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CANADIAN SEAMEN BEGIN STRIKE IN HALIFAX

Safecrackers Get $75,000 In Diamonds At Toronto

Red Cross Campaign In City Launched At Supper Meeting

You are the great army, and have been for years, that has been responsible for collections from a generous people in support of a great philanthropic and charitable movement — the Red Cross, the Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O. B.E., immediate past president of the Society, told a largely attended supper meeting of campaign workers at Trinity United Church Hall last night. Lt. Col. Leo F. MacDonald, city chairman, presided.

The drive in Charlottetown and environs gets underway today with an objective of $15,000. The provincial objective is $33,000.

Dr. MacMillan declared that no society had done so much in the cause of humanity as the Red Cross and that the Island Division ranked high in work accomplished. He referred to the purchase of Red Cross House and the need for renovating the premises, and expressed appreciation of the generous bequests to the Society from the late Mr. Isaac Carter and the late Mr. Leith Brecken.

The Doctor spoke briefly of the wartime work of the Red Cross and the Society's present peacetime program. He mentioned particularly the work in aid of crippled children and the blood transfusion service.

He felt that all engaged in the campaign were proud of the work of the Society and wished them every success in not only reaching, but oversubscribing the objective.

In referring to his retirement as provincial president, Dr. MacMil-

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Little Change In Ice Conditions

There has been very little improvement in ice conditions in the charted areas during the past week, reported Captain Angus Brown, official ice observer for the Department of Transport, after making a 1050 mile survey flight yesterday. The ice however is not too heavy and with a good wind should clear out in a short time. Considerable ice is moving in from the North to the Gulf of St. Lawrence which is 70 per cent ice from Fame Point and Anticosti Island to Cabot Strait. Ice moving through the Strait to the sea has almost closed Sydney harbour to navigation. There are about 80 miles of ice in the sea south of St. Paul's. A lot of ice has gone through the Strait of Canso, but the north entrance was blocked at the time of observance yesterday. The Northumberland Strait was about 80 per cent ice which was slowly moving eastward. Seal fishing was good and seven fishing boats were observed off the Magdalen Islands.

Boy Steals "Pop" In Police Station

MONTREAL, March 21 —(CP) — The "Boy in Brown," 15-year-old gunman who specialized in robbing messenger boys of small sums, has outdone himself by swiping 53 bottles of soft drinks at police headquarters. Police said today the boy, in a cell at headquarters, collected shoe laces from other prisoners Saturday night, tied the laces together and made a noose on one end. Then he neatly lassoed the nearby 53 bottles, one at a time, while the turnkey was busy elsewhere in the cell block.

Dolan Expects Big Tourist Season

OTTAWA, March 21 — (CP) — Indications are that Canada is in for a big tourist season, D. Leo Dolan, director of the Government Travel Bureau, said today.

Mr. Dolan said in a statement there has been a marked upswing in inquiries received by the Bureau in January and February from prospective tourists.

There were 59,602 inquiries in the period — an increase of 47.5 per cent over the same months last year. Of the total, 48,901 came from the United States.

Coming Events

**Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

**Handling Purina Feeds for Dillon & Spillett. For feed call on Enoch Newson, Westmoreland.

**C. C. F. Boadcast, C F C Y tonight, 8.45. Miss Erma Smith, Secretary, Freetown C. C. F. Club.

**National Film Board, Brackley School, March 24th. Bazaar and sale of lunches.

**Rummage Sale, Market Building, Trinity Junior W. A. Saturday, March 26th, 3.30.

**Card party and drawing of lottery in Summerfield hall, Tuesday night. Lunch served.

**Unloading car of Hog Concentrate, Poultry Concentrate and Bonemeal, March 22nd. Contact Swift Canadian Co., Ltd.

**St. Peter's Players present "Bells of Shannon", 3 act play, Morell Hall, Wednesday, March 23rd, 8.15. Auspices Legion.

**Follow the crowd for laughs tonight to MacDonald Bros. Theatre, and see Jackie Cooper in "Stork Bites Man" plus Superman, plus Short.

**Jimmy Power's Variety Concert in Vernon River Hall, March 23rd, starting at 8:30. Under the auspices of C. W. L.

**There will be a meeting in North River Hall, Wednesday, March 23rd, at 8 P. M. to organize for the building of a closed in Rink at North River. Please attend as this meeting is important. All others interested are cordially invited.

News In Brief

BERLIN, March 21 — (AP) — Russian authorities nanounced tonight they will take no retaliatory action against action by Western occupation authorities outlawing the Soviet east mark in the Western sectors of Berlin. Many Berliners had expected the Russians to make some retaliatory move.

