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# ASBESTOS STRIKE ERUPTS INTO BLOODY VIOLENCE

## Democratic Germany Is Western Price For Agreement With U.S.S.R.

## U.S. Steelworkers Ask Wage Boost

(By The Associated Press)  
PITTSBURGH, May 5 — The United Steelworkers of America (C.I.O.) today demanded "a general wage increase" plus pensions and social insurance to be paid for by the steel industry.

The amount of the fourth-round wage increase was not announced. The demands were drafted by the big union's international executive board and approved today by the 170-man wage policy committee.

The statement handed out by C. I. O. and steelworkers president Philip Murray said:

"This wage policy covers all contracts which may be opened or which are about to terminate."

## Coming Events

- "Dance in Bellevue, May 9th.
- "Mail your Films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- "Meeting of Ratepayers of New Haven School tonight. Gus Tierney, Secretary.
- "Car Cement to arrive at Vernon last of this week. Phone collect. J. P. Morris, Kinkora.
- "Unloading Thursday and Friday, cement, shingles, fertilizer. P. J. Noy & Co.
- "Rummage Sale, Baptist Church School room, May 7th, at 6.30 P. M.
- "Opening Dance, Montague Curling Rink, Saturday, May 7th. Webster's Orchestra.
- "Reserve May 18 for ice cream social Clyde River hall, auspices Presbyterian Church.
- "Rebekah Pantry, Sale, Saturday, May 7th 2 o'clock. Moore & MacLeod's.
- "Kinzora School Plays, Friday, May 6th, at 8 P. M. Repeat performance.
- "Reserve Tuesday, May 24th, for Dance in St. Teresa's new School. Webster's Orchestra.
- "See Stanley Bridge Players present "Mr. Bean From Lima" in Harrington Hall, Monday, May 9th.
- "Now Booking clover seed. Farmers, our prices will save you money. Rush your orders. MacGuigan & Boyle.
- "The Mt. Stewart Branch of the Canadian Legion will hold its monthly meeting Monday, May 9th, 8 P. M.
- "Powell Y. Y. U. presents "Have a Heart", Brockfield Hall, Friday, May 6th. Auspices Brookfield Women's Institute.
- "Jimmie Power's variety concert at Murray Harbor Friday night May 6, starting at 8.30. Sale of cakes and lunches.
- "Girl Guide North District Rummage Sale, Market Building, Saturday, May 7th, 4 P. M. Good second hand clothing.
- "Clyde River Y. P. U. will conduct a Mother's Day Service in Canoe Cove Church, Sunday, May 8th, at 7.30 P. M.
- "Don't miss "Mr. Bean From Lima" a 3 act play by Stanley Bridge Players in New Glasgow Hall, Friday, May 6th, at 8.30.
- "Dance in Donagh School, Friday, May 6th, Lottery ticket to be drawn. Dancing from 9 P. M. till 1 A. M.
- "Dance in Vernon River Hall, Monday, May 9th. Auspices C.W.L. Millview Orchestra. Lunch served.
- "Reserve June 2nd and 3rd for Finals of both Drama Festival and Junior Farmers' Oratorical Contest in High School Auditorium, Summerside.
- "C. A. Frizzell's Truck will start hauling Cream to North Willshire Factory Monday, May 9th, over same route as last year, once a week until further notice.
- "Graham's Road Hall, Friday, May 13th, 2 one act Drama Festival Sponsored by the Junior School Group and Women's Institute, Specialties.

## On Sanatorium Staff



Dr. Kenneth D. MacLeod of Leith, Scotland, now on the medical staff of the Provincial Sanatorium.

OTTAWA, May 5—(CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent is expected to define general election issues from the Liberal Party viewpoint in a 20-minute broadcast over the CBC 23 "to consider questions relating to Germany, and problems arising out of the situation in Berlin, including also the question of currency in Berlin." It will be the seventh such session since the war.

The bulletin also said the foreign ministers of Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and France will meet in Paris May 23 "to consider questions relating to Germany, and problems arising out of the situation in Berlin, including also the question of currency in Berlin." It will be the seventh such session since the war.

The communiqué was issued simultaneously today in London, Paris, Moscow, Washington and New York.

Who won the strange battle here? Both sides claimed victory. While there was more than one way of looking at the turn of events, the claims of the West appeared to be the most valid.

St. Brian voiced the West's determination not to bargain away fundamental democratic rights at the Paris talks. He told a press conference here:

"The solution of the whole German problem depends more on freedom of elections, of the press, speech and radio than on any-thing else."

He was commended by senior officers for his "coolness."

