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FEDERAL GOV'T HAS CLOSE CALL IN COMMONS VOTE

To Publish Evidence In Hong Kong Probe

Impressive Function In Confederation Chamber

An impressive function took place in the Confederation Chamber yesterday afternoon following the formal opening of the Legislature, when His Honour Lt.-Gov. J. A. Bernard invested four war veterans with decorations: Lieut. Col. F. I. Andrew, M. M., E.D., received the O.B.E.; Capt. Douglas MacGowan, Montserrat, and Capt. V. L. MacDonald, Charlottetown, the Military Cross, and Sapper H. E. Anstie, Peakes Station, the Military Medal.



Col. F. I. Andrew, O.B.E.

There was a large attendance at the investiture, each recipient being warmly applauded as he received his award.



Capt. Douglas MacGowan, M.C.

"This ceremony today," said His Honour, "is the investing of four heroes of our Province with recognition for valiant and heroic services performed in the discharge of their duties in connection with World War No. 2.

Annual Meeting Of Red Cross Society

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Island Division, held at the Charlottetown Hotel yesterday, Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O.B.E., was re-elected president of the Society. Dr. MacMillan also presided over the meeting.

In addition to the local members of the Red Cross and representatives from the various Red Cross branches throughout the Province, members of the Kiwanis Club, who are sponsoring the blood donors and transfusion service for the Society attended the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I am most happy to welcome you to this Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society. I wish to extend a hearty welcome to our distinguished guests and to delegates from different groups and organizations. I am particularly glad that

Wallace Offers Own Recovery Program

By Clyde Blackburn
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (CP)—Henry A. Wallace, third party presidential aspirant, today offered a 10-year \$50,000,000,000 plan for world recovery to be administered by the United Nations.

Prime Minister King Announces Decision In House

(By George Robald)

OTTAWA, Feb. 24 (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King said today in the Commons that evidence of the Royal Commission on Hong Kong will be made public—with some parts paraphrased—and that he will again ask the British Government for permission to table all documents relating to the unsuccessful defence of the British colony.

He said the Government will not table a letter written in 1942 by Premier Drew of Ontario in which Mr. Drew took exception to the Royal Commission findings.

Mr. King agreed to renew his request to the United Kingdom Government after former Air Minister C. G. Power urged another attempt to have the British decision reviewed and "every available bit of evidence" produced.

Mr. Power said: "I will be most unhappy if every dispatch, every report and every item of evidence is not laid before the people of Canada."

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Premier Jones Addresses Swine Breeders Ass'n

Sheep Breeders Urge Encouragement Of Rail Grading

The strike at the local packing plant last fall was largely responsible for the small number of lambs which were rail graded in 1947, Mr. W.R. Shaw, Deputy-Minister of Agriculture, told the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Sheep Breeders Association yesterday afternoon. Only 483 lambs were rail graded last year as compared to 2,542 in 1946, he said.

Mr. Walter G. MacKenzie, Springfield, president of the Association, presided.

Last year's prices for Island wool at Lennoxville, P.Q. ranged from four to 33 cents a pound, Mr. Shaw said, the "tags" bringing the lowest price. There was no longer any reason why Island shippers should be troubled with burdocks in their wool, he said, since "2-4-D" would kill all such plants with little expense.

Warrior King Holds Key To U. S. Oil Interests

(By Daniel De Luce)
KHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia, Feb. 24 (AP)—United States rights to a multi-billion dollar pool of oil and a super-bomber base at Russia's back door hang today on the good will of Saudi Arabia's warrior king.

King Ibn Saud, for 15 years regarded as the leading Arab friend of the United States, is known to be gravely concerned for the Arab cause in Palestine.

Lumber Deal With U. K. Arranged

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 24 (CP)—Arrangements for sale to the United Kingdom of 60,000,000 feet of Eastern Canadian spruce valued at several million dollars today were completed at a meeting of Maritime Lumber Bureau directors here.

The two-hour session was presided over by R. A. McGregor of New Glasgow, N.S.

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The Provincial Government intends to secure the services of a Dominion Government geologist this year to make a geological survey of the Province with a view to ascertaining "just what hidden wealth there is on this Island," Premier J. Walter Jones informed the Prince Edward Island Swine Breeders Association at their annual meeting last night.

An unusually large number of swine breeders were in attendance. Mr. Almon Boswell, Marshfield, presided.

Premier Jones said it might cost \$5,000 to have the services of a competent geologist but that it would be money well spent.

The Island, the Premier said, was an agricultural area which was surrounded by a fence of salt water. Geographically, it was a garden placed in the midst of a barren area which had a radius of 500 miles.

Parliament At-A-Glance

(By The Canadian Press)
Prime Minister Mackenzie King said evidence of the Royal Commission on Hong Kong will be made public — with some parts paraphrased; the United Kingdom will be asked again to permit publication of all documents.

The Commons voted 104 to 96 against an amendment, conservation legislation only to dollar countries; the bill was approved by a vote of 102 to 92.

