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# FRENCH STRIKERS USE GUNS, GRENADES ON TROOPS

## N. Y. Has Biggest Transport Tie-up In History

**New Session Opens**  
LONDON, Oct. 26—(CP)—The Labor Government announced today its long-awaited plan for nationalization of the iron and steel industry. The announcement was contained in the speech from the Throne opening the new session of Parliament. Bitter controversy is expected over the proposal, strongly opposed by the Conservative Party.

**Coming Events**  
\*\*Dance Long River hall Wednesday, Oct. 27. Door prize.  
\*\*Hope River bazaar and chicken supper, Oct. 26 and 27.  
\*\*Sea Breeze Victoria, each Wednesday, Danolung 9-1.  
\*\*Dance Bright Spot tonight, 9.30 till 1. Admission 50 cents.  
\*\*Masquerade Dance, Little Pond, Tuesday, November 2nd.  
\*\*Dance Orwell Cove Hall, Thursday, Oct. 28.  
\*\*Dance, K. of C. Hall, Souris, Thursday, October 28th.  
\*\*York Concert next week. Tickets at Henderson & Cudmore.  
\*\*Cornwall Wednesday, October 27. Band and basket social. Proceeds rink.  
\*\*Bradabaire L.O.B.A. annual chicken supper Thursday, October 29th.  
\*\*Free showing of films in Wheatley River Hall, Wednesday, October 27th. Sale of Candy.  
\*\*Annual meeting of Rural Mail Couriers, City Hall, Thursday, Oct. 28, 8 p.m.  
\*\*Canadian Legion Dance in Rustico Hall, Rustico, Wednesday, October 27th.  
\*\*Reserve October 29th for Masquerade Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall. Good prizes and good music.  
\*\*Long Creek Hall, Chicken Supper, Thursday, October 28th, in aid of School.  
\*\*Masquerade Dance, Bonshaw Hall, October 28th. MacNeill's Orchestra.  
\*\*Big Halloween Dance, Millview Hall, October 29th. Millview W.I. Luncheon.  
\*\*Come to Wiltshire Hall for a good supper tonight. Supper served at 6 o'clock.  
\*\*Dance, M. Stewart, every Thursday. Eastern Rhythm Boys Orchestra.  
\*\*Pownal Ladies Aid Chicken Supper postponed until November 11th.  
\*\*Dance Stella Maris Hall Wednesday, Oct. 27. Dancing 9 to 12. Luncheon will be served.  
\*\*Windsor North United Church Chicken and Ham Supper in North Windsor Hall, Wednesday, October 27th. Supper served at 5 o'clock.  
\*\*Dancing, Modern and Old Time, Thursday, Islanders Country Club, Travellers Rest. Special music. Canteen service.  
\*\*Bay Fortune United Church Chicken Supper and Bazaar in Fortune Hall, Wednesday night, November 10th.  
\*\*Dance, Ellis Bros. new Warehouse, Central Royal, Thursday, October 28th. Downtowners and Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.  
\*\*Rummage Sale, Auxiliaries of P. E. I. Hospital Ladies' Aid, St. James Church, Sunday School, Saturday, October 30th, 4 P. M.  
\*\*Special Meeting of Churchill Congregation and Trustees will be held in the Church, Thursday, October 26th, 8 P. M.  
\*\*Masquerade Dance and Sale of Luncheon, Covehead Road School, October 29th. Prizes for best costumes.  
\*\*See Bombardier Snowmobiles in action on the screen at the card party starting at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27th, in McDonald Bros. Theatre, Mount Stewart. Proceeds for street lighting fund.  
\*\*Will be leading hops at the following points each Thursday: Elmer Wigmore, Bradabaire, until 11:30 a. m.; Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon; Summerside, until 1:30 p. m.; and Kensington until 3 p. m. MacEwen and Casley.

