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FRENCH GOV'T THREATENS ACTION AGAINST STRIKERS

U.S. Experimental Superfort Explodes While In Air

Socialists A Bulwark Against Communism In France Says Ambassador

"If the Socialists should go Communist in France, that will be the beginning of the end for Democracy," predicted the Hon. Francisque Gay, three times Vice-Premier of France and now French Ambassador to Canada, in an interview with members of the local press last night at The Charlottetown, following his arrival from Antigonish.

In France the working classes have borne the brunt of postwar difficulties, and are becoming "very tired," Mr. Gay said. This has been an incentive to Communist activities, but their hoped-for gains have been disappointing. It is difficult to estimate the Communist strength exactly, but they have lost 1 or 2 percent of their parliamentary following in recent by-elections. Moreover, they have failed to win over the Socialists, as they did in Czechoslovakia and are doing in some other European countries.

The Communists number 180 out of 600 members in the French Assembly. Were the Socialists to unite with them their strength would be 250, and it would not be long before they became the dominant party. But Mr. Gay does not think this will happen. By cultivating Socialist co-operation, the democratic parties have succeeded in averting this Communist threat, a fact which he regards as of great significance, not only to France but to Europe and the world at large.

"One of the Boys"

"I am proud to say, whenever I meet newspaper men in this coun-

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Poor Start In Digby Scallop Season

DIGBY, N. S., Oct. 6—(CP)—The scallop season, which opened last week, is off to a poor start in the Digby area.

Poor weather and a lack of shellfish have resulted in small returns to Digby fishermen since the season opened.

This year only 20 boats lined up for the season, smallest number since scallop fishing was taken up here some years ago.

One scalloper said: "Scalloping has had it in Digby."

The Canadian Fisheries Research Board has been conducting a survey of the scallop beds and more than 2,000 tagged scallops have been released in an attempt to gauge intensity of the fishery. Rewards are paid for tagged shells.

Money Arrived Too Late For Perreaults

MONTREAL, Oct. 6 — (CP) — Police disclosed today that a $104 telegraphic money order for Donald and Douglas Perreault, held in Lethbridge, Alta., awaiting escort back to Montreal to face murder charges, arrived too late to give the two men their freedom.

The two, wanted for the Sept. 23 killing of two policemen in a Montreal bank robbery, were picked up in the west last week on a theft charge. Authorities, unaware of the identity of the two, sentenced them to 30 days in jail or a fine of $104.

Penniless, the Perreaults wired Louis Desrosiers in Montreal for money, not knowing that he too was held by police here as a material witness. Another friend, however, sent them the $104 but it reached Lethbridge after police had discovered the Perreaults were the two wanted for murder

Montgomery Appeals For Strong Britain

LONDON, Oct. 6—(CP)— Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery today warned against "underplaying the danger of war." He declared the danger of war exists and appealed for a strong Britain. Speaking from the Lord Mayor's festooned mansion house balcony, Lord Montgomery continued the drive for 150,000 volunteers for the Territorial Army.

Coming Events

**Dance Mount Stewart every Thursday. Eastern Rhythm Boys.

**Dance at Bright Spot postponed until further notice.

**Reserve Wednesday, Dec. 1, for St. Peter's Cathedral tea and sale.

**Reserve Saturday, Oct. 16, for rummage sale at St. Peter's Hall.

**Annual Chicken Supper in Wellington Parish Hall, Thanksgiving, October 11th.

**Prizes ! ! ! Boys and Girls join the Radio Art Classes at 11.15 A.M. Saturdays over C. F. C. Y.

**Come to the Dance, Millview Hall, Friday, October 8th. Millview Orchestra. Lunches.

**Remember dancing every Thursday night. Islanders Country Club, Travellers Rest.

**Come to the big Dance, Winsloe Station Hall, Friday, October 8th. Don Messer's Orchestra.

**Unloading car Old Sydney screened coal at Mt. Herbert. Please order at once. J. Russell Driscoll.

**Come to Dance in Brookvale School, Friday, October 8th. Ice Cream and Lunch served. MacNeills Orchestra.

**Regular monthly meeting Hope River branch of the Canadian Legion will be held tonight at the home of James Barlow. All members and veterans please at-

Urge Enforcement Of Lord's Day Act

SYDNEY, N. S., Oct. 6 (CP)— A plea for enforcement of the Lord's Day Act in local communities today was endorsed by delegates to the 75th annual Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. A. E. Morrison of New Glasgow, N. S., newly-elected Moderator, said the Synod should strive to preserve the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

Mr. Morrison led communion services today, assisted by Rev. Hugh Jack of Sydney.

