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Cardinal Mindszenty Renounces Letter Written Before Arrest

Parliament At A Glance

BUDAPEST, Feb. 4 — Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty today renounced a letter written before his arrest in which he said that if he ever admitted guilt it would be because of human frailty.

Facing his five judges from the microphone at the centre of the court, the Cardinal said he wrote the letter in September, 1948.

"I see things differently from when I drafted the letter," he testified. "I want it to be considered that the letter is null and void."

Later he told the "people's court" he wishes to repay Hungary in full for any damage caused through illegal sale of thousands of dollars received from the United States and the Vatican.

The Communist-dominated Government late today finished outlining the charges of treason, espionage and black-market money deals against the Roman Catholic primate and his six co-defendants, the second day of the trial.

The defence will take over tomorrow. Barristers representing each defendant will have a chance to plead, and each defendant will be permitted to make his "last word."

Following this, the prosecutor will sum up his indictments, review the testimony and recommend penalties for each of the defendants separately.

How long this will take is not known.

Some believed the trial could end and verdicts be in by Saturday night. The general belief, however, was that verdicts could not come before late Monday and probably Tuesday.

The Paul Esterhazy, one of pre-war Hungary's richest men, pleaded "partly guilty" but denied the treason charge, as have the Cardinal and the Cardinal's secretary Rev. Andras Zakar. The others pleaded variously to the general indictments, but admitted black-market deals.

The dramatic break of the day was the Cardinal's renunciation of the letter.

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Coming Events

- Mail your films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Rummage Sale, Trinity Social Hall, Saturday, February 5th, 3 P.M.
- Reserve March 17th for Irish Concert Hampton Hall.
- Beta Sigma Phi Rummage Sale Market Building, 4 P.M. today.
- Card Party, Dance, Little Pond, Wednesday, February, 9th.
- Cards and dance in Millview Hall, Monday, Feb. 7.
- Buying young pigs Monday at Fredericton, Knud Jorgensen.
- St. Peter's Rink tonight at 8:00 St. Peter's vs. Milton Junior Farmers.
- Hockey Long Creek tonight, Nine Mile Creek School vs. Long Creek School, 7 o'clock, Skate after.
- National Film Board at Brackley School, Monday, February 7th. Sale of lunches.
- Hampton Hall, February, 10th. National Film Board. Admission Free.
- Hockey Milton rink tonight, Hampshire Bulldogs vs. Milton Hornets Skate after.
- League game East Royalty rink tonight, West Royalty Bears vs. Royalty Royals. Game starts 8:15. Skate after.
- Cake Sale Saturday, February 5th, at 3 P.M. at Rogers Hardware Company by Silver Cross Circle of the Kings Daughters.
- Hockey Game at North Rustico Rink Saturday, February 5th. South Rustico vs. New Glasgow. Game starts 8:30. Skate after.
- Get your costumes for the ice carnival at Hunter River Saturday, Feb. 5th. Good music, good ice. If stormy, Monday. Proceeds Y. P. U.
- Cornwall rink beginners and children's free skate this morning. Queen Square School vs. Cornwall Juniors 7:30 sharp. Skating after game.
- "I will be leading Hogs at Fredericton every Tuesday until train time for Swift Canadian Co., Ltd. For trucking service contact Knud Jorgensen."
- "There's an action packed, gripping Drama, at MacDonald Bros. Theatre in Mt. Stewart tonight. See Humphrey Bogart and Laura Bacall in "Dark Passage" plus Short Show & P. M."
- Hog Starter, Hog Fattener, Dairy Rations, and all other rations in straight or assorted cars, with whole and/or ground oats, barley and wheat. Enquiries invited from serious buyers. A. S. Givins Company, Zone 1, Montreal.

Fisheries Pact Signing Near

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 — (CP) — A history-making treaty by which 11 countries will pool efforts to conserve the fisheries of the North-west Atlantic was near completion tonight.

An informed observer said the talks under way here since Jan. 26 are expected to end tomorrow, with formal signing of the convention coming the next week.

The pact will link Canada, Newfoundland, the United States, Britain, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Denmark, France and Spain in the first multilateral agreement of its kind.

To Speak On Cardinal Mindszenty's Trial

BOSTON, Feb. 3 — (AP) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, said tonight he will have "much to say" next Sunday about the Hungarian treason trial of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty.

The New York prelate said he would speak from the pulpit of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Local Officers Return From Training Cruise

Bronzed and tanned by a Florida sun, two local officers of the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve have returned from a month-long extensive training cruise in West Indies waters and the Caribbean Sea.

The two officers, Surgeon Lt-Commander L. E. Prowse and Supply Lt-Commander J. W. McAndrew, were among the complement of three ships, 450 men and 50 officers, who took part in joint anti-submarine exercises with units of the United States Navy.

