

Annual 'Santa Claus' Flights Ready

Special to The Daily News
OTTAWA—The RCAF's annual "Santa Claus" flights to lonely Arctic weather stations and other government outposts in the far north is due to get underway next week, air force headquarters announced today.

This year four RCAF aircraft—two North Stars and two C-119 transports—from 426 and 433 Transport Squadrons respectively both at Dorval, will fly more than two tons of letters and Christmas mail to Department of Transport weathermen, RCMP personnel, and others located in the Arctic.

The drops will be made at weather stations, including both the joint Canadian-US sites and those operated strictly by Canada, RCMP posts and Department of Transport radio posts.

Air drops will be made at such widely scattered spots as Mould Bay, Iqaluit, Alert Bay, Resolute Bay, Eureka, Arctic Bay, Craig Harbor, and Alexander Flord in the northern Arctic, and Clyde River, Padioping, Cape Hope's Advance, Resolution Island and Nottingham in the central Arctic.

The most northerly point, the joint weather station at Alert, is more than 2500 miles north of Montreal, just under 600 miles from the North Pole.

Preparations for the Christmas drop began two months ago, when the Department of Transport and other agencies involved advised families concerned that a Christmas delivery was to be made by the RCAF.

Delivery of the mail is dependent upon good weather; the

weather reports that the aircrew use to plan their flights are assembled from the weather detail sent out by the very people who will receive the Christmas parcels.

The exacting job of dropping bundles is a time of excitement for the D of T weathermen and others who have seen no signs of civilization since the supply ship made its yearly visit in August.

Worker Held In Murder of Six-Year-Old

REGINA (CP)—Joseph Cossette, 27, was held on a murder charge today in connection with the rape-slaying of six-year-old Irene Mooney.

Cossette is a construction worker from Coderre, Sask.

RCMP laid the murder charge against him Monday after he surrendered to a detachment at Radville, about 75 miles south of Regina.

Police said Cossette confessed the brutal slaying. The girl was found throttled and raped Saturday night at Ogema, Sask., 10 miles east of Radville.

Irene, from Edgeworth in the Ogema district, was found in an alley, lying near the carton of ice cream she had gone to buy.

The discovery started what police described as one of the most manhunt in the province.

Cossette walked into the RCMP station at Radville just as police were closing in for an arrest.

It was the description furnished by Mrs. Florence Richmond of Ogema which supplied the first clue. She reported a man she saw leave her store Saturday night after Irene went out.

Herb Ass, Fillmore merchant, told police of a conversation of two construction workers who heard a radio description of the suspect and tied it in with a fellow worker who accompanied them to Ogema Saturday night. Police were following up this lead when Cossette surrendered.



THREE CANADIAN DELEGATES attend the fourth general assembly of the World Veterans Federation at the Ridderzaal in The Hague. Left to right: W. A. Morgan of Winnipeg, vice-president of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada; William T. Correll, Hamilton, president of the War Pensioners of Canada; and Alfred John Wickens, Moose Jaw, Sask., Dominion president of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada. Some 200 delegates from 28 countries attended the conference to discuss a plan for rehabilitation of more than 5,000,000 handicapped war veterans.



THE FOUR-ENGINE PROPELLER-and-gas-turbine Bristol Britannia likely will be the answer to Canada's search for replacement to the RCAF Lancasters on Maritime duty. Informed quarters say the decision has been made to build the new plane at Montreal after modification of British blueprints.

Bank President Predicts Good Year Ahead

A good year ahead was predicted today by James Stewart, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Trends sometimes taken as storm warnings of recession, he indicated, may actually be fair winds towards continued prosperity. Increased competition

and costs of production, however, would require careful consideration.

Mr. Stewart, in an address to the bank's annual meeting, said a decline in commodity prices had corrected the post-Korean influence, and world prices now were back to approximately their 1949 level.

"We should, therefore, take care not to over-emphasize the economic significance of the fall in prices by regarding it as the harbinger of recession."

Mr. Stewart suggested overall consumer demands will continue high in the months ahead.

"In the non-durable goods field, demand is buoyant and retail sales indicate a relatively stable outlook. Demand in this area is difficult to assess... but there is nothing in the present situation to warrant the belief that any noticeable falling off in demand is ahead of us, though

there will be a levelling off of the peaks recorded in past months."

Boston Doctor Admits Identity

BOSTON (AP)—The Boston Traveler said Monday it has learned Dr. Arthur G. Steinberg, 41, of Newton, Mass., is the "Mr. X" about whom the Senate investigating sub-committee wants to question Igor Gouzenko in Canada.

A geneticist attached to a Boston hospital, Dr. Steinberg, informed of the story, admitted he is the "Mr. X," the paper said. He said he is not a Communist, never had been a Communist and never gave American secrets to anyone.

Proposal Set To End Strike

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal mediators today hammered out a proposal for ending a strike against six major New York newspapers, and called in both sides to look the formula over.

The strike is now in its 11th day. Details of the formula were not disclosed, but there were indications it hinged on creation of a fact-finding board.

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NANAIMO, B.C. (CP)—Mrs. B. M. Wheelon, candidate for alderman, said Monday night she would not withdraw from Thurs-

day's civil election even though she knew herself to be ineligible. "I will withdraw only when disqualified by the returning officer," Mrs. Wheelon said. "I will have to be disqualified."

Chamber Urges Wheat Parleys

MONTREAL (CP)—The executive council of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has urged that the Canadian and United States governments work together on the question of wheat surpluses and avoid separate action for their disposal.

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