

UNITED STATES TO BEGIN WORK ON NEW SUPER-BOMB

3-Way Contest For Mayoralty Is Indicated

The prospect of a three-cornered contest for the Mayoralty and of contests in each of the five wards of the City seemed likely last evening, and will be determined definitely today when all candidates must nominate between the hours of 12 noon and 4 o'clock for the election which takes place on Feb. 8th.

It is understood that His Worship Mayor MacDonald is likely to enter the lists again for the office of Chief Magistrate, which he has held for two successive terms. His competitors will be Councillor M. W. Lowther and M. Allan Farmer.

Mentioned as likely candidates in Ward Five are Councillors J. David Stewart and Edwin C. Johnstone, Mr. A. Walthen and Dr. Lemuel Prowse and Mr. W. R. Jenkins.

In Ward Four the contestants mentioned are Councillor C. M. Cox, Messrs. Geo. Keefe and H. S. Jones; in Ward Three, Councillor W. H. Beaton and Mr. A. E. MacInnis; in Ward Two, Councillor Lester O'Donnell and Mr. Joseph R. MacMillan; in Ward One, Messrs. Simon Paoli, Arthur Gormley and John MacNair.

Not all the above mentioned have definitely indicated their intention of running, and there may be other "dark horses" preparing to enter the race. In any case, it was apparent from a checkup last night that there will be few if any elections by acclamation except perhaps for the office of Water Commissioners, at present held by Messrs. W. D. Gillis, J. L. Curran and H. R. Bevan.

LONG COLD SPELL ENDS

EDMONTON, Jan. 31 — (CP) — The longest cold spell in Edmonton's history ended today as warmer air streamed into Alberta from the Yukon. By 9 A.M. the temperature was zero and readings of 15 above were forecast for later in the day. All Western Alberta, which has recorded record low temperatures, felt the warming effect of what the Weather Office termed a "cold chinook." The cold snap, which started Dec. 16, was the longest and coldest recorded here since a 36-day stretch in 1936.

Coming Events

- *Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- *Skate tomorrow night, Wiltshire rink, Skating 8-10.
- *Show at New Glasgow tonight at 8:00. Songs by Jim Austin.
- *Variety concert French River hall, Monday, Feb. 6.
- *Store closed all day Wednesday February 1st for Stock-taking, McGuigan & Boyle.
- *Annual Meeting Queens County L. O. L. meets at Clyde River February 7th, 2 P. M.
- *In stock at reduced prices Barley Meal Hog Grower, Bran, Oil Cake, etc. W. I. Bowman.
- *Rummage sale, Salvation Army, Friday, Feb. 3, 3 p.m. Donations requested. Please phone 823.
- *North River Rink Hockey Match, February 1st. Monarchs vs. Cornwall Meteors. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- *Hockey tonight, Hunter River rink, North Rustico vs. Hunter River Shur-Gains. Game starts 8:30. Skate after.
- *Hockey match Long River rink Feb. 1, Long River vs. French River. Game starts 8:15 sharp. If no fine, first line, night.
- *Variety Concert and Box Social, Hampton Hall, Friday, February 3rd. If no fine following Monday.
- *Springfield Farm Forum sponsoring films from National Film Board, Springfield Hall, Wednesday, February 1st, 8 P. M.
- *Hockey, Long Creek rink to-night, Long Creek vs. New Haven. First game of Semi-finals. Skate after.
- *Meeting of the shareholders of P. E. I. Flowing Match will be held in Hall, Bridgetown, February 9th, at 7:30 P. M.
- *Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Elmer Wigmore, Bradalbane, 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 Casely.

France Fears East-West War For Indo-China

Gardiner Tells Farmers To Pitch In And Help Solve Market Problems

To Extend Term



OTTAWA, Jan. 31 — (CP) — The Government has decided to extend the term of Lt.-Gen. Charles Foulkes (above) as Canada's army chief into a sixth year, equaling the record for a Canadian. He will finish five years in office this August and will continue at least until August, 1951.

The decision indicates official feeling that the wartime corps commander should continue in office at least until Atlantic-Pac defence planning emerges from earlier stages and the long-range form takes shape. He is Canada's spokesman on the pact military committee, highest non-political body.

