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BRITISH GOV'T RAISES TAX ON BUSINESS PROFITS

U. S. CONSIDERS BOOST IN A-BOMB OUTPUT

Charges St. Laurent Gov't With Weakening British Commonwealth

By MEL SUFRIN

OTTAWA, Sept. 27 (CP)—A Vancouver lawyer today accused the Government of weakening the structure of the British Commonwealth at a time when the need for solidarity is at its greatest.

Howard Green, Progressive Conservative member for the new constituency of Vancouver-Quadrant, took a firm stand in the Commons in opposition to a bill to abolish appeals to the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

Speaking during second reading—adoption in principle—of the measure, the veteran parliamentarian contended the Government is "holding a gun to the heads of the Provincial Governments" by forcing passage of this bill before tackling the more important problem of defining Provincial-Dominion jurisdiction under Canada's constitution.

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Claims Russia Had A-Bomb In 1946

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Sept. 27 (AP)—The New Bedford Standard-Times says today it has a "confidential" source that Russia held its first successful test of the atom bomb Aug. 15, 1946.

At that time, the newspaper says, Russian scientists said the Soviet expected to have a stockpile of 100 atom bombs by July 1947.

The Standard-Times says its information came from an undercover agent for a Far Eastern government who at one time was a special correspondent for the newspaper. It included, the paper said, copies of written reports forwarded to high central intelligence officials in Washington and has been held in strict confidence for three years.

"The ban of secrecy was lifted by President Truman's announcement Friday of an atom bomb test in Russia, the Standard-Times adds.

Big Gift Of Apples Planned For U. K.

B. C. Vegetable And Fruit Growers Hit

KELOWNA, B. C., Sept. 27 (CP)—Lifting of restrictions on the importation of United States fruit and vegetables into Canada will deal a severe blow to growers in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, L. R. Stephens, Federated Shippers' secretary, said today. Relaxation of the ban plus the "chaotic condition" of the U.S. market will be certain to "glut" Canadian stores with U.S. fruit, he said.

It will mean that instead of the apple growers selling their products direct to the Federal Price-Support Board, as they did last year, the growers simply will sell to the United Kingdom Government and bill the Federal Government for one-half the total.

A U.K. official said the British people will look forward to receiving a gift of apples, expected to start early in November.

The apples will see them through the "lean stretch" of the winter months, after their own crop has been consumed.

Along with the contract itself, Canada and the U.K. have negotiated an agreement whereby Canadians with relatives and friends overseas will be permitted to ship boxes of apples to British homes, thus breaking the ban on the entry of food parcels weighing more than 22 pounds. A box of apples weighs at least 40 pounds.

The British official said the U.K. used her own meagre supply of dollars to negotiate the apple deal with British Columbia and Nova Scotia fruit-marketing boards. Prices generally are lower than those negotiated between the two countries. Prices range from 33¢ to 35¢ a barrel and 40¢ to one-third the amount of a 120-pound barrel.

British Columbia, which has a large market for the Western United States, will ship at least 424,000 boxes, Nova Scotia at least 400,000 barrels.

All told, United Kingdom purchases probably will amount to about 2,000,000 bushels—which is a fraction of the total 16,000,000 bushels estimated as this year's all-Canada crop.

Atom Power For Planes May Be Early Aim

Soviet Claims Of A-Bomb Stock Pile Discounted.

By James J. Sirebis

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—A swift step-up in American production of atomic bombs was discussed tonight as Congress pushed action on a \$1,314,010,000 arms-aid program to bolster non-Communist countries.

Simultaneously, military planners were reported intent on speeding development of an atomic engine for airplanes.

There was also talk of atom-powered missiles, both for defence and offence in the event of war.

Chairman Brian McMahon (Dem.-Conn.) told reporters the Senate-House of Representatives Atomic Committee may discuss the question of expanding United States A-bomb production with members of the Atomic Energy Commission tomorrow.

McMahon said Russia's advances in the atomic field may also lead to requests that Congress provide more funds for the United States atomic-weapons program.

He noted that Congress has already provided \$100,000,000 for 1950, over and above the \$4,000,000,000 previously spent in developing the world's deadliest weapon.

McMahon discounted Soviet claims that Russia now has a stock pile of bombs.

"I believe they tested a bomb as soon as they had one," he said.

Obviously spurred by news of the Soviet explosion, a Senate-Search For Oil In N. B. Is Continued



Commissioner S. T. Wood, R. C. M. P. Ottawa, who arrived in Charlottetown yesterday afternoon on his customary annual inspection visit. Previous to coming here he conducted an inspection of Newfoundland R. C. M. P. facilities. He leaves for Ottawa by plane today.

