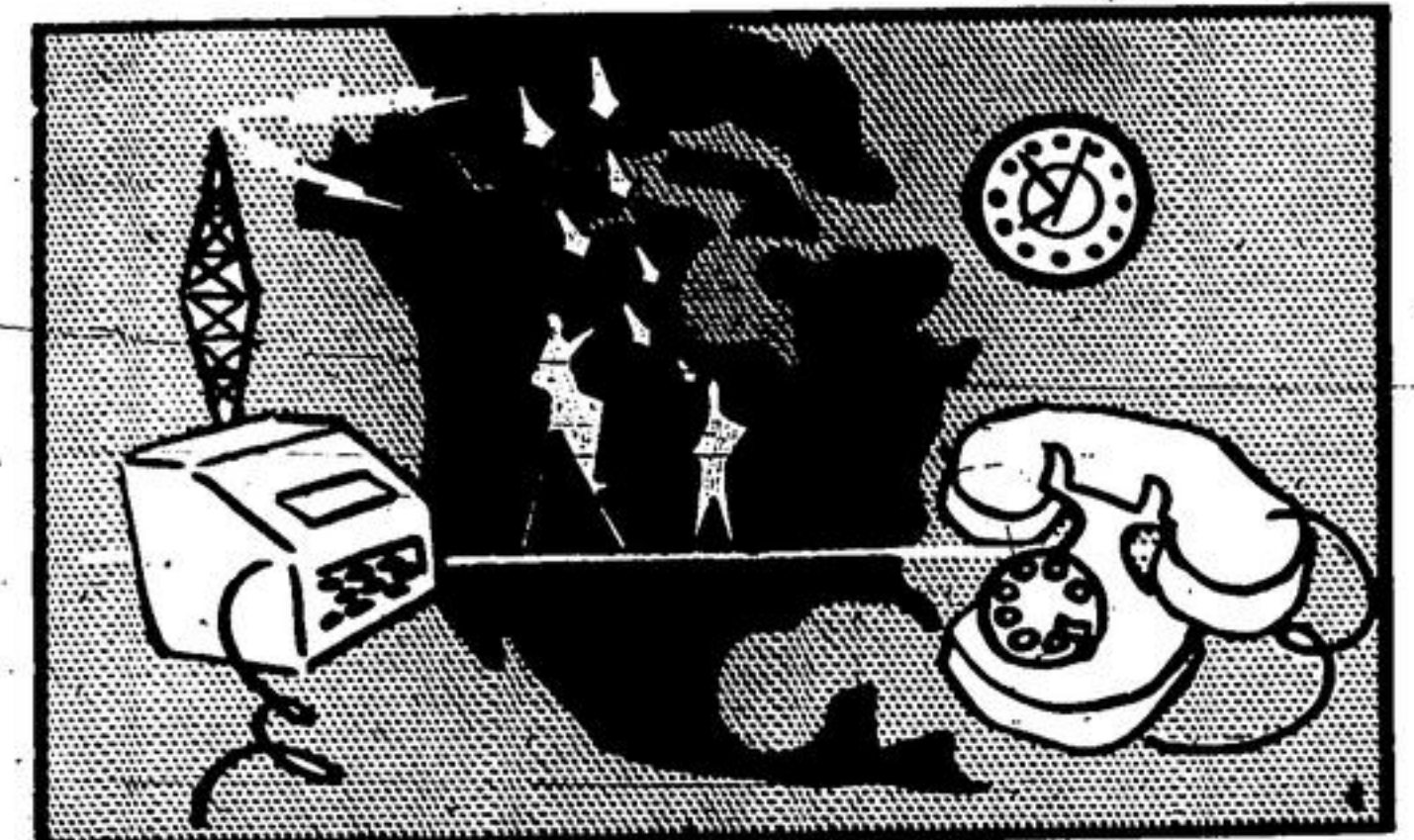


Civil Defence - The Provincial Responsibility

The 10 provincial governments in Canada would be responsible for a sort of family-like co-operation among their communities should a nuclear war ever hit this continent. Meanwhile, during this time of peace, the province's job is to make such co-operation possible should emergency conditions arise.

