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Closing Session Of Maritime Art Convention

Mr. J. H. Meagher of Halifax was re-elected president of the Maritime Art Association yesterday. Mr. Donald Cameron, Mackay of Halifax, was elected vice-president for Nova Scotia. Mrs. Mackie of Sackville, is the new Brunswick representative while Mrs. P. A. Creelman of Charlottetown is vice-president for this Province. Miss Violet Gillett of the Saint John Vocational School was re-elected secretary and Mr. G. MacGrath of Halifax re-elected treasurer.

Seasons of the Maritime convention opened in Charlottetown Thursday evening and concluded last night. Routine business was transacted at sessions yesterday morning and afternoon and future plans discussed. The Association accepted the invitation of Sackville delegates to meet in that New Brunswick centre next year. Mr. A. L. Wright of Charlottetown presided yesterday afternoon during the election of officers.

Last evening a buffet supper was served at the home of Mrs. M. Gass, Inkerman. Guests were received by Mrs. Gass, president-elect of the Prince Edward Island Society and Miss Margaret Irving, retiring president. Mrs. R. E. Mutch and Mrs. J. A. Fraser poured while members of the local society served.

Closing Session

Guests at the closing session last evening were Hon. Honourable Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. DeBlois, and Sir Francis Plouffe, K. C. B., retiring High Commissioner in Canada of the United Kingdom, and Lady Plouffe. At the invitation of the chairman, Miss Margaret Irving, Lady Plouffe favored the convention with an inspiring talk on the value of self expression in art, citing many interesting incidents from her own experience.

Sir Francis Plouffe also spoke briefly. During their stay in Canada, he said, they had been greatly impressed by the contributions which Canadian artists are making to the cultural life of the Dominion. The National Art Gallery at Ottawa contains some of the most remarkable specimens of the modern school of art, of a distinctive Canadian style. He referred also to the work of Canadian artists in the Tri-Continental exhibition. They were taking with them on their return to London, some fine pictures by Canadian artists to be exhibited there in their respective countries.

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Halifax Petition Rejected By House

OTTAWA, May 27—(CP)—The petition presented to the House of Commons by Robert Finn (Lab. Halifax) urging the Government to re-consider its decision to grant travel licenses was not received officially by Parliament because it did not conform to the rules of the House, it was learned here today.

COMING EVENTS

- Talkies—Braconbane Tuesday L-780-5-26-31.
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- Talkies—Crapaud Thursday L-834-5-23-31.
- Play and Dance in Cardigan Hall, Tuesday, May 31st. L-905-5-23-1.
- The postponed Norbor play will be presented in New Glasgow Hall May 30th. L-842-5-23-11.
- Rummage sale St. James Hall, Saturday, May 28th, at 7 o'clock. L-815-5-23-21.
- Borden Line Club leading hogs, calves every Tuesday. Hours 12 to 3. L-348-12-M-2-5-tf.
- "Dot the Miner's Daughter," Brocton Hall Wednesday, June 1st. L-935.
- The Norbor players will present their play in New Glasgow Hall Tuesday, May 31st. L-831.
- "See 'Oh, Aunt Jerusha!'" by Lorie Valley Players, Morell Hall, June 1st. Dance after. L-912-5-23-30.
- Join the crowd and come to the Dance in St. Teresa's Hall, June 1st. Webster's orchestra. L-905-5-23-31.
- The Emerald Dramatic Society will present their play in Graham's Road Hall, Monday evening, 30th. L-841-5-23-21.
- Cherry Valley Hall, May 31st. Kingston players present. L-865-5-23-11. Chore Boy.
- Sale of cake and children's clothing by Holman's, Saturday, May 28th by Children's Table of King's Daughters. L-908-5-23-11.
- Montague—Musical comedy, "Clear the Deck" in aid of Hospital, Wednesday, June 1st. 8.30 sharp. Tickets 25 and 35. Cast of 15 in sailors costumes. L-983-5-23-21.

Wales Commencement Exercises Held

Review Of Year's Work Given
By Dr. G. D. Steel Prizes,
Diplomas And Certificates Presented By Lieut. Gov. DeBlois.

