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Canadian Potatoes Hit Front Pages In U. S.

U. K. Labor Leaders Make Churchill Special Target

UK LABOR
LONDON, Feb. 9.—(CP)— Britain's Labor leaders tonight made Conservative chief Winston Churchill their special target in the campaigning for the general election Feb. 23. But their attacks only matched Churchill's bitter socialist blasts.

Prime Minister Attlee, Foreign Secretary Bevin, War Minister Shinwell, Labor M. P. Michael Foot and Health Minister Aneurin Bevan hammered at the 75-year-old Tory chief with speeches in widely-scattered sections of England.

The speakers accused Churchill of everything from nearly ruining Britain's economy to insulting the country of Wales.

For his part, Churchill kept right on shooting. He scornfully declared that the Labor Government has been kept alive only by begging dollars from the United States, and that without such help Britain would be facing an unemployment crisis.

Would End Gas Rationing
Speaking in support of his son, Randolph, running for Parliament in Devonport, Churchill made the promise that, if elected, the Tories would end gasoline rationing at the earliest possible moment.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Hockey match Long River Rink tonight. French River vs. Stanley.
- Dance, Grand View Hall, Monday, February 13th.
- Hockey Long Creek tonight. East Royalty Royals vs. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs. Skate after.
- Dance, Fort Augustus School, Friday, February 10th. Burke's Orchestra.
- Hockey at Long Creek tonight. New Haven Royals vs. Long Creek Beavers. Skate after.
- Wilshire rink tonight. Kingston Juniors vs. Wilshire Juniors. Skating after.
- Don't miss the Fancy Dress Ice Carnival in O'Leary Rink on Tuesday, February 21st. Admission 35 cents.
- Hockey New Glasgow tonight. First game of semi-finals, New Glasgow vs. Glasgow Road. 8.30.
- Crokinole Party and Box Social, Marshfield Hall, February 14th. Admission 25 cents. Marshfield Women's Institute.
- Hockey at Hunter River tonight. Don't miss this game. Charlottetown Y.M.C.A. versus Hunter River Shur-Gains. Skate after.
- Annual Box Social, Bingo, Dance, auspices Holy Name Society, Town Hall, Georgetown, Tuesday, February 14th.
- Horse Racing at Stanley, Saturday, February 11th. If not fine, Monday, February 13th. Starting at 2 o'clock sharp.
- Reserve Tuesday, March 7th. "Zion Young People's Surprise Concert" under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Roper.
- Valentine dance, Canoe Cove, Wednesday 15th. Sale of lunches, entertainment for all MacNeill's Orchestra, Proceeds Home and School Club.
- Annual meeting of the Wilshire Dairyming Co. will be held in North Wilshire Hall on Monday, February 13, 2 p.m. Nelson Hatherley, Secretary.
- Share the Wealth Auction Sale of fancy work and social evening in Kingston Hall, Thursday, February 16th. In aid of Kingston W. I. Admission 35 cents. Free lunch.
- North River Rink League Games tonight. Charlottetown Monarchs vs. Southport Ramblers. Game time 8.30. Skate after. Closed truck will leave Market Square at 8 o'clock.
- North River Rink, Saturday, February 11th. Special hockey game, Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Milton Hornets. Game time 8 o'clock sharp. Skate after. Closed truck leaves Market Square at 7.30.
- To arrive within the next few days, carload of bulk wheat, carload of Barley meal, carload of Pioneer feeds, carload of Bran and shorts. All at reduced prices. Book orders now. R.L. Dickleson, New Glasgow.

Minor Political Tempest Touched Off By Imports

By GEORGE KITCHEN
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(CP)— The humble Canadian potato today hit the front pages of United States newspapers.

It became the centre of a minor political tempest, with congressmen and American potato interests demanding that its importation into the United States be curtailed lest it serve to undermine the Government's potato price-support program.

They agreed, generally, that importing Canadian potatoes into the United States, a country which is literally giving them away in an effort to unload Government-held surpluses, just doesn't make sense.

The Canadian potato was thrust into the political limelight two days ago when a New Orleans importer reported that he was able to bring in Canadian spuds and undersell the American stock because of their low price. He brought in 1,000,000 pounds.

His report came at a time when the United States Government was taking steps to destroy 50,000,000 bushels of surplus American potatoes accumulated through its price-support policy. The Government bought the supplies as a support measure and now is unable to dispose of them.

Growers In Picture

The powerful National Potato Council, a non-governmental body representing potato growers throughout the United States, hopped into the picture today with a statement demanding that the Government "regulate" the importation of the Canadian product.

Congressmen from potato-growing areas also entered the fray, but their contributions were more of a criticism of the government's price-support operations than an attack on Canadian potatoes.

Senator Owen Brewster (Rep. Me.) whose state produces about one-sixth of the American crop, said half the surplus problem would be solved "if the President would exercise his power to stop these imports."

"We cut our production 10 per cent last year and New Brunswick growers increased theirs by that amount," he declared.

Five-Year Term For Setting Fire To Church

CAMPBELLTON, N.B., Feb. 9.—(CP)—Wilfrid LeMaitre of Campbellton today was sentenced to five years in Dorchester, N.B., penitentiary when he pleaded guilty to setting fire to Christ Church here.