The latest civil defence thinking has underlined this duty of the provinces heavier than others. For hit by the enemy with the unbelievable destruction of the H-bomb now is considered the only really safe defence against annihilation. But where are these people from the cities to go? How are they to get there? Those are questions the provinces must answer. They are seeking the solutions now. They appear in several steps.

First the provincial governments



had to create their own civil defence organization. This was done following conferences among federal and provincial authorities in 1950-51 and regularly since. Each province now has a functioning C.D. organization within the framework of its government. Each has a cabinet minister responsible for C.D. and a provincial co-ordinator. Their staffs vary according to how actively the province participates.

Canada's constitution is such that communication between various governmental levels runs from the federal through the provincial to the municipal or local. This places responsibility on the province for co-ordinating the efforts of its communities into the plan for the whole country.

The province must help its communities organize their own C.D. set-ups; it must keep municipalities informed of the latest developments and provide training of civil defence volunteers within the province. It also must provide the legislation necessary for local authorities to operate. It must delegate the necessary authority to carry out a civil defence operation.

Advance warning of an impending attack would come through the provincial facilities from the federal organization and should communications on a national scale be interrupted, the provincial organization would have to supply direction for local plans.

What about the money necessary for equipment, training and organization centres? The province is responsible for assisting in this way, too. It can get financial help from the federal government which will match provincial contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to an amount based on the population of each province. If the province agrees (the federal government, under the constitution, cannot work directly with the municipality unless the province allows it) the federal C.D. organization can contribute 25 per cent. of a local project's costs. Then if the province puts in 25 per cent., the federal contribution will be increased by another 25 per cent., leaving the municipality with the other 25 per cent. of the cost to pay. Beyond this federal assistance, the province must go itself.

The big job of each province, however, is to organize reception areas to take in people evacuated from cities likely to be bombed. These will be towns and villages fringing the target cities. Because of the destructive power of the new weapons, these reception areas must be not less than 50 and may be up to 100 miles from the city.

The province must organize rout-

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Prospectors Train At Winter Classes

VANCOUVER (CP)—Many prospectors graduate each winter from a school here which teaches them how to search for and identify the mineral wealth lying beneath western Canada's rocky wasteland.

The school of prospectors is operated by the British Columbia Chamber of Mines from November 3 through February. Each of the approximately 200 students pays a \$10 fee.

All have in mind the success of Ray Petrie, former student of the school who helped discover the \$6,000,000 Privateer gold mine at Zeballos, and of Ray Wheeler, who found gold tellurite at Hedley, B.C. The students include men from behind office desks who have never chipped at a vein; business men associated with mining who want to know more about it and wealthy men with adventure in their blood.

Also there are the baker, the candlestick-maker and the old-time prospector who has never struck it rich but hopes to do so next year with the scientific knowledge which the school teaches.

And each year an average of 20 women sign up for the course. Several thousands have graduated during the 37 years of the school's existence.

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Easter Means Noise at C.N.R. Station

Easter for most people is on its way when they see spring hats and chocolate eggs appearing in shop windows, but to one office in Montreal the holiday period is virtually here already.

Anyone who listens at the door of the reservations bureau at Central Station will soon realize why.

On a long desk on one side of the office a dozen telephones are buzzing. On the other side is a bank of clattering teletypes, and through it all comes the murmur of voices.

To spend any time there you would think all Montreal was on the move. The growing Easter reservations alone indicate a mild migration.

The bureau's staff of 25 works two shifts between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., and most of them are handling telephone calls.

These come in at a rate of more than 3,000 a day. As well as regular requests for berths, bedrooms and parlour car seats—not to mention four accommodation to all parts of the continent—calls come from people with particular problems.