H. M. C. S. Haida, Comdr. A. F. Pickard, accompanied by the destroyers Nootka and Swansea left Halifax January 5th for the U. S. Naval base at Key West Florida.

The voyage was unusually rough, but after a few days out "rainest" found their sea-legs and quickly settled down to the Navy life aboard ship.

The Canadian ships joined units of the United States air arm in the "killer group" in exercises against the undersea craft. Blimps and other aircraft served to keep the surface ships posted on the whereabouts and activity of the "enemy."

The training gave the R.C.N. an

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Fuel Oil Declines Quarter-cent Gallon

HALIFAX, Feb. 4 — (CP) — Furnace and fuel oil prices, which have almost doubled in the last 15 years, turned at their peak today and dropped one-quarter cent an gallon throughout the Maritimes.

The official of one large oil company said "the trend has started downward. How far it will go we can not say, but the trend is definitely here."

Cost-of-Living Bounces Back To All-time High

OTTAWA, Feb. 4 — (CP) — A jump of seven-tenths of a point in Canada's official cost-of-living index — restoring it to the all-time high of 459.6 — was reported today by the Bureau of Statistics on the basis of December price trends.

The rise, coming between Dec. 1 and Jan. 3, carried the index from 458.9 to 459.6 and eliminated the drop of seven-tenths of a point — the first in 23 months — which had taken place during November on lower food prices.

The Bureau indicated that more than half of the rise was due to changes in service rates which are adjusted only periodically because of their characteristic stability.

This group includes such things as health, personal care, laundry and fuel gas.

At Jan. 3, the index was 11.3 points higher than it was a year ago and 58.3 per cent higher than in August, 1939.

The food index rose during December from 202.0 to 202.2, with further declines in egg and fruit prices acting as a partial offset

Prairie Farmers Get 12 Million In Relief

REGINA, Feb. 4 — (CP) — Canada's prairie farmers will receive about \$12,792,851 in "grocery-and-clothing" money to make up for the drought, grasshoppers and floods which hit them in 1948.

The money will not go to all of the 260,000 farmers on the prairies, but to about \$3,000 in townships where wheat averaged less than eight bushels an acre.

The fund for this "insurance" was provided in 1939 by the Federal Prairie Farm Assistance Act, both farmers and the Federal Government contributing.

Announcing the payments today the P. F. A. director, R. F. McGregor, said "Drought conditions in parts of the west have been as acute in the '40s as they were in the '30s."

Western Allies Hit Back At Russian Blockade

BERLIN, Feb. 4 — (AP) — The Western Allies hit back at the Russian blockade today with a new counter move aimed at stopping all truck traffic from the west into the Russian zone of Germany.

The action, an open retaliation for the Soviet ring around Western Berlin, may affect even the Russian satellite countries of Eastern Europe.

(Diplomatic sources in Washington said the United States has laid down new and more rigid terms for settlement of Russo-Western dispute over Berlin currency.)

The terms provided for continuing circulation of western marks in the western sector of the city, pending the outcome of efforts to restore four-power rule. Russian marks would continue to circulate in the Soviet sector.)

British authorities and United States announced that, effective next Sunday, the Bizonal area will be closed to all highway freight shipments destined for the Soviet zone.

Most railway freight traffic was halted in the latter part of the week.

The Anglo-American order affects truck shipments by such neighboring countries as France, Belgium, Denmark, The Netherlands, Switzerland and Luxembourg. Particularly affected is The Netherlands-Czechoslovakia truck line which operates between major cities in The Netherlands and Prague. It cuts across Western Germany.

The only exception to the ban, the announcement said, will be passenger vehicles and those trucks returning to the west.

Under the ban, no western materials or individuals can pierce the blockade except by the expediency of the Allied air lift which carries \$2,000,000 a week to operate. Supplies totaling 5,940 tons were flown in today, the fourth highest tonnage figure since the air lift began June 28.

News In Brief

HALIFAX, Feb. 4 — (CP) — Civic and federal officials may meet here soon to discuss a \$1,000,000 slum clearance plan for Halifax. Mayor J. E. Ahern said Halifax's contribution to any such project would be 25 per cent.

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 4

— The United Nations announced today the Security Council will renew discussions next Tuesday on reduction of world armaments.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 4

— An architect will be advised to proceed immediately with plans for a 200-bed hospital to be built on a site in the northwestern section of the city. It was decided tonight at a meeting of the Moncton Hospital Board.

WILLIAM TELL ACT FATAL

BEDFORD, Pa., Feb. 4 — (AP) — A tavern owner was killed today in a barroom version of William Tell. Police said Thomas B. Leary, 48, of nearby Flintstone, died when a friend tried to shoot a whisky glass off Leary's head. Clark Morison, 47, of Cumberland, Md., was held for questioning. No charges have been filed.