LeMaitre told the court he went to the church to look for money. When he found none he became enraged and set fire to the organ.

NEWSMAN DIES

GUELPH, Ont., Feb. 9.—(CP)—William Tompkinson, 80, for many years a widely-known Ontario newspaper man and former editor of the Guelph Daily Mercury, died today. After his retirement from newspaper work some 20 years ago, he conducted a real estate business here. He is survived by three daughters.

Report New Production Records For Margarine

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—(CP)—Canada's dairy warehouses are bulging with butter as its competitor, margarine, reaches new production heights, it was disclosed today.

A Bureau of Statistics monthly roundup of developments in the dairy and margarine industries showed that warehouse held 46,494,000 pounds of creamery butter on Feb. 1, about 19,000,000 pounds more than the 27,478,000 in storage Feb. 1, 1949.

Margarine scored a production record with output in January reaching 7,996,000 pounds, an increase of more than 1,000,000 pounds over December's total of 6,992,000.

The rapid development of the margarine industry was reflected in the fact that January's production was seven times greater than the 1,030,000 pounds produced in January, 1949.

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East Meets West At Annual Federation Convention

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Speed Effort To Get U. S. Miners Back To Work

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)— President Truman's coal-strike investigation board finished hearings today and hurried to report by Saturday—two days ahead of the speed-up schedule set by Truman for his use of the Taft-Hartley Labor Act.

The President will then be free to ask a Federal Court to order the 370,000 striking American soft-coal diggers back to work for 80 days while new attempts are made to get John L. Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers (Ind.) and the mine operators to agree on a contract.

At his regular Thursday press conference, Truman said he has not—and doesn't want—power to seize the coal mines. He emphasized that seizure was a wartime power.

David L. Cole, chairman of the board which got Lewis and the operators together for eight more hours of contract talks yesterday, spoke optimistically of improvements in "the general atmosphere" between them. Major operators, however, said they found no cause for optimism.

Lewis was silent as the Taft-Hartley machinery ground on. Loss of jobs for possibly 500,000 more Americans may be just around the corner if the strike doesn't loosen its grip quickly, a survey showed today. Industry has escaped lightly so far. An estimated 35,000 are laid off because of coal shortages. Most of them are railroad or steel mill workers.

With the country stretching out its supply of mined coal, the bottom of the barrel is starting up at big business and small householders alike.

Interest In Eggs

However, other countries, such as Switzerland, Venezuela, Colombia, the British West Indies, Japan, Hawaii and Alaska, are showing greater interest in Canadian eggs this year.

They are buying shell eggs in "fair quantities" and this may take up some of the export slack caused by the ending of the Anglo-Canadian egg contract last year.

In Washington, Senator Elbert D. Thomas, Utah Democrat, said Britain is interested in buying some of the 73,000,000 pounds of dried eggs which the United States has placed on the giveaway list. He made public a letter from William Foster, acting administrator of the Economic Co-operation Administration, which said Britain has indicated a willingness to spend about \$3,000,000 for dried eggs. A final agreement has not yet been reached.

\$35,000 Fire At Acadia University

WOLFVILLE, N.S., Feb. 9.—(CP)— A converted army hut housing the Secretarial Service Department and the Department of Home Economics of Acadia University was gutted by fire tonight. Damage was estimated at \$35,000.

Office equipment and a number of sewing machines and musical instruments were lost in the blaze. The women's residence was threatened for a time and 130 girls evacuated the building but Wolfville fire fighters were able to keep the blaze under control. Cause of the fire is not yet known.

Glac Bay Boy Chokes On Balloon

GLACE BAY, N.S., Feb. 9.—(CP)— William Alcorn, 5, asked his mother for a cent today so he could buy a toy balloon.

He went down to the store and returned a few minutes later. His mother, Mrs. Kenneth Aucoin, thought he was laughing but then realized he was gasping for air.

A doctor was called but the boy was dead when he arrived. The boy was believed to have choked to death on the balloon.

Sales Tax For N. B. Rumored

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 9.—(CP)—Plans of the Moncton branch of the Canadian Consumers' Association to oppose a rumored provincial sales tax levy in New Brunswick today won support of the Moncton Board of Trade.

The Trade Board, voice of Moncton business men, assured the Consumers' Branch, an affiliate of the Moncton Council of Women, that full co-operation would be given their plans to place petition forms in Moncton stores for citizens to sign.

The Trade Board went on record as opposing any move by the Provincial Government to raise additional revenue by imposing a sales tax. It was suggested at the meeting that if the New Brunswick Government is in need of more revenue it should look first to Ottawa for a more advantageous Federal grant in lieu of its right to impose a tax on incomes.



Typifying the unity in Canadian farm circles through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is the group of delegates above. Left to right are Jack Broderick, President Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Alex. Mercer, Manager Fraser Valley Milk Producers, Vancouver, Louis O'Connor, President P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture, and Henri Bois, General Manager Co-operative Federes de Quebec, Montreal.

