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nen North Star Crash-Lands





#### First Atomic Power Station

ISTRUCTION is not, the only use to which min can devote the atom. Pictured is a scale odel of the world's first atomic power station, now under construction in Cumberland, England. about 18 months' time the British expect the completed plant to have an output of enough estricity for a fair-sized town. Top left is the low turbine house, flanked on either side by reactors where heat will be generated in moderated urnanium piles to make steam. The am will drive four turbo-alternator sets in the turbine house.

## ve Missing After Oil Tankers rash in Fog-Cloacked Delaware

ILMINGTON, Del. (A) - An recovered and five men have headquarters in Philadelphia an- a wide area. Flames burst from atic Refining Company been listed as missing.

er seeking safe anchorage in Eleven of the 41 aboard the Company officials said all 46 off wing, but there was no fire fog-cloaked Delaware river 10,600-ton Atlantic Dealer were crew members of the 19,000-ton in the main fuselage. hed into a sister ship early thrown into the river or jumped "super-tanker" Atlantic Engin- "We landed down on one side setting off fires on both to escape the flames. Hours later eer are safe.

## "Win by Six Points" - Dukes; We'll Really Drive" - Bo-Me-Hi

"A win by six points," is the prediction of Duke of Conhight coach Bob Hindmarsh for the third meeting of the New estminster high school team with Bo-Me-Hi cagers at the vic Centre tonight. "We've got a real offensive game anned," said Hindmarsh, "and we're going to win."

Undaunted by this confidence, Jack Evans, pilot of the ooth Memorial Rainmakers has changed his tactics accordgly. "I was planning on using my second string," he said as afternoon, "but in view of the Dukes' strategy we'll use te first-liners and really drive."

In the first two previous encounters Monday and Tuesday, 0-Me-Hi downed the Dukes 52-48 and 61-48. See story of last ight's game on Page 4.)

## lice Hold Man After Fire board CNR Westbound Train

By ART GALLAGHER Anadian Press Correspondent

MBROKE, Ont. (CP) — The is Montreal. end pullman car on CNR flaming coach.

ing into sub-zero weather bury, Ont. the train stopped one With escape to the car ahead been rescued from the river. mgings were lost.

## Iversity ofessor kes Comics

TTINGHAM, Eng. (Reuters) platform of a teachers' con- coach uncoupled. ace here Tuesday night and something new about the lics children are so fond of ding-he defends them.

Michael Lewis, director of tingham University's instiof education, told delegates comic strips can help childlearn to read and extend r vocabulary.

wis reckons to be the biggest der of the comics in Britain, three years he has waded ough 120 of them a week. survey of the five most ular comics taken by seven-

r-olds in Glasgow showed 74 cent of the words in them e already known by the dren; six per cent were slang mis-spelled and the remain-20 per cent were new words he children

scontinental train No. 1, started at the front of the lances throughout the area went bound, burst into flames a coach, is unknown. However, a into action immediately. Ship broke junction at 2:05 a.m. leased, but who is believed to the area. y and one unidentified man have occupied a compartment, A lifeboat with a crew of five his life when trapped in is being held for questioning by was launched almost immediat-

escaped in night attire boarded the train at Ottawa piapo, bound for Baltimore from reaking the windows and and was travelling to Hailey- Philadelphia, picked up the life-

west of the station. Their cut off, those trapped in the burning coach fought their way ne suffered cuts and to the rear, where a woman but none was severely passenger used her travelling case to break a window, through As 10 Found Safe passengers were bound which all 13 jumped. The body of the dead man, burned beyond recognition, was found in

at the window. blaze more than two hours be- now are known to be safe. He fore it was extinguished. When gave the total number of pasthe train crew noticed the fire, sengers on the death train as the 10-car train was brought to 278, of which 142 are known to university professor went to a jolting stop and the burning he safe. The bodies of 119 have

nounced.

and said no one was burned. Both ships were bound for

barrels of crude oil and the ing to blow up." Atlantic Dealer with 9,000 barrels of gasoline and 114,000 barrels of other refined products.

#### SOUGHT ANCHORAGE

A company spokesman gave was running furiously from the PATROLS CLASH this version of what happened:

The Atlantic Engineer had anchored because of the fog about and 25 miles south of Philadel- crash. phia. The Atlantic Dealer was proceeding slowly upstream, hunting for anchorage space. Several other ships were at anchor in the area.

Residents along the shore of the two-mile-wide river were lision, then a roar as both ships again until Monday morning. for northern Ontario. The caught fire. The flash of flames transcontinental's starting point was seen two miles from the

Cause of the fire, which Emergency units and ambu-

elv from the Dealer. Some time thteen other passengers in It is believed the victim later the Chilean freighter Coboat crew and two men who had

## Wreck Toll Drops

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (Reuters) The known death toll of New the rear vistibule of the coach, Zealand's worst train wreck was where he apparently had suf- revised downward today to 136. focated while waiting his turn | Keith Holyoake, deputy premier, said 10 more passengers Pembroke firemen fought the who had been presumed dead

## Menuhin Detends Decision Not To Travel by Plane

been recovered.