Mayor D. J. MacLean of Sydney extended a civic welcome to delegates attending from various points in the Maritimes. Rev. M. C. Munn of Sydney delivered a welcome from the Sydney Ministerial Association.

IS ELECTROCUTED

LIVERPOOL, N.S., Oct. 6 — (CP) — Ayrus Wentzell, an employee of the Nova Scotia Power Commission and father of four children, was electrocuted at nearby Middlefield today. Wentzell was repairing a line when he came in contact with a live wire.

New Restrictions Against Alcoholic Extracts In P.E.I.

On and after Nov. 1st, next, all retailers doing business in the Province who wish to sell, or to continue selling extracts or essences containing more than 10 per cent alcohol by volume will have to apply to the office of the Temperance Commission for permission to do so.

Mr. B. J. Haywood, chairman of the Commission, said it is intended to make a determined effort to restrict to legitimate users the sale of all "concoctions or mixtures" which, while not manufactured, at least ostensibly, for beverage purposes, were, nevertheless, sold in considerable quantity for drinking purposes alone.

The legal interpretation of the word "liquor" in the original Prohibition Act, as assented to on

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Prime Minister King More Hopeful Over International Situation

(By James McCook)

LONDON, Oct. 6 — (CP)—The importance the United Kingdom attaches to the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference is indicated by a report from a Government source that seven senior Cabinet ministers, including Prime Minister Attlee, will be concerned with the talks.

Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary; Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer; J. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade; Defence Minister A. V. Alexander; Philip Noel-Baker, Minister for Commonwealth Affairs, and Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, all will contribute their most expert knowledge to the discussions, expected to last two weeks from the opening Oct. 11.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King arrived today from Paris and was welcomed by Noel-Baker and other Government officials. As senior Commonwealth statesman, his experience on such gatherings surpasses that of any other representative.

The Canadian leader said in an interview that he feels more hopeful about the international situation then when he left Canada last month to head the Canadian delegation at the United Nations General Assembly in Paris.

"Notwithstanding all the difficulties, I feel more hopeful about the international situation than when I left Canada," he said.

"It will take a long time to work out these problems but patience is a wonderful thing and can achieve much."

This afternoon Mr. King had tea with Attlee and his wife at 10 Downing Street, and this evening he saw personal friends.

Earlier today a meeting of British Cabinet Ministers closely linked with the coming Commonwealth conference was held to endorse the general program of conference arrangements.

The actual program will be undecided until the first meeting Monday.

"Obviously the international situation and defence and economic matters of concern to all Commonwealth countries will have a leading place in the discussions," a Government source said.

Mother Collapses, Suffocates Son

LIVERPOOL, N. S., Oct. 6 —A five-year-old boy was suffocated at nearby Brooklyn today when his mother suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and fell on him while he lay in bed.

The woman's husband, Ernest Croxon, came home to find his wife unconscious and their son pinned beneath her dead. Medical authorities said the child had been dead for about five hours.

Mrs. Croxon was taken to hospital where her condition is unchanged.

Eight Killed, Four Escape By Parachute

(By The Associated Press)

WAYCROSS, Ga., Oct. 6 — A United States Air Force Superfortress bomber exploded high over Waycross today, killing eight persons and spreading fragments of bodies and plane over 20 acres.

The big four-engined bomber was on a special research mission testing secret electronic equipment.

"The whole town" heard a roar "like a terrific thunder-clap," eyewitnesses said. Four of those aboard leaped from the hurtling wreckage and landed safely by parachute in a farm field.

Four bodies were trapped in the tail section, which snapped along with one wing from the main fuselage. Four other bodies were found scattered in two to four feet of water in a swamp.

Several civilians were aboard the plane as electronic experts. Guards were sent by air to recover and protect as much of the confidential equipment as possible.