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Extension Of Telephone Office Here Forecast

An extension to the Charlottetown telephone office next year to permit installation of dial equipment was forecast last night by Mr. A. M. MacKay, Halifax, general manager of the Island Telephone Co. He was speaking at the official opening of new dial equipment at the Summerside office of the company.

Mr. MacKay said the dial system, was installed in Summerside because an enormous growth in the use of phones had left the manual equipment inadequate. In Charlottetown, although manually operated, the equipment and facilities were up-to-date and before a dial system could be installed large extension would have to be made to the present building.

Then Mr. MacKay went on to say he hoped the extension would be made in 1951 and as soon after as possible a dial system would be installed.

Nominate Halifax Man As Moderator

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—(CP)—Rev. C. M. Nicholson, principal of Pine Hill Divinity School in Halifax, has been nominated by the Toronto East Presbytery of the United Church of Canada as the next Moderator of the United Church Moderator of the United Church.

The Presbytery decided this week that it would be fitting, in view of the celebration this year of the Church's 25th anniversary, to nominate as Moderator a churchman ordained since the church union by which the United Church was set up in 1925. Dr. Nicholson was ordained in 1934. All former Moderators were ordained before union.

Present Moderator is Rev. Willard Brewing of Toronto. His successor will be chosen next fall.

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Highway Jurisdiction And Other Questions Involved

Following a two-day conference between officials of the Canadian National Railways and the Provincial Government on the subject of co-ordinating rail, bus and truck services in the Province, the following statement was issued last night by Premier J. Walter Jones:

"It was agreed that the railway delegation would submit their propositions in the form of a written brief, not later than February 17, and that the Government of Prince Edward Island would make a written reply soon thereafter.

"While the offer looks attractive at first, it will require careful study of its long-term effects."

Questions Involved

It is understood that the Government, while desirous of assisting in every way to expedite railway plans for more efficient service, is much concerned also with the question of highway control, and with the position of private bus and truck operators in the event of the railway scheme going through. At present these operators are serving the farming communities extensively, and this service will have to be safeguarded under any arrangement entered into.

The ideal solution from the Government standpoint, it is understood, would be to have the railway make arrangements with the private operators to provide the bus and truck services they require. This would entirely eliminate the question of divided jurisdiction and leave the operators, as at present, under control of the Provincial authorities.

The railway proposal is for a franchise to operate their own trucks and buses on their present train schedules. They are not asking for exclusive truck and bus franchise, but the question as to the position in which private operators would be placed in the event of railway competition on the highways is one which the Government must consider.

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Heavy Damage In Record Storm In Middle East

TEL AVIV, Israel, Feb. 9.—(AP)— Snowstorms and a cold wave which stunned the Middle East this week appeared receding today, leaving crop damage running into millions of dollars.

Sixteen deaths have been reported in Israel and Arab Palestine a blizzard Sunday started a stretch of freezing weather unmatched in many areas since 1870. All the victims were refugees.

The cold wave extended southward from Turkey to Egypt and far eastward from the Mediterranean, sweeping a region where central heating is a rarity except in hotels and public buildings.

Children and youths generally had a good time. They borrowed sleds and skis from European residents or used home-made jobs. There was skiing on Mount Car-

mel. Snow fell Tuesday on the shores of the Dead Sea, 1,400 feet below sea level, for the first time in modern history.

Bright sunshine now has melted the snow in low lying districts, but a white blanket still clings to the hills of the Jerusalem area and Upper Galilee.

Transport and communications systems returned to normal. After a 48-hour halt, work resumed at the ports of Tel Aviv and Haifa. Immigrant ships unloaded passengers. Schools reopened. Government offices again took up full schedules.

The storm ruined big banana plantations in the Jordan valley. The fruit turned black on hundreds of acres. Damage to the banana crop alone was estimated at \$1,000,000.

Field crops and citrus groves also were hard hit.

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—(CP)—Min. and max. temps.: Vancouver 44 43; Victoria 33 43; Calgary 14 23; Regina 1 25; Winnipeg 2B 14; Toronto 32 36; Ottawa 1B 25; Montreal 2 25; Quebec 2 25; Saint John 6B 43; Moncton 4B 34; Halifax 8 38; Charlottetown 3B 33; Sydney 9B 30; Yarmouth 12 40; St. John's zero 19.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9.—(CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis: Temperature readings tonight were in sharp contrast to those of last night. Most localities were about 30 degrees milder and Blueville airport's 43 was a rise of 54 degrees.

This change in the weather has been caused by strong southerly winds ahead of a storm in Maine. Rain is general in most of the Maritimes, while there is snow in Northern New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec.

The storm will cross the Gulf of St. Lawrence Friday morning. Northwesterly winds following the centre will bring clearing and a gradual fall in temperature.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Friday:

Prince Edward Island — Rain ending mid-morning. Then cloudy clearing early in the afternoon. Extremely mild, turning colder Friday afternoon. South winds 25 shifting mid-morning to northwesterly 15. Early morning and mid-afternoon temperatures at Charlottetown 45 and 35.

High tide today at 4:26 A. M. and 4:00 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN—TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS
Lv. Borden 9:10 A.M. Lv. Cape Tormentine 2:40 P.M.