

Canada

The election of Henry Wallace as president of the United States would be the "best thing that could happen to Canada," Tim Buck, national leader of the Labor Progressive party, told a meeting at Regina, Sask., today. Buck said suspicion was growing among the people of Great Britain that the United States was "deliberately obstructing" their country's economic recovery.

With the announced intention of injecting life into the "moribund" Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, Mayor G. C. McGeer, of Vancouver, will head the strongest delegation ever sent by Van-



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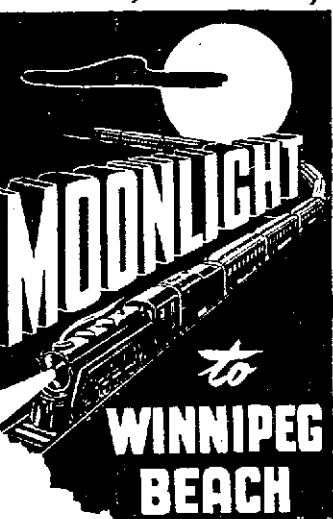
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Around the World

cover to the annual convention of Liberalism or Progressive Conservatism but free enterprise or Socialism, he said.

General

The British trawler *Loch Hope* sank off the east coast of Iceland when a mine caught in its trawl. All but one of the 18-man crew were rescued but many were injured.

Reproductions of the front page of the Chicago Tribune's centennial edition have been distributed by wire and radio to newspapers of Canada, the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and 38 other countries. The transmission was undertaken, a Tribune editor said, "to demonstrate a common bond which unites the press of the world and to emphasize the progress which has been made in development of communication, as well as to show how the press has kept abreast of technological developments."

Preliminary plans have been laid by the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts association for an all-Canadian boy scout jamboree in 1949, the first in Canadian scouting history. A Canadian scout contingent will cross the Atlantic aboard the aircraft carrier H.M.C.S. *Warrior* to attend the world jamboree of peace in France in August. Winnipeg has been chosen as the scene of the next executive meeting, Oct. 10.

The Saskatchewan Budget bureau, which was established in 1946 and does scientific budgeting and the provincial government, has been awarded a first honorable mention in the field of public administration in the United States and Canada, by the International Municipal Finance Officers' association.

Labor Minister Mitchell has predicted that there would be a continuation of high employment through 1947 and disclosed that this spring has produced an employment level higher than in the similar period of any other peacetime year.

Hon. Brooke Claxton, defence minister, said in a CBC speech, that the changes in Canada's defence programme were designed to give Canadians the most for every defence dollar they spent and he believed that by streamlining her forces, reducing expenditures and simplifying administration Canada was well up with "and in some ways ahead of both the United Kingdom and the United States."

Rupert Ramsay, Saskatchewan Progressive Conservative leader, believes that there are no fundamental differences between his party and the Liberal party and if there would compromise on minor differences they could ensure victory for free enterprise in the next election. The issue is not

Monday's The Big Day

Playgrounds Begin Summer Schedule

Youngsters will be flocking to the city playgrounds Monday afternoon, as the parks board officially opens its summer programme at 19 out of the 42 which will be in operation this year. These consist of 14 schoolgrounds, three community centres, Sargent park and the old exhibition grounds.

Opening of the 23 kiddie playgrounds is scheduled for July 2. Charles A. Barbour, director of playgrounds, will have 60 qualified supervisors on the job, men and women who have recently completed a six weeks' training course. Max Avern will be supervisor of playgrounds for the summer programme; Sid Glenesk is supervisor of swimming; while Madge Robinson and Betty Black are in charge of music, crafts and drama.

Last year's Playtown project, tried as an experiment at eight of the playgrounds, proved such a success, according to Mr. Barbour, that it will be extended this year to all 19 major fields. This is an attempt, he explained, to give the children "an opportunity to live

N.Z. Develops New Weapon

AUCKLAND, N.Z., June 13 (CP)—A secret weapon that may play a vital part in world affairs because it is so powerful that it is said to have capabilities approaching the atomic bomb in effectiveness, is reported to have been developed in New Zealand.

T. D. J. Leech, professor of engineering at Auckland university college, awarded a CBE in the King's birthday honors list, is said to have been selected to lead the research on the secret weapon because he had previously done work distantly related to it.

The project originally was the idea of a Wellington, N.Z., man who communicated the plan to Britain and the United States. Both countries immediately went ahead with laying the foundation for research. Plans were said to have been carried out in Florida but later the project was moved to New Zealand owing to fears of espionage.

Disclosure of the secret weapon follows the announcement last week that the Australian cabinet has approved a five-year defence programme at a cost of \$800,000,000. The expenditure on research was said to cover projectors, rocket range experiments, with radio-guided rockets, including missiles with atomic warheads.

1946-47 Wheat Exports Go To 29 Countries
OTTAWA, June 13 (CP)—Twenty-nine different countries received 104,695,959 bushels of Canadian wheat during the 1946-47 crop year, the bureau of statistics reports. Wheat flour equivalent to 51,162,170 bushels of wheat was exported to 74 countries during that period.