It might be a businessman's urgent need for reservations taking him on United States lines as well as the CNR, or perhaps a request to cancel a series of reservations someone may have made when uncertain of the exact travelling date.

The bureau with its facilities can handle them quickly, operating, as it does, through week-ends as well as week-days. And no day is any quieter than another. As Montreal is the busiest centre in the whole CNR system, hundreds of trains originate there and pass through every week.

The teletypes in the bureau have direct wires leading to Ottawa, Toronto, Halifax, Moncton and Campbellton. Telegrams are coming and going on them all the time, with many more being handled through Canadian National Telegraph offices. Normally the total averages 300 outgoing and 350 incoming daily. With the Easter rush they are stepped up to rates of 400 and 450, and on peak days reach 500 and 550.

Supervisor of the bureau is Harry R. Witchell, who has been looking after the interests of travellers for 35 years. His assistants are Miss

Simone Fontaine and Paul Samson, who take over on alternative shifts.

Mr. Witchell says more and more are taking Easter vacations now, and the totals are getting well past Labor Day's traditional high figures.

"At this stage I have already ordered 6 extra sleeping cars to go to New York, and 10 sleepers and 10 parlour cars to take Montrealers to Toronto. With good weather, we shall handle record crowds."

TREND IN BUSINESS

VICTORIA (CP)—Democratic rather than autocratic leadership is the trend in business, today, Jack Hodges, president of the National Office Managers' Association, said in an address here. He is the third Canadian to become head of the international organization.

Halton Co-Op Annual Draws 150 To Esqueving Community Hall

"Co-Ops are owned and controlled by farmers, with policies aimed to help them," said Leonard Harmon, assistant general manager of United Co-Operatives of Ontario, speaking at Friday's annual meeting of Halton Co-Operative Supplies at Stewarttown.

The meeting followed a noon dinner in Esqueving Community Hall, attended by 150 people. Mr. Harmon said it is Co-Op policy to save farmers as much as possible on their purchases and to give as high a return as possible by mass distribution of farm products.

He spoke in favor of co-op marketing, which, he said, could effect a 10 per cent. increase in profit to farmers, which added to a possible 10 per cent. saving by group distribution of supplies, can make appreciable differences to farm living standards and industry profits. "There is no highly dramatic way of arriving at the ultimate," he said. "It is rather a steady working towards improvements for the farmer and his family."

Members learned from general manager W. H. Smellie that the businesses which operate in Georgetown and Milton will soon be handling gasoline and fuel, all of which will be distributed by a tank truck presently on order.

His report also stated that sprinkler systems are being installed in the two mills, a capital expenditure of \$3,000, which will mean an annual saving of \$1,500 in

Dublin WI Plans Aid to 4-H Club

Dublin Women's Institute held its March meeting last week at Maple View farm, home of Mrs. M. Steele, with Mrs. William McIntyre presiding. The meeting was opened with the Women's Institute Ode. The Mary Stewart Collection followed by the Lord's Prayer. Roll call was answered by telling an Irish joke or resolution.

Thank you letters for parcels and cards were read during the business period. Extension services for the homemakers were discussed. A family whose home was destroyed by fire is to be given a warm quilt. Plans were completed for a quilting bee next week. \$10 dollars was voted to the leaders of the Dublin 4-H Girls' Club to help carry on their new project, The Cereal Shelf.

Current events were read by Mrs. P. Kennedy. Mrs. George Somerville reported on the Halton Folk School. Mrs. D. Macpherson, leader of the 4-H Girls' Club, outlined the new project.

Mrs. B. Rennie, assistant leader, displayed record books made by the girls in their last course. What Shall I Wear, also blouses and other sewing completed by them. Awards of silver teaspoons with the 4-H crest on the handle are to be given all girls completing the Cereal Shelf project.

Mrs. P. Kennedy was convener for a Dutch auction sale. Mrs. Alex Near acted as auctioneer. At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Fyfe Somerville served a dainty Irish lunch. Mrs. W. Britton thanked the hostess and all who had helped with the meeting.

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