

If we command our wealth, we shall be rich and free; if our wealth commands us, we are poor indeed.

QUEBEC CITY HARD-HIT BY WEEK-END SLEET STORM

Arabs Determined To Block Jewish State In Palestine

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Sleet Causes Slight Damage In Province

The week-end sleet storm caused breakage to telephone company wires in Prince Edward Island but damage was believed not extensive. As a result of icing conditions Saturday night, wires between Charlottetown, Summerside and Tignish were broken, with the worst damage occurring in the perimeter to Kensington area. No poles were reported down. Yesterday afternoon wires from Charlottetown to Souris broke in the vicinity of St. Peter's. It was not known whether the trouble was the result of ice from Saturday night's rain or whether additional ice formed Sunday. Reports from Souris before communication failed indicated it was raining in South Lake. Charlottetown escaped damage and even the slippery streets did not lead to any serious accident. At the local Police Station officers said they had no reports of even minor cracks. Overcast skies and a chill wind today discouraged but did not entirely eliminate the traditional Easter parade.

Theatre Burned Near Moncton

MONCTON, N. B., March 28.—(AP)—Fire early today destroyed the Star Theatre and a one-story wood business building in nearby suburb causing damage estimated by theatre manager Nathan Alder at \$50,000. Cause of the fire was unknown. It was believed it might have started from an oil furnace in the basement of the theatre building. The fire was first discovered about 5 a.m. and spread rapidly. Firemen from Moncton fought the flames, preventing them from spreading to houses near the theatre and a large school. A heavy coating of sleet on the roofs of the nearby buildings prevented sparks from igniting them.

Coming Events

- *Crockinole Party, Mt. Albion Hill, Tuesday night, March 30th. *Dance, Treadle Hall, Monday, March 29th, Good music. *Unloading car of ARGO, hog power and starter, Vernon J. Noye, Hunter River. *Lot 65 Hall, Easter Monday night, Play "Aunt Jeruthy on the Path", 8.15. Dance after Play. *Kinkora Eds, Easter Monday, Party and Dance. If not fine, following night. *Plan to attend the big Easter dance in Leo's Dine and Dance on Monday. Good music, good food; Monday, March 29. *Kelly's Cross Dramatic Play—presenting their play "Shaun Noon", Easter Monday in Kelly's Cross Hall. *Don't miss the big Legion Dance at Stewart, Easter Monday night. Set of music by Eastern Rhythm Orchestra. *Presbyterian W. M. S. Concert at Basket Social, Clyde River Hall, Tuesday, March 30th. Ladies in baskets free. *Unloading car of bran, shorts and middlings, Miracle chik, Mrs. Noye, Hunter River. *Dance in Walter Connick's, Wednesday, 31st March. No fine on Wednesday night. *Don't miss the 3 act comedy "I am Yourself" by Hampshire, in Kingston Hall, Monday, March 29th. If stormy, April 1st. *Come to the regular dance at Arkin's Restaurant in Kensington, Tuesday, March 30. Music by Nils MacKenzie. *Come to Brookfield Hall, Friday, April 2nd, and see Hampshire Players present their humorous 3 act play "Calm Yourself."