The 78th annual commencement of Prince of Wales College took place yesterday. Medals, diplomas and certificates were presented by His Honour Lieutenant Governor DeBlois. Principal Dr. G. D. Steel reported an attendance of 450 during the year. He noted that the number of young women greatly exceeded the number of young men. While he was glad to welcome the former who were good students, still he did not think this condition augured too well for the future of this Province, as there should be a larger attendance of young men. Dr. Steel paid eloquent tribute to Dr. S. N. Robertson, former principal. The late Doctor had had the force to do things, the speaker said, and the sympathetic nature to keep the institution moving harmoniously. The Principal then went on to describe the three classes of students who attended Prince of Wales College, in common with other institutions. First there were those who attended the College for the love of learning. Secondly, those sent by their parents with the hope they would be better fitted for their life work; and finally there were those sent to the institution by parents who considered they should go there but the students were the kind who didn't care what happened, whether or not they learned anything. Dr. Steel said his associations with the students had been very satisfactory and that the student body generally had conducted itself in a very proper manner. Such students had been forced by severe colds and measles to leave off writing final examinations. Dr. Steel had been rated according to the examinations had been granted certificates. This was not an unprecedented action, he explained, but had been done on a number of former occasions. He made special mention of one particular student who made sufficient marks at Christmas and Easter examinations to get a certificate. During his remarks Dr. Steel announced that as a tribute to the memory of the late Principal the S. N. Robertson prize had been created, a perpetual prize going to the student standing highest in the language work of the 4th year. This was a part of the course in which the late Doctor was greatly interested. It was won for the first time by Miss Vera Simpson. Reference was made also to the C. H. B. Longworth prize, which is awarded the student standing highest in the two chemistry courses in the 4th year. This was won for the first time by Mr. George Dewar.

German Mystery Man In Eastern Canada On Secret Mission?

OTTAWA, May 27—(CP)—Rumors that a German mystery man, Emil Karl Gerhardt, formerly an instructor at the University of Western Ontario, London, is on a secret mission to stir up speculation in this capital tonight following a controversy in the House of Commons over the German interest in Anticosti Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Comment on Parliamentary Hansard by Conservative Leader Bennett in the Commons last night, in which he said: "Hitler's personal representative, or a gentleman who at any rate acts as his agent, was in this country on Saturday last and in Ottawa on Sunday. He stated he had been down to Quebec to see the Premier there. I only know what he said and that Sunday he was here. Whether it was in relation to Anticosti Island or not, I have no way of knowing. But at any rate he has managed to escape publicity here." The German Consulate here denied knowledge of the present whereabouts of Gerhardt and any knowledge of an Emil Gerhardt. The report, to which the consul's statement had referred, said Gerhardt was looking over Anticosti Island last year with a view to its exploitation. The German Consulate issued this statement: "This man with the name of Emil Gerhardt described as a doctor and professor is not known to this Consulate. Gerhardt, a former instructor at the University of Western Ontario has had no contact whatever with any consular office of the German Government since 1936. As far as we can ascertain he was naturalized early in 1938. We don't know where he is now. In these circumstances it is quite unlikely he is connected with any Anticosti deal." It was learned from a reliable source that Gerhardt was reported in a Berlin newspaper as on the train from Quebec to Montreal on Sunday afternoon. He got off the train in Montreal and told the Canadian Press informant who had met him in Europe, that he planned to visit Ottawa. He was secretive concerning his business in Canada but intimated he was not connected with the Anticosti negotiations.

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Moncton Man Is Injured In Blast

(C.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) MONCTON, N. B., May 27—Despite severe injury suffered today when a dynamite cap exploded in his vest pocket, Harold Hamilton, a contractor, was expected to recover tonight. The accident occurred while he was using an acetylene torch in repairing a truck in his garage. A spark from the torch was believed to have exploded the caps. The explosion tore a deep hole, the size of a teacup, below his chest and severed the right arm from elbow to hand. Hamilton did not lose consciousness.

Jamaica Labor Leader Is Denied Bail, Riots Continue

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 27—(CP Cable)—Alexander Bustamante, Kingston Labor Leader who played an outstanding part in the waterfront strikes which ended last week, was arrested today on charges of sedition and inciting to riot. Waterfront workers were still on strike tonight, after they refused wages extended yesterday by ship-owners and wharf operators. They demanded 25 cents an hour for overtime. The offer fell short by four to eight cents an hour. Street cleaners returned to work Tuesday morning for a daily wage of \$1.12. They walked out Sunday night for 40 weeks. Other classes of civic employees including lamp-lighters, pumping station workers and a few tram operators, remained away from their jobs. Riots continued throughout the island, although Kingston was quiet. In Spanishtown ancient capital of the island and one-time rendezvous of Captain Harry Morgan and his bearded free-booters, several were injured today as police broke up a mob. Civilians kept their estates were tense but quiet after several days of labor trouble.