## 40,000 Lbs. Herring Bait Now Being Handled Daily At Gov't. Freezing Plant

## Policeman Shot By Shopbreakers

HAMILTON, May 5—(CP)—Three policemen were shot and wounded early today as almost point-blank range by three shopbreakers trapped in a dark five-foot-wide alley.

The policemen, wounded as they tried to trap three armed shopbreakers in a five-foot dark alley, were described tonight by hospital officials as in favorable condition. They are: Sgt. Arthur Ellis, 53, shot through the left shoulder; Constable Herbert Connolly, 36, shot through the left leg, his shin bone severely fractured.

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## To Read Riot Act To Strikers

MONTREAL, May 6—(Friday)—(CP) Deputy director of the Provincial Police said early today he had instructed officers en route to strike-bound Asbestos to take sheriffs with them and have the Riot Act read to groups of more than two persons.

The director said he had issued these orders directly to Inspector-General Norbert Labbe of the Provincial Police who was leading reinforcements to break road blocks set up by strikers.

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## Russian Reaction To End of Blockade

MOSCOW, May 5—(Reuters)—Moscow residents heaved a sigh of relief today when the Moscow radio officially confirmed news of the four-power agreement on Berlin.

The full text of the agreement was broadcast twice within a short time.

"This is the best bit of world news for a long time," said one of the four-power agreement on Berlin.

"We had begun to think the Western Powers did not want to reach any kind of agreement. Now there is a distinct ray of hope."

"It is a good start. Now let us hope the four powers will reach wider agreement on Germany in the foreign ministers' talks."

A cab driver's first reaction was: "This must be the consequence of (Gen. Lucius D.) Clay's dismissal." After a pause he added "and the replacement of America's crazy war minister."

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## Strikers Block All Highways Into The Town

DANVILLE, Que., May 5—(CP)—The long-dormant strike of 5,000 asbestos workers erupted today into wholesale bloody violence.

By nightfall 12 provincial policemen were injured—some beaten into unconsciousness, disarmed and handcuffed—and hundreds of strikers were defiantly maintaining road blocks that completely cut off the town of Asbestos.

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## Reinforcements Leave For Asbestos

SHERBROOKE, Que., May 5—(CP)—At least 75 cars carrying specially-armed police reinforcements for the strike-bound Asbestos district began moving quietly out of Sherbrooke late tonight, singly and in small groups.

The special forces, equipped with tear gas bombs, sten guns and service revolvers, assembled at the Sherbrooke courthouse during the evening.

The total force that converged on Sherbrooke as a jumping-off point was estimated to have numbered at least 200.

Extra men were sworn in here as deputies. Whether there would be a further rendezvous with a second reinforcement group, known to be heading for the strike area, was not known here.

Asbestos is about 40 miles from Sherbrooke and indications, in view of the gradual disappearance of police-laden cars, was that no attempt would be made to crack road blocks for at least an hour.

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## Campbellton Has Fourth Major Fire

(By The Canadian Press)  
CAMPBELLTON, N. B., May 5—Two buildings were destroyed late today in Campbellton's fourth major fire of the year. Damage was estimated at \$75,000.

Four men were rescued by means of ladders to upstairs windows. The fire apparently started at the rear of a brick-cased building owned by Ullie Simard and containing his hotel, general store and a doctor's office. Four mail clerks, who had been sleeping, were rescued by firemen.

The flames jumped to a wooden building owned by Mrs. Grace Duncan. E. R. Giguere, furrier, occupied the main floor below two apartments. Six persons were left homeless. Mr. Giguere estimated his loss at \$10,000.

Little could be saved from the two-storey buildings on Roseberry Street. Only the chimney of one and partial skeleton of the other remained standing tonight.

Three business establishments were gutted by previous fires this year.

## Father of Six Is Sentenced To Hang

QUEBEC, May 5—(CP)—Roger Lavoie, 30-year-old father of six children, was sentenced today to be hanged Aug. 19 for the murder of Gerard Beaumont after a drunken taxi ride nearly two years ago.

Lavoie was the first of three men to be tried for murder in a case re-opened by Provincial Police last fall. 18 months after Beaumont's body was found in the St. Charles River.

Auguste Vallieres, 19, and Maurice Legare, 20, also accused, testified as crown witnesses during Lavoie's eight-day trial.

Lavoie was described during the trial as the driver of a taxi that left Quebec the night of June 14, 1947, for St. Gerard with four passengers, Beaumont, Vallieres, Legare and Armand Deneers, a Montrealeer.

