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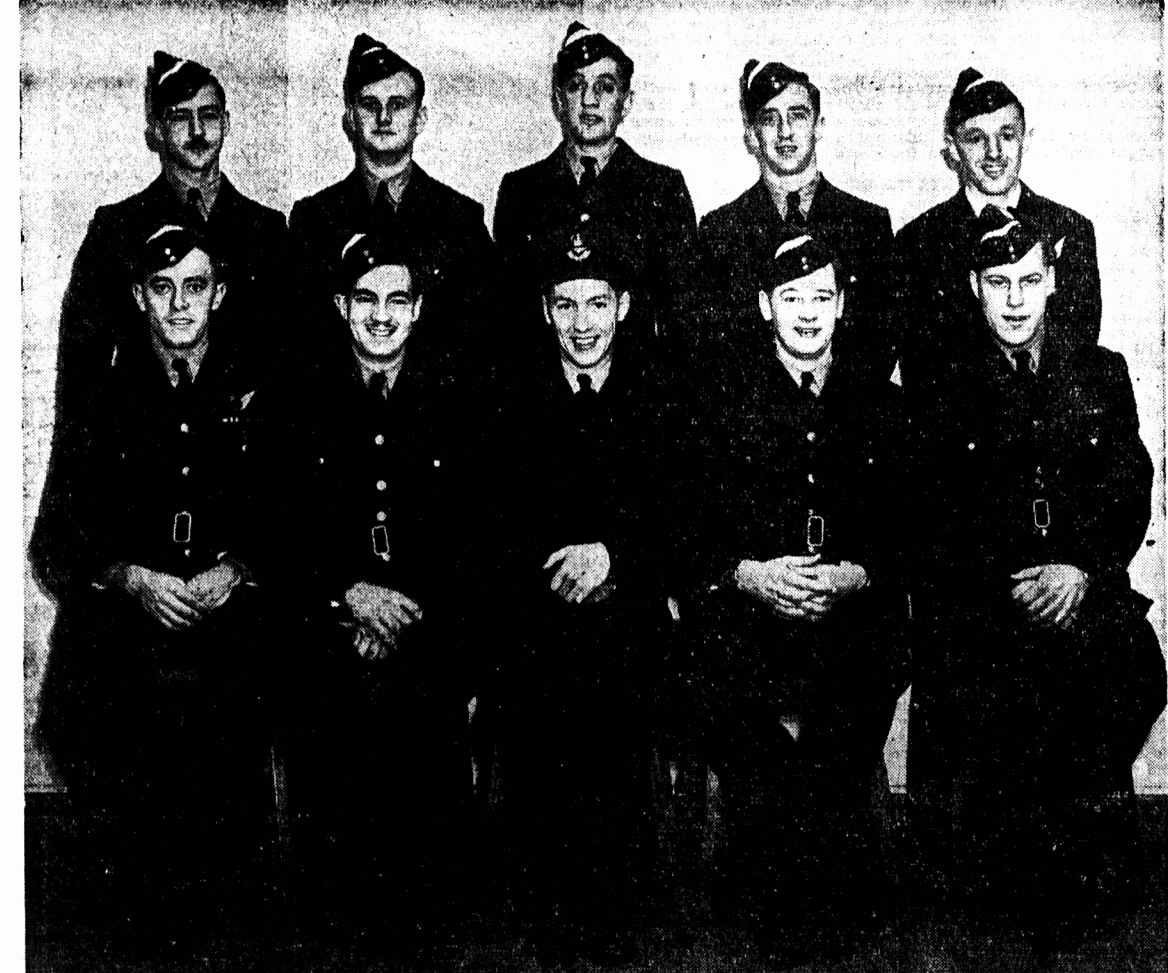
## SUGGESTS MORE PAY, PENSIONS FOR COMMONS MEMBERS