There is no sign, either, of early shifts for the other three chiefs of staff, Vice Admiral H. T. W. Grant of the Navy, Air Marshal W. A. Curtis of the R. C. A. F. and Dr. O. M. Solandt, director-general of defence research.

Mr. Gardiner said farmers can not expect floor prices to be set at the highest level prevailing during the last three years. In most cases, the price was set about 10 per cent lower than the highest level.

So far as the sale of surpluses in the future of Canadian agriculture can be determined by policies now followed by Britain and the United States, he said.

Britain was still Canada's best market, and its policy affected Canadian farmers most directly because of a determination to build up a dollar reserve of \$2,000,000,000 by 1952.

PLAN WOLF HUNT

PETERBOROUGH, Ont., Jan. 31 — (CP) — Peterborough County's first combined civilian-military wolf hunt for 1950 will be staged Saturday under joint sponsorship of the Peterborough Fish and Game Protective Association and the 50th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment. It is anticipated that 150 hunters with shotguns will participate. The army will provide a mobile radio panel truck, a radio-equipped jeep and personnel with walkie-talkies to control tight platoons of civilian beaters in the bush. Three skiplanes, also radio equipped, will direct operations from air to ground stations.

WHOOPIING COUGH DEATHS

In 1949, 156 Canadian children died from whooping cough.

PLENTY OF CARS

There was a total of 982,000 licensed vehicles in Ontario up to August 1949.

U. K. Agrees To Operate More Canadian Ships

OTTAWA, Jan. 31 — (CP) — The United Kingdom has agreed to let 123 Canadian-owned ships operate under her flag, it was learned today, with their profits coming to Canada in dollars.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Jan. 31 — (CP) — Agriculture Minister Gardiner told Canada's farmers today the Government is prepared to help them weather a price slump—but they must also get out and help themselves.

He denied charges by some delegates to the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture here. They contended that the Government failed to carry out a promise assuring farmers of fair prices through the transition period from war to peace.

The charges were levelled by hog and poultry producers, who complained that floor prices set for their products were unfair and inadequate in relation to production costs.

Egg producers received a verbal spanking from the Minister. He bluntly told them that, when prices started to sag, they held protest meetings all over Canada before presenting their case to him.

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Russia Rebuked For Recognition Of Rebel State

By Carter L. Davidson
PARIS, Jan. 31 — (AP) — France sharply warned Russia tonight that Moscow's recognition of the "rebel" Ho Chi-Minh in Indo-China gravely impairs Soviet-French relations.

French officials expressed fear that the stage is being set rapidly for an East-West war for Southeast Asia in the jungles of Indo-China.

At least the potentialities for another guerrilla conflict similar to that in Greece seem to be shaping up in the rich tropical country where the French are backing a rival regime headed by ex-Emperor Bao Dai.

A Foreign Office spokesman predicted Britain and the United States now will speed official recognition of the Viet Nam state headed by Bao Dai.

Chinese Communists already are drawn up on the Northern Indo-China border in position to give either secret or open military aid to Ho.

The French note of protest to Moscow was delivered simultaneously to the Soviet Embassy and British and United States Embassies officials.

Senator St. Pere Dies At Montreal

MONTREAL, Jan. 31 — (CP) — Senator Edouard Charles St. Pere, 73, died at his suburban Westmount home tonight following a lengthy illness.

A Liberal, he was born at Ste. Malanie, Que., and was an editorial member of the French-language newspaper Le Canada for 20 years. He was a leader in sports in Montreal and co-founded the Montreal sport centre of La Palestre Nationale.

He was first elected a Liberal member of Parliament for Montreal-Notre-Dame in 1921, representing the riding for 18 years before his appointment to the Senate Feb. 9, 1940.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Hapleton of Montreal and Miss Cord St. Pere of the International Bank, Washington, D. C.

Labor Has Young Man To Oppose Churchill

(By Edward Curtis)
LONDON, Jan. 31 — (AP) — The Labor Party is pitting a peppy young optimist against old campaigner Winston Churchill in the Feb. 23 general election.

Labor candidate Seymour Hills, 38, will oppose 75-year-old Churchill for the House of Commons seat from Woodford.

