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GUNMEN HOLD UP EXPRESS TRAIN IN WEST VIRGINIA

BRITISH COMMONS GIVES UNION BILL THIRD READING

Nurses' Association Bill Weathers Stormy Passage Through House Committee

London Favored As Conference Site

LONDON, March 9 —(CP)—London now is believed favored over Ottawa as the site for a meeting of Commonwealth prime ministers and their deputies toward the end of April, government sources said today.

It has not yet been decided whether the conference will be held at the level of prime ministers or foreign ministers. The various Dominions will make the final choice of their representatives during the next few days when special envoys from the United Kingdom visit the Dominions with a suggested agenda.

Because of the number and importance of subjects to be discussed, it is believed at least some of the Commonwealth countries will send their prime ministers.

Parliament At-A-Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

Members voted 174 to 39 against a C. C. F. motion of non-confidence in the government.

Fisheries Minister Mayhew announced the Fisheries Prices Support Board is ready to buy 5,000,000 pounds of fish from Prairie lakes.

Thursday: The Commons will continue the Throne-Speech debate. The Senate will sit.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Unloading car bulk oats Thursday, March 10, and Friday, March 11 at Colville, George Kitson.
- Caterina Seeds and Soby Bean Meal, J. R. Match, Carter's Warehouse. Open from 8.30 to 5.30.
- Loading Hogs for Canada Packers, Thursday, March 10th, at Fredrickton, 11 A. M. Colville 11.30, D. L. McDowall.
- Jimmy Power's variety concert, Mt. Allison Hall, Thursday night, March 10, starting at 8.30. Sale of luncheon.
- Unloading Wednesday and Thursday car Shur-Gain hog power, etc. MacKie and Company.
- Open to buy limited quantity Island mixed grain. Otherwise must import. Livestock Feed Agency.
- Car of Coal due to arrive in ten days. Book your order now. Also booking orders for lime and fertilizer. Spring delivery. E. J. McDougall, Vernon.
- A Co-operative meeting of Pownal, Alexandria and Hazelbrook districts will be held in Pownal Hall, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Special speakers.
- Dance at Blue Haven tonight, three miles from Charlottetown on Malpeque Road. Door prize. Restaurant open every night from 5 to 12.
- Show—Morell, 8 P. M. every Friday only. Good Pictures. Coming Friday, "I Wonder Who's Kissing Me Now." In Technicolor. Starting June Haven. Mark Stevens. Don't miss this show. It's a 20th Century production. You'll like it.
- Attention: Public meeting in Cherry Valley Co-operative Store, Thursday, March 10th, 8 P. M. If not here Friday, booking orders for Seeds and Fertilizers. Ladies welcome. Signed Reginald Macmillan, Secretary.
- The regular monthly meeting of the Borden Branch of the Canadian Legion will be held in the Legion Hall on Thursday, March 10th at 8 P. M. All members are requested to be on hand.

Budget Delivery By Premier Set For This Evening

It is expected that the Budget will be brought down this evening at 8 o'clock in the Legislature by Premier Jones.

The House adjourned last evening at 6 p.m., to meet for routine business at 3 p.m. today.

When the House met yesterday morning three Government bills were introduced by Hon. W. F. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture, and given first reading. These were an Act to amend the Agricultural Products Marketing Act, an Act to amend the Act respecting bacterial ring rot and other plant diseases and pests, and an Act respecting shippers and truckers of farm produce.

Hon. Mr. Stewart also tabled the annual report of his Department.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Lange, the House gave second reading to a bill to amend the Court of Chancery Act. It provides, among other things, that "on his ex parte application."

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New Health And Hospital Legislation In Committee

A new Hospitals Act and important amendments to the Public Health Act were in committee of the whole House in the Legislature yesterday, but in both cases sections were held over for further consideration.

In the Health Act provision is made for arrangement into Health Unit groups or districts of the several existing school districts and the Royalities of Charlottetown and Georgetown.

It is also provided that the Boards of Health of Charlottetown and each incorporated town shall be the respective City and Town Councils, unless these Councils themselves appoint boards to act in that capacity. In any case, they shall not employ as health officers the health officers appointed by the Provincial Government.

