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## TIME-TABLE FOR LIFTING BERLIN BLOCKADE READY

### Battle With Railways Expected Over Rates Structure

#### Co-operative Ass'n Formed At Meeting Held Last Night

#### N. B. Prepares To Battle Forest Fires

FREDERICTON, May 2 — (CP) — Several days of sunshine and drying winds have opened the forest fire season in New Brunswick. Five small week-end fires occurred but were brought under control yesterday or today.

#### Reserve Army Plans To Boost Training

OTTAWA, May 2 — The reserve army plans to have more than 50 per cent more soldiers in training at camps this summer than last, headquarters reported today. Out of a total strength of roughly 40,000 men, the reserves drew 7,092 out for two weeks training in camps across the country last year. This year they expect 11,000. Command camps will be conducted in each of the five army commands but Ontario and Quebec camps will probably be the busiest.

#### Coming Events

- \*\*Play, "Tracédie" Hall, Wednesday, May 4th. Dance afterwards.
- \*\*Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- \*\*Corran Ban Hall, Wednesday, May 11th, four act drama followed by dance.
- \*\*A meeting of the Central Parish Manse Committee at Clyde River, Wednesday, May 4th, at 2 o'clock.
- \*\*Annual Prize Shoot at York Hall, Wednesday afternoon, May 4th.
- \*\*Laughs galore at McDonald Bros. Theatre tonight. See "Abbie's Irish Rose", plus Superman.
- \*\*House Dance, Tuesday night, May 3rd, C. P. Ellis, Dunstaffnage, opposite Windmill.
- \*\*Come to the Variety Concert in Fortune Bridge Hall, Thursday, May 5th, 8 p.m.
- \*\*Norboro Players, Hampton Hall, Thursday, May 5th. Auspices W. I.
- \*\*North River Women's Institute auction in hall Tuesday night, May 10th.
- \*\*The Annual Meeting of Cornwall Community Club will be held in the hall on Thursday evening, May 12th, at 8:30 o'clock.
- \*\*See the comedy drama by Seven Mile Bay Players, in "Thanksgiving Hall", Wellington, Friday, May 6th.
- \*\*Jimmie Power's variety concert at Murray Harbor Friday night May 6, starting at 8:30. Sale of cakes and lunches.
- \*\*Charlottetown Players present "There Goes the Bride" in Hunter River Hall, Wednesday, May 4th, 8:30. Proceeds for Mission Church.
- \*\*Reserve, June 2nd and 3rd for Finals of both Drama Festival and Junior Farmers' Oratorical Contest in High School Auditorium, Summerside.
- \*\*See "Meeting Will Come To Order" and "Corned Bibles", also good specialties, at Clyde River Hall Friday, May 6th. Sale of lunches. Auspices L.O.B.A. Proceeds for hall.
- \*\*Attention farmers Crapaud and vicinity: I have on hand the following Purina feeds: Chick Starter, Chick Grower, Laying Mash, Dairy Ration, Hog Grower and Starter. Free delivery on 1-2 ton lots or more. Enoch Newson. Phone Crapaud 7-22.
- \*\*Feeds: The following is our prices on feeds: 18% Pig Starter \$3.85, 16% Hog Grower \$3.30, 15% Hog Finisher \$3.20, 17% Laying Mash \$3.85, 17% Growing Mash \$3.85, 18% Chick Starter \$4.40. Other feeds in accordance. Buy Shur-Gain Feeds and be sure. Bags enclosed. Phone or write your order. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.

A new co-operative association was formed last evening at Birch Court by farmers in the Charlottetown area. Smith MacFarlane, Harrington, was elected president; Ralph A. Gay, Highfield, vice-president and Ray MacDonald, Southport, secretary. The new organization was capitalized at \$50,000 at \$25 per share.

The directors elected for three years are Ralph A. Gay, Smith MacFarlane and Wallace Mallett; for two years, Elliot Robertson, Malcolm Reeves, and Ray MacDonald; and for one year, Arnold Godfrey, O. Morrissey, and Jack Rodd.

Auditors appointed are Robert Connolly, O. W. Campbell and Leigh Kennedy. The membership committee consists of Guy Judson, Guy Rodd and Jack Bell.

It is expected that a grocery and feed business in Charlottetown will initiate the new venture. The co-operative idea originated as a means of solving the surplus milk problem of fluid milk producers. Action on this phase has been temporarily postponed.

J.G. Dennis, secretary of the Co-operative Union of P.E.I., L.J. Corcoran, assistant supervisor, Gene Gorman, director of S.D.U. Extension, read and explained the by-laws to some fifty organizing members.