Capt. H. W. Moore, one of the survivors, said he could not discuss the cause of the explosion or how he and the others escaped.

One engine was buried in mud more than 250 yards from the largest remnant of the big plane.

Member Of Ontario House Fatally Injured

COCHRANE, Ont., Oct. 6—(CP) —J. P. H. (Johnny) Carrere, a war hero elected to the Ontario Legislature last June as Progressive Conservative member for Cochrane North, died tonight of injuries suffered Tuesday when his automobile ran into a train.

Ontario Premier Drew in Toronto tonight described the death of the 37-year-old Northern Ontario member as "tragic". He was

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British Official Sees International Situation Serious

LONDON, Oct. 6 (AP) A Government official, speaking of the tension over Berlin, said tonight: "Please God it will be much better by this time tomorrow night—it cannot get worse without an open breach." The Speaker was Jack Jones, joint parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Supply who addressed a meeting of industrialists and union officials in Wolverhampton. The Ministry of Supply is responsible for research and the making of weapons. Lord Fraser of North Cape, First Sea Lord, told naval reserve officers in London that Britain is preparing for trouble but "we feel an emergency will not arise."

Urge More Attention To Forest Protection

(By The Canadian Press)

FREDERICTON, Oct. 6—Realization has become general that Canada's forest resources in some areas are near exhaustion through cutting, fire, insects and disease, members of the Canadian Society of Forest Engineers said during committee discussion today at their 40th annual convention.

Further expenditure of money and effort for protection of growing timber was declared necessary if future requirements were to be met.

Surveys of all forest areas in Canada were reported in process, including a complete forest survey of New Brunswick.

More Potato Pickers En Route To Province

SYDNEY, N.S., Oct. 6 — (CP) — One hundred Cape Bretoners entrained for Prince Edward Island tonight to assist in the annual potato harvest. Groups of pickers have been leaving here for more than a week and the 800-man quota will be reached in a few days.

Issues Appeal To 335,000 Idle Miners

Communist Labor Leaders May Be Trying To Extend Strike.

(By The Canadian Press)

PARIS, Oct. 6 — The Government tonight warned Communist labor leaders it is prepared to take strong action if the general coal strike continues.

The declaration was made in a broadcast by Robert Lacoste, Industrial Production Minister, who appealed to the 335,000 idle miners to return to the pits.

The strike is beginning to cut gas and electricity and blast furnaces in Northern France.

Some believe the Government may offer non-Communist miners who want to go back to work, police or army protection in passing through Communist picket lines.

Government officials at Arras said they believe the Communist labor leaders now are trying to pull off a general dock strike. Partial or complete stoppages were reported at the ports of Brest, Dunkerque and Calais.

TORONTO, Oct. 6 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Victoria 46, 51; Edmonton 26, 58; Regina 38, 46; Winnipeg 52, 68; Toronto 49, 62; Ottawa 40, 71; Montreal 47, 68; Quebec 39, 69; Saint John 34, 68; Moncton 35, 64; Halifax 45, 72; Charlottetown 46, 59; Sydney 49, 57; Yarmouth 44, 66.

HALIFAX, Oct. 6 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Thursday.

Synopsis:

It was sunny and warm over the Maritimes Wednesday. Afternoon temperatures reached 70 in a few places and were mostly in the high 60's in Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton where the winds were blowing off the Gulf it was 10 degrees cooler. The high pressure area centred over Northern Quebec will continue to affect the weather of the Maritimes and clear skies can be expected to continue during the night. This will permit frost to develop in low-lying sections of all regions. The storm that moved off the United States coast is expected to remain well south of the Maritimes so that skies will continue clear. The weather will be fine and warm again Thursday.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island — Clear during the night and Thursday with no important change in temperature. Light winds becoming northeast 15 Thursday. Low early morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 46 and 64.

High tide this afternoon at 2.20 and tonight at 1.41.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.30 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.06.