Devaluation Of Pound Defended As House Opens

Little Possibility of Split in Ranks of Labor Party.

LONDON, Sept. 27 (CP)—The Labour Government today raised the tax on business profits and threatened to restrict dividends in defending devaluation of the pound at an emergency session of Parliament.

The Government also turned thumbs down on wage increases to prevent an inflationary cycle arising from cheapening the pound.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, made these moves in the House of Commons in opening the Cabinet's appeal for a vote of confidence. The opening speeches left clear the impression that the debate will follow strictly party lines.

Hints of a split within the party over the Government decision to devalue the pound receded after a 16,000-word speech by Sir Stafford.

His principal announcement was that the Government is raising the rate of tax on distributed profits by five per cent—from 25 to 30 per cent.

Sir Stafford spoke on a motion of confidence calling among other things for approval of devaluation and decisions taken at the monetary talks in Washington earlier this month.

The Conservatives promptly announced they would introduce a "reasonable amendment."

The Liberals also made known their intention of opposing the motion. But when the vote comes Thursday the Labor majority in

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Land Tax Sales For Queens Co. Held Yesterday

Approximately 60 of the slightly more than 160 farms, lots, buildings and other properties in Queens County offered for sale at the Provincial Government tax sale in front of the Court House in Charlottetown yesterday morning were sold. Sales were rapid and in most cases were made for the amount of taxes owed on the properties. Auctioneer W. H. Beaton concluded the sales less than one hour and a half after they commenced.

Leading purchaser was Mr. Wilford Jordan, Charlottetown, who bought more than 20 properties. Several lawyers bid in properties presumably for the owners. Others, most of whom were the owners, made single purchases.

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Coming Events

- "Dance, Iona Hall, Wednesday, September 28th.
- "Mail your Films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- "Legion Dance at North Rustico Hall, Thursday, September 29th.
- "Come to the Matinee Races at Sunny Green Acres, October 1st.
- "Come to the dance in Kinkora Hall, Monday night, Oct. 10. Good music.
- "Show 'The Sullivans' at Hunter's River tonight at 8:30. Don't miss it.
- "Dance Long River Hall every Wednesday. Good music. Door price.
- "Dance, Fortune Bridge Hall, Friday, September 30th. Webster's Orchestra.
- "Dance, Grand View Hall, Thursday, September 29th. Cliff Lilly's Orchestra.
- "Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- "Dance Mt. Stewart Legion Hall every Thursday night, music by Al Blanchard.
- "Variety Concert and Dance, Kelly's Cross Hall, Friday, Sept. 30th. Lunch served.
- "Reserve November 16th for Tea and Banquet at the Christian Church School Room.
- "Hot Chicken Supper, October 5th. Rose Valley, Sponsored by L. O. L. for repairing Hall.
- "Lot 65 Hall, Monday, Oct. 10, old time fiddling and step dancing contest. Send entries to Linus Trainer.
- "Come to the annual chicken supper, New Glasgow Hall, Wednesday evening, Sept. 28th. Serving from 5:30.
- "Come to the Dance this Thursday evening, Islanders Country Club, Traveller's Rest. Orchestra Western Rhythm Boys.
- "Don't miss the fiddling and step-dancing contest in Cardigan Hall Thursday, Sept. 29. Send entries to Lemuel Allan, Secretary, Cardigan.
- "Come to the Bean Supper and Dance in Mount Stewart Legion Hall, Thursday, September 29th. Send entries to Lemuel Allan, Secretary, Cardigan.
- "Dance in New Haven School Wednesday, September 28th. Good music, catered service. Dance starting 8:30 P. M. Sponsored by the Canadian Legion.
- "Will be loading bags at the following points each Thursday: Emer Wigmore, Bradalbane, until 11:30 A. M. Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon. Summerside until 1:30 P. M. and Kensington until 3 P. M. MacEwan and Caseloe.

Peiping Chosen As Capital of Red China

HONG KONG, Sept. 27 (Reuters)—The Chinese Communist radio announced tonight that Peiping, North China's ancient capital, has been chosen as capital of the Communist "people's republic of China." The city will be given its old name of Peking.

INVESTIGATE MASS GRAVE DACHAU, Germany, Sept. 27 (Reuters)—A third mass grave of Dachau concentration camp victims, believed to contain 15,000 bodies, was being investigated today after discovery of a Nazi map of the area. Two similar graves were discovered last week.

Sharp Earthquake Reported In Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 27 (AP)—A sharp earthquake rocked this area for about a full minute today at 7:31 A.M. (PST).

Roy Fox, chief U.S. Weather Bureau forecaster, said it was "most severe in the five years I have been here."