Mr. Leo McIsaac, Melvin Bridges, O'Leary, Frank MacMillan, P.W.C., Cyrus Poirier, Summerside, president of the Credit Union League of Prince Edward Island; and J.F. Arsenault, Egmont Bay all wished the new co-operative the high success which has been attained by others on the island.

#### Sudden Death Of Mr. R. A. McDonald

Charlottetown citizens will learn with deep regret of the sudden death of Mr. R. A. McDonald, 56, accountant, last evening at his home 64 Rochford Street.

The late Mr. McDonald was a veteran of World War One, and was a prominent member of the Bishop McEneaney General Assembly of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus. He was also secretary of the Abegweit Athletic Club, secretary of the Charlottetown Pigeon Club, treasurer of St. Dunstan's Credit Union and member of the Charlottetown Branch Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

Mr. McDonald was born at Vernon River the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald. He was for many years a member of The Guardian staff, having headed the mail room and business office. He was also a valued contributor to the Guardian's Sport Page.

Notwithstanding that he had been gassed while on active service, 1914-18, and had been in ill health for several years, he remained actively interested in the welfare of youth and lent his support to numerous athletic organizations and was a familiar figure at sporting meets.

Mr. McDonald is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ann Mullen and one daughter Leah, a nurse in training at the City Hospital, to whom The Guardian extends sincere sympathy.

The remains are resting at his late residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

#### Canadian Exports Down This Year

OTTAWA, May 2 — Canadian exports for the first three months of this year are down from a year ago.

The Bureau of Statistics reported today that value of exports to all countries for the first quarter was \$658,800,000, compared with \$672,000,000 in 1948.

However, value of goods sent to the United States increased during that period by 10.5 per cent to \$345,150,000 compared with \$312,333,000 a year ago.

The over-all decline was the result of a lower volume of goods sent to the United Kingdom and Europe during January, February and March.

Canada's total domestic exports during March were valued at \$218,800,000 compared with \$228,400,000 in the same month a year before.

#### Howe Has Plan To Solve U.K. Dollar Shortage

LONDON, May 2 — (CP) — Britain was urged tonight by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Canadian trade minister, to encourage colonial and other Commonwealth countries to ship raw materials to Canada as a means of balancing trade between Canada and the sterling area.

Speaking at the opening of the British Industries Fair, Mr. Howe said in an address prepared for delivery that the post-war increase in the volume of goods going to Canada from the sterling countries, outside the United Kingdom, was "disappointingly small."

He said there was an imbalance of between \$75,000,000 (\$300,000,000) and \$100,000,000 (400,000,000) in the trade between Canada and the sterling area and it was "unrealistic" to think the difference could be made up by expanding the sale to Canada of manufactured goods from the U. K. alone.

"The Canadian market," he said, "holds no less potential for primary materials from your colonial areas than from manufactured products from the U. K. itself."

"I suggest that it can only be by an expansion of such trade with the Western Hemisphere that there can be any real hope of the sterling area being able to balance its accounts with the dollar area, except by continuing a policy of restriction."

"Therefore, I hope that this same drive for exports to Canada and to the dollar area from colonial and other Commonwealth areas will be made comparable with the drive for exports of the United Kingdom."

Mr. Howe said he realized there were obstacles such as supply shortages and divergent price levels, yet opportunities might be lost for all time should the Canadian market be left to other suppliers until the period of shortages had passed.

Following are some of the important dates and what they mean to the voter:

#### Music Festival Launched Successfully Last Night

#### Drama Festival At S' Side This Year

The Prince Edward Island Drama Festival will be held in Summerside this year, the festival committee announced yesterday.

Most of the drama groups this year hail from the West and are Commonwealth countries and Prince County. There are no entries from King's. It is felt that Summerside would be a more convenient centre this year.

With the scarlet-coated Regimental Band of the Prince Edward Island (17th Recce) Regiment as a back-drop, and before an overflow audience in a gay and expectant mood, the Fourth Annual Musical Festival was declared officially open by the Hon. Thane A. Campbell, administrator of the Province in the absence of Lieutenant-Governor Bernard, at the Prince of Wales College auditorium last evening.

Premier J. Walter Jones and Mayor Earle MacDonald welcomed the participants, congratulated the sponsors and organizers and wished the Festival well. The President, Lt.-Col. J. T. Lowther, presided at the opening. Mrs. J. E. Davis was platform secretary.