First quarter moon October 9th, 6.10 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Daily Except Sunday
CAR FERRY "ABEGWEIT"
Standard Time
Leaves Borden, 9.10 a.m., 1 p.m. 4.30 p. m.
Leaves Tormentine 10.35 a. m., 2.40 p m., 7.30 p. m
SUNDAY
Leaves Borden 6.45 P. M.
Leaves Tormentine 8 P. M.
WOOD ISLANDS — CARIBOU
Daily including Sunday
Standard Time
Leaves Wood Islands, Prince Nova 8 a.m., 1 p. m.
Charles A. Dunning, 11 a.m., 4 p.m.
Leaves Caribou, Charles A. Dunning 8 a.m., 1 p.m.
Prince Nova, 11 a.m., 4 p.m.

New Perth Grower Wins Top Honors In Potatoes

Large Entry List In Fiddling, Dancing Contests

Last night's entertainment of step-dancing, fiddling and amateur contests, the crowning feature of the two-day Prince Edward Island Potato Festival, brought the entire show to a highly successful conclusion at the Charlottetown Forum.

The program, which was witnessed by an audience bordering on the 2,000 mark, offered the public an outstanding evening of splendid entertainment, and despite the fact that the program wasn't concluded until nearly one o'clock, the crowd still stayed until the last contestant had done his turn and waited patiently for the judges to declare the winners.

The winner of the step-dancing competition prize, which was a return ticket to Saint John or Halifax, was Mr. Anthony Perry of Tignish, who turned in a wonderful performance and was well worthy of the prize. Mr. Peter Gaudet of Summerside took second honors for his fine performance, while the high stepping entrant from the Magdalen Islands, Clarence Burke, won third prize.

In the fiddling competition, Mr. William Chaisson of Bear River, walked off with the first prize — a return bus ticket to Boston — for his outstanding performance, while John Webster of Cardigan ran him a close second, with Homer Cheverie of Souris placing third. In both the step-dancing and fiddling competitions, the competition was so keen that the judges had to have a large num-

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Mr. Reginald Mellish of New Perth won the Grand Championship at the Prince Edward Island Potato Festival competitions which were concluded at the Charlottetown Forum yesterday afternoon. Mr. Mellish won the competition with his fine selection in the Green Mountain variety. Mr. Murray Gordon of Howlan was the winner of the Reserve Grand Championship with his fine quality exhibits in the Katahdin variety. Both these contributors also won first prize in the individual variety competitions of Green Mountains and Katahdins respectively.

Messrs. S. G. Peppin and Henry MacLaren were the judges for the competition. At the conclusion of the competition, Mr. Peppin said "the quality of the exhibits were very good, showing that the exhibitors concerned had taken great care in making their selections as it is no easy matter to select even ten potatoes, which was the required number to be shown as an exhibit, in identical weight, shape, and type characteristics."

Mr. Peppin said that "the competition in the Irish Cobbler variety was particularly keen, as well as having the largest number of

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Return True Bill In Halifax Murder Case

HALIFAX, Oct. 6 — (CP) — A grand jury returned a true bill in the case of Victor Robart today and the 32-year-old janitor will go on trial for his life at the present term of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

Robart is charged with the June 2 murder of Mrs. Maureen (Scotty) MacDonald, found dying in a rain-soaked backyard near the Halifax waterfront after a brutal beating.

A true bill was also returned in the case of Patrick Murphy, charged with attempted murder in the shooting of Leonard Mattatall Feb. 5.

There are 22 witnesses to be heard in the Robart trial, eight at Murphy's.

News In Brief

TEHRAN, Iran, Oct. 6 —(AP)— Historic Meshed today was reported ripped by an earthquake which killed 200 persons and injured thousands.

HAMBURG, Oct. 6 —(Reuters)— The war-battered island of Helgoland will be the target for Royal Air Force bombing exercises, beginning early tomorrow, the British Military Government announced today.

MIAMI, Fal., Oct. 6 —(AP)— Damage from a hurricane which swept across South Florida yesterday will be comparatively light in Florida, a preliminary investigation today showed. Cuba received the full blow of the storm with 11 dead, 300 injured, and crop damage placed at $6,000,000. The hurricane was no longer a danger to the mainland as it moved in a northeastward direction at sea today.