Papers In Finland Charge Communists Plan Dictatorship

Charge Sweden Plans Bases For U. S. Planes

Helsinki, March 28.—(AP)—The Conservative press charged Communists Saturday with planning a dictatorship in Finland while an iron curtain hid the course of Moscow negotiations for a Finnish-Soviet friendship and military pact. The report that the negotiations had reached a serious phase coincided with articles in the Soviet press which strongly accused Norway of following a "dangerous" trend of military collaboration with the United States. Finland's strongest independent evening newspaper, Helsingin Sanomat, said: "The fact that a small minority of our people (the Finnish Communists) openly threatens to use our foreign political position to force its own will on the great majority of the people according to the well-known pattern has caused nervousness." The paper referred to a speech last week by Herta Kuusinen, wife of Finland's Communist Minister of the Interior, in which she said "Finland must follow the same road as Czechoslovakia." The Conservative paper Kaupalehti took the same line concerning the Kuusinen speech. "One could not express more openly and precisely the aim of the Finnish Communists," Kaupalehti commented. "That aim is to have a one-party dictatorship and crush all reactionary elements." The Communist-dominated bloc in Parliament controls 51 of the 200 seats, but showed a decline in strength in last December's municipal elections. Cabinet Ministers met Friday night, and it was felt certain the Government had been informed by now of what Russia actually is demanding in the negotiations for a pact. Finnish political quarters expressed the theory that the next move in the negotiations was up to the Finns. Dispatches from Moscow said Investra, the Government newspaper, in an article by Peter Grimin struck out strongly at "Norwegian diehards" and "Ruling circles" for their present policy. Norway has a common frontier with Russia for a short distance in the Arctic north of Finland.

Tommy Dorsey Weds

SANTA MONICA, Calif., March 28.—(AP)—Bandleader Tommy Dorsey and former dancer Jane Mauer were married Saturday in Atlanta, Ga., his mother, Mrs. Theresa Dorsey, reported.

Mercy Flight To Far North Is Completed

WINNIPEG, March 28.—(CP)—"Operation Docks," the R. C. A. F.'s mercy flight to polar Arctic Bay to evacuate seriously ill Mrs. Sam Dadds, ended today when the Dakota aircraft taxied to a landing at Winnipeg's Stevenson Field bearing the meteorological officer's wife and two other patients. The flight originally had been authorized by Air Force headquarters at Ottawa for the purpose of evacuating Mrs. Dadds, ill for the last four months, from the lonely outpost 2,000 miles north of here. At Arctic Bay however a sick Eskimo, Akemille, also was allowed transportation aboard the Dakota aircraft which once was part of an R.C.A.F. squadron operating in Burma. Third patient, two-day-old daughter of Lieut. and Mrs. S. Martin of Churchill, Man., was picked up at the Pas, Man., after having been flown there by a Norseman aircraft from the joint Army-Air Force base where his parents are stationed. Ambulances were waiting at the air field when the Dakota, piloted by F.O. Bob Race of Vancouver, rolled to a stop at 3 p. m. today, one week after the operation started. Detailed reports on conditions of the patients were expected following hospital examinations, but all were believed in fair shape, with no ill effects suffered from their air voyages.

Bitter Fighting In Holy Land On Easter Sunday

JERUSALEM, March 28.—(AP)—Massed Arab attacks wiped out a 43-man Jewish motor convoy and forced another to yield its arms in bitter Holy Land warfare this Easter day. Despite the use of planes for bombing the Jews suffered heavily with a total of 84 officially reported slain. The din of battle drowned out the Easter bells in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, reputed site of Christ's birth. Total Arab losses were not known. Hagana, the Jewish army, reported it inflicted 300 casualties on the Arabs, but this lacked official confirmation. An official British statement said 43 Jews were killed when a force of 350 Arabs ambushed a five-vehicle convoy near Nabariya, midway on the Northern Palestine coast between Acre and the Lebanese frontier. British troops who reached the scene at 31 Kabri after encountering road blocks found the bodies of the 43 Jews. Every one of the convoy's vehicles was burned. British officers said the Arabs were entrenched in the El Kabri hills between Nabariya, a coastal resort, and the Jewish settlement of Yehiam. They used two-inch mortars and light machine-guns, and withdrew only after Royal Artillery guns fired 12 rounds of 25-pounder shells into their position. Arab losses in this encounter were given as six killed and four wounded. The second convoy battle was south of Bethlehem. Almost 300 Jews, including members of Hagana, surrendered their arms and equipment to the Arabs in return for safe escort under British protection to Jerusalem. The Jews had been under siege last night and today near the village of Nabj Daniel. The arms were yielded shortly before dawn under terms of a truce arranged by British authorities after talks with the Jews and mayors of nearby Arab villages.

