

U.K. AGREES TO USE WHEAT MONEY FOR BACON CONTRACT

Ottawa Will Not Share Cost Of Buying Land For Trans-Canada Road

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Reconstruction Minister Winters today said the Federal Government does not intend to share the cost of buying the land through which the proposed trans-Canada highway is to run.

The Federal Government's position is that the right-of-way does not constitute cost of construction," he said in an interview at the conclusion of the two-day Dominion-Provincial conference on technical aspects of the 5,000-mile highway.

Mr. Winters said the conference broke up with a "clear understanding" of the Government position.

However, several delegates suggested the Provinces were generally disappointed that the right-of-way costs would not be shared.

The Federal Government has agreed to pay half the cost of the \$300,000,000 hard-surfaced two-lane highway. Some provincial representatives said they felt the Government was hedging on this agreement by excluding right-of-way from the cost.

Only Point In Dispute

This was the only point of disagreement at the two-day meetings called by Mr. Winters.

Disagreement arose during discussion of the right-of-way for the highway. The width of this right-of-way varies. On the Prairies it has been agreed that a belt 200 feet wide must be bought for construction of the road. In other parts of the country the width is 100 feet, and considerably less in mountainous areas.

The Provinces indicated they had been under the impression the Federal Government's offer to pay half the cost of the highway would include the cost of buying the necessary land.

This point of disagreement will have to be cleared up before the Federal Government sends proposed agreements to the Provinces.

The conference, which was closed to the press and public, reached agreement on these other points.

1. The Federal Government and Provinces will share the cost of clearing the land through which the highway will run.

2. The width of new pavement will be a minimum in most places of from 22 to 24 feet.

3. Minimum width of old pavement which may be included in the highway will be 20 feet.

4. Minimum shoulder for the highway will be five feet.

5. Thickness of the pavement will be no less than three inches and will be constructed of asphalt or concrete.

The question of a route for the highway was not discussed at the conference. It will be up to the Provinces to arrange this among themselves. The only interest the Dominion has is that the route shall be the shortest practical one.

No decision was reached at this meeting on the regulations which will govern trucking on the highway, particularly through some national parks which prohibit commercial vehicles. One such park is Banff.

Mayor O'Dwyer Of New York To Wed

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 — (AP) — City Hall announced today that Mayor William O'Dwyer, recently re-elected for a second term, will marry Miss Sloan Simpson in St. Paul, N.Y., next Tuesday. The Mayor, 59, and a widower, and Miss Simpson have been the subjects of romantic speculation for some weeks.

NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 16 — (AP) — Secretary-General Trygve Lie of the United Nations announced today he is not a candidate for reappointment as the executive head of the United Nations. His five-year term expires in January, 1951.

MINNOWS CAUSE BLACKOUT

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich., Dec. 16 — (AP) — Millions of minnows blacked out almost half of South Haven (pop. 4,745) last night. They swarmed from Lake Michigan into a huge water intake pipe at the local power plant, clogging it and forcing engineers to pull the switches.

British Parliament Prorogued Yesterday

The prorogation followed a short morning sitting of the Commons. In the Lords, peers witnessed the unusual spectacle of an overflow crowd in the public gallery. The result was that rules were waived and spectators allowed to stand.

The unusual public interest was created by the sifting of a royal commission of five peers to give royal assent to 33 acts. The commission later gave assent separately to the controversial Parliament Act, which reduces from two years to one the right of the Lords to delay non-financial legislation from the Commons.

The bill had been rejected three times by the Conservative majority in the Lords, but today it passed into law under the procedure of the Parliament Act of 1911. It was the third bill in 38 years to have been passed against persistent opposition of the Upper Chamber.

It is generally expected that the new session will begin as announced Jan. 24. It is understood the Government has a fairly heavy list of legislation to be announced in the Throne Speech opening the new session.

An election is expected any time after that, perhaps in February.

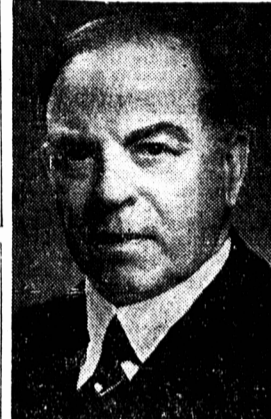
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Kostov Reverts To Guilty Plea Before Death

75th Birthday



OTTAWA, Dec. 16 — (CP) — William Lyon Mackenzie King, (above) former prime minister, will celebrate his 75th birthday tomorrow. He will spend the day quietly at his city residence, Laurier House.