### Report Russian Battleships To Fire Guided Aerial Torpedoes

#### Soviets Also Building Large Submarine Fleet

By Hal Cooper  
LONDON, Dec. 18 (Monday) — (AP) — Jane's Fighting Ships reported today Russia is building 35,000-ton battleships equipped to fire radio-controlled aerial torpedoes.  
It said the Soviet navy also is speeding construction on a fleet of 1,000 submarines, including a type "with a great range and a very high submerged speed."  
The unofficial but authoritative publication, in its new 1949-50 edition, said a "hitherto reliable source" advised that two of the battleships may already be in commission.  
Up to now Russia's only known battleships were the 23,662-ton Giulio Cesare, obtained from Italy under the peace treaty, and the 23,600-ton Sevastopol and Oktyabrskaya Revolutsiya.

#### Members Of Graduating Class At S' Side Air Station



Pictured above are the members of the graduating class of No. 1 basic air navigators course, Royal Canadian Air Force Station, Summerside. They are to receive their wings at a ceremony tomorrow. There are nine flight cadets and one flying officer, who has already received his commission.  
Back row, left to right: F/C J. M. M. Desjardins, Montreal, Que.; F/C J. L. Abernethy, Toronto, Ont.; F/C P. J. M. Decruyenaere, St. Boniface, Man.; F/C R. J. Noonan, Schreiber, Ont.; F/C L. G. Ashwell, Ladysmith, B. C.  
Front row, left to right: F/C G. W. Patrick, Ottawa, Ont.; F/C J. M. Wheelhouse, Bear River, N.S.; F/O L. S. Deyell, Edmonton, Alta.; F/C L. G. Osborne, Yorktown, Sask.; F/C J. G. Kilgour, North Bay, Ont.

#### Forsees Big Programme Of Bridge Work Under Federal Highway Scheme

A Brighton Bridge and a new Hillsboro Bridge will be required as part of the proposed trans-Canada highway if it goes through in this Province, Premier J. Walter Jones stated on his return Saturday from Ottawa, where he attended a Dominion-Provincial conference on technical details of the scheme. He was accompanied home by Mr. Gordon Wright, Deputy Minister of Public Works.  
The Premier reported satisfactory progress made at the conference, and said he assumed the Dominion Government will get in touch immediately with all the Provinces to sign agreements.  
While choice of routes rests with the Provinces, the Federal Government's participation in the cost on a fifty-fifty basis will be on condition that the route in each case is the shortest practical east-west route, consistent with the needs of the Province and the interests of the Federal Government.  
In this Province the proposal tentatively agreed upon at Ottawa is from Borden to Charlottetown by way of Crapaud and Bonshaw, and from thence to Wood Islands by way of Millville and Eldon.  
Premier Jones said he had no further information with regard to the Federal Government's attitude to the request that the route should include Summerside. If

#### Private Liberal Member Would Pay \$10,000

(By D'Arcy O'Donnell)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 18—(CP) — A move has been launched to obtain higher salaries and a pension plan for members of the Commons.  
A private Liberal member, who asked that his name be withheld, recently placed the suggestion before Prime Minister St. Laurent and some members of the Cabinet. He received no assurance of any immediate action, but was told the matter was something that should be considered.  
Full Time Job  
Politics, once a leisurely past-time, now has become an almost around-the-year job. As a result fewer and fewer men can afford to run for public office. Lawyers, who can keep their law offices operating while performing their seasonal duties, now outnumber any other profession in the Commons.  
In pre-war years, sessions lasted three or four months at the most. Now they average six months.  
At present members receive an indemnity of \$4,000 for each session and a \$2,000 tax-free annual allowance. As a result of the two sessions this year, members re-elected in the June 27 general election received about \$10,000.  
The private member said he had suggested that members be paid \$10,000 a year, regardless of the number of sessions.  
The increase in Canadian indemnities would increase the salary of the Prime Minister from \$23,000 to about \$27,000, and that of the leader of the official Opposition from \$16,000 to \$20,000.