Jews Are Outnumbered 45 To One

By DANIEL DE LUCE CAIRO, March 28.—(AP)—The fear of a Jewish nation grips Arabs of the Middle East. It is the kind of fear that breeds war. Seven Arab powers with a combined population of nearly 35,000,000 consider their No. 1 enemy to be a potential state of less than 750,000 Jews. The Arabs claim only one way is open to make peace in Palestine—abandonment of the attempt to restore a Jewish state after a lapse of 2,000 years. During the last month I have visited all of the Arab countries now actively intervening in the Holy Land with volunteers, arms and money. They are Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Trans-Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Old feuds, rivalries and jealousies hamper their unity. Yemen, seventh member of the Arab League, is having internal strife as the result of the death of the old king and is unable to do much about Palestine. Against the political ambition of Zionism, however, all the Arab states are able to offer a solid front despite their ancient rivalries. To analyze the Arab attitude today is perhaps a problem for psychiatrists as well as statesmen. But it is obviously rooted in anxiety that at the start, might finally dominate the economy and politics of the Middle East. The Arabs intend at any cost to keep the Middle East for their own. At the same time the Arabs profess to draw a line between anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish. They point to communities of more than 200,000 Jews in Arab states which have been virtually untroubled during the recent turbulent months. For Palestine Jewry, the calmest Arabs say, extraordinary minority rights might be guaranteed but the Holy Land must go undivided as a sovereign democracy with the Arab majority of 65 per cent intact. The very word partition is classed as a profane epithet. American pressure was blamed for the United Nations Assembly's vote in favor of partition. The Middle East called the recent American shift to trusteeship an Arab victory, but second guessers quickly charged it was a manoeuvre to save partition for a later date when the so-called cold war with Russia is less heated. With limited means except manpower the Arab states are preparing to wage war if necessary in the Holy Land. It is said they will fight the proposal for United Nations trusteeship as defiantly as partition.

Chilly Easter Weather In Canada

(By The Canadian Press) Chilly weather, accompanied in some sections by snow and rain, made fur coats a "must" item yesterday in most of Canada's Easter parades. A Canadian Press survey showed a cold, blustery Easter week-end almost everywhere across the land. The sun shone on churchgoers and strollers in Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton and Edmonton but low temperatures and brisk breezes kept even many of the women with new hats at home. In New York Too NEW YORK, March 28.—(CP)—The Easter parade along New York's Fifth Avenue today consisted mainly of looking at the Easter bonnets—with perhaps a peek here and there to see how far off the ground the newest in the "new look" was. Today's traditional fashion parade took a beating at the hands of the weathermen and from the neck down there was little to see in the way of "the latest" other than winter furs on the distaff side and buttoned topcoats with scarf-wrapped necklines among the male paraders.

Sealing Ship Reported Safe

HALIFAX, March 28.—(CP)—The R. C. A. F. tonight received a wireless message from the sealer Alfred and Emily that she could see the sealing ship Mary Hyde on the horizon and that both vessels were safe. Previously, a request to make a position check had come from owners of the Mary Hyde at Port Aux Basques, Nfld., who said the sealer had not reported for some time. Both sealers are in the vicinity of St. Paul's Island in Cabot Strait where two other ships were crushed to death by ice Thursday and Friday. The Mary Hyde carries no radio.

Truro Man Injured In Stabbing Affair

TRURO, N.S., March 28.—(CP)—Thomas Foster, 43, was in hospital here tonight in critical condition after being stabbed in the throat at his home. Police declined to reveal any details of the incident pending further investigation.