Briton And Pole Clash In Atomic Control Debate

By ALAN HARVEY

PARIS, Oct. 6—(CP)—The United Nations General Assembly today stopped general debate on world control of atomic energy after a bitter clash between Hector McNeil, British Minister of State, and Julius Katz-Suchy of Poland.

The 58-member political committee of the Assembly, which is debating the atomic energy problem, adjourned until tomorrow at Canada's request to give several delegates a chance to see if they could whip up one resolution agreeable to all. Some delegates said the trend was toward a recommendation that the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission resume negotiations on atomic pacts.

McNeil told the committee that the western world is "too afraid of Russia" to disarm itself of its one apparent advantage, the atomic bomb. He accused Russia of "terror tactics."

Katz-Suchy replied that the United States is preparing an "atomic blitzkrieg" with bigger and better bombs. He said he doubted whether the United States secret of the bomb is really still a secret.

McNeil put three plunt questions to the Russians on the atomic energy control question.

1. Will you agree that a "fully effective control system" should take effect before a U. N. convention banning the atomic bomb?

2. Will you accept majority-backed proposals for atomic control as a "general basis" for establishing a world control system?

3. Will you agree to abandon the veto in operation of a proposed international control agency?

McNeil said that if the Soviet Government could answer the first two questions satisfactorily he was "fairly certain we could work out an answer to the third."

But Jakor Malik, the Russian delegate, avoided answering the questions. In his speech he reiterated the Russian proposal for simultaneous treaties banning the bomb and setting up international control but he did not elaborate.

Transport Minister Lionel Chevrier moved the motion for adjournment of debate. He attended in place of Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton who sat in for Canada at a simultaneous meeting of the Security Council.

Appeal To U.N. Only Alternative To War

PARIS, Oct. 6 — (CP) — Britain declared before the United Nations today that the only alternative to breaking the Russian blockade by force was the Western Powers' appeal to the Council.

In the face of Soviet refusal even to discuss the Berlin case in the Council, all three Western Powers urged the Council to help lift the Soviet blockade of the city.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British delegate, said that the "illegal and forcible measures" imposed by the Soviet Government in Berlin left the Western Allies with three courses of action.

Two of the courses — to which it was "inconceivable" that the British Government could consent — were:

1. To submit to Russia's attempt to deprive the Western Powers of all their authority and rights in Berlin.

2. To "continue discussions under duress."

The third course left the Western Allies was to "resort to force as the only possible way of defending and maintaining their legitimate rights."

Force was ruled out because to do that "would be equivalent to adopting the very methods employed by the Soviet Government, of which we now complain."

Sir Alexander added:

"The only step which His Majesty's Government and the Governments of the United States and France can now take is to bring this matter to the attention of the Security Council as a clear threat to the peace."

A British source said the representatives of the Western Powers met tonight to consider the first steps toward a normal proposal that the Council call on Russia to raise the Berlin blockade.

Only informal talks were held and no resolution was drawn up, the source added.

St. Laurent Welcomes Newfoundland Delegates

OTTAWA, Oct. 6— (Special)— Acting Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent laid special emphasis on the rights of Canadian Provinces in his address of welcome to the delegation from Newfoundland which reached Ottawa last night to discuss details of Newfoundland's entry into Confederation.

The welcome was extended to Hon. A. J. Walsh, K. C., member of the Ancient Colony's Commission Government and Commissioner of Justice, and his colleagues. To many on the floor and in the galleries of the Senate chamber where the Newfoundlanders were received, it appeared that Mr. St. Laurent's insistence on provincial rights was not unconnected with the defeat of Provincial Liberals in the Province of Quebec on July 28, on that very issue.

Mr. St. Laurent said:

"For Newfoundland's entry into Confederation will not, of course entail any loss of local identity. Provinces are well-defined units within the Federal system, having complete autonomy within their constitutional jurisdiction. Included in the provincial sphere are, of course, such matters as education, and property and civil rights, and these are fundamental to the preservation of what is peculiar to the local community in each part of Canada."

Further stressing Newfoundland's rights after it has become a tenth Province of the Canadian union, the acting Prime Minister told the delegation:

Full Autonomy

"One thing is sure. When union is achieved, it will give to the people of Newfoundland, the fullest measure of responsible government, both as an autonomous Province and as a full partner in a

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