## No Potato Floor Price Pending U. S. Elections

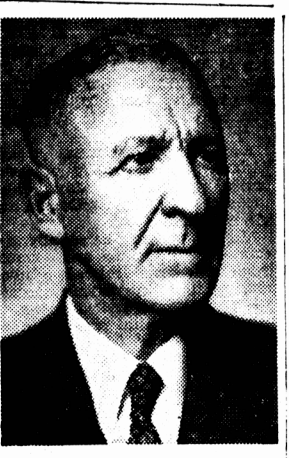
**Veteran King's County Liberal M. P. Nominated**  
OTTAWA, Oct. 26—(Special)—Next week's presidential elections in the United States are having a direct impact on the potato situation in the Maritimes, it was learned from high authorities in this city today. Until the election campaign is over and either Harry Truman or Thomas Dewey is chosen as President, the Government of Canada will make no move to bring potatoes under the Agricultural Prices Support Act. Reason given for this deliberate "stalling" while the political pot is boiling south of the border, is that disposal of the surplus of Maritime potatoes in the United States market might quite conceivably be dragged into the campaign to the detriment of Maritime shippers and growers alike.

Geneva Pact Quoted  
A Government floor price on potatoes... is explained in tantamount to a subsidy. Under the Geneva Trade Agreement of which both Canada and the United States are signatories, the United States has the right to bar any or all subsidized exports or to slap on a countervailing duty equal to the amount of the subsidy.

## Workers Defy Back-to-Work Order By Union

**Mayor O'Dwyer Blames Communists For Trouble.**  
NEW YORK, Oct. 26—(AP)—C. I. O. transport workers went on strike against seven bus lines today—causing the biggest surface transportation tie-up in the city's history—and service remained virtually at a standstill tonight despite a back-to-work order. An angry group of miners who defied the order to get back on the job were responsible for the situation. A partial resumption of service had been effected but subsequently was called off because of what was termed the "ugly mood" of the dissidents. Mayor William O'Dwyer, blaming Communists for the failure to heed the back-to-work movement, announced late in the day that city employees would be used if necessary to provide emergency service in some key places tomorrow. The seven lines serve some 3,500,000 riders. The original tie-up lasted four hours. Of the 8,500 members of the C. I. O. Transport Workers Union who were called out on strike, some 1,500 refused to heed their leaders' decision to go back to work, police said.

## Douglas And Miller Nominated For Queen's



Mr. Douglas

Market For N. S. Apple Crop Badly Needed  
HALIFAX, Oct. 26—A. W. Mackenzie, Nova Scotia Minister of Agriculture, said today Nova Scotia must find new markets for her apples or risk emigration of 2,000 Annapolis Valley families to other parts of Canada. In a luncheon address to the Halifax Progressive Club, Mr. Mackenzie said Nova Scotia had found markets for only 350,000 barrels of this year's 600,000-barrel apple crop. "If we cut our production by two-thirds we will also cut off the means of livelihood for two-thirds of the 3,000 Annapolis Valley families who are dependent on the apple industry," he said. Seeing no other provincial industry that could absorb the apple growers if production was reduced, the Minister said: "Our people don't want to move, and we don't want them to move. We've got to find some way to keep these people in the Province." He said development of a more marketable apple through the Valley's present rehabilitation program was the chief hope for the future. During the last year 172,000 old-type trees were pulled out and some 40,000 trees grafted to produce new varieties. But results will not show themselves for two years. Mr. Mackenzie said present high freight rates made it almost prohibitive to ship Nova Scotia apples to Ontario centres and sell them at a profit. "If we dumped our apples in Quebec and Ontario, the market would collapse and we would get no price at all. It would demoralize the whole apple industry of Canada." Termining the present Federal marketing agreement a "temporary measure," he added: "While the crop is protected this year, such a program cannot be permanent. We cannot look to the people of this country to support continually an industry which cannot market its produce."

## 5 U. S. Naval Ships To Visit Ch'town

Five United States naval ships will visit Charlottetown Nov. 15 to 17, Lieutenant Governor J.A. Bernard announced last night. His Honor said he was informed the ships were making informal visits to Eastern Canadian ports, including those in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The ships are described as fast transports, and were used formerly as destroyer escorts. They are 305 feet long, with a 37-foot beam and a draft of 20 feet. Their approximate complement is 204. The ships coming, with their commanding officers, are as follows: U.S.S. Burke, Lt.-Cmdr. C.H. Johnson, Jr., U.S.N. U.S.S. Weiss, Lt.-Cmdr. J.P. McGrady, Jr., U.S.N. U.S.S. Burdo, Lt.-Cmdr. E.I. Gibson, U.S.N. U.S.S. Schmidt, Lt.-Cmdr. G.E. Dawson, U.S.N. U.S.S. Carpellotti, Lt.-Cmdr. V.J. Roundtree, Jr., U.S.A.