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Objects To Mouse In Beer

DETROIT, Sept. 27 (CP)—Gerald Courtney, who failed to see anything funny about a bar patron dropping a dead mouse in his beer, was sentenced to 45 days for assault. Courtney, 25, of Windsor, Ont., was found guilty of beating up Edwin Kekko, 34, Windsor, after the mouse in Courtney's beer when his back was turned.

Woman Fined For Beating Child

WINDSOR, Ont., Sept. 27 (CP)—Joanna Morgan, a small, thin-faced 19-year-old child who has been living with an aunt since 1947, told a court today how she was made to kneel before a bed, her back stripped bare, while her aunt beat her with a length of hose.

The aunt, Mrs. Harry Morgan, 47, said the child "earned" the beating because of continued petty thievery and lying since Joanna came to her home here from Michigan.

Defence counsel Louis H. Swartz, contending the whipping was in order in view of the child's character, said a jail term was not in order since the child was given a home for two years.

Magistrate A.W. MacMillan, who likened the case to something that might appear in a Charles Dickens novel, fined Mrs. Morgan \$50 on the assault with bodily harm charge.

The court was told the child's parents live in Michigan and she is being returned to them.

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The sanity trial will continue tomorrow. Witnesses this afternoon were Mrs. Elaine Ross and Mrs. Eva Mullin, sisters of Atkinson; his wife, Mrs. Doris Jean Atkinson; Mrs. Priscilla Standing, a sister-in-law, and Judge L. M. Peppers of the Saint John Juvenile Court.

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Alleged Ruler Of Dope Ring Charged

MONTREAL, Sept. 27 (CP)—Arrogant Johnny Young, described by police as the ruler of the local underworld and a member of the notorious Perreault gang, was remanded today until Oct. 4 for conspiracy to sell, deliver, transport and possess narcotics.

Arrested in a lightning-fast R. C. M. P. raid yesterday on his midtown St. Denis Street apartment, Young was arraigned on charges of conspiring with Walter Sullivan of Vancouver between March 1 and Sept. 26.

In Young's apartment, police found 50 ounces of heroin with a "street-selling" value of \$140,000, and an arsenal of weapons including a machine gun.

Nationalist China Files Charges Against Russia

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Sept. 27 (CP)—Nationalist China today filed charges against the United Nations Assembly that Russia threatens China's independence and peace in the Far East.

The accusation was made by Dr. Tingfu S. Tsiang, who last week told the Assembly Russia is directing Chinese Communists in their war against the Nationalist Government which Tsiang represents.

Tsiang told a press conference that the Nationalist Government brought the case to the U. N. Assembly because it believes "the moral and political judgment of the world is the most important factor in settling the questions of Nationalist China."

Western spokesmen reacted cautiously to the Tsiang announcement, declining to state whether Nationalist China will receive support in her charges.

Attempted Suicide Charge In Crash Case

QUEBEC, Sept. 27 (CP)—Mrs. Arthur Pitre, buxom friend of the man charged with murder following an airline disaster Sept. 9, today was charged with attempted suicide.

The charge against 42-year-old Mrs. Pitre came suddenly this afternoon after she was taken from her home on lower-town Gauthier St. to Provincial Police headquarters for questioning.

At the latest, Mrs. Pitre's arraignment was expected before noon tomorrow.

Tonight she was lodged in a cell near that of J. Albert Guay, who appeared before Judge Achille Pettigrew today at the end of a three-day verbal remand on a murder charge. Preliminary hearing in his case was fixed for Oct. 4.

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HALIFAX, Sept. 27 (CP)—Official daily forecast issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Tuesday evening skies were clear over the Maritimes. Frost is likely to develop in Cape Breton and the Eastern Nova Scotia mainland. Elsewhere in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick southerly winds are bringing a warm so that there is less risk of frost.

A mass of cooler air is moving southeastward from the Prairies, which is expected to cover the western regions during the night and the eastern regions Wednesday. Scattered showers can also be expected Wednesday.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Wednesday:

Prince Edward Island: Clear becoming cloudy Wednesday morning. Showers Wednesday afternoon and evening. Risk of frost in low ground during the night. Warner Wednesday. Light winds increasing in the morning to south 20 but becoming light again in the evening. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 47 and 72.

High tide today at 2:05 A. M. and 3:36 P. M.

Low tide this morning at 6:06 and 6:51 A. M.

BORDEN - TORMENTINE FERRY WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
8:10 A.M.	10:55 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	2:40 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	7:30 P.M.

SUNDAYS

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9:10 A.M.	10:55 A.M.
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WOOD ISLANDS - CARIBOU DAILY FERRY

Leave Wood Islands	11 A.M., 1 P.M., 4 P.M.
Leave Caribou	8 A.M., 11 A.M., 1 P.M., 4 P.M.