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BRITISH BUDGET HAS GOOD NEWS FOR THE LITTLE MAN

Finland And Russia Sign 10-Year Treaty

100 Homeless In Saint John Fire

SAINT JOHN, N.B., April 6 — (CP) — Welfare agencies tonight appealed for aid for some 100 persons left homeless after an early-morning, three-alarm fire swept through three frame tenement houses on north-end Main Street. No one was injured as the 23 families, including 48 children, dashed from the buildings after George W. Richards discovered the blaze on the second floor and roused the tenants. All fire-fighting equipment in the city was sent to fight the fire except one station which was held in reserve for emergency. Fire Chief Edward Howard said Richards' prompt action in awakening the tenants undoubtedly prevented loss of life.

Ask Czech Gov't To State Case

LAKE SUCCESS, April 6 — (CP) — An unexpected United States Challenge to the Communist-dominated Czechoslovak Government to state its case was approved today by the Security Council. The Council voted 9 to 0 to extend a formal invitation to the Czechoslovak Government to put forward a representative who would take part in the United Nations debate on the February Communist coup in Czechoslovakia. It adjourned the case until Monday to hear Prague's reply. Andrej Gromyko, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, and Vassily Tarasenko, Soviet U.N. representative, abstained from voting. They bitterly opposed hearing Chile's charges that Russia helped the Communists gain power and interfered in Czechoslovakia's external affairs.

Coming Events

- Bridge Party K. of C. Hall, Souris, Wednesday, April 7.
- Dance Fortune Hall Thursday, April 8. Good music.
- Concert in Bradalbane postponed until further notice on account of roads.
- Raffle, K. of C. Hall, Souris, Thursday, April 8. Proceeds for charity.
- Dance, Box Social, Pleasant Grove Hall, Monday, April 12th. Aid of school.
- Liberal Meeting of St. Catherine's Poll, Long Creek Hall, Thursday, April 8th. Convener.
- No. 2 mixed clover seed, 70 per cent timothy, 30 per cent clover. 22 cents. Book now. MacQuigan and Boyle, Hunter River.
- To arrive, car of choice double re-cleaned 2 C.W. Alberta oats. \$3.50 per 100. Book. MacQuigan & Boyle, Hunter River.
- Loading Hogs at Fredericton for Canada Packers every Thursday till 11 A. M. and Colville until 12. D. L. MacDowell.
- Reopening Dance Country Club, Travellers Rest, Thursday, April 8th. Orchestra, Prince County Pioneers.
- Monthly Meeting Kingston Branch No. 30 Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L. will meet in Kingston School, Thursday, April 8th, at 8:30 P. M. All Veterans please attend. Foster, MacKinnon, Secretary.
- The Mt. Stewart Seed Gram Cleaner will be working on Thursday and Friday of each week after April 1st, until further notice. Rates same as last year. Joseph Coates, Manager.
- Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Ender Wilmore Bradalbane, until 11:30 a.m.; Borden Barnall, Hunter River, until noon; Summerside until 1:30 p.m.; and Kensington until 3 p.m. MacEwen and Caslar.

Compulsory Inspection And Supervision Urged By P. E. I. Fish Canners

A large meeting of fish cannery men from all parts of the Province met in the City Hall yesterday afternoon and unanimously agreed to a resolution asking the Dominion Department of Fisheries to make all fish landed at any cannery in the Province subject to inspection and to make compulsory the supervision of the fish processing. The resolution also requested the Department of Fisheries to deem it necessary to continue grading, that the work be done by three grading units which would call at the canneries at regular intervals. The fish referred to in the resolution are the so-called "relief type" and include mackerel, cod, hake, and herring. The meeting, presided over by Mr. S. H. Burhoe, president of the Prince Edward Island Fisheries Federation, was held under the auspices of that organization. Many non-members were present. Mr. Burhoe, in his opening remarks, said the primary purpose of the meeting was to learn whether or not some better means of Government inspection for Island fish could be found. In recent years, he said, it has been necessary to send samples for grading to Halifax. Very often there was a considerable delay before the canner received word of his grade. Such delays could mean the loss of a profitable price for the canner, he said. Mr. Burhoe continued, some canners had received a poor grade owing to the lack of facilities for doing the grading at the plant. Often, if a canner knew, when he began to pack, that some minor defect in his processing was going to result in his obtaining a poor grade, he would have a chance

Mad Scramble For Lobsters At Boston

BOSTON, April 6 — (AP) — Prices for scarce lobster shot upward in Boston today "in the maddest scramble for them in the last 20 years." The Massachusetts Conservation Department reported "there was hardly 500 pounds last Saturday among dealers in the Boston area." Prices ranged from 70 cents a pound for culls (one claw) to \$1.10. The Department attributed the shortage to a late Nova Scotia spring season. It said rough weather has prevented fishing and made transportation difficult.

