for Rio de Janeiro. The Count entered Canada in 1943 under an assumed name and since then had been fighting against return to France.



LOST IN NORTH—Bill Barliko, Toronto Maple Leafs hockey star, disappeared in the wilds of northern Quebec Aug. 24 while flying back from a fishing trip with Dr. Henry Hudson of Timmins. An extensive aerial search, one of many staged during the year for missing planes, failed to find any trace of the missing pilot. RCAF search and rescue section spent \$285,000 during this search as its planes flew 1,354,000 miles. (CP Photo)



EAST WINS TITLE—Ottawa Rough Riders, eastern Canada football champions, defeated Saskatchewan Roughriders, western champions, 21-14 before a capacity crowd at Toronto Varsity Stadium on Nov. 24 to win the Grey Cup, emblem of Canadian football supremacy. The game was one of the biggest sports spectacles of the year. (CP Photo)



BRIDGE COLLAPSES—In the early hours of Jan. 31, residents of Three Rivers, Que., thought they heard an earthquake. Four big spans of the Duplessis Bridge over the St. Maurice River had crashed into the water taking with them four men crossing in cars at the time. Here are shown the bare concrete piers and debris lying on the river ice. An inquiry commission report failed to determine the cause of the collapse. (CP Photo)



CANADIANS IN EUROPE—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, supreme commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization troops in Europe, inspects the first Canadian troops, part of the 27th Brigade, to arrive in Europe in November to serve under his command. In addition to these ground troops, units of the RCAF are operating in Europe and the first RCAF base outside Canada was opened at North Luffenham, Eng and, as part of Canada's commitment to NATO. (CP Photo)



STIRS CONTROVERSY—A month after Kurt Meyer, German SS commander, was flown from a Canadian to a German prison, he was found "on leave" at his home in Offenbach when CP staff writer Doug How dropped by in November. Reports revived that Meyer, sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the cold-blooded killing of Canadian prisoners, expected to be released to serve in a West German army. (CP Photo)



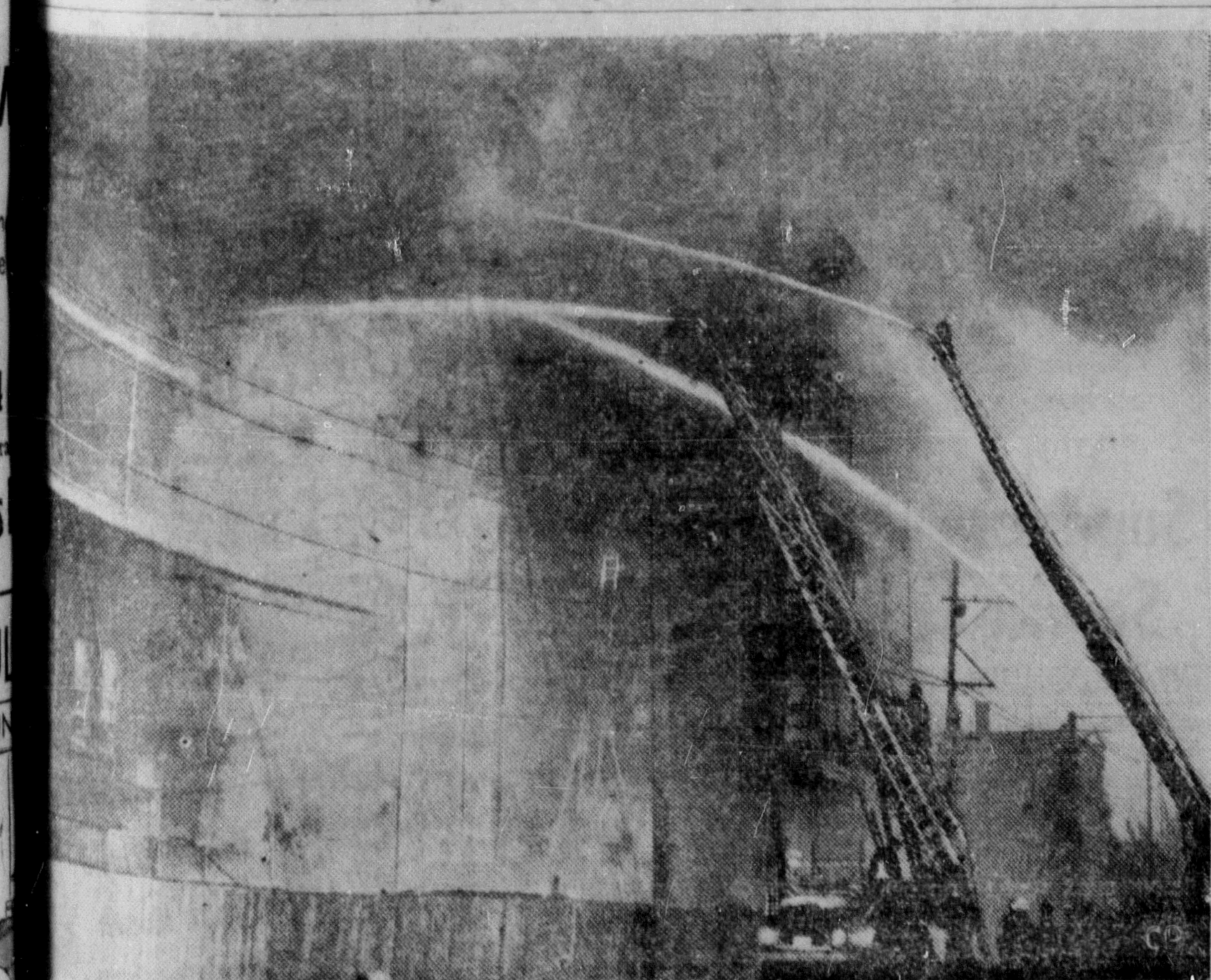
MEDICAL FRAUD—Ferdinand Waldo Demara, Jr., was the central figure in one of the most astounding medical frauds in years while serving with the Royal Canadian Navy. As Surgeon Lt. Joseph Cyr, he performed brilliant operations aboard the destroyer Cayuga off Korea. When report of his work came to Canada, an investigation touched off by the real Dr. Cyr led to Demara's return to Canada and his discharge from the navy as an imposter. (CP Photo)



MASSEY REPORT—Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, former Canadian high commissioner to England, was chairman of the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences. The commission report, presented to Parliament on June 1, is a guide to development of culture in Canada. It also serves as a blueprint for government policy in the fields of radio, television and education. (CP Photo)



ROYAL TOUR 1951—Canadians thronged the royal route across Canada and back during the visit of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. The royal couple are shown here on Oct. 8 when they arrived at Dorval Airport, near Montreal, by air from England. Some 10,000 miles and 37 days later they departed by steamship from Portugal Cove, Nfld., after visiting 71 towns, villages and hamlets. (CP Photo)



MONTREAL DISASTER—Tragedy struck in Montreal June 15 when fire swept Hospice Ste. Genevieve in the centre of the city. The death toll was 35. The institution was a home for the aged and for orphaned children. Here firemen pour water into the burning structure, scene of many acts of bravery by nuns who sought to save their young and aged charges. (CP Photo)