Except in the case of Charlottetown and Summerside, the proposed Health Units will operate under boards to be appointed by the Government from residents of the areas.

In moving the bill into committee yesterday, Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare, explained the twenty Health Units (including Charlottetown and Summerside) have been set up by the Provincial Health Planning Board under the Dominion health grants. It is now proposed to amend the Health Act to conform with the constitution of the Unit Boards.

The terms "health officer" and "sanitary officer" are re-defined, and provision is made for the appointment of a qualified medical practitioner as Deputy Minister of Health, who may, at the discretion of the Minister, be required to perform the duties of Chief Health Officer.

Measure Goes To House Of Lords Next

LONDON, March 9 — (CP)—The House of Commons tonight passed the British North American bill which confirms and gives effect to the terms of union agreed between Canada and Newfoundland.

Third and final reading came after the Commons again rejected an Opposition amendment by Sir Alan Herbert, independent member for Oxford University, by vote of 241 to 12. The bill now goes to the House of Lords.

Sir Alan asked that responsible government be restored to Newfoundland. The amendment would have made union effective only if approved by the Newfoundland parliament.

The B. N. A. bill received second reading a week ago after the Commons rejected an Opposition amendment by Sir Alan by a vote of 217 to 15.

The B. N. A. bill, which confirms certain changes in the British North America Act on which Canada's constitution is based, would become the 10th Canadian Province as scheduled March 31.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, attorney-general, said that the Statute of Westminster did not apply to Newfoundland. The true position, he said, was that the British Parliament enjoyed complete and unfettered sovereignty over Newfoundland, Newfoundland, though in name a dominion, was in fact a colony. Sir Hartley added.

Meanwhile, an appeal to the judicial committee of the Privy Council has been made by former members of the Newfoundland Legislature challenging the legality of the procedure leading to confederation.

Sir Hartley was asked whether the B. N. A. bill, if passed, would make the appeal to the Privy Council "vain and nugatory." He said he would not go as far as saying that but added:

"It would certainly remove some of the intended results of the appeal. It may well be that if this bill is passed those who are pursuing the appeal would not then consider it worthwhile to do so."

The Attorney-General predicted it would be impossible to get the appeal before the Privy Council before the end of March when union becomes effective.

News In Brief

WASHINGTON, March 9—(CP)—State Secretary Dean Acheson said today the North Atlantic pact serves notice that western democracy will defend itself against any aggressor. He said at a press conference that the terms of the treaty, when released, are unlikely to cause any surprise.

BOMBAY, March 9—(Reuters)—Most Indian railroad workers ignored the Communist party's call for a general strike today and train services were almost normal. Police and troops standing by for expected disturbances had to deal with only a few isolated incidents.

WASHINGTON, March 9—(AP)—A bill authorizing the United States Air Force to encircle the United States with a radar warning system passed the House of Representatives unanimously today by voice vote.

THE HAGUE, March 9—(AP)—The Netherlands Government today was reported to have decided to bow to a Security Council order for return of Indonesian republican leaders to Jogjakarta.

WARSAW, March 9—(Reuters)—The Russian inner defence cabinet has been remodelled under the direct control of Vaschaslav Molotov, released from his duties as foreign minister last week, information reaching political quarters here today indicated.

JOHANNESBURG, March 10—(Thursday)—(CP)—Early returns in the South African provincial council elections today showed sweeping victories for the Opposition United Party of Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts.

Bandits Flee After Robbing 200 Passengers

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., March 9—(AP)—Four gunmen held up a Baltimore and Ohio passenger express train tonight and escaped after forcing the crew to pull into a siding near here.

Police reported "all passengers" aboard the Baltimore-Detroit train had been robbed by the four gunmen. They said two persons were shot.

The four men escaped in a stolen car after forcing the crew to back the train to a grade crossing.

Police said a train porter was shot in the leg and that a passenger not immediately identified also was wounded.

State police from Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia fanned out in a search for the quartet of robbers.

They believed they were on foot after stealing and abandoning two cars.

First word of the robbery was wired to Cumberland, Md., by the train conductor. A Baltimore & Ohio spokesman said the night express normally carries about 200 passengers.