For the last two days messages of greeting and good wishes have been coming to the old stone home from various parts of the world. It has taken much of his time answering them.

He expects to spend tomorrow making other replies.

Mr. King feels stronger now than at the time of his retirement a little more than a year ago. He admitted in an interview today that he still feels restless, but said his hours of leisure also have their measure of satisfaction.

"During the last 40 years, I often could spare my friends only five minutes; now I can have 30 minutes or more with them. It is an intense satisfaction. It is the measure of the relaxation I now enjoy."

Yet it isn't easy to retire and in a year Mr. King has found that out.

"I enjoyed turning out to be the chairman of a meeting held by Prime Minister St. Laurent during the election campaign. I miss very much the activities of political life and it is a genuine privation for me not to be participating."

But, he said, "because I am 75 years old I don't want to begin telling the country what to do. The men in charge today are quite competent. I have had my day."

His memoirs were not progressing so rapidly because he is easily fatigued when he works intensively.

Mexican Plane Reported Missing

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16 — (AP) — A Mexican plane with 17 persons aboard is missing tonight along the lonely gulf coast north of Vera Cruz. The 13 passengers and crew of four are all listed as Mexicans.

The plane, operated by the Compania Mexicana de Aviacion, has been lost since 6:05 A.M. It left here bound for Vera Cruz and Merida, in Yucatan.

BEVIN GIVEN FREE HAND

LONDON, Dec. 16 — (Reuters) — Well-informed quarters in London believe that the Cabinet yesterday gave Foreign Secretary Bevin absolute discretion to select the most suitable date to recognize the Chinese Communist Government.

Plan Easier Border Crossing Regulations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 — (CP) — The State Department reported "good progress" today in negotiations with Canada on easing restrictions on border-crossing travel.

TO PROBE THEFT OF HUTS

MONTREAL, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Appointment of Col. E. D. Ellwood of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps to head a court of inquiry into thefts of huts and military stores from a Farnham, Que., army camp was announced today.

INDIAN GUIDES PERISH

PEPPERLAW, Ont., Dec. 16 — (CP) — Two Indian guides died last night as they tried to cross the ice of Lake Simcoe from Georgian Island to Virginia Beach near this community some 50 miles north of Toronto. The body of George McCue, 40, was found today frozen in the ice. A search is underway for the body of his companion, Tom Port, 45.

Trade Board Protest Re Railway Wharf Project Receiving Consideration

Transportation Hearing Adjourns

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 — (CP) — With a final flurry on controversy, the Royal Commission on Transportation today closed its 1949 sessions for a six-week recess.

The commission, in session here since Nov. 1, will resume next Jan. 30 for the concluding stand, expected to take about two months, in its long inquiry into national transportation problems.

The argument at today's last sitting developed between the Province of Alberta and the Canadian Pacific Railway over the "agreed charges" on rates, which some of the Provinces want to have abolished.

Under the "agreed charges" system, the railways give contractual low rates to shippers who guarantee a specified portion of their business to the carriers, and today Alberta counsel J. J. Frawley declared this was unfair to small shippers.

Federal Surplus Cut In November

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Government expenditures exceeded revenue by \$5,473,213 during November, cutting down, as Finance Minister Abbott has predicted, the large budgetary surplus for the first eight months of 1949-50 operations.

The result was that Canada's budgetary surplus at Nov. 30 totalled \$285,991, compared with about \$305,000,000 the month previous.

The Government has budgeted for a \$90,000,000 surplus.

Island Women's Liberal Ass'n Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Provincial organization of the National Women's Liberal Association was held Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. Lester Douglas.

The meeting opened with a prayer followed by the President's report on the year's work.

Five Provincial meetings have been held and three new local clubs have been formed, namely: Kinross, Morell and Montague. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read followed by an election of officers for 1950.

New officers are: President, Mrs. J. F. Inman; vice-president, Mrs. R. Roper; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. B. Jones; executive, Mrs. E. Cullen, Mrs. G. A. MacDonald, Mrs. L. Peake, Mrs. C. MacArthur, Mrs. L. Peale. Additional members will be elected to executive from other communities at a later date.

Mount Stewart Berry Exchange Annual Meeting

The Mount Stewart Strawberry Growers' Exchange marked a total of 225,000 boxes of berries during the 1949 season, it was revealed at the annual meeting of the Exchange held recently, with the President, Mr. Pius MacDonald, addressing.