LONDON (A) - Violinist Yehudi Menuhin today defended his recent decision not to travel by plane. He wrote the Times of London that mountain crashes have claimed three of his colleagues, all prominent musicians, and he doesn't

want to be a fourth. Last month Menuhin cancelled an engagement in Israel because he would have had to travel by plane to get there in time. Several British newspapers chided the violinist for grounding himself."

In his letter to The Times, Menuhin recalled the deaths in separate crashes of French violinists Thibaud and Ginette Neveu, and American pianist William Kapell.

He was confident he would fly again, but would wait until plane designers have eliminated the danger of crashing on mountain slopes—the type of accident which killed his

friends. His motive was dictated "not by fright but by a compelling impulse besetting a surviving violinist."

Wreckage Litters Vancouver Airport By The Canadian Press VANCOUVER. - Fifty-one persons aboard a

crippled RCAF North Star transport miracularly

escaped death or serious injury today when the

four-engined plane crash-landed at Vancouver International Airport. The plane was bound for Ed-Rebels it was forced to turn back after

Aboard were 43 passengers: including two women and two The plane, riding on three engines, flipped over on the runway and skidded off into a field alongside. A wing was torn off and fire broke out but was quickly extinguished by airport

An RCAF official said most ously hurt.

Wreckage was scattered over French sources speculated one of the engines in the torn-

and the next thing I knew els. Four bodies have been two had been rescued. Atlantic Fires aboard both ships were wing crumpled and the wall of controlled quickly by the crews, the fuselage shot in towards Preliminary reports indicated no me," said ordinary seaman Gary serious damage to either vessel McIvor, one of four sailors going on leave from Victoria. "I saw a gaping hole, so

Philadelphia from Texas, the dived through it and ran for Atlantic Engineer with 218,000 my life. We thought it was go-Another sailor was found cov-

> ered with mud from head to toe but otherwise unharmed. He could remember nothing about the crash except that he arms.

wreckage. Weather was bad, with rain pouring down and visibility at 61% miles south of Wilmington a minimum at the time of the

### Long Bank Holiday

There will be no late banking hours in Prince Rupert this

The usual Friday late hours awakened about 3:30 a.m. by the will be skipped due to the New screech of warning whistles. Year's holiday. Banks will close the French last Nov. 20 They heard the thump of a col- at 3 p.m. tomorrow, not to open

#### Man Improves

Alfred Cloutier, Butedale fish- the "Iron Division," scious in the CNR depot waiting heaviest materiel from China. minutes after leaving the man whose name was not re- collisions are a familiar story in room yesterday afternoon and French army sources said if taken to Prince Rupert General an attack comes on Dien Bien hospital in "fairly good condi- Phu, the battle will be hard and tion" it was reported today.

# of engine trouble. Fressure

By The Associated Press

HANOI, Indo-China. --Vietminh rebels tightened their pressure today of the passengers suffered mi- on Dien Bien Phu, the nor cuts and bruises and were last French fortress in northwest Indo-China.

that it is the major objective in the current Communist winter campaign, perhaps in preparation for another push into the invaded kingdom of Laos.

The Red-led invaders who knifed across southern Laos to Thakhek on the Thailand borinsula in two, have made no apparent move in four days. But at Dien Bien Phu. 300 airline miles to the northwest. report of the Vietminh "fron division" today drew within four miles of the fortressed plain bristling with French Union troops and U.S.-supplied B.C., said Tuesday.

minh troops northwest and wide Frobisher organization. southwest of Dien Bien Phu. launching an attack.

The rebels were reported steadily reinforced by since then.

ing an attack there by troops at Tulsequa, near the head of of Vietminh division No. 316, erman who was found uncon- with some of the best and



SANTA CLAUS takes one of the first shipments of Christmas presents into his new post office, high on the slopes of Whiteface Mountain in the Adirondacks in New York State. Yep! The U.S. Government finally authorized a fourth-class post office at North Pole, N.Y., and Santa's mighty proud of it.



York Public Library, after the annual Christmas wreaths were placed on the majestic statues. Since 1950 the big cats have been decorated so that they may extend Yuletide greetings to passersby in style.

## \$2 Billion Hydro-Metallurgical der last week, cutting the pen- Scheme Mooted in North B.C.

in northern British Columbia, British Columbia.

The hydro development would be the first step in a \$2,000,000,-000 metallurgical - chemical de-A French army spokesman velopment planned in northern said strong French Union pat- B.C. and the Yukon by Ventures rols clashed twice with Viet- Ltd., parent body of the world-

Mr. Rowebottom said Ventures There was a strong indication Ltd. still had to complete water that the Vietminh might be rights agreements with the protrying to move striking forces vincial and federal governments into encircling positions before before completing plans for the project. Talks between the company, which has completed a within four to six miles of the survey of the area, and B.C. fortress, which was taken by officials are expected to get underway in January.