LONDON, March 21 — (Reuters) — Britain's Ministry of Supply has offered to buy all uranium ores containing more than 10 per cent of the mineral — basic material for atomic energy — produced in the colonial empire in Britain during the next 10 years.

OTTAWA, March 21 — (CP) — A board of enquiry has placed dual responsibility on the pilot and his company for the eight-fatality crash of an Anson aircraft at Trinity Bay, Que., last Feb. 2, the Transport Department announced today. Direct cause of the crash was the fact that a locking device on the elevator controls was not removed before take-off.

Report Soap Prices Tumble At Toronto

TORONTO, March 21 —(CP)— Toronto soap and shortening prices are tumbling, retail dealers said today. One chain store was selling a four-pound box of soap flakes at 84 cents. Earlier it sold for $1.49.

Dollar Parity Detrimental Says Hatfield

OTTAWA, March 21—(Special)— Raising the value of the Canadian dollar to parity with the United States dollar in 1946 was highly detrimental to the interests of potato growers in the Maritimes, H. H. Hatfield, Progressive Conservative member for Victoria-Carleton told the Commons just prior to the six o'clock adjournment tonight.

Last of his party to speak against prolongation of the foreign exchange control act until 1951. Mr. Hatfield declared that when the Canadian dollar was valued at 90 cents United States funds, "the premium was a blessing to the Maritime potato-grower, farmer, fisherman, and lum-

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Land Expropriation Act Receives Second Reading

Trimmed of most of its sharp edges, "an Act to Provide for the Expropriation of Land" passed second reading in the Legislature yesterday. It still gives wide powers to the Minister of Public Works but provides for arbitration in disputed settlements by a Judge of the Supreme Court, as well as for appeal from the Judge's decision to the Supreme Court en banc in respect to claims exceeding $500.

Copied in large part from the Nova Scotia statute, the bill was moved into committee by Hon. A. W. Matheson, who explained that it was entirely new legislation in this Province and that he was open to suggestions for amendment.

Asked by Mr. Thomas Kickham if the Public Works Department does not already possess authority to expropriate, the Minister said the present powers were for road purposes only.

"What has the Department in mind now?" Mr. Kickham asked.

"Nothing in particular," Mr. Matheson said. "This covers all public works. They would have power over streams and gravel pits, for example."

Mr. Campbell's Complaint

Hon. John A. Campbell (Fourth King's) said he understood the bill had some connection with the trans - Canada highway. What benefit would the proposed new road to the National Park be to the rural areas? he asked. He thought it was "too bad" the Federal Government was concentrating its expenditures on work of this kind.

"So far as I am concerned, that Park should never have been placed there," Mr. Campbell declared. "The idea now is to take over lands for the purpose of building a highway to that Park where

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Margarine Production Climbing In Canada

OTTAWA, March 21—(CP)—The Government reported today that 2,323,546 pounds of margarine were produced in Canada up to Feb. 9. A return tabled for Hazen Argue (CCF-Wood Mountain) said it was manufactured by Canada Packers Ltd. in Toronto and Winnipeg, by Best Foods (Canadian) Ltd., Hamilton; Wentworth Canning Co., Hamilton; James Cridland and Sons Ltd. Toronto; F. W. Fearman, Co., Hamilton. Margarine was being sold in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. There was "systematic inspection" to see that it was not passed off as butter.

Chicago Gunman One of Pair Being Sought By Police

TORONTO, March 21 — (CP) — Rewards totalling $2,000 were offered tonight as police pressed search for the hooded gang of safecrackers who escaped wtih jewelry worth at least $80,000 from jewelry company offices in a downtown building Sunday night.

The loot, taken after the band had tied up a night watchman and worked on several safes for hours, may be higher than $80,000. That figure was given by employees of one of the looted firms, who told police exact appraisal would have to await return of the manager from Vancouver. Police said it might total as much as $150,000.

Previously a general check-up resulted in arrest of three men. Max Layefski, Alias Lane, was stopped as he was about to board a plane for Chicago and police claimed he had $2,850 in unreported United States currency in a hidden pocket. He was remanded to March 28 on $5,000 bail, charged with breach of the Foreign Exchange Control Act.

The two others, Chicago jewelry salesmen Norman Myer and Saul Bernstein, were charged with vagrancy. It was their arrest that led to the detention of Layefski.