Stating that the overall standard is up from last year, Mr. David Ouchterlony, adjudicator, said that, above all, it was necessary for him, in his job, to be absolutely honest. He noted the "tremendous role which an audience plays" at such a festival and pointed out that one movement in the audience may put a contestant completely off.

Referring to the great amount of work and effort put into such a festival by all concerned, Mr. Ouchterlony, as a father himself, sympathized with the parents of the contestants as to the "heartaches, headaches and earaches in the homes." Concluding, the adjudicator paid tribute to the organizers who make his work at the festival pleasant and smooth-running.

Following the opening ceremonies, the 27-piece "Recco" Band, conducted by W.O. Roy Mugford, gave an impressive performance of the Finale of Dvorak's "New World Symphony" in Class 108 Bands. Due to illness among its members, the Montague Legion Band was unable to compete.

Congratulating the conductor on a "very fine performance" Mr. Ouchterlony remarked on the well-balanced nature of the band. He especially complimented the reeds and the two bass players Emile Dorlon and Alf McKearney on their fine playing.

#### Notes Striking Progress Made In Newfoundland

A striking improvement in general conditions in Newfoundland since his last visit some years ago was noted by Premier J. Walter Jones, who returned last night by plane from St. John's, after attending the Newfoundland Liberal Party convention.

The Premier met prominent citizens from all parts of Canada's Tenth Province and was very favorably impressed by their public spirit and interest in everything concerning the country's welfare and development.

He predicted keen competition for Newfoundland trade this year and said that while Prince Edward Island faced while Prince Edward Island faced better organization on the part of local shippers is urgently required.

Asked whether this comment applied to any particular commodity, the Premier said there was need of a general improvement in exporting methods. He emphasized the fact that Newfoundland is developing a high standard of living and that the market will become more and more selective as time goes on.

The Premier was accompanied home by Hon. Eugene Cullen, who attended the convention with him, and also by Mr. W. E. Agnew, Provincial trade agent, who has been in Newfoundland for the past month making a survey of trade opportunities.

#### Opening Public Session Of Royal Commission Held

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#### 12 Years Oil Supply Known At Trinidad

(By The Canadian Press) PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, May 2 — Known oil reserves in Trinidad amount to only 250,000,000 barrels or 12 years' supply, F. C. Hamilton, chairman of the Trinidad branch of the Petroleum Institute said here during the week-end.

He said production costs were higher here than in most oil-producing countries and fewer areas were being exploited since the war.

#### Packard Announces Price Reductions

DETROIT, May 2 — (AP) — Price reductions ranging from \$103 to \$248 on volume models of its new line of cars were announced today by Packard Motor Car Company. The \$103 price cut is on Packard's eight cub sedan; the \$248 slash is on the super touring sedan. Other models affected by the reductions are the eight cub sedan; de luxe eight cub sedan; de luxe eight touring sedan and super cub sedan.

#### Expect Hearings Will Be Held Here July 25-27.

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#### Nfld. Conservatives Open Election Drive

ST. JOHN'S, May 2 — (CP) — The Progressive Conservative Party tonight fired its first broadside in the campaign for Newfoundland's provincial election May 27.

H.G.R. Mews, provincial leader of the party, announced the names of 11 candidates for the crucial contest, including two labor officials. Six other candidates had been announced earlier and it has been intimated that the party will contest all 28 provincial seats.

D.I. Jackman, president of the United Steel Workers of America (C.I.O.) local at nearby Bell Island, will be a candidate in the dual district of Harbor Main-Bell Island. Jackman was a member of the Newfoundland convention

#### Pulitzer Fiction, Drama Prizes Are Awarded

NEW YORK, May 2 — (AP) — The Pulitzer prize for fiction today was awarded to James Gould Cozzens for his novel "Guard of Honor."

The drama award was given to "Death of a Salesman," Arthur Miller's hit play. Arthur Miller's hit play, Arthur Miller's hit play, Arthur Miller's hit play.

The trustees called Peter Verek's "Terror and Decorum" the most distinguished volume of verse by an American author in 1948. It was his first collection of poetry.

Virgil Thomson won the award in musical composition with his music written for "Louisiana Story," a documentary film dealing with the invasion of the Louisiana bayou by an oil well firm. The trustees said it was the first time the award ever went to music written for a motion picture.

#### New Weather Record Made At Sydney

SYDNEY, N.S., May 2 — (CP) — The mercury rocketed up to 83 degrees today, an all-time high for May 2 in this steel city. Previous record was a 74 established in 1888.