Seven Premiers To Attend Ottawa Parley

OTTAWA, April 6 — (CP) — M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, asked the Government in the Commons today to consider appointment of a special House Committee to study operations of the National Film Board. Prime Minister Mackenzie King said the matter would be considered. WASHINGTON, April 6 — (CP) — Seven provincial premiers were disclosed today to be making plans for attending a parley April 24 in Ottawa at which they will fashion an appeal against the 21-per-cent increase in freight rates granted Canadian railways. With the boosted rate structure due to come into effect April 8, it was revealed that the seven provinces involved hope to obtain a 300-day stay in application of the increase. Only Quebec and Ontario remain apart from the joint appeal. Premier Stuart Garson of Manitoba made the disclosure that the seven provinces had asked for the stay. The request was made in a message to the Governor-in-council, Mr. Garson declared, at Ottawa. Mr. Garson made the announcement in the Manitoba Legislature. Premier Walter Jones of Prince Edward Island, one of the

Ontario Drops Air Immigration Plan

TORONTO, April 6 — (CP) — Termination of Ontario's year-old immigration plan as carried out under contract with Trans-Canada Air Lines was announced today by Premier Drew who accused Federal Trade Minister Howe of scuttling the scheme. "The Ontario Government has no intention of entering into a new contract with T.C.A.," the Premier said in the Legislature, adding that the Province will await announcement of a Dominion plan. "Mr. Howe has scuttled our plan," the Premier declared. "In doing so, he claims, however, that he is in a position to carry all air immigration. That being so, we will await the opportunity to arrange air transportation under the Canadian plan and in view of the fact that other Provinces have already indicated their desire to have transportation of this kind available, we hope there will be announcement of the details." Premier Drew made the declaration in reply to statements in Ottawa by Mr. Howe. In Ottawa Reconstruction Minister Howe said again today that Ontario's air immigration plan had not been "scuttled." "The Dominion Government and Trans-Canada Air Lines have made every reasonable effort to aid the

Higher Unemployment Benefits Likely

OTTAWA, April 6 — (CP) — Higher unemployment insurance benefits to workers will be provided in legislation to be introduced shortly in the Commons by Labor Minister Mitchell, it was learned today. The legislation also will provide for increases in the contributions to the unemployment insurance fund paid by employers and employees, and in the matching contributions of the Dominion Government. Another phase of the measure, it was understood, is that in future employers will have to pay more into the fund in relation to tax workers' contributions, than they have in the past. Notice of the legislation, which will amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, was given by Mr. Mitchell today. He proposed to move tomorrow a resolution preparatory to introducing his bill.

Parliament At A Glance

Prime Minister Mackenzie King denied a charge that former Veterans Minister Mackenzie was ousted from the Cabinet because he and Mr. King differed over veterans pensions. Finance Minister Abbott said he had no statement to make on possible date of the budget. Mr. Abbott said increased production by gold mines will not play a major part in the solution of Canada's shortage of American dollars. Second reading — adoption in principle — was given a bill providing subsidies on increased gold production. Labor Minister Mitchell introduced the Government's new labor code. Wednesday. The Commons will discuss various Government legislation. The Senate will not sit.

Lewis Ready To Talk Terms

WASHINGTON, April 6 — John L. Lewis told United States soft coal operators today he is ready to talk terms as more miners joined the pension-dispute coal strike. But the stern United Mine Workers (I.M.W.) president set the time—2:30 p.m., EST (3:30 p.m. AST) tomorrow — and dictated what the operators should send Lewis what they will do. Lewis scorned an invitation of the operators to get together at 4 p.m. today. He objected to the signers of the letter. Both Lewis and the operators are under Federal Court order to bargain out their differences which led to a mid-March walkout of 400,000 soft coal miners. Thousands of anthracite diggers struck today in sympathy with them. Lewis made no move to send his men back to work. This he also was told to do by the Federal court injunction signed Saturday night. It produced nothing until today. The operators made the first move. They wrote Lewis that they would be waiting for him at 4 p.m. They reminded him of the injunction and said they were ready to meet as it required. Just before four o'clock they got his answer. No. Instead, he said, he will have his delegates on hand at 2:30 tomorrow without contesting an election. The Mayor was given an acclamation to the post today when his candidature for re-election was unopposed. Contests will be held next Tuesday in all three wards, which each elects two candidates and for the two alderman-at-large posts.