## One Killed, 8 Injured In Battle

(By Robert C. Wilson)  
PARIS, Oct. 26—(AP)—Striking miners opened fire with machine-guns and grenades on soldiers today, the Government announced. The troops took up the gage of battle with tanks and firearms. A miner was killed and eight other persons, including a woman and four soldiers, were badly wounded in the brief battle. Officials arrested 400 miners accused of bearing arms. Meanwhile, top leaders of the Confederation Generale du Travail all decided at a meeting tonight at Lille to organize a general sit-down strike in Northern France if the Government increases its "repressive measures." Troops and police have not as yet moved into Lille, a key mining centre. The fight took place when troops moved to occupy four mines near Ales, an industrial city of 40,000 about 50 miles northwest of Marseille, and encountered a strikers' roadblock on the banks of the Garon River. Reports from the scene said at least one tank fired a 25-millimetre shell in a dawn downpour of rain to destroy the miners' barricade erected before the pit. Later, tanks were used to show away strikers who had surrounded public buildings.

## New Branch Manager For Bank Of Montreal



Mr. Fletcher W. Troop

Mr. Fletcher W. Troop, in charge of the Bank of Montreal branch at Young Street and St. Clair Avenue, Toronto, for the past six years, has been appointed manager of the B. of M's office, Charlottetown. He succeeds Mr. Norman L. Ford, who, following two years' service here, will shortly assume Mr. Troop's present post in Toronto. A native Maritimer, Mr. Troop is a grandson of the Hon. G. J. Troop, member of the old Legislative Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia. He was born and educated in Halifax, and entered the service of the B. of M. there in 1923. He subsequently served as branches in Mahone Bay, Saint John, and Toronto, prior to his first appointment as accountant at the Central Market office, Hamilton, in 1937. Mr. Troop was later stationed in Windsor and then attached to the assistant general manager's department in Toronto. Before being appointed manager of the Young Street and St. Clair Avenue office six years ago.



Mr. Norman L. Ford

Going To Toronto  
Mr. Ford, manager of the B. of M's local office for the past two years, joined the B. of M. in England, in 1914 following three years' experience with the Dresdner Bank there. After coming to Canada in 1919, he served at the Saint John main office as accountant for several years, and was branch manager at Shediac, Moncton, and Yarmouth. A veteran of World War I, he served as a director of the A.R.P. during the recent war while stationed at Yarmouth.



SPORTS ENTHUSIAST  
Mr. Troop takes an active interest in community affairs and was vice-president and director of the Carlton Club of Toronto Ltd. from 1914 to 1948. Swimming, boating and fishing are among his favorite sports, and he is a tennis and badminton player of championship caliber. He was the tennis champion of Halifax County in 1923-4, the Hamilton district badminton champion in 1937-8 and the Windsor and border cities badminton champion in 1939. Mr. Troop expects to arrive in Charlottetown to assume his new duties next week. His wife and young son will accompany him.

## Trade Boards Discuss Transportation Problem

A decision to co-operate with the Provincial Government, impressing upon Ottawa the immediate necessity for an auxiliary ferry at Borden was reached last evening by the joint Boards of Trade of P. E. I. at a supper meeting at the Charlottetown. Many suggestions to relieve the highway traffic bottleneck on the Borden-Tormentine ferry route were mooted at the meeting, including the construction of a bridge between the island and the mainland. Mr. Frank Curtis, president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, presided and introduced the representatives of the Boards of Trade from other parts of the island, Messrs. Peter Pate and A. J. Matheson of O'Leary, representing Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade; Mr. Spurgeon Clark, Craignap and Victoria Board of Trade.

## Ask U. S. For Defence Pact

PARIS, Oct. 26—(AP)—The five foreign ministers of the Brussels Alliance announced tonight they are asking the United States for a North Atlantic defence pact. A communique at the end of a two-day session said the Foreign Ministers of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg agreed to instruct their ambassadors to the United States to press this project in the near future. High American officials in Paris said Saturday the United States and Canada will begin drafting such a pact soon after the United States presidential election next Tuesday. It would be the United States' first such peace-time defence pact in history.