An argument broke out during the trip and Deneers testified that Vallieres and Legare struck Beaumont with beer bottles before Lavoie gave the man a beating with his fists and feet.

## Navy Pilot Lands Plane On One Wheel

DARTMOUTH, N.S., May 5—(CP)—A Royal Canadian Navy pilot landed his single-seater fighter plane on one wheel today at the Dartmouth Shearwater air base.

The pilot, Lieut. Douglas Fisher of (20 Vaughan Rd.) Toronto, was practising simulated deck landings when he broke off the landing and touched the "deck." He got his plane, a Firefly V, into the air again, came around and landed on one wheel without serious damage to the aircraft. Fisher also escaped injury.

He was commended by senior officers for his "coolness."

## Big Ford Motor Co. Faces Complete Tie-Up

DETROIT, May 5—(AP)—Half of Ford Motor Company's work force went on strike today and the world's second largest auto empire faced complete paralysis.

Some 65,000 workers thronged out of two Detroit plants sharply on the 1 p.m. EDT, deadline. Shortly afterward frantic last-minute negotiations between the company and the United Automobile Workers (U.A.W.) broke off abruptly. No further meetings were scheduled.

The union charged that Ford was running assembly lines too fast at its big Rouge plant and the Lincoln-Mercury factory. The company denied the speed-up charge and said the strike violated the Ford contract with the U.A.W.-C.I.O.

A Ford spokesman said the walkout would tie up operations in Ford's 47 other plants around the world within about a week. This would hit a total of 103,000 production workers and a small number of other employees. More than 10,000 Ford employees at Windsor, Ont., are included.

Effects would also reach out to 3,500 smaller firms supplying parts to Ford, the company said.

As workers streamed from the plants, there was none of the disorder which marked the U.A.W.'s first and only other major strike at Ford. That was the bloody 1941 day battle for recognition in 1941. President Walter Reuther of the U.A.W. said today's strike, first big one in the auto industry since the Chrysler walkout a year ago, would not interfere with forthcoming contract negotiations.

But many observers failed to see how it could help but have some effect if it lasts. Contract bargaining at Ford is due to start May 16.

## Bad Fire At Salisbury, N. B.

SALISBURY, N. B., May 5—(CP)—Fire tonight levelled three business buildings in this village, 12 miles west of Moncton, causing damage estimated at \$35,000.

Cause of the fire, which started in a restaurant and quickly spread to two other buildings on the village's main street, was unknown. Destroyed in addition to the restaurant were a grocery store, a retail shoe store, and Canadian Legion rooms over the restaurant.

Lack of water hampered efforts of volunteers from the village. They were assisted by firemen from Moncton.

Highway traffic between Moncton and Saint John was held up for several hours while firemen fought the flames. The street on which the buildings were located is part of the main highway linking the two New Brunswick cities.

## News In Brief

LONDON, May 5—(Reuters)—Foreign Secretary Bevin said today in the House of Commons he is hopeful the Big-Four meeting of foreign ministers in Paris May 23 will find an "enduring settlement" of the German problem.

WINDSOR, Ont., May 5—(CP)—A large portion of Windsor industry is expected to be stalled within the next few days as a result of the strike now tying up the River Rouge and Lincoln plants of the Ford Motor Company in Detroit.

Approximately 10,000 workers will be made idle in the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd., should the strike continue.

OTTAWA, May 5—(CP)—The Federal Government under an agreement with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will take over the job of building dykes, breakwaters and other protective structures to help reclaim and preserve marshlands in the two provinces. It was announced today.

A statement from the Agriculture Department said that a new arrangement had been worked out replacing one of the last few years under which the Dominion paid one-third of the cost of repairs of dykes and other works.

Henceforth the Federal Government will assume the entire cost of construction while the Provinces and the marsh owners will assume responsibility for canals and ditches behind the main works, and for proper organization of the marsh bodies.

## Junior Farmers Hold Festival Spotlight

In its first year of competition, Mt. Herbert Junior Farmers' Choral Club held the spotlight at last evening's session of the Musical Festival by winning honour marks in two classes and receiving an ovation for their singing of "Shenandoah" in unison, an outstanding solo part taken by the Polish member of the choir, Central Royalty Glee Club was runner-up.

With a mark of 84, Mrs. Gweneth Patterson's selection from "Carmen" in the operatic solo was "extremely well done", as was Mr. Stanley Lancaster's "Even Bravest Heart", placed second.

An interesting evening program was presided over by Dr. G. D. Steel, with Mrs. H. J. A. Brown as platform secretary. The words of Alfred Whitehead's "Waves in the

Even a dull woman is not above cutting you!"

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