Moncton's Mayor Murphy Re-elected

MONCTON, N. B., April 6 — (CP) — Mayor J. Edward Murphy will serve a second one-year term as Moncton's chief magistrate, this time without contesting an election. The Mayor was given an acclamation to the post today when his candidature for re-election was unopposed. Contests will be held next Tuesday in all three wards, which each elects two candidates and for the two alderman-at-large posts.

Finns Appear To Have Won Concessions

LONDON, April 6 — (AP) — Finland and Russia signed a 10-year treaty today, binding Finland to fight within its own borders in the event either country is attacked, the Moscow radio said tonight. The official text of the treaty, signed in Moscow by Foreign Minister Molotov of Russia and Finnish Premier Mauno Pekkala said the two countries would fight together to repel aggression by Germany "or another state allied with" Germany. The pact mentioned no other country by name. Russia also pledged herself not to interfere with the internal affairs of Finland, the broadcast said. The Soviet Union will send troops to aid Finland in case of aggression only if Finland gives its consent to the treaty stipulations. Thus, political sources said here, Finland won two major concessions during the treaty negotiations which began in Moscow two weeks ago. Prime Minister Stalin was present at the signing ceremony. It was he who sent a diplomatic note to Finnish president Juho K. Paasikivi Feb. 22 asking that the two countries open discussions for a treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance. The broadcaster quoted Pekkala as praising Russia's "benevolent attitude" towards his country during the ceremony. Finns were fearful such a pact as Russia has signed with other Eastern and Central European countries would bind her to a tight military accord with the Soviet Union. However, leading Finnish politicians said tonight in Helsinki the treaty cements the little Baltic republic tighter into the Eastern Bloc, but preserves its sovereignty. If neither country renounces the treaty before it has been in effect for nine years, it will automatically be renewed for another five years and from then on in five-year cycles unless Russia or Finland gives one year's notice of renunciation. All the provisions of the treaty, the document said, "will be in accord with the principles of the United Nations."

Trade Commissioner To Canada Dies

MONTEAL, April 6 — (CP) — A. M. Wiseman of Ottawa, senior British Trade Commissioner in Canada, died in hospital here today from a heart attack. Mr. Wiseman became ill in Ottawa and was brought here for treatment.

Jews Obtain Arms In Raid On British Camp

By ERIC GOTTGREU JERUSALEM, April 6 — (AP) — Jews raided the largest British military camp in Northern Palestine today, killed the commanding officer and six other soldiers, and escaped with a large quantity of guns and ammunition, a military spokesman said. The Jews wore the blue uniforms of the Palestine police and military dress, British officials said. Jewish sources here said the attackers were members of Igrun Zvai Leumi, an underground group. Six British soldiers were wounded. The camp occupied by the 12th British Anti-Tank Regiment, is located on the coast near Pardes Hannah, 26 miles south of Haifa. Military equipment seized included 63 rifles, 38 Sten guns, 18 Bren guns, four .38 Smith and Wesson pistols and an unknown quantity of ammunition. Several hundred Arabs launched an attack tonight on the Jewish settlement of Lahavot in Upper Galilee, Jewish sources said. Hagana, the Jewish army, was returning the Arab fire but the outcome was not yet known, the informants added. Meanwhile in Jerusalem thousands of Jews welcomed the first big food convoy to reach the city in many days. Fifty trucks made

Navigation Opens Early On Great Lakes

(Canadian Press) Canadian lake freighters in increasing numbers are threading their way through thawing ice jams as lake ports report one of the earliest starts in the history of Great Lakes navigation. Two oil tankers engaged in a pro-and-rew race to be first through the Welland Canal as the 1948 season opened there Tuesday. When the Texaco Warrior arrived at the second lock she found her sister ship Texaco Chief had left Port Weller, Ont., drydocks during the night and was first in line. The two ships steamed through in that order and cleared for Toledo. They were followed by Texaco Brave which had left Toronto the same day. The problem of who was to get the Welland Canal topper, donated annually to the first captain to complete the trip from Port Weller was solved by the award of new hats to both skippers. Other ships clearing the locks were Britannico, Britannol, and five Imperial Oil tankers, Coburg, Simcoe, Hamilton, Kingston and Midland. Shipping at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., cleared port at daylight Tuesday after anchoring for the night above the Soo as breaking ice drifted towards the port making navigation dangerous.