U. S. Sets Up Aerial Defence Over Atomic Plants, Major Ports

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 — (AP) — The United States Air Force moved today to set up an aerial guard line around all major American atomic plants.

Similar protections were announced for a long stretch of the Atlantic coast, taking in major United States ports.

The obvious aim is to guard against surprise one-way air attack.

All planes coming within 100 miles of the atomic installations in Tennessee, New Mexico and Washington State must file flight plans with defence authorities. The same rules apply within 200 miles of the coast from Norfolk to Maine.

Planes violating the rules will be intercepted and action against the pilots will be taken under Civil Aeronautics Regulations, the Air Force said.

A spokesman added that interception and identification will be carried out by fighter planes.

This is the beginning of a real air defence scheme, a defence spokesman said. "It will be permanent and will be extended to the whole country as soon as our capabilities make it possible."

The announcement came within 24 hours after Defence Secretary Johnson warned in his first annual report that "an attack could come from the opposite hemisphere without warning and with unpredictable fury."

Rent Controls Argument Continues Before Court

(By Harold Morrison)
OTTAWA, Jan. 31 — (CP) — A justice of the Supreme Court of Canada today said sudden abandonment of Government rent controls could engender "a very serious disaster."

The statement was made by Mr. Justice L. C. Rand while listening to argument in support of contentions that Federal rent controls are valid.

The Supreme Court, completing the second day of hearings in the rentals case, heard a plea from Attorney-General Dena Porter of Ontario that it find the controls valid.

Other highlights: 1. John J. Robinette of Toronto, counsel for tenants, conditionally withdrew a motion asking that the court appoint a roving commission to determine if there still is a housing emergency in Canada.

Injured Youth Flown Here

ETANG DU NORD, Magdalen Islands, Que., Jan. 31 — (CP) — A commercial aircraft flew an injured youth to hospital at Charlottetown today after the youngster was kicked in the face by a race horse.

The accident occurred yesterday on the farm of Arthur Farrar here. His son, James, was kicked in the face by the horse while trotting on the ice.

Mr. Farrar shot the horse, a valuable stallion named Guy Spencer, following the accident.

LIQUOR PRICES DECLINE

TORONTO, Jan. 31 — (CP) — Some imported sheries and a number of sterling ales and a price drop tomorrow in Ontario Government liquor stores. Lower prices were also announced for some Australian wines and for some brandies, along with slight changes downwards in four brands of Scotch whisky.

Revision of prices, announced by the Board today is a result of last September's devaluation of the British pound and the Canadian dollar.

Today's hearing almost completed the argument of parties supporting the Federal Government in maintaining that the controls are valid. The Chief Justice granted Mr. Wright leave to state his conclusions tomorrow.

The court then will hear argument from L. Emory Beaulieu, counsel for the Quebec Government, followed by R. M. Willes Chitty of Toronto, appearing for the property owners. Hearing of evidence is expected to be finished by Friday.

AIRBORNE MARKSMEN

In Alberta's war on coyotes, two airborne hunters shot more than 800 during three months.

Gets 25-Year Sentence For Montreal Robbery

MONTREAL, Jan. 31 — (CP) — First man to feel the full de-termination of Montreal courts to stamp out an outbreak of holdups, Albert Parsons, 36, of Ottawa, was sentenced today to 25 years in penitentiary.

Judge Rene Theberge sentenced Parsons to five-year terms on each of five counts of armed robbery, the sentences to run consecutively.

Asked if he had anything to say, Parsons replied: "Because I co-operated with the police after my arrest and because the revolver I used in the holdups was not loaded and because I never harmed anyone, I ask for the court's leniency."

PROSPECTOR FOUND DEAD

VAL D'OR, Que., Jan. 31 — (CP) — The body of Bruce Sophy, widely known prospector in this northwestern Quebec mining district, was found today on the trail about 16 miles north of Val D'Or. Beside the body keeping guard was Sophy's dog Queenie, which has travelled with him thousands of miles during the last 10 years. An inquest will probably be held.

Truman Gives Fateful Order

By ROGER D. GREENE
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 — (AP) — President Truman today gave the fateful order for development of the hydrogen super-bomb so that the United States may defend itself "against any possible aggressor."