#### Coming Events

- \*Christmas Concert, Clinton Hall, December 21st.
- \*Kohn Grove Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 22nd.
- \*Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- \*Christmas Concert in Millville Hall, December 22nd.
- \*Canoes Cove Christmas Concert, December 20th.
- \*Regal Flour now \$5.50 per bag at McGuigan & Boyle.
- \*East Wiltshire School Concert, North River Hall, December 21st.
- \*Graham's Road School Concert, Thursday, December 22nd.
- \*Clyde River Christmas Concert, December 21st. Sale of candy.
- \*South Milton School, Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 20th.
- \*Union Road (Queen's) Christmas concert, Dec. 21st.
- \*Christmas Concert, Hampton Hall, Tuesday, December 20th.
- \*Argyle School Christmas Concert, December 21st.
- \*York School Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 22nd.
- \*St. Peter's School concert, Holy Name Hall, Dec. 20th.
- \*Kinkora School Concert, Tuesday, December 20th, at 8 P. M.
- \*Notice—Unloading car of Albion lump coal today, G. C. Green, Emerald.
- \*Variety Concert, P. Social, Dance, Kelly's Cross Hall, Monday, December 19th. Door prize.
- \*Crushing Grain on Wednesday's only, Eric MacEachern, Appin Road.
- \*Come to Hartsville Sunday School Concert in Hartsville Hall on Tuesday, December 20th.
- \*Nine Mile Creek Christmas School Concert in Afton Hall, Wednesday, December 21st.
- \*Sturgeon School Christmas Concert, Sturgeon Hall, Wednesday, December 21st.
- \*Christmas Concert and Dance, Orwell Hall, Wednesday, December 21st. Millview Orchestra.
- \*Expect car Albion Nut Coal washed in oil next week. Order now, J. Russell Driscoll, Mt. Herbert.
- \*I have installed a new tram-mill, and will be grinding Monday's, Thursday's and Saturday's Lem Macdonald, New Dominion.
- \*Buying young pigs Monday at Fredericton, Tuesday 9 a.m. Brookfield; 10 Milton; 11 New Haven; 1 p.m. York; 2 Bedford; 3 Mt. Stewart; 4 Waterville; 5 Vernon River; 5.30 Pownal. Knud Forsgren.
- \*A special General Meeting of the shareholders and patrons of the Wiltshire Dairying Co. Ltd. will be held in North Wiltshire Hall on Saturday, December 31st at 2 P.M. to consider the building of a new creamery. It is advisable that all patrons attend. By order of the Directors, Nelson Hatherly, Secretary.

#### Ottawa Order Authorizes LPU As Bargaining Agent

Orders have been issued by the Canadian Labour Relations Board, Ottawa, certifying the Laborers' Protective Union, Charlottetown, to be the bargaining agent for the unit of employees of H. B. Willis, Inc., Bunlain, Bell and Co., and the Island Fertilizer Company, comprising all stevedores employed by these companies at Charlottetown in the loading of ships, excepting gang foremen.  
The orders were issued on December 15 and were received on Saturday by Mr. L. P. U. These are the first certification orders granted by the Board to any labor organization in this Province.  
The orders cover all produce loading operations in Charlottetown with the exception of work on the "Eskimo". In connection with this boat, a request for a Board order was refused, on the ground "that the respondent corporation is an emanation of the Crown in the right of the Province of Prince Edward Island, and the Board is of the opinion that the provisions of the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act are not applicable to the respondent's operations."

#### Hon. C. C. Baker Predicts Support Price For Potatoes

"I would say that possibly we may receive favourable consideration from the Agricultural Prices Support Board on our application for price support on potatoes," stated Hon. C. C. Baker, Minister of Agriculture, who returned on Saturday from Ottawa, Mr. Baker and deputy Minister Walter R. Shaw were attending an agricultural conference.  
"A delegation of the Ministers of Agriculture from the Maritimes, together with the Deputy Ministers from Ontario and Quebec met with Hon. J. G. Gardiner on the matter. Price support would lend stability to the market and Ontario and Quebec are interested in keeping a flood of Maritime potatoes off their market," continued the Minister.  
Mr. Walter Shaw said briefly that "it looked like an all-round break in farm prices, due to the loss of the major British contracts."