Robert L. Mort of New Castle, Pa., diesel engineer gave the following account to police:

The train stopped suddenly a few miles outside of Martinsburg and engineer C. C. Mort went back to investigate. When Mort failed to return, Mort went to look for him and encountered two men with guns.

The gunmen herded the two crew members back to the cab and ordered the engineer to back up the train to a siding near a grade crossing.

R. C. M. P. Crack Down On Lottery Racket In N. S.; Tickets Seized

(By Rae Correll)

HALIFAX, March 9—(CP)—A swift crack-down in Nova Scotia on what R.C.M.P. called "a racket as big as any," tonight had netted a \$125,000 mountain of lottery tickets. Several persons had been rounded up for questioning.

R.C.M.P. laid no charges immediately and names of those held were not disclosed. Charges, if and when laid, would come from the attorney-general's department.

Raid was made during an eight-hour interval yesterday in four Nova Scotia centres—32 houses in all. In addition to tickets, stamping machines and other equipment were seized.

R.C.M.P. Superintendent Joseph Howe said 10 types of tickets were confiscated, each peddled by a different group. Chiefly hockey chance tickets, they sold from 10 to 50 cents each. Prizes ranged from \$1,000 to \$10,000 a week.

One group had a turnover of 30,000 tickets a week. Nearly every professional hockey league in the United States and Canada and the amateur Maritime Senior Hockey League were used as betting bait.

Superintendent Howe said the tickets—some printed in Montreal, but most in Halifax—were sold in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick as well as Nova Scotia.

Conviction under that section of the Criminal Code dealing with "making, printing, advertising or publishing" lottery tickets carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

Police described the practice as "quite extensive" and "a racket as big as any on a population basis."

It was likened to "rackets" in the United States where tickets were sold on baseball, basketball and hockey games.

In Halifax, police raided 24 buildings. Other confiscations were made at Sydney, North Sydney and Amherst. In Sydney, one descent disclosed 10,000 hockey tickets and "hundreds of dollars cash." Switching to baseball and "any kind of games" in the summer, the racket had been going on "for years."

Chances were sold in Halifax stores, barbershops and "all over town."

R.C.M.P. said the Criminal Code provides a \$20 fine for persons convicted of buying lottery tickets. The investigation would continue, though most peddlers now were known.

The drive stemmed partially from buyers' complaints. Police declined to reveal nature of the complaints.

Lotteries have been illegal in Nova Scotia since confederation but many, including bingo, have operated for years.

C. C. F. Non-Confidence Motion Defeated 174-39

(By George Kitchen)

OTTAWA, March 9—(CP)—By a count of 174 to 39, the Commons today defeated a C.C.F. non-confidence motion which criticized the government for failure to provide an over-all national health insurance program.

The motion also called for elimination of speculation in foodstuffs and steps to provide for the orderly marketing of farm products and for the exchange of foods needed in Canada.

In defeating it, the Government drew support from the Progressive Conservative Party and two Quebec independents, Frederic Dorian (Charlevoix-Sagueneay) and P. E. Gagnon (Chicoutimi). The Social Credit group voted with the C.C.F.

The motion, moved by M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, was appended to a similar thrust from George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, which, however, called only for the chamber to declare that the government no longer enjoys its confidence.

Both were linked to the main government motion for adoption of the Throne Speech when the motion debate on this document began more than a month ago.

Mr. Drew's motion will come up for decision later, possibly tomorrow or Friday.

As the vote on the C. C. F. motion was completed, Solon Low, Social Credit leader, rose and adjourned the Throne-Speech debate until tomorrow, indicating by his action that he now proposes to introduce a non-confidence motion from the Social Credit ranks.

The debate today petered out slowly, with four Progressive Conservative back-benchers holding the floor and criticizing government policy on a half-dozen aspects. They

Smuggled Jewelry May Finance Red Propaganda

LONDON, March 9—(Reuters)—Lord Vansittart, pre-war diplomatic adviser to the British cabinet, alleged today that large quantities of artificial jewelry had been smuggled from Prague to London in Czechoslovak diplomatic bags with false bottoms to finance Communist propaganda in Britain.