## News in Brief

LONDON, Oct. 26—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King was visited today by Don Senanyake, Prime Minister of Ceylon. Their 20-minute chat meant that the Canadian Prime Minister now has met and consulted with the representatives of all the other Dominions during his present stay in London. OTTAWA, Oct. 26—(CP)—The Customs and Excise Officers Association today voted to withdraw from the Trades and Labor Congress. The group decided that its affiliation with the Congress was of "no value" and that the Civil Service Federation handled its problems more effectively. LONDON, Oct. 26—(CP)—Delegates to the Empire Parliamentary Association conference here agreed today that "the only present threat to peace is from the other side of the iron curtain." The delegates from 37 Commonwealth parliaments and legislatures represent more than 500,000,000 people. MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 26—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Moore, 39-year-old housewife who weighed 400 pounds, killed herself today with a shotgun because "I am too fat and nobody loves me."

## Steel Shortage Reaches Critical Stage In Canada

By Harold Morrison  
OTTAWA, Oct. 26—(CP)—The steel shortage has reached the point where it's "every man for himself." Steel controller F. K. Ashbaugh said today in an interview that all Canadian industry, with the exception of housing, is feeling the pinch. The seriousness of the situation has been impressed on trade representatives wherever it can be found—in Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Japan, South America and Germany. Mr. Ashbaugh said there are two main reasons for the shortage: 1. The stepped-up defence program of the United States. 2. The unprecedented expansion of Canadian industry since the end of the Second World War. He estimated that from 500 to 1,000 businesses and industries requiring steel have been established in Canada since 1946. The Dominion's steel shortage is about 1,000,000 tons of ingots a year, officials say. Another 200,000 tons of scrap a year are needed. Government authorities and steel men have expressed keen interest in a "revolutionary" steel-refining process announced last week by Premier Duplessis of Quebec. This process—by electricity—is said to cut the refining job from 24 hours to about 30 minutes. Details, however, have not been divulged. But it still is in the initial stages. What is needed, Mr. Ashbaugh said, is about \$20,000,000 worth of blast furnaces, coke ovens and open hearths as soon as possible. Most Canadians have yet to feel the effects of the shortage, Mr. Ashbaugh said. But it might be noticeable before long in reduced supplies of Canadian-built automobiles, refrigerators, stoves and furnaces.

## Presbyterian Minister Dies At Toronto

TORONTO, Oct. 26—Rev. Nathaniel Stevenson, 81, former Moderator of London Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, died today. Active in the Presbyterian ministry for more than 40 years, he retired in 1940 after serving parishes at Eglin, Man. Innerkip, Ont., and Allis Craig, Ont., and spending 12 years at Patterson Memorial Church here.

## FINE KILLED AT FUNERAL

VENICE, Italy, Oct. 26—(AP)—Lightning struck a church near here today during a funeral. Five persons standing near the coffin were killed.

## New Commanding Officer For Summerside Airport

A new commanding officer has been appointed to the R. C. A. F. station, Summerside. It was learned officially yesterday. He is Wing Commander G. R. F. Gross and his posting is effective December 15th. Squadron Leader W. C. Langstaff, D.F.C., who has been commanding officer for the past two years, will become chief instructor until he is posted elsewhere. The fact that the new commanding officer holds a higher rank than that held by his predecessors since the end of the war is believed to indicate the increasing importance of the station, which is the only air navigation school in Canada. Wing Cmdr. Gross is a civil engineer, a graduate of the University of Toronto, holding a Bachelor of Science degree. He is also a graduate of the R. C. A. F. War Staff College and a qualified general list armament officer who has been granted the symbol "A." A regular force officer, Wing Cmdr. Gross joined the service in 1935 and attained his pilot's wings early in 1936. As a qualified flying instructor, he instructed in training schools under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan during the Second World War. He also commanded several bombing and gunnery schools operated under the plan. He has recently completed a target aircraft course in the air armament school at Trenton, Ont., for the past year and a half. A keen sports enthusiast, Wing Cmdr. Gross is an active supporter of all station activities.

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