Shipments of wheat to the United Kingdom totalled 78,686,878 bushels, 75 per cent of the aggregate to all countries. To the United Kingdom also was shipped the largest quantity of wheat flour, totalling 21,002,850 bushels in terms of wheat.

Five hooded pirates armed with revolvers leaped aboard a Singapore-bound steamship north of Port Dickson in the Malacca Straits and seized a cargo of incense worth more than \$4,000, it has been reported.

People

Harry L. Symons, Toronto, author of *Ojibway Melody*, will receive the first award of the Leacock Memorial medal for the best book of Canadian humor in 1945. The medal presented annually by the Leacock memorial committee at Orillia, Ont., commemorates Stephen Leacock, noted humorist and political economist who spent his youth in the town.

Owen Kelly, Jr., one of New York, did a series of rolls and plunges in his perambulator to which he was strapped, down a 100-foot ravine and emerged from the joy ride with only minor cuts and bruises. The carriage rolled over the ravine while his mother was talking to friends.

Allen McIsaac, of South Branch, Newfoundland, was blown to pieces in a dynamite explosion at Fairview, suburb of Halifax, and a companion, John J. Gale, was seriously injured. The two men had been using the dynamite for blasting and McIsaac was carrying a box away from the job when he tripped and fell. The blast shook the northwest end of Halifax.

Dr. L. E. Kirk, dean of agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, has been granted a year's leave of absence to become head of the plant industry division of the United Nations Food and Agriculture organization.

Miss Alba Lenardon, 25, of Vancouver, is out \$55 in cash, some jewelry and a number of personal papers but not before she had a four-minute tussle with the burglar. Surprising the prowler ransacking her suite Miss Lenardon grabbed him by the lapels of his coat and

"clung," because "I wasn't afraid of him" and because she wanted the mantle radio he had his clutches on just as much as he did... she kept it.

At the request of James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians (A.F.M.), the union's international executive board has been granted full power to stop the making of recordings and transcriptions after Dec. 31, 1947. The board has been authorized to order federation members to "refrain from rendering services for any or all types of recording if it decides that further making of recordings of any kind by members is detrimental to the interests of the federation." The resolution was passed at the convention of the federation.

Singer Kate Smith will leave the Columbia Broadcasting system after 16 years to go with the Mutual Broadcasting system. She will make the switch June 23 and end her Sunday programme June 29. She will not do a Sunday show next year.

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Professor Norman W. Radford, of McMaster University, has left for Churchill, Man., where he will direct a special research project on Canadian muskeg, under the auspices of the National Research Council.

Jose Iturbi will leave New York at the end of this month for a concert tour in England and Europe. He will return to Hollywood about the middle of August to start work on the *Triumph of Music* for MGM. Iturbi's most recent activity has been concert work in Mexico City and benefit recitals in Texas for the victims of the Texas City disaster.

MONTREAL, (CP) — Children should be taught driving while still at school, said Amos E. McGill, who recently lectured at a special New motor vehicle fleet supervisors' training course.

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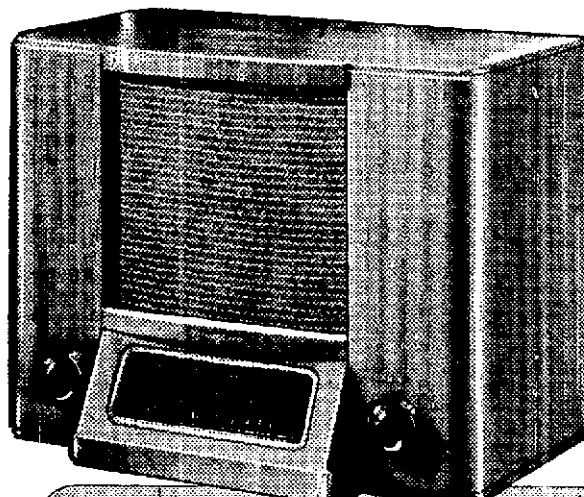
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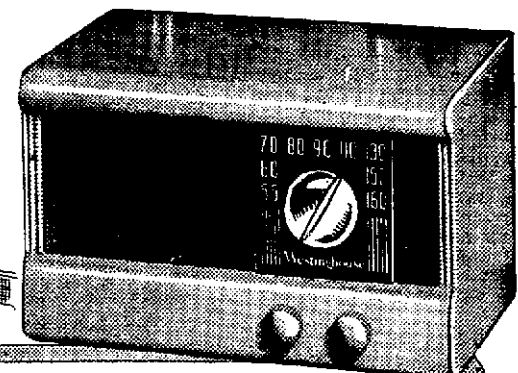
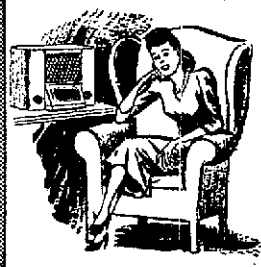
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