Transport Minister Chevrier said he hopes better weather and faster unloading of cars will make a larger number of cars available for the movement of coal to the Maritimes.

Revenue Minister McCann contended that new income tax guidelines and forms had been "well received" by farmers.

Agriculture Minister Gardner said he will place before the Cabinet Maritime proposals for Federal aid in dyking marshlands.

Fish Landings In January Increased

OTTAWA, Feb. 24 (CP)—January landings of fish and shellfish in Canada's sea fisheries amounted to 110,257,000 pounds valued at \$2,446,000, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

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Opposition Amendment Defeated 104-96

(By Douglas How)
OTTAWA, Feb. 24 (CP)—The Government came through its tightest squeeze of the session today as the Opposition combined to some within eight votes of defeating it on a Progressive Conservative amendment to the Foreign Exchange Conservation Bill.

By a vote of 104 to 96, the Liberal ranks beat down an amendment, moved by John Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader, that was aimed at making import restrictions applicable to the United States and other dollar countries only.

Then, shortly after, the Government again defeated an Opposition amendment by a vote of 104 to 92 to obtain third and final reading of the bill, which gives authority to implement import restrictions to conserve United States dollars.

Fourteen of the Progressive Conservative membership of 66 were either absent or paired in the first vote. The combined vote against the Government came from 52 members of that party, 27 of the C. C. F., 12 of the Social Credit, and five others.

In the second vote, Mr. Bracken announced that he was paired with Prime Minister Mackenzie King and could not vote as he had in the first when Mr. King was present.

Opposition spokesmen took their objections to the bill between the votes. J. M. Macdonell (PC-Muskoka-Ontario) said it represented the evil influence of personal power and was falsely said to be an emergency measure.

Stanley Knowles (CCF-Winnipeg North Centre) and Solon Low, Social Credit leader, objected to the fact that its import bars discrimination against Britain.

T. L. Church (PC-Toronto Broadview) said free trade and reciprocity would bring Canada more and more under U. S. domination.

Czechoslovakia Under Communist Control

PRAGUE, Feb. 24 (AP)—A Communist broadcast tonight said the Left Wing had gained control of the Social Democratic Party.

This was a fresh development in the political crisis touched off Friday night when non-Communist members abandoned the cabinet of Klement Gottwald, Communist premier.

Other parties appeared powerless to halt the Communist juggernaut.

Between the crushing Communist machine and its goal of total power stood only the frail figure of president Eduard Benes, the country's war-time hero.

HE GOT THE BIKE

MELBOURNE, Australia (CP)—The Melbourne Harbor Trust offered a motorcycle for sale and received 88 offers, most of them at the pegged price—\$42 (\$136). Some added extra for accessories, but one man offered 16 (25 cents) extra for the petrol in the tank. He got the motorcycle.

Opening Yesterday Of Provincial Legislature

Opened House



Hon. J. A. Bernard
Lieutenant Governor

Mr. Speaker



Hon. Eugene Cullen

A new Municipalities Act, abolition of the requirement for a doctor's prescription under the Prohibition Act, unspecified changes in the Public Utilities Act and legislation to establish a connecting line between the two main sources of electrical power in the Province, were forecast in the speech from the Throne delivered yesterday at the opening of the Legislature by His Honour Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard.

The weather man was on his best behaviour for the opening which took place promptly at 3 o'clock. His Honour was accompanied by his aides, Lieut. Col. P.S. Fielding, M.M., E.D., Squadron Leader Charles Trainor, D.S.O., D.F.C., Lieutenant R.C. MacMillan, D.S.C. and bar, and his private secretary Dr. J.A. MacMillan.

The customary salute of fifteen guns was fired from Victoria Park by the 14th L.A.A. Battery under command of Major Claude Ives. The troop firing the salute was under command of Battery Captain D. MacCormack who was acting in the capacity of Troop Commander.

A guard of honor, 80 all ranks, was furnished by the 17th Recon Regiment, it was under command of Capt. R.D. MacGillivray with 2nd Lieut. George MacRae, second in command.

The band was also furnished by the 17th Recon Regiment and Bandmaster Tom MacFarlane was in charge.

Military personnel attending the opening ceremonies were headed by Major-General H.W. Foster, C.B.E., D.S.O., general officer commanding Eastern Army Command, Halifax. Accompanying him was Lt. Col. H.T. Fosbery, A.Q.M.G., of Command headquarters.

His Honour was addressed by the newly elected Speaker, Hon. Eugene Cullen, Third District of Queens. After delivering the customary speech from the Throne, His Honour retired, and later presided at an investiture in the Confederation Chamber.

Appointments
The Clerk of the House this year is again Mr. A.W. Matheson, Charlottetown, who is now also a Liberal.

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Asks Special Session On Palestine Crisis
LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Feb. 24 (CP)—Columbia tonight asked the Security Council to consider calling a special United Nations Assembly to cope with the Palestine crisis.

The United States immediately expressed its opposition to this move, standing firmly on a recommendation made earlier in the day that the Big Five powers take up the problem with Jews and Arabs to gain peace in the Holy Land.

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