Government To Take Over The Bank Of Canada

Will Become Wholly
Publicly Owned Prime
Minister Announ-
ces.

OTTAWA, May 27—(CP)—After three years of life the Bank of Canada is to become a wholly publicly owned institution. Subject of many a sharp and learned debate in the House of Commons and of many a political speech on the hustings, the Bank's purpose and function will again come under the review of Parliament this session. Prime Minister Mackenzie King today announced the government had decided to acquire complete ownership of the bank and to take over the 100,000 shares now in the hands of the public. Legislation to this end will be introduced before the end of the present session.

Established In 1935
This will be the third time the National Central Bank has been the subject of legislation. It was established in 1935 when the Conservative Government was in office with a capital of \$5,000,000 in 100,000 shares valued at \$50 each. These were offered to the public and taken up at their par value. Dividends on the shares were limited to 4-1/2 per cent annum and any excess profits were to become the property of the Government.

The bank was to be operated by a governor and deputy governor appointed by the Government in the first instance but after by the directors of whom there were seven, elected by the shareholders. In the fall of 1935 a general election brought the Liberals into office and at the first parliamentary session the Bank of Canada Act was amended to give the Government complete ownership of a majority of the shares and a majority representation on the directorate.

Before concluding his remarks Dr. Steel announced that a teacher training course for those seeking teachers' licenses would open Monday. On the same day, too, would open courses for those desirous of improving their standing in certain subjects before proceeding with the work of the next year. Hon. Mark P. McGuigan, Prince Edward Island Minister of Education and Public Health, presided and made a brief opening address. The valedictory was read by George Dewar.

Other speakers were, Premier Thane Campbell and Mr. H. H. Shaw, chief superintendent of education. Hon. W. H. Dennis, minister of education, E. A. Foster and C. H. B. Longworth, president of the Alumni Association, were among those on the platform.

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Insurgent Drive On Three Fronts

HENDAYE, France, May 27—(AP)—Spanish Insurgent armies attacked today through mountain ranges north of Valencia and northwest of Barcelona. Air raids which extended to Cervere, France last night bore evidence they were campaigning to shatter rearward and frontline resistance at the same time. Insurgent advances reported the occupation of El Castellar, nearly 16 miles east of Teruel and 95 miles from the coast, in the drive toward the Teruel-Sagunto Highway. On the northern front, near the Andorran frontier, the insurgents also took the initiative in the Pyrenees. In operation around Sort, they attempted to regain positions captured by Government forces in their recent drive and to open a path toward Barcelona. Slight advances were reported at the Government maintained strong positions menacing Tremp.

Agree On Common Neutrality Policy

STOCKHOLM, May 27—(AP)—Representatives of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland and Finland today pledged their governments to a common neutrality policy in event of war between other states. They signed a declaration embodying a new set of neutrality rules.

50 NEWSPAPERMEN KILLED

TOKYO, May 27—(AP)—More than 50 Japanese reporters and cameramen have been killed or wounded covering the war in China.

Calls Election



DUBLIN, May 27—(CP)—Prime Minister de Valera tonight announced dissolution of the Dail (lower house of Parliament) and called a general election for June 17.

The cabinet decided on the step after Wednesday's defeat of the Government by a margin one vote on a motion to establish civil service wages by an arbitration board. Parliament had been adjourned until May 31 following the adverse vote.

Under the new constitution dissolution of the Dail means selection of a new senate but the present upper house, only recently chosen, will continue for three months.

Armed Police Patrol Akron

City-wide Transporta-
tion Strike Is
Threatened.

AKRON, O., May 27—(AP)—The Committee for Industrial Organization and American Federation of Labor, frequently bitter rivals elsewhere, joined tonight in tense Akron to threaten a city-wide transportation strike unless police withdraw and permit free picketing at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. About 80 policemen, rifles in hand and bunched a strategic point, were instructed to represent two-mile-long plants where strike rioting with C. I. O. union workers and sympathizers early today flared at least 80 persons, one seriously.