DOMESTIC STEAMSHIP

In 1939, the Accommodation, first Canadian steamship, was built to run between Montreal and Quebec.

Farm Market Trends And Current Prices

A keen demand for cattle; increased egg production; the weekly market were light this week and trading was slow. Good steers were \$21; good heifers 18-19; good cows 15-16. Veal prices were steady at 22-23. Sheep 6-10. The hog market was weak and slow with the last prices received for Grade "A" hogs 30. Grade B's 29.60. Sows 23-24.

At Maritime points hog prices were down \$1.00 from last week's quotations. This is in line with the weakness shown in the Montreal market.

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Three-cornered Fight In Quebec Riding

NICOLET, Que., Feb. 4 — (CP) — The feeling grew tonight that Monday's voting in Nicolet-Yamaska is perhaps more vital, in a political party sense, than any of the many Federal by-elections in this constituency since confederation.

The reason: Rightly or wrongly, political pundits have called the Nicolet-Yamaska decision a signpost to the trend in the next Federal election despite the three-candidate entry.

Certainly, with signs of a spirited fight becoming more evident as polling hours approach, the campaign in this predominantly rural constituency has caught the attention of competing political forces. The constituency has some 23,000 voters.

The candidates are: Lawyer Paul Trahan, official Liberal; lawyer Renaud Chappelaine, Progressive Conservative; and farmer Remulus Mansueti, Independent Liberal. All seek the seat vacated by the death of Lucien Dubois who won the 1940-45 election as an Independent Liberal.

Postmaster General Bertrand was the latest reinforcement from Ottawa as he came into Nicolet for week-end activity on behalf of the Liberal candidate, who lost out in 1945 to Dubois.

Chappelaine, who said he was sanguine of the outcome, has been aided by George Hoan, Progressive Conservative member of Parliament, Mayor Alfred Gaudet of Nicolet and a group from Quebec.

Chappelaine has asked voters to choose between himself and Trahan, not between Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Drew. "Two men you probably will never see."

The Liberal campaign has been conducted largely on the grounds that the Prime Minister, coming from Quebec, deserves the support of Nicolet-Yamaska and a vote for Trahan is a vote for Mr. St. Laurent.

Progressive Conservative Party stalwarts point to the possibility of the Liberal vote being split between the official Liberal candidate and an Independent Liberal and thus enhancing Progressive Conservative chances.

British Battleship Returned By Reds

ROSYTH, Scotland, Feb. 4 — (AP) — The battleship Royal Sovereign slipped into port 24 hours late today under a Russian crew returning her to Britain after five years in the Soviet fleet.

Russian sailors standing at stiff attention lined the decks of the 32-year-old British vessel as she moved into the harbor to be turned into scrap.

The Royal Sovereign's arrival ended a night of anxiety for British naval authorities. She had been scheduled to rendezvous in the Firth of Forth with a British destroyer at dawn yesterday, but failed to appear on radio an explanation. The Admiralty said today she apparently was delayed by heavy weather.

Plan To Extend TB Treatment In N. B.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4 — (CP) — The Health Department announced tonight that projects have been approved to extend free treatment of tuberculosis in New Brunswick to cover all types of this disease and mass X-ray services to detect unsuspected cases.

The department said the projects, estimated to cost \$50,000 in the current fiscal year, were submitted by the New Brunswick Department of Health. They have just now been approved by Health Minister Martin under the terms of the National Health Grant for T.B. control.

Federal funds have been earmarked for the purchase and operation of X-ray equipment for the Moncton T.B. clinic operated at the Moncton T.B. Hospital. New equipment will be obtained for the travelling X-ray unit, owned by the New Brunswick T.B. Association and operated by the Province.

New Glasgow, N. S. Man Killed By Train

NEW GLASGOW, N.S., Feb. 4 — (CP) — Lighter Wood, 46, of Trenton, N.S. was killed tonight when a truck in which he was a passenger was struck by a Canadian National Railway train at Saint John's crossing.

The truck, driven by James Fraser of New Glasgow, was going from Trenton to New Glasgow when it was struck by the train and carried several hundred feet along the railway road bed.

Fraser was brought to hospital here suffering serious head injuries. Late tonight he had not recovered consciousness.

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Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Overcast with snowdrifts. Mild today. Light winds increasing tonight to east 20. Saturday north 15. Low and high Saturday at Charlottetown 5 and 22.

Outlook for Sunday—Widely scattered snowdrifts.

High tide this afternoon at 3:04 and tonight at 3:14. Sun rises this morning at 7:16 and sets at 5:13.

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.