He said in the House of Lords that recently a member of the Czech Embassy in London and an "ingenious gentleman in Prague" hit upon this method of paying for propaganda and particularly for a system of intelligence in British factories, he added.

Lord Vansittart said the Romanian Legation in London had been "reduced to the status of a subsection of the Soviet information service."

He added that if there were any more abuses by the Hungarian Club

Expect Labor To Retain London Seat

LONDON, March 9—(Reuters)—Both Labor and Conservative quarters expect the government to hold the London constituency of St. Pancras north in tomorrow's by-election for the House of Commons seat.

The Conservatives, Labor, Conservative and Communist, are in the running for the seat, vacated by the death of George House, Labor.

Kenneth Robinson, a company secretary, is the Labor candidate. The Conservatives nominated Neil Shields and John Mahon, a London district secretary for the Communist Party, is running for his party.

House won the seat at the general election of 1945 with a majority of 7,227 votes. There are only two Communist members of Parliament.

21 Killed When Big Plane Crashes

(By The Canadian Press)

SYDNEY, Australia, March 9—Twenty-one persons were believed killed today when a Lockheed Lodestar crashed and burned when taking off near Coolangatta on the border of New South Wales and Queensland.

The 21 killed included all 18 passengers, including two infants and the crew of three.

The aircraft was bound for Brisbane, 45 miles away. It crashed into a swamp and burst into flames.

Chrysler Plants Short of Automobile Frames

DETROIT, March 9—(CP)—More than 23,000 Chrysler Corporation employees in five Detroit plants remained idle today because of parts shortages. The management attributed the shutdown to a shortage of auto frames after a four-hour strike by 1,800 employees at the Midland Steel Co., which makes frames for Chrysler.

CIGARS FOR BERLIN

LONDON, March 9—(AP)—The air lift is carrying millions of cigars to help quiet the nerves of besieged Berlin smokers. Foreign Secretary Bevin told the House of Commons today 5,822,000 cigars have been flown in by British planes since Feb. 1.

N. S. To Remove Tax On Farmers, Fishermen's Gas

BY IRVING C. WHYNOT

HALIFAX, March 9—(CP)—Removal of the three-cent tax on gasoline used in farming, fishing and lumbering operations was forecast today in the Throne Speech read at the opening of the Nova Scotia Legislature.

Lieutenant-Governor J. A. D. McCurdy read the Throne Speech to open the fourth session of the 43rd Legislature. The three-hour, first-day session was enlivened with cross-chamber exchanges between Liberal and C.C.F. Opposition members.

The Throne Speech also forecast an additional \$3,000,000 for the fund used to assist new industries to establish in the Province and expansion of existing ones.

Alex H. MacKinnon (L-Inverness) moved the reply to the Throne Speech and Wilfred T. Dauphines (L-Sheburne) was second.

Other measures predicted in the Throne Speech for the session, expected to be short and possibly the last before a provincial general election, included:

More protection for motorists, amendments to the Nova Scotia Teachers' Pension Act, improved grants to local hospitals, enabling legislation for reclamation of 40,000 acres of Nova Scotia marshlands and dispensation with collection of poll tax in municipalities for highway purposes.

The party sniping began after Russell Cunningham (O.C.F.—Cape Breton East), leader of the two-man Opposition in the 30-seat chamber, began the Throne Speech debate.

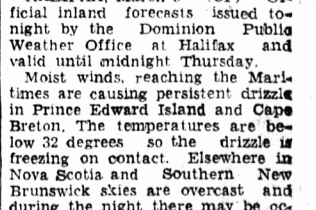
Mr. MacKinnon, referring to a redistribution act which will add seven seats to the next Legislature, had said the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party had been invited last year to give his opinions on the proposed redistribution.

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NO MORE SWEARING

TORONTO, March 9—(CP)—Truck driver John Romanysh can't swear at another motorist for 14 months—unless he wants to pay \$200. Magistrate S. T. Bigelow made that stipulation when he put Romanysh on a \$200 peace bond for threatening another truck driver with abusive language.

A COMEDY OF ERRORS: THE COMEDIAN WHO FIGURED HIS INCOME TAX TOO LOW!



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