"Unless the police are withdrawn and the rights of picketing are restored by nightfall we will pull out our men tomorrow," C. I. O. business agent of the A. F. of L. truck drivers joint council, warned Sheriff Walter P. O'Neil.

There was no immediate indication whether city authorities would refuse or comply with the demand, 16 miles east of Teruel and 95 miles from the coast, in the drive toward the Teruel-Sagunto Highway. On the northern front, near the Andorran frontier, the insurgents also took the initiative in the Pyrenees. In operation around Sort, they attempted to regain positions captured by Government forces in their recent drive and to open a path toward Barcelona. Slight advances were reported at the Government maintained strong positions menacing Tremp.

Quints Celebrate 4th Birthday Today

GALLANDER, May 27—(CP)—Five widowed little Dions will have the first ice-cream they have ever eaten when they entertain their family tomorrow at their fourth birthday celebration. Rigid diet rules that have kept ice-cream and candy from the quintuplets will be relaxed by Dr. Allan Roy Dufco, their physician, so the little girls may smack their lips over a new taste sensation. But candy and frosting for their birthday cake are still ruled out.

Decided Decline Revealed In Canada's Birth Rate

OTTAWA, May 27—Canada's birth rate has been declining almost continuously during the past 17 years, it was disclosed today in figures prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In 1921, the Canadian birth rate per 1,000 population was 29.4, excluding the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, while in 1936 the rate was 24.2. The 12-month figures are available, it was 20 for the first nine months of last year the birth rate was 10.1. In 1937, the Canadian birth rate per 1,000 population was 24.2, the highest in Canada's history, and the highest in the world. The decline is a phenomenon common to the past-war years in British countries and in western Europe, he said. "It has been one of the most prominent features of vital statistics in the past 15 or 20 years." Quebec had the highest birth rate from 1921 to 1936 and showed the most rapid decline from 1936 to last year in which the birth rate of 24.2 in 1936 after declining steadily from 30.2 in 1921. However, in the first nine months of last year, New Brunswick had the highest birth rate in Canada, 14.7, while Quebec took second place for the first time in 17 years with 24.8. The birth rate ranged from around 24 to 21 in the 17-year period.

Strong Force Canada's Need Says MacKenzie

Neutrality a Myth Un-
less Capable Of Pro-
tecting It Is Claim.

GALT, Ont., May 27—(CP)—Defense is costing Canada \$3 per capita and in view of Canada's size and wealth she should possibly be spending more. Hon. Ian MacKenzie, Minister of National Defense, said in an address here today. "The Parliament of Canada might decide in case of emergency that Canada's neutral status should be neutral, unless we have forces capable of protecting our neutrality it would be some like the mists of morning." Whatever the decision of any parliament or any Government in an emergency, the Minister added, any action that is taken will be decided by the sentiment of the people at large.

The militia had been reorganized in Canada, the personnel of the air force tripled and the personnel of Canada's naval service more than doubled by his department. A survey of 768 Canadian industrial plants has been made to ascertain their production in an emergency and this information has been classified at Ottawa.

Coast Fortified

Fortifications are being constructed on the Pacific Coast and similar fortifications would be built on the Atlantic coast. The Pacific Coast works were started "for reasons obvious to everyone here." They would be completed in a year's time.

The Minister felt that Canada's defense policy should be outside politics, and there had been a marked change in public opinion in the past year. A year ago there was considerable criticism of defense estimates in Parliament, when they were considered very large. Now, Mr. MacKenzie said, there was hardly any criticism. "In fact it seems to be the consensus that the amount is hardly enough."

Canada must have a force at least strong enough to protect her neutrality, the Minister declared. His Department had appealed to the class of 16-year-old boys and young men in the militia line off to attend training camps. "The response to my appeal has been most satisfactory," he said. "We witness the apparently inevitable division of modern nations into friends of freedom and friends of force, and the class is inevitable then perhaps Canada, seeking to preserve national unity must look to the beginnings."

Youth Is Acquitted Of Murder

NEW YORK, May 27—(AP)—A jury of middle-aged married men today acquitted a 16-year-old Delia Carroll of the slaying of his 18-year-old sweetheart, Charlotte Mathieson.

There was no immediate indication whether city authorities would refuse or comply with the demand, 16 miles east of Teruel and 95 miles from the coast, in the drive toward the Teruel-Sagunto Highway. On the northern front, near the Andorran frontier, the insurgents also took the initiative in the Pyrenees. In operation around Sort, they attempted to regain positions captured by Government forces in their recent drive and to open a path toward Barcelona. Slight advances were reported at the Government maintained strong positions menacing Tremp.