The President said: "I have directed the Atomic Energy Commission to continue its work on all forms of atomic weapons, including the so-called hydrogen or super-bomb."

"Like all other work in the field of atomic weapons, it is being carried forward on a basis consistent with the over-all objectives of our program for peace and security."

Reputed to be 1,000 times more devastating than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan during the war, the H-bomb has been the subject of behind-the-scenes debate for at least four months.

Gas Advances Cent Gallon In N.S.

HALIFAX, Jan. 31 — (CP) — Nova Scotia motorists will pay a cent more per gallon for gasoline, effective tomorrow, under a decision of the Nova Scotia Public Utilities Board handed down today.

The decision revises the Board's formula for fixing gasoline prices in the Province.

The one-cent increase will be general for all grades of gasoline in all parts of the Province. Retail price in the Halifax area will be 41 cents for No. 1 grade and 39 cents for No. 2. In the remainder of the Province, prices will be 42 1-2 and 40 1-2.

The new formula will increase the profit margin of jobbing companies which buy their gasoline from the Halifax refinery by a half-cent per gallon. The refinery price is raised a half-cent only.

Claims No Basis For Czech Charges

SHANNON, Republic of Ireland, Jan. 31 — (CP) — One of the two members of the Canadian legation staff in Prague who were expelled from Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia said today there was no basis for charges laid against them.

Set. Resinal Danzo, 32, of Toronto, termed the charges "that he and Cpl. Gaston Vanier, 28, of Montreal had been engaged in espionage and had been involved in alterations with Czech security police 'definitely trumped up.'"

Danzo and Vanier, both members of the R. C. A. F., were expelled from Prague on 48 hours notice Jan. 18. They comprised the full staff of the legation's air attaché.

Decision Approved

Comments approving the President's decision came from Republican ranks as well as Democratic, although there was some criticism that Congress had not been sufficiently consulted.

May Cost Four Billion

The cost of producing the new super-weapon has been variously estimated at \$100,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000.

Truman said he gave the historic order because "it is part of my responsibility as commander-in-chief of our armed forces to see that our country is able to defend itself" against any attack.

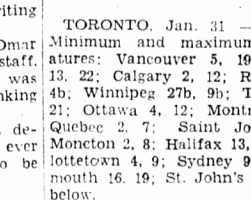
He has directed the A. E. C. to press forward with the development of atomic weapons, including the H-bomb, "until a satisfactory plan for international control of atomic energy is achieved."

Hopes for air-tight international control of atomic weapons in the United Nations have been repeatedly blocked by Russia's refusal to accept the Western plan for international inspection.

Little has leaked out about building H-bombs in the United States.

Unofficial conjecture has suggested that an A-bomb, built inside the H-bomb, would be used to "trigger" the new weapon, setting off explosive forces similar to those on the sun.

THE FOLKS WHO COULD SAY THE MOST INTERESTING THINGS DO THE LEAST TALKING!



TORONTO, Jan. 31 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 5, 19; Victoria 13, 22; Calgary 2, 12; Regina 25b, 4b; Winnipeg 27b, 9b; Toronto 11, 21; Ottawa 4, 12; Montreal 6, 11; Quebec 2, 7; Saint John 7, 9; Moncton 2, 8; Halifax 13, 14; Charlottetown 4, 9; Sydney 9, 17; Yarmouth 16, 19; St. John's 10, 17; below.

HALIFAX, Jan. 31 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax:

Synopsis — At Yarmouth, where it has been snowing the longest, just over five inches of snow have fallen in the last 12 hours. Other parts of the district have received smaller amounts, ranging down to nil in the North Shore region.

The disturbance which is causing this weather is passing south of the district and snow will end in most regions Wednesday morning. Widely scattered snowflurries are likely to persist in Prince Edward Island, Southeastern Nova Brunswick and Eastern Nova Scotia, however, as the result of northeasterly winds in the wake of the disturbance.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Wednesday:

Prince Edward Island — Snow ending Wednesday morning. Clouds with widely scattered snowflurries thereafter. Milder with northeast winds 25. Early morning and mid-afternoon temperatures at Charlottetown 10 and 18.

REGIONAL FORECASTS

High tide today at 10:52 A. M. and 9:03 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN-TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine 9:10 A.M. 2:40 P.M.