The hydro-electric project would be used to supply power The French have been expect- for a metallurgical plant planned Mr. Rowebottom also said Am-

## Icy Weather Hits Ontario,

TORONTO (CP) - Ontario was the coldest province in Canada to 60 below zero in some of its said. northern regions.

Normally it would be having temperatures a few degrees on either side of zero at this time of year.

Meteorologists in Toronto said

areas around Toronto Thursday showers elsewhere. in the Toronto area and southern posed parts frequently 30. low of 20 above.

VICTORIA (CP) - Work may erican interests are contemplat- port, would probably be valued start next year on a proposed ing construction of a pulp mill at \$15,000,000. \$25,000,000 hydro-electric project in the north-central section of He declined to give the exact location of the mill nor the pame

E. G. Rowebottom, deputy min- | The deputy said the mill, which of the company interested in its

ister of trade and industry for would manufacture pulp for ex- construction. Secret German Invention

> Electrocutes Ocean Fish HAMBURG (Reuters)-A se- Peglow, and the German eleccret German invention for the trical firm of Siesmen-Schuckmass electrocution of sait water ert. fish will undergo extensive tesis In Britain, the Weekly Fish-

soon in the United States. American waters under the lessly into the nets. auspices of unidentified U.S.

interests. He said the "revolutionary development" will permit huge catches of ocean fish suitable for the dinner table by merely twisting electric dials. Previously, he said, such methods could be used only in fresh water.

The patent-holders are two Long.

Germans, physicist Konradin

#### WEATHER

Forecast

for a short time Friday. Normal Wind southerly 20 except in ex- all her heirs. parts of the province at this Low tonight and high Thurs- were Aldermen-elect Normal

Prince Rupert, 38 and 44.

ing News said the German in-Dr. Paul Frederich Meyer- vention calls for the use of live Waarden, head of the federal electrical poles fitted to the fish research institute here, said the lines of a trawler's gear. The Tuesday night a converted Ger- poles would send out "impulse man minesweeper, the R-96, has electricity" which stuns the fish left for two years of tests in and sends them tumbling help-

## Mayor-Elect, Aldermen Take Oath

Details of the equipment are Mayor-elect George E. Hills being kept a strict secret, at took the oath of office just betoday with temperatures sliding least for the time being, he fore noon today when he was sworn in by City Clerk R. W.

In taking the oath Mayor-elect Kreutzer and engineer Herbert Hills, who becomes mayor January 1, succeeding Mayor Harold Whalen, said he would faithfully perform the duties of his it was the coldest spell to hit North coast region: Cloudy and office and will not allow any Ontario for a number of years, mild. Nearly continuous rain private interest to influence his Ten below was forecast for along the mainland today with conduct in public matters. He also swore allegiance to He with temperatures moderating Scattered showers Thursday. Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and

Also sworn in earlier this weel time of year is a high of 32 and a day at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Bellis and Phil Lyons and Alderman Mike Krueger.

## Russian Santa Gets Orders As Soviet Prepares For 1954

By RICHARD KASISCHKE rounds on New Year's Day.

arrives a week before Christmas comment:

too, and this year the cry is for walk.

quality goods. MOSCOW (A)-Old Grandfather Premier Malenkov's govern- it only made hoarse sounds." Frost is getting some pretty strict ment has promised more and Moscow newspapers complainorders in Russia these days. He's better consumer goods. Letter ed also about the cost of the being told to pack mama dolls columns of Soviet newspapers toys. A doll's chair cost 22 rubles that really say mama and boys' disclose that the Russian con- as much as a chair for growngames that won't fall apart sumer wants to see this reflected ups. The Moscow research inwhen he makes his gift-bearing in better-made gifts now that stitute on toys come up with a

viet version of Santa Claus. He his daughter had this indignant chine, meat grinder, pots and in the Soviet Union, which is "The instructions said that rubles, nearly as much as a real observed Jan. 7 in accord with this doll could walk, roll its eyes kitchen for a real family would the old Julian calendar used by and say 'mama.' The doll looks cost.

". . . Instead of saying 'mama

holiday buying is in full swing. toy kitchen with a real sink Grandfather Frost is the So- A parent who bought a doll for water in the tap, washing mapans. But the cost was 1,500

the Russian orthodox church. very nice-if you ignore the fact The ruble is quoted officially Friday, millions of Soviet that its wig is made of rags and at four to the United States dolchildren will gather around fir cotton waste glued to the head, lar, but 1,500 rubles would trees to receive gifts and sweets. instead of hair. Neither we nor amount to more than two The grown-ups exchange gifts, our child could make the doll months' salary for an ordinary factory worker.