ONE DEAD IN LINER FIRE

LE HAVRE, France, May 27—(AP)—A search of the ruins of the French liner Lafayette, destroyed by fire May 5, disclosed today one man died in the flames. His body could not be identified.

Border Violation Charges Renewed By Berlin, Praha

German Press Attacks Dropped
As Exploration Of Vital
Problem Is Begun.

BERLIN, May 27—(CP Havas)—The German News Agency (D.N.B.) reported a Czechoslovak military plane took photographs today over the border town of Gmunden, Lower Austria.

"A flight error was impossible since visibility was perfect," the report said. "This can only be a case of premeditated frontier violation for a military purpose."

PRAGA, Czechoslovakia, May 27—(AP)—The Government tonight postponed indefinitely the special session of Parliament called for next Tuesday as it faced slow progress in efforts to reconcile differences with the autonomy-demanding Sudeten German minority.

It had expected at that time to submit for legislative approval the nationalities statute designed to solve the country's problem with its minorities. The decision to postpone the session was taken after an afternoon meeting of the Cabinet's political committee and was followed by a series of conferences on the minorities issue.

Dr. Ernst Eisenlohr, German Minister, again called the Government's attention to alleged violation of the German border by Czechoslovak military units.

Official quarters reported the Czechoslovak Minister in Berlin was instructed to make similar representations concerning alleged German violations of the Czechoslovak frontier.

It was enlarged yesterday two German bombers crossed the border near As (Asch) after 14 incidents of border violations involving 34 planes between May 19-26. The cabinet's political committee heard Premier Milan Hodza's report of his conferences with Jan Masaryk, Minister to London, and Stefan Osusky, minister to Paris. The ministers flew here to inform the government more fully of British and French views on the International situation and the Sudeten German problem.

Discussions among Masaryk, Osusky, Hodza, president Edouard Benes and Foreign Minister Kamil Krofta continued in a day and night filled with conferences. In the afternoon of concessions to the Sudeten Germans it was emphasized the government remained adamant against any compromise involving restrictions on its foreign policy. One of the Sudeten German demands is revision of foreign policy which includes a mutual assistance pact with Soviet Russia.

British interest in developments was emphasized by presence here of William Strang, chief of the Colonial Bureau, Department of the London Foreign Office.

Pre's Blasts Cease

BERLIN, May 27—(AP)—As if by order, the German press today ceased abruptly its blast against Czechoslovakia and western democracies in accusation of pro-Czechoslovak sympathies.

The lull in hostile talk was said in official quarters to be due to Reichsfuehrer Hitler's firm determination to preserve peace in spite of "provocations" by the Czechoslovaks.

Among these "provocations" were the defense preparations of last week and alleged border violations by military airplanes.

The only new incident reported today was in Kaplice (Kapitz), north of Linz, where an Austrian German farmer allegedly was ill-treated by Czechoslovak soldiers because he could not produce his identity card.

In connection with this sudden pre-quiet and the Reichsfuehrer's insistence upon preservation of peace it was stated here that "not only have no German troops been dispatched to the German frontier but two whole regiments sent into Austria at the time of Anschluss have been withdrawn to their original garrison at Auesburg."

Auesburg is about 150 miles from the Czechoslovak border. It was announced also that a rally of Sudeten German students scheduled for June 2 at Usti, Czechoslovakia, near the German border, had been postponed until October in order to avoid possible trouble.

TORONTO, May 27 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	60
Victoria	48
Edmonton	44
Regina	48
Winnipeg	40
Toronto	50
Ottawa	46
Montreal	54
Quebec	50
Salt Lake City	48
Charlottetown	52

Forecasts:
Maritime Provinces: Moderate variable winds; partly cloudy with a few scattered showers.
High tide this morning at 8:58 and tonight at 10:20.
Sun sets this evening at 7:35 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:19.
New moon May 29, 10 a.m.
Summer time last eight minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY
Leaves Borden 9.45 a. m. 1 p. m.
Leaves Toronto 11 a.m. 2.55 p.m.

MAXIMS
OF A
MERE MAN
Courtesy is like an air-cushion;
there may be nothing in it but it
ceases our joys wonderfully