#### Army Veteran Sets Up Co-op Transit System

By Joe MacSween  
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 18 — (CP) — A talkative young army veteran from the Pacific Coast has organized a co-operative transit system in this Atlantic city. Max Poyntz, 31, of Victoria, received the stamp of approval Saturday from City Council for the Hodge-Podge Co-op bus service he organized 23 days ago.  
It was started after the Government cancelled the franchise of Golden Arrow Coaches Limited which had serviced this capital of 60,000 following labor troubles. Public transportation became chaotic with everything from panel trucks to a converted ambulance being used as buses by private operators.  
Then Poyntz called 25 drivers together and started the Co-Op. Then he called on the public to give it a seven-day trial. The organization, which grew to about 60 owner-drivers, carried a peak load of 16,000 commuters Friday. The Council granted a temporary six-month franchise to become formal before the new year.  
Poyntz, a former book salesman, said the Co-Op is being organized so that the owners, who also are drivers, are eligible for preferred stock while the public have access to common stock.  
"It is our intention," he said, "to take over all road transportation in Newfoundland and Labrador, where roads are being built at present. Our plans are to take over the bus services in Corner Brook and Grand Falls—the only other large Newfoundland towns. Steps had already been taken to start a trucking business in the spring along the same lines as the bus service. An inter-town service also was planned to go into operation when suitable highways have been completed.  
Drivers turn over to the Co-Op 10 per cent of their daily take, estimated at about \$16 a day at 10 cents a fare. Poyntz said that under his three-month contract he cannot receive higher than \$60 a week. Following the three-month period contracts will be reviewed.

#### Menzies Announces Australian Cabinet

CANBERRA, Dec. 19 — (Monday) — (AP) — Australia's new prime minister, Robert Gordon Menzies, announced Sunday night the names of 14 Liberal and five Country Party leaders as members of his Coalition Cabinet. They are to be sworn in today to take over from the Labor Government, which lost the Dec. 10 elections.  
The Sydney Morning Herald promptly hailed Menzies' choices as a "strong cabinet."  
Next to Menzies in the order of rank is Arthur William Fadden, leader of the Country Party and former Prime Minister, who will become Deputy Prime Minister and also hold the portfolio of Treasurer. Fadden's party won 20, perhaps 21, seats in the House of Representatives, while the Liberals captured 53, perhaps 54. Labor has 47. Two other members in the 123-seat House of Representatives are to be appointed.  
Fadden, 54, was Prime Minister of the Commonwealth for a month in 1941, but was voted out on a budget issue. Since then he has been in opposition.  
Percy C. Spender, a lawyer who served as Menzies' Army Minister in the first War Cabinet in 1939-41, replaces Herbert V. Evatt as the new Minister of External Affairs and External Territories, or Foreign Minister. He has been in Parliament for 12 years.  
Eric J. Harrison, 54, a member of the House since 1931, and Deputy leader of the Opposition since 1944, is the Minister of Defence and Post-War Reconstruction.  
The Minister of Labor, National Service and Immigration will be Harold E. Holt, 41, a lawyer and Minister of Labor in 1940-41. He has been a member of the House since 1935.  
Richard G. Casey, 50, Minister of Supply, Development, Works and Housing, is a former Governor of Bengal, United Kingdom Minister to the Middle East and Australian Minister to Washington. He was a member of the War Cabinet in 1942-43.  
The new Minister of Commerce and Agriculture is John McEwen, deputy leader of the Country Party. He was Minister for Air and Civil Aviation in 1940-41 and Minister for External Affairs from March to October, 1940. He has been a member of the House since 1937.  
The only woman in the new Cabinet — and Australia's first woman minister — is Dame Enid Lyons, widow of a former prime minister, Joseph A. Lyons. She becomes vice-president of the executive council.  
Other members of the new Cabinet are:  
Interior — Philip A. McBride, 57; Health — Sir Earle Page, 69; Trade and Customs — Senator Neil O'Sullivan; Fuel and Shipping — Senator-elect George McLeay; Air and Civil Aviation — Thomas W. White, 61.  
Postmaster-General — Hubert L. Anthony; Repatriation — Senator W. J. Cooper, 58; Attorney-General — Senator-elect John A. Spicer; Social Services — Senator-elect William Spooner, and Information and Transport — Howard Beale.

