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CHINESE GOV'T THREATENS FIGHT TO THE FINISH

St. Laurent Outlines Risk For Canada In Proposed Atlantic Pact

St. Laurent outlined the risk for Canada in the proposed Atlantic pact during a speech in the House of Commons today. He stated that the pact would involve a "greater risk" than the United Nations Charter, but that it was necessary for the security of the Western Hemisphere.

Recommend New Size Sacks For Potatoes

The Canadian Horticultural Council recommended that the Fruit, Vegetable and Honey Act be amended to include sizes for 5, 25 and 50 paper sacks for potatoes. The council stated that the current sizes were inadequate for the grading of turnips towards more uniformity.

Coasting Accident Takes Life Of Seven-Year-Old

EDMUNDSTON, N.B., Feb. 6.—A week-end coasting accident took the life of seven-year-old Estelle Cyr near her home at Upper Sixes. She was riding down her own driveway when she was struck by a truck driven by Thomas Gauvin.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Cutting ice on Gate's Millpond beginning today. Frigid Gates.
- Skating tonight Hunter River rink from 8 to 10:30. Good music.
- Show—Morell, 8 P. M. every Friday only. Good Pictures. Good Serial.
- Horse Races at Vernon, Wednesday, February 9th, commencing at 2 o'clock.
- Hockey Long River rink Monday night, New London vs. Long River. Skate after.
- National Fl'n Board, free. Wheatley River Hall, Tuesday, February 8th.
- Parlor social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bernard, French River, Wednesday evening, Feb. 9th.
- Freemtown C. C. F. Club meeting at Elmer Smith's Monday, Feb. 7th.
- Card Party and Dance, Kelly's Dress Hall, Monday night, February 7th.
- Doubleheader Cornwall rink tonight, Kingston vs. New Haven. Maple Leaf Taxi vs. Cornwall C.C.
- Hockey tonight Long Creek rink. Canoe Cove Roughriders vs. Long Creek Beavers. 8 o'clock. Skate after.
- The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders and Patrons of Crapaud Creamery Co., will be held in the Hall at Crapaud on Tuesday, February 15th, 2:30 P. M.
- Hockey Beauce rink Monday, Feb. 7, South Shore League. Beauce Beavers vs. Albany St. Pats. Skating after if game starts at 8:30. Admission 30 and 20.
- Cornwall hall Thursday, Feb. 10, hear local talent in sketches and one-act play, directed by Arthur Vessey. Music. Proceeds "ink."
- Hockey same East Royalty rink tonight, East Royalty Royals vs. West Royalty Beavers. League game. Skate