Ancient Babylonian Tablet Discovered

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 28.—(CP) Discovery of a Babylonian tablet estimated to be nearly 4,000 years old and containing the "oldest system of laws known to man" was announced Saturday. A joint announcement by the Yale Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures and the American Schools of Oriental Research termed the discovery "A sensational find." The ancient legal code, written between the 20th and 19th century B. C., has at least one modern note. It contains a price control section on listing standard prices for such commodities as grain, oil and copper. A Yale scholar, Professor Albert E. R. Goetze, found the tablet in Baghdad, Iraq, translated it, and identified it as being 100 years older than previously known oldest legal code. The announcement of its discovery said: "It is the code of Balamia, King of Eshnunna, a kingdom of the east bank of the Tigris River which flourished 200 years before Hammurabi, the great 'law giver' of the Babylonians, held sway at Babylon on the west side of this same river. Like Hammurabi's famous code it has penalties resembling the famous 'eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth.' That section reads: 'If a man bites another man's nose and severs it, he pays one mina of silver (for) an eye he pays one mina of silver, a tooth a half mina of silver, a slap in the face 10 shekels of silver.' The legal code is written in cuneiform Akkadian, the Semitic language of Babylonians. Goetze made the discovery while examining tablets recently excavated in Tell Harmal, a small town near Bagdad.

Barri And Potato Warehouse Burns

GRAND FALLS, N. B., March 28.—(CP)—Breaking out early Saturday morning, fire raced through a combination barn and potato-house on the farm of Peter Desjardins causing damage estimated at \$25,000. The flames jumped to the nearby farm house but volunteer firefighters prevented serious damage. The farm is located at Four Corners, about six miles from here. A blaze in the same district earlier in the week destroyed three homes, a barn, a barber shop and a general store causing more than \$20,000 damage.

Dairy Production Declines In N. B.

FREDERICTON, March 28.—(CP)—Production of dairy products in New Brunswick during the 1946-47 season showed a decrease compared to the previous season. J.B. Sutherland, Director of the Dairy Service in the Province, said in his report to the Provincial Legislature. The report was tabled before the House adjourned March 19 for the Easter recess.

Pope Pius Declares World At Crossroads

(By Frank Brutto) VATICAN CITY, March 28.—(AP)—Pope Pius declared today Italy and the world have reached the crossroads in the struggle against Communism—"the great hour of Christian conscience has sounded." He spoke to 400,000 Italians and people from all over the world who crowded into St. Peter's Square and filled the roofs of buildings surrounding it to receive the Pope's Easter blessing. The assembly dwarfed all political rallies that have been held for the April 18 elections in which Italians will decide whether Communists shall control their government. The Pontiff, dressed all in white, spoke from the centre balcony of the Vatican above the heads of the cheering mass. He said the present moment is one of singular gravity and importance to the world. As is his custom, the Pope did not mention Communism by name. But no one doubted whom he meant when he quoted from St. Matthew the "terrible verdict" of

Reports Construction Work Is Planned At Summerside Airport

Freight Rates Decision To Be Heard Tuesday

OTTAWA, March 28.—(CP)—A decision on the railway application for a 30-per-cent general increase in freight rates will be handed down by the Board of Transport Commissioners Tuesday, after 16 months of litigation and protests by seven of Canada's nine provinces. There will likely be a considerable amount of construction work done at the Summerside Airport this summer, according to Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P., who has arrived home at Summerside for the Easter parliamentary recess. Mr. MacNaught made it plain that, as far as he knows, no final decisions have been made but he believes that the work done this summer will fall into three parts, the rebuilding of one runway with cement, construction of 5-housing units for Air Force personnel and the placing of foundations under a number of buildings on the station. He said that if this work goes forward tenders will be called for within a month. The reason given by Air Force authorities for rebuilding one runway with cement is that jet propelled planes generate so much heat that they damage asphalt in landing and taking off. It is understood that it is not necessary that all the runway be cement, but only at the ends. The housing units planned are single buildings of bungalow design and according to information available the over all plan calls for the construction of over 200 of them eventually. The exact location of this housing project has not been learned. The administration and barrack buildings on the station were put up as a wartime project and were not meant to be permanent. However, now that it has been decided that the Summerside station will be one of the bases of the post war Air Force, renovations will be necessary to make the buildings suitable for permanent use. The first thing necessary is to put foundations under them and this has been included in the plans for this summer.—S.