#### President of New State Of Indonesia Sworn In

By KENNETH LIKES  
JOGJAKARTA, Java, Dec. 18 — (AP) — President Soekarno of the United States of Indonesia was sworn into office Saturday under a Moslem oath and received his first 21-gun salute.  
"I humbly, he declared himself a servant of the people, not their master — and appealed to the world "to clasp hands with this newly-born country that want to determine its own fate."  
He raised the historic "proclamation flag" — a red-and-white banner of the Indonesian republic which he first unfurled at his bungalow in Batavia, Aug. 17, 1945, in a declaration of independence from the Netherlands. Then he led an automobile procession to cemeteries where Indonesian guerrilla fighters are buried. There he scattered flower petals over the graves of men who died during nearly 4 1/2 years of warfare.  
His next official act will be to name three key cabinet members who will build the rest of an abbreviated government to take over rule from the Dutch within 10 days.  
The swearing-in was a colorful ceremony in the red-and-gold pavilion of the sultan's palace in this shabby capital city of the Indonesian republic, which now becomes a dominating unit in the U.S. of I.  
Most of Indonesia's top leaders, both of the Indonesian republic and the other 15 federal states and territories, were present. They had elected the 49-year-old Soekarno unanimously Friday.  
Soekarno acknowledged that his people are "still flaming and smouldering in our revolution," but he urged them to bind up the wounds and scars of their struggle, protect minority groups and seek unity.  
Indonesia is mostly Moslem. The biggest minority among the 70,000,000 people are about 1,200,000 Chinese who could become a problem in the relations of this new republic with China, now largely ruled by a Communist regime. Though considered a radical in the past, Soekarno and his government have moved resolutely to put down Communist movements in republican ranks.



MINIMUM and maximum: Victoria 28 32; Edmonton 13b 4b; Regina 4b 4; Winnipeg 10b 11; Toronto 3b 42; Ottawa 26 34; Montreal 30 36; Quebec 22 31; Saint John — 46; Moncton 24 42; Halifax 32 46; Sydney 18 40; Charlottetown 24 39; Yarmouth 38 48; St. John's 18 23.

HALIFAX, Dec. 18 — (CP) — Official forecast issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here tonight.  
Synopsis:  
Rain has become fairly general throughout Southern New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Snow is occurring in Northern New Brunswick, the Gaspé Peninsula and North Shore. As the milder air presses northwards, snow may change to rain or occur mixed with rain. Rain will end in the western regions first and then in the rest of the region, but skies will continue overcast.  
Regional forecasts valid until midnight Monday: Prince Edward Island—Intermittent rain or drizzle. Nova Scotia—Continuing drizzle. The remainder of the day, extremely warm. Southwest winds 15. Low early Monday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 40 and 46.

High tide today at 10:41 A. M. and at 9:50 P. M.  
Sun rises this morning at 7:47 A. M. and sets at 4:33 P. M.  
Summer time ends eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN - TORMENTINE FERRY WEEK DAYS	
Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
9:10 A.M.	10:35 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	2:40 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	7:30 P.M.

SUNDAYS	
Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
9:10 A.M.	10:35 A.M.
6:45 P.M.	8:00 P.M.