These three apparently were not connected with the jewelry companies' safe-cracking. Police said this was the work of an out-of-town gang wearing Ku Klux Klan type white hoods. Police officials posted a $1,000 reward and an unidentified citizen added $1,000 for apprehension of the safecrackers.

Wearing white, shoulder-length hoods, the two men tied and gagged night watchman John McLeod, 56, and took him to the eighth floor of the building in an elevator.

There they cracked one safe in the Superb Jewelry Company, Ltd., and dragged another into the rear of another office on the same floor. They covered the 1,500-pound

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Much more unconcerned than the officer who is escorting him, John George Haigh, the man who is suspected of killing at least six persons and dissolving their bodies in sulphuric acid, is shown arriving at court in Horsham, Eng., for a preliminary hearing. He was remanded again. Haigh is specifically accused of the murder of Mrs. Olive Durrand - Deacon, a wealthy London widow. Police said he boasted that he sipped blood of his victims through a lemonade straw. In jail he drinks tea whenever he can get it.

Crew Quits On Lady Nelson; Others May Follow

Seek wage boost of 15 per cent and better working conditions.

(By The Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, March 21 — Officials of the Canadian Seamen's Union (T.L.C.) here said tonight that 118 seamen aboard Canadian National Steamships' Lady Rodney will strike at midnight.

They added that a strike vote now is being taken aboard the C N. S. Canadian Challenger, which arrived here today from the British West Indies.

The officials said a strike vote might be held aboard the C. N. S. Lady Nelson when it arrived back from the West Indies. The Nelson now is reported to be in British Guiana and is not expected to return until next week.

Statements from C.S.U. officials here clashed with those made in Montreal by Harry Davis, union president. Davis said a strike on the Lady Rodney and Lady Nelson would go into effect here at midnight tonight.

H. C. (Bert) Meade, Atlantic organizer of the C.S.U. said Saturday the crew of the Lady Rodney had refused to sign ship's articles for the next voyage. The crew of the Canadian Challenger took similar action today.

Strike action is designed to back union demands for a 15 per cent wage increase and improved working conditions.

Negotiations between the union and the Shipping Federation of Canada for a new contract broke down several weeks ago in Montreal.

The companies had asked that

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Says Seed Potato Regulations Have Been Clarified

OTTAWA, March 21—(CP)— Trade Minister Howe informed the Commons today that permit regulations covering the shipping of Prince Edward Island seed potatoes to the United States have been clarified.

It had been agreed, he recalled, to issue permits for shipments of seed potatoes to the U. S. only if the shipments were made within the limits of a schedule released last Nov. 26.

Canadian shippers, however, have been clearing customs at an interior point towards the end of the periods, but the actual shipments, in many cases, have not crossed the border until several days after the termination of the period.

"We have now clarified this position," he explained, "and have advised exporters that their shipments must cross the border before midnight of the expiry date of the permit."

Despite the controls being administered, several U. S. importers have allegedly diverted Canadian seed potatoes into the U. S. table stock markets and the department now is requiring a formal statement from each importer undertaking to use or sell Canadian seed potatoes only for seed purposes.

TORONTO, March 21 — (AP)— Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 37, 50; Edmonton 19, 28; Regina 13, 24; Winnipeg 20, 22; Toronto 33, 56; Ottawa 17, 29; Montreal 19, 30; Quebec 14, 26; Saint John 2, 35; Moncton Zero 29; Halifax 18, 33; Charlottetown 6, 27; Sydney 9, 28; Yarmouth 19, 35.

HALIFAX, March 21 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued today by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Tuesday.

Synopsis:

Monday evening snow was falling over Prince Edward Island, Eastern New Brunswick and Gaspe, and rain and freezing drizzle also in Nova Scotia. The amounts of fresh snow have been small and the snow area is expected to move out of the district during the night.

Temperatures over the Maritimes were in the 30s or high 20s but a current of milder air from the southwest reached as far north as New England. In Boston the temperature was over 50 and near Chicago the thermometer reached 70.

A mass of colder air from Ontario is expected to push across the Maritimes. This will give northeast winds over the Gulf and may cause some more freezing drizzle but in most sections cloudy weather is forecast for Tuesday.

Regional forecasts: —

Prince Edward Island:

Intermittent snow ending soon after midnight. Overcast Tuesday with occasional freezing drizzle or snow. Not much change in temperature. Light winds. Low and high Tuesday at Charlottetown 20 and 29.

High tide today at 5.10 A. M. and 3.48 P. M.

Sun rises this morning at 6.0 and sets at 6.14.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

WEEK DAYS

Leaves Borden 9.10 A. M. and arrives at Cape Tormentine at 10.15 A. M.