143,000 boxes of berries were sold on the fresh fruit markets of Boston, Montreal and Maritime cities at an average price of 183 cents per box. 81,000 boxes were processed and packed in the Mount Stewart Cannery. These boxes were labelled "Mount Stewart Strawberry Preserve" and are being sold in Canadian and foreign cities.

The 1949 officers were re-elected and four new directors were appointed to help handle the increased business responsibilities. The new appointments increase the total of directors to eleven. New directors are: Messrs. Harold G. Coffin, Basil MacDonald, Louis Clarkin and Milton Rodgers.

Military Boss Of Red China In Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 16 — (AP) — Mao Tse-tung, military boss of Communist China, has arrived in Moscow, the Moscow radio bulletin announced. His arrival did not give the purpose of his visit.

CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE

TORONTO, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Two children were burned to death today when a fire destroyed a three-room wooden cottage at suburban Islington. Dead are Hughie Roberts, 3, and his one-year-old brother, Lloya.

Hanged 40 Hours After Sentencing

SOFTLY, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Traicho Kostov, former Bulgarian deputy premier sentenced to death for spying, was executed today, the Bulgarian news agency announced.

Kostov, 52, was formerly secretary of the Bulgarian Communist Party's central committee. The report of his execution came less than 40 hours after his conviction and sentencing.

Kostov was said to have appealed for clemency to the 31-member presidium of the Grand National Assembly, Bulgaria's parliament, but to have been turned down.

The indictment accused Kostov of plotting against the present Bulgarian regime with the United States, British and Yugoslav intelligence services. It also alleged that he tried to arrest and assassinate the late Bulgarian Prime Minister, Georgi Dimitroff, and that he was instrumental in leading Yugoslav Premier Joseph Tito to power.

Kostov, short and bespectacled, pleaded guilty to anti-Russian activities and "lack of vigilance" in his official position. But he denied other charges, including one that he capitulated to Bulgarian fascists in 1942 spied for British intelligence and plotted with Yugoslav leaders to set up an anti-Russian Balkan Federation.

His 10 co-defendants were given terms in jail.

In his written appeal to the Grand Council, Kostov withdrew his original not guilty pleas and admitted all charges against him.

It was learned that Kostov also wrote a letter to Bulgarian Premier Vassil Kolaroff asking that his death sentence be commuted to life imprisonment.

He promised that if the appeal were granted he would devote his life to the Communist Party.

LOOKS FOR BRIGHT FUTURE

MELBOURNE, Dec. 16 — (Reuters) — Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies said today his new coalition government looks forward to a bright future for Australia and the British family of nations and to closer co-operation with the "powerful generous people of the United States."

Suggest More British Farm Workers for Canada

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Federal and Provincial farm-labor experts said today more British farm workers should be brought to Canada to correct the "undesirable lack of balance" that resulted from large-scale immigration of European farm laborers.

They passed a resolution that effect at closing sessions of the Dominion-Provincial farm-labor conference.

Earlier, delegates indicated Canadian agriculture could absorb only a few more displaced persons in the future. But many farmers still wanted to hire experienced farm help from the British Isles.

G. V. Haythorne, Labor Department economist, told the conference that greater mechanization and more efficient production had reduced the labor requirements of agriculture. There now was also more difficulty in finding jobs for

Amount Involved In Agreement Not Known; Price May Be \$30 Cwt.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Anglo-Canadian agreement has been reached whereby the United Kingdom will shift some \$20,000,000 from Canadian wheat purchases to provide Britain with Canadian bacon next year, it was learned today.

Meanwhile, the price of eggs across the country began declining and a government food official said it was the direct result of announcement that the United Kingdom will not buy Canadian eggs next year.

He predicted that the price of eggs will drop from last week's wholesale level of 48 cents for grade "A" large to 36 cents — approximately the same price being paid in the United States market.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner said in an interview that he could not comment on completion of the wheat-bacon negotiations. He disclosed, however, that the original plan had been a Canadian proposal.

Under the plan, Canada will defer shipment of approximately 10,000,000 bushels of wheat under the 140,000,000-bushel 1949-50 contract.

It is understood the agreement specifies that Britain will take delivery of this deferred wheat early in the 1950-51 crop year, paying prices fixed under the 1949 contract, \$2 a bushel for No. 1 Northern.

Discussing Price

Anglo-Canadian negotiators still are in the midst of discussions on the price to be paid for the U.K. will pay for the bacon. The 1949 price was \$36 a hundredweight, but British negotiators are asking that it be reduced to \$30.