First Day's Reports Of Campaign Encouraging

Workers in the Red Cross Campaign were comfortably over the \$8,000 mark in their drive for the city objective of \$10,000 at the close of the first day's general canvass yesterday. The general canvassers added approximately \$3,660 to the sum, reportedly around \$5,000, collected by the Special Names Division. The general canvass objective is \$5,500 and the Special Names \$4,500. Judging by first returns, tabulated at a supper meeting in Zion Church Hall last night, campaign officials were confident that by Thursday night Charlottetown would provide the lead in surpassing the minimum provincial objective of \$20,000. The meeting was presided over by General Chairman Major George Craig. Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Provincial President, spoke of the very comfortable and pleasing feeling the results of the first day's canvass gave him. The Red Cross to him had always been a serious business and he had been some 35 years on the Executive. The way the people responded and the way collectors worked during the first Great War in connection with the Red Cross had made a lasting impression on him.

Commons Price Committee To Probe Butter

(By John LeBlanc) OTTAWA, April 6 — (CP) — A charge that platinum-scarce butter is being used in large-scale tie-in-sales with other commodities today plunged the Commons Price Committee into an investigation of this practice. Suggestion that operations of this kind—involving quantities as high as carload lots of the rare table article—might extend from Western Canada to Montreal was advanced before the committee by Roland Beaudry (L-Montreal St. James). His allegations touched off a committee decision to launch an immediate inquiry that will extend also into these developments stemming from the butter shortage. The practice of Montreal jewelry, drug and hairdressing firms of giving butter away with sales. 2. Charges that third-grade butter is being sold as first-grade in Halifax. Subpoenas were ordered for witnesses in connection with butter tie-in and premiums and Health Minister Martin, committee chairman, announced late in the day the first witnesses likely would be heard Thursday afternoon. The temporary side-tracking of the committee's normal procedure was decided on right after the investigators had reassembled from their Easter recess to pursue their inquiry into the cost of higher butter prices.

Poor Maple Sugar Season In Ontario

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Persons In Higher Income Brackets Hit

By STUART UNDERHILL LONDON, April 6 — (CP) — The budget news, in the over-all picture, was good today for Britain's small wage earner. It was all bad for the well-to-do. Presenting the budget for 1948-49, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, lifted the burden of paying income tax from an estimated 500,000 Britons but slapped increased levies on drinks, smokes and sports pools. Upon the well-to-do, he levied a tax on investment income on persons with total income of more than £2,000 (\$8,000) a year. The "Robin Hood" budget, Sir Stafford's first, struck at the rich to help the poor. But it also contained new burdens affecting everyone in the country. Hardly had Sir Stafford finished his two-hour, 13-minute speech when Winston Churchill arose to open the budget debate. The Conservative Party leader rumbled that the taxpayer should have been granted substantial relief from the "masses of pains and penalties" arising out of the war. Under immediate fire from Churchill's fore debate was the level on investment income, which Sir Stafford conceded will have to be paid "largely out of capital." Churchill questioned whether the levy would be imposed for one year only, as promised, as the decision might not rest with the Chancellor. An intent House of Commons heard Britain's economic director outline his measures aimed at the country's recovery and designed to puncture inflationary pressure. Occasionally Sir Stafford sipped a glass of diluted orange juice as he delivered his speech.

The Budget In Brief

In brief, this was the news, good and bad, contained in the budget: Gains — income tax concessions exempting 500,000 persons from the levy and especially beneficial to those with small earnings or resources and to married women who

Minimum Objective

Dr. MacMillan stressed that \$20,000 was the minimum objective. The local Red Cross Division had prepared a budget of about \$40,000. Last year \$33,000 was raised and \$34,000 spent. Dr. MacMillan emphasized the importance of the Red Cross project to establish a Blood Donors Clinic, available to all, free to all. Dr. MacMillan extended sincere

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TORONTO, April 6 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 38, 52; Edmonton 10B, 17; Regina 8, 23; Winnipeg 18, 30; Toronto 46, 62; Ottawa 48, 60; Montreal 47, 63; Quebec 32, 59; Saint John 36, 49; Moncton 33, 48; Halifax 32, 47; Charlottetown 30, 47; Sydney 27, 43; Yarmouth 35, 50. HALIFAX, April 6 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Wednesday. Synopsis. A band of rain showers passed across the Maritimes during the afternoon and evening along the forward edge of advancing cold air. This cold air now covers the whole Maritime Provinces and temperatures are beginning to fall rapidly in some parts. New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and a large part of Nova Scotia will have below-freezing temperatures during the night. Wednesday will be a generally clear day with the temperatures climbing to about 44 degrees. Regional forecasts: — Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness during the night clearing during the daytime. Colder, light winds becoming northeast in evening. Wednesday, low in the early morning with the high Wednesday at Charlottetown 25 and 40. High tide this morning at 9:53 and tonight at 9:49. Sun sets this evening at 6:34 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:29. New moon April 9th, 9:16 A. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.