Says Too Tolerant With Communists

NANKING, March 28.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today blamed China's civil war on his tolerance of the Communists during the Japanese invasion, but said it was a mistake he would not make again. The Chinese chief said at a farewell meeting of the People's Political Council, formed as a Government advisory body 10 years ago. Chiang admitted his concern over the present state of affairs, but asserted, "in my opinion both the international and national situations clouded though they may be—were more unfavorable in 1938 than today." This was challenged by Chang Po-Ling, chairman of the meeting, who warned Chiang: "The general morale of our people is lower today than 10 years ago. As is it may that the situation is better, we must admit that the people are most unhappy."

U. S. May Supply Arms And Money

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—Responsible officials now believe the United States will have to furnish arms as well as economic aid to strengthen Western European countries against Russia. Some authorities speculate that Congress may be asked to revive the wartime lend-lease principle of arming powers whose defence is in the interest of American security. The whole subject of American military relations with the free countries of Europe is being studied by top administration officials.

Legion Will Urge Compulsory Service

MONCTON, N. B., March 28.—(CP)—Three persons were injured, one of them seriously Saturday night when two cars collided head-on on the Memramcook highway, 10 miles east of Moncton. Taken to hospital were Dr. L. J. Gaudet and his wife, and Ralph Bausier, driver of a car which collided with a car driven by Dr. Gaudet. THREE INJURED MONCTON, N. B., March 28.—(CP)—A resolution urging compulsory military service for all physically fit Canadian males of 19 is one of 60 to be placed before the Canadian Legion's Quebec Command convention here April 17-17, it was learned Saturday.

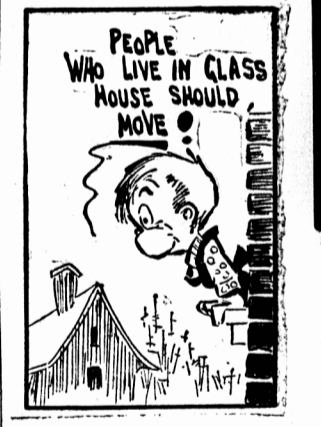
Communication And Power Lines Suffer Serious Damage

(By William Stewart) QUEBEC, March 28.—(CP)—Amateur radio—A week-end sleet storm followed by freezing temperatures left this old city sheathed in ice, cut off for hours from communication with the outside world, via usual transmission channels. But for Quebecois of this (CP) Easter day it was largely a matter of inconvenience rather than actual hardship. Saturday night and again tonight people in various sections of the city worked or lived by candlelight because of power failures caused when the heavy coating of ice on power lines induced power failures. Even the Quebec Legislature was forced to bow to the development of the elements and adjourned its Saturday evening sitting when candlelight proved insufficient for proceedings to be conducted properly. All Lines Down Telephone and telegraph lines were down along every normal communication channel into Quebec. (By mid-evening the wires were restored and Canadian Press news started to move to Quebec over the regular three-wire circuit and a special circuit. The Elements Journal planned to appear Monday morning with an eight-page paper, an edition slenderized somewhat because the late recovery of power delayed the warming-up of linotype machines.) Amateur radio operators, called into play in the transmission emergency, sent vital press bulletins in and out of Quebec via radiotelegraph in Montreal. They also handled emergency messages for utility and communications offices.

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Regional Forecasts

Prince Edward Island: Intermittent snow clearing by morning, Monday clear and colder. North winds 15. Low early Monday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 15 and 28. High tide this afternoon at 1:30 and tonight at 2:41. Sun sets his evening at 6:25 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:43. Last quarter moon April 1st, 6:30 A.M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BLOSSOM CANADA FLOUR The Flour that blooms in the oven