Leaves Cape Tormentine 2.40 P.M. and arrives at Borden 3.35 P. M.

No Sunday schedule in effect.

New Liquor Act Gets Old Enforcement Teeth

The defunct Prohibition Act was resurrected in the Legislature yesterday for the purpose of extracting some of its enforcement teeth, which were fitted into the new Temperance Act without much interest in the proceedings being shown by anybody, and without one word of eulogy over the corpse.

An outline of the amendments which were given committee reading in the House yesterday appeared last week in The Guardian. Hon. F. A. Large, Attorney General, sponsored the bill. Only commentator on the drastic nature of some of the provisions was Mr. D. L. Mathieson, who proposed some minor amendments which were accepted.

One new section, criticised by Mr. Mathieson, empowers the inspector, in visiting places where liquor in his opinion is unlawfully kept, to demand "the name and address of any person found in any such building or place and if the person refuses the information or if the inspector has reasonable grounds to believe that the name or address given is false, he may examine such person further and may, if the person fails upon demand to give his name and address or to answer satisfactorily the questions put to him, apprehend him without warrant and carry him as soon as possible before a Magistrate."

"Dwelling House" Clause

Another new section provides that "If a person on account of whose conviction a house has ceased to be a dwelling house pursuant to subsection 2 hereof, is again convicted of an offence against any of the provisions of this Act, committed in, at or in respect of a dwelling house occu-

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Farmers Borrow 30 Millions Under Farm Loans Act

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 21 — Farmers borrowed almost $30,000,000 under the Farm Improvement Loans Act in 1948, Finance Minister Abbott reported to the Commons today in the annual statement of operations under the Act.

The 1948 amount was up 61 per cent from the year before and represented about half the total loans issued under the Act since it came into force March 1, 1945.

The report said that for the fourth successive year there have been no losses. Of the total of $60,000,000 lent under the Act in 70,000 individual loans, 57 per cent has been repaid.

Loans in Eastern Provinces with the number bracketed: Quebec (530), $477,000; Nova Scotia (90), $72,000; New Brunswick (83) $85,000; Prince Edward Island (61), $46,000.

Farm implement loans were the most widely utilized in 1948, accounting for 88 per cent of the year's total, with $26,755,000. Next came improvements or additions to farm homes and buildings with $1,350,000. For clearing and breaking land, $492,000 was borrowed.

Hong Kong Veterans To Receive Cheques

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 21—Extra pay cheques to members of the Hong Kong expeditionary force will be mailed to more than 1,500 Canadians before April 30, army headquarters said today.

Defence Minister Claxton announced in the Commons last week that the members of the ill-fated Hong Kong force had been brought under the special Pacific pay provisions which were set up June 1, 1945, for servicemen who left Canada in the Dominion's 6th Division, or Pacific force, after VE-day.

Parliament At-A-Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

Prime Minister St. Laurent said administration of the Industrial Defence Board has been transferred from the Defence to the Trade Department.

Trade Minister Howe said the newly - negotiated international wheat agreement will not affect the Anglo-Canadian wheat contract.

J. M. Macdonnell tried unsuccessfully to have controls removed from the Canadian dollar.

The commons gave second reading — approval in principal — to the government bill to continue foreign-exchange controls for another year.

Senator Arthur Roebuck (L—Ontario) criticized another Liberal senator for what he considered an attack on Liberal legislation.

Tuesday:

Finance Minister Abbott will introduce the 1949-50 budget. The Senate will sit.

EIGHT YEAR SENTENCE

MILTON, Ont., March 21—(CP)— Leo Adams today was sentenced to eight years in penitentiary for the $105,000 armed robbery two years ago of the Bank of Nova Scotia branch at nearby Campbellford. John Krywarchuk of Hamilton last year drew 20 years for participation in the same robbery.

Snow Heralds Arrival Of Spring In Canada

(By The Canadian Press)

Snow and overcast skies mostly heralded the start of spring in Canada, although southern sections of Ontario and Alberta were treated to spring-like weather.

Officially spring started at 6.49 p.m. AST Sunday.

On the east coast, mild weather prevailed Monday following lower temperatures and snow Sunday. Moncton registered temperatures around zero at noon yesterday after having eight inches of snow Sunday. Snow was forecast again for today.

Crisp and clear weather during the week-end gave Quebec residents their best ski weather of the winter.

In Montreal, large flakes of snow, falling since early Monday

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To Frame Compulsory Savings Cheque

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, March 21—Jack Parker of Ottawa has a cheque from the Federal Government but he's not going to cash it. He's looking for a frame in which to preserve it.

