

ATLANTIC ALLIANCE PROVIDES FOR ARMED ACTION

Political Battle Looms Over State Of Armed Forces

Western Europe Hails Atlantic Pact; Reds Cry "War Mongers"

C.N.R. Reports 1948 Deficit \$33,352,741

OTTAWA, March 18 (CP) — The Canadian National Railways today reported a 1948 deficit of \$33,352,741—its third in a row and its heaviest since the pre-war deficit years.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
•••Rummage sale Holy Name Hall Saturday, March 19th, 3 o'clock.
•••Listen to Women's Institute broadcast Saturday, March 19, at 1 o'clock. Subject "Music and Drama."

No Extension Of Seed Shipping Expiry Date

Shipments of certified seed potatoes from Prince Edward Island to Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York (L.I.), Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts must cross the border by March 31, stated Mr. C. E. Shaw, Dominion Fruit and Vegetable Inspector in an interview yesterday.

LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES

The population of all the Latin American countries combined is almost as large as that of the United States.

New International Wheat Agreement

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—Forty-six countries today reached a new international wheat agreement.

Report 'Flu Outbreak In Section of N. B.

MCADAM, N. B., March 18 (CP) — Everyone in this Western New Brunswick railway town is pulling for speedy recovery of Dr. R. M. McLean.

Premier Jones Approves Suggestion Of Council

Premier J. Walter Jones said yesterday his Government would "heartily co-operate" in any move to establish an unofficial Maritime-Newfoundland Council composed of government and business leaders.

Debate Develops On Canada's Trade Problems

Margarine Law Effective In Quebec

By D'Arcy O'Donnell OTTAWA, March 18 (CP) — A free-swinging debate on Canada's trade problems developed in the Commons today as Finance Minister Abbott and Agriculture Minister Gardiner answered Opposition questions on the reasons for the loss of some overseas markets.

Plumbers' Bill Provokes Lively House Discussion

The complaint against "closed shop legislation," heard earlier in the session against the Nurses Association Act and the Pharmacy Act, was again raised in the Legislature yesterday by Mr. Keir Clark, Third District of King's, and others, the protests this time being against restrictive regulations in a bill to incorporate the Prince Edward Island Plumbers Association.

Atlantic Treaty Draft Tabled In Parliament

By Clyde Blackburn OTTAWA, March 18 (CP) — A draft pledging Canada, the United States and six European countries to stand shoulder-to-shoulder against aggression and to keep themselves strong enough to resist it, was made public here today.

Debate on Controls Bill Continues

OTTAWA, March 18 (CP) — The first morning sitting of the Commons was marked today by a noisy, unruly scene, and once again George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, was the central figure.

Drew Calls For Early House Debate

By Douglas How OTTAWA, March 18 (CP) — The state of Canada's forces threatened to become a political issue today even as Parliament received the pact that stakes out the country's claim within what has been called the greatest military alliance in history.

Plan to Sell Two Famous Diamonds

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP) — (AP)—The Evening Star says executors of the estate of the late Evelyn Walsh McLean are planning to sell the famous Hope and Star of the East diamonds.

Dairymen Press For Renewal Of Grant

Concerned with the failure of the Provincial Government to provide aid in this year's estimates for the Artificial Breeding Unit, farmers and dairymen resolved at a meeting in the City Hall last evening, to present their case again to the government.

Italian House Approves Pact; Fighting Follows

ROME, March 18 (CP) — The Chamber of Deputies, taunt from long debate, voted two to one tonight in favor of Italy's adherence to the North Atlantic alliance and then broke into fist fighting.

Crisis Relieved By Blood Donors Bank

The value of the Blood Donors Bank of the Red Cross was strikingly illustrated yesterday when a quantity of blood was responsible for saving the life of a woman patient in King's County Memorial Hospital.

Fruit Crop Figures

OTTAWA, March 18 — Canada's commercial fruit crop was worth slightly more in 1948 than during the previous year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today. Value was \$46,600,000 compared with \$46,511,000 in 1947.

Nurse Should Have Pleasant Face

LONDON, March 18 (AP)—Delegates at a mental health conference here were told today a nurse with an unpleasant face is a menace to her patients.

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If One Member Attacked Others Send Help

By CLYDE BLACKBURN OTTAWA, March 18 (CP) — Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and five Western European countries today gave notice that aggression against any of them may be met by the combined armed and economic forces of all.

This notice was embodied in the 1,000-word draft text of the North Atlantic treaty, a simply-worded document which the negotiating countries hope to complete and sign in Washington the first week in April.



ONTARIO, March 18 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 45, 54; Edmonton 17, 35; Regina 8, 22; Winnipeg 10, 12; Toronto 10, 28; Montreal 18, 29; Ottawa 10, 21; Quebec 18, 29; St. John's 20, 35; Moncton 18, 30; Halifax 22, 36; Charlottetown 18, 22; Sydney 20, 34; Yarmouth 24, —; below.