At \$30 a hundredweight, the U.K. will be able to buy some 60,000,000 pounds of Canadian bacon next year, which is approximately the amount shipped in 1949.

A Canadian Federation of Agriculture spokesman said if the agreement is reached on the \$30-a-hundredweight basis, the C.F.A., which represents some 400,000 farmers, would ask the Government for price support.

Concerned over the heavy drop in egg prices, the C.F.A. has made new demands that the Government assist the industry by establishing a floor price.

The contract called for the shipment of some 40,000,000 dozens of eggs at approximately 46 cents a dozen.

Predicts Egg Decline

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 — (CP) — A government trade official today predicted that the price of eggs—Grade "A" large—will drop 12 cents a dozen within a week and sell for 36 cents a dozen wholesale.

More Fun Than Economy In Shaveless-Friday Order

By ED CREAGH

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 — (AP) — New York men sported whiskers on their chins today, but you had to look twice to see them.

East side, west side . . . from Park Avenue to the Bowery . . . New Yorkers — or some of them, anyway — went shaveless and showerless in the first "water holiday" the big town has ever known.

By these and a dozen other devices, New York saved in its lowest-in-history reservoirs millions of gallons of water that otherwise would have gone down the drain.

Water Commissioner Stephen J. Carney said it looked as though the city would "make history" and hang up a conservation record, although final figures won't be known until tomorrow.

In the first 14 hours, the city's 8,000,000 residents drew 90,000,000 gallons less from the largest reservoir than in the same period the day before.

But the city's storage basins as a whole were only 34.9 per cent full today, compared with 50.6 per cent on the same date last year. And last year's figure was well below normal.

Despite official pleas that no man shave, fresh-shaven chins were the rule rather than the exception.

Even so, untold thousands of men broke away from their daily slavery to the razor and most of them seemed to enjoy it.

Spot checks of chin-stubble subway riders revealed varying tallies:

On a Sixth Avenue subway train, only one man in four looked as if he'd boycotted his razor.

In the Bronx County building, seven in 10 had five o'clock shadows before noon.

Along Third Avenue, the ratio was about fifty-fifty.

And in the marble-walled lobby of a Park Avenue hotel, about the only whiskers noted during a 10-minute vigil were on the jokes that people were making about the water shortage.

Move To Increase Rents In P. E. I.

HALIFAX, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Landlords in Prince Edward Island were the only ones in the Maritime making any "drive" for rental increase forms, a survey of Prices Board officials showed today.

The Charlottetown Prices Board office said there was "a very definite drive" for forms authorizing landlords to increase rents from 18 to 22 per cent, effective yesterday.

The bulk of the forms were for landlords who offered leases of one year or more.

Although Nova Scotia and New Brunswick offices reported a "steady demand" for the forms, they did not consider the request unusual.

250,000 AT UNVEILING

PRETORIA, Dec. 16 — (Reuters) — Nearly 250,000 persons, the greatest assembly in South African history, gathered just outside Pretoria today for the unveiling of a monument to the white man's defeat of the Zulu 100 years ago.

JEWELRY ROBBERS SENTENCED

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Two jewelry robbers who took \$208,500 worth of gems from a Fifth Avenue shop, were sentenced today to five to 16 years in prison. The two, John Broderick, 34, of 57 Atlantic Ave., Halifax, and Joseph Quinn, 36, formerly of Seattle, pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree robbery.

6 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

A GOSSIP NEEDS NO NOTES; SHE TALKS BY EAR!

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 29-41; Edmonton zero-1; Regina 8-9; Winnipeg 3-12; Toronto 15-23; Ottawa 13-23; Montreal 20-27; Quebec 10-23; Saint John 9-25; Moncton 7-20; Halifax 17-29; Charlottetown 13-24; Sydney 13-25; Yarmouth 17-30; St. John's 14-23.

HALIFAX, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax:

Synopsis: A belt of fine, cold weather extends over most of the eastern part of the continent. This area of good weather is moving slowly eastward, so that little change is expected in the weather of the district Saturday.

However, a disturbance west of Lake Superior is moving eastward and on Sunday will cause increasing southerly winds to blow across the district. This will bring milder temperatures and rain to the Maritimes, and snow to Eastern Quebec.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Saturday, with an outlook for Sunday:

Prince Edward Island: Clear except for a few cloudy intervals. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low and high at Charlottetown 8 and 26.

Outlook for Sunday—Intermittent rain. Milder.

High tide today at 8:39 A.M. and 8:04 P.M.

Sun rises at 7:47 A.M. and sets at 4:33 P.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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