The reason, he says, is that it cost him more to get the cheque than he'll get if he turns it into cash.

The cheque is for 11 cents—Mr. Parker's compulsory savings portion of income tax. It represents 10 cents returnable savings and one cent interest.

The Government, however, spent 13 cents to register the letter in which the cheque was sent. He wasn't home when the letter arrived and thus had to spend 14 cents carfare to pick it up at the post office.

That, said Mr. Parker, is 27 cents of expenditure to deliver 11 cents and "let's not go into the Government's bookkeeping cost."

'Flu Outbreak In Britain Causes Deaths

LONDON, March 21 — (AP) — The Ministry of Health said today an influenza outbreak in Britain's larger cities caused 321 deaths last week — 300 per cent more than during any week last year.

So many workers have influenza in industrial Warwickshire that factories there may have to close. Bus service is crippled in Birmingham where 530 drivers are ill.

The disease is sweeping through Britain two months after it hit the continent.

MOTHER SENT TO HOSPITAL

BOSTON, March 21 — (AP) — A sobbing mother, accused of keeping her 13-year-old son a captive for most of his life because he was illegitimate, today was ordered committed to a psychopathic hospital. Mrs. Anna Sullivan, 45, cried openly as Judge Samuel Eisenstadt ordered her to the hospital for 10 days. She is charged with neglecting a minor child.

Tim Buck Frustrated In Speech-Making Efforts

OTTAWA, March 21—Originally slated to deliver two public addresses in Ottawa, Canadian Communist leader Tim Buck found himself stymied on both counts tonight, and with a lively furore sprung from his visit to the capital.

While a scheduled afternoon address at Carleton College was cancelled, that didn't stop the students from holding a meeting which they said was to demonstrate the whole-hearted anti-Communist sentiment at the school.

Feture of the gathering was the presence on the stage of a dummy clad in red-flannels and bearing the name "Tim Buck".

In chronological order the developments went something like this:

The Labor - Progressive Party two-man membership at Carleton, which was to have sponsored Buck's address, called it off—explaining that his appearance might cause "financial embarrassment to the college."

Later the management of the Chateau Laurier Hotel announced that "Failing proper assurance from the R.C.M.P. that no trouble would develop from a Communist meeting with Mr. Buck as principal speaker, the management... could not afford to hazard the prospect of commotion and damage developing if the meeting were allowed to take place."

As for Carleton College, the school has already suffered what might be termed "financial embarrassment."

T. Frank Ahearn, wealthy Ottawa businessman, who in 1946 provided Igor Gouzenko with a $100-a-month life income for helping break Canada's spy ring, said several days ago he would not honor his pledge of $3,000 to the college. He said he was cancelling the donation because of what he termed as speeches at Carleton of a "radical and pink nature."

Today he went further and stated he was transferring the grant to Ashbury College, an Ottawa boys' school, which, he said, taught "the distinction between freedom and licence."

The Carleton College students wasted no time, however, in starting a drive to collect $3,000 from among themselves and by today more than $700 had been pledged.

Cancellation of Buck's Carleton address followed a decision by anti-Communist students to give the Communist leader a cold, silent reception and during the question period to rise in a body and walk out.

Charges 11 Hold Key To Revolution In America

NEW YORK, March 21 —(AP)— The trial of 11 United States Communists finally got under way before a jury today with a government charge that the defendants hold the key to an American revolution.

The 11 can set the time for an uprising of "force and violence," prosecutor John F. McGohey said in his opening remarks to a Federal court jury.

He accused the defendants of teaching in classes and schools that the overthrow of the United States Government must follow the "classic model" of the 1917 revolution in Russia.

The defence, through its chief spokesman, went before the jury in turn to insist that the party never has raised a hand against the United States Government.

Eugene Dennis, secretary general of the Communist Party in the United States, said the party consistently has taught the support of the government.

"It is a matter of public record," said Dennis, who is acting as his own counsel," "that we supported the Roosevelt administration and vigorously campaigned, for his re-election."

The 11 are accused of conspiring to organize the party in 1945 to advocate violent overthrow of the government. If convicted, they would face maximum penalties of 10 years in prison and $10,000 fines each.

Dennis tried to outline at length the Comemunist Party's attitude on domestic and foreign issues. Judge Harold R. Medina interrupted him to say:

"I can't see that they have anything to do with the case."

The jury began hearing the opening arguments after 38 days of argument and delay during which the defence tried a number of ways to halt or postpone the trial.