#### Child Killed By Truck On Gt. George St.

Claudia Jane, five and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Warren, was the victim of a sad fatality yesterday evening when she succumbed to injuries received in an accident on Great George Street, almost opposite her home.

The fatality occurred around 6 p. m. A heavy truck, driven by Roland McKenzie, was pulling away from the Red Indian Service Station when the driver, attracted by shouts of witnesses, pulled up. The body of the little victim was found lying by the side of the vehicle.

She was rushed to the Prince Edward Hospital in a taxi driven by Bruce Stevenson but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Neither the driver of the truck nor a passenger had any inkling of the tragedy until their attention was attracted by eye-witnesses.

Last night a jury was empaneled and sworn in by Coroner Dr. J. D. McGuigan, and after viewing the body the inquest was adjourned until Friday evening at 7:30 at the McLean Funeral Home.

Members of the jury are Messrs. George Hawkins, (foreman), J. D. Webster, J. T. Valley, Raymond Steele, William Batt, Charles McLennan and Louis Ranahan.

Surviving the little victim in addition to her parents are one sister Leah and three brothers, Keith, Paul and Larry.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES

The federal department of fisheries has provided \$1,250,000 for expenditure in Newfoundland during 1949.

to study future forms of government for the island and spoke strongly against confederation.

Frank Pogwill, an official of the Railway Brotherhood on the island's 550-mile right-of-way, had earlier been announced as a candidate for the dual district of St. John's East.

Tonight's rally was held in the same armory as an inaugural Liberal convention which ended Saturday and nominated candidates for 27 seats.

Mr. Mews said the policy of his party would be declared "within a few days". He considered the terms of union, consummated a month ago, were unfair to this island and would be revised under a Progressive Conservative Federal Government.

#### Could Be Ended In 10 Days

(By The Canadian Press) NEW YORK, May 2 — Britain, France and the United States today worked out a time-table for lifting the Berlin blockade and starting East-West discussions of a full German settlement, an authoritative source said.

The top diplomats of the three Western Powers met privately to prepare an answer to Russia's bid for ending the 10-month stalemate. The answer, the source said, might be transmitted tonight to Jakob A. Malik, Russian deputy foreign minister.

The source, who declined to be identified, said the Western Powers now believe Britain and France should be brought into the series of secret talks held since Feb. 15 between Philip C. Jessup, United States ambassador-at-large, and Malik.

Speculation that the Council of Foreign Ministers might meet during the third week of this month to discuss the whole German problem, the source said, could be expected.

This was intercepted to mean the blockade could be lifted within 10 days.

He said the Western Powers would reject any proposal to raise the blockade by stages.

The date of Jessup's next meeting with Malik was not yet set but informed sources said it could be expected later this week.

Russia's aims unchanged

BERLIN, May 2 — (AP) — Authoritative United States sources expressed belief tonight the Soviet Union wants to shelve the cold war with the aim of easing east-west economic barriers as well as ending the Berlin blockade. They say the Russians hope to do this without sacrificing long-range Communist political objectives.

These sources, who have dealt with Russia continuously since the end of the war, said that besides ending the Berlin blockade Russia probably would make the following concessions:

1. Agree to virtually any proposal the West makes on Germany in order to gain entry to the West and get a central German government which they might be able to influence.
2. Open Eastern Europe to Western trade, lifting at least the economic iron curtain.

A top American source expressed it this way: "Russia has lost the battle for Berlin. She has asked for a truce, this truce is needed to regroup her forces and launch a new attack with new methods. Her aims have not changed but her tactics have."

TORONTO, May 2 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 43, 58; Edmonton 41, 62; Regina 28, 72; Winnipeg 40, 63; Toronto 55, 72; Ottawa 57, 78; Montreal 61, 75; Quebec 54, 81; Saint John 42, 49; Moncton 41, 75; Halifax 48, 71; Charlottetown 49, 75; Sydney 41, 63; Yarmouth 46, 59; St. John's 36, 66.

Regional forecasts: — Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with widely scattered showers clearing Tuesday afternoon. Continuing very warm. Southwest winds 15 increasing Tuesday afternoon to west 20. Low and high Tuesday at Charlottetown 55 and 70.

High tide today at 2:26 A. M. and 1:08 P. M.  
Sun rises this morning at 4:48 and sets at 7:21.  
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NEW CAR FERRY SCHEDULE — WEEK DAYS  
Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentina  
8:10 A. M. 10:35 A. M.  
1:00 P. M. 2:40 P. M.  
4:30 P. M. 7:30 P. M.  
SUNDAY  
Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentina  
8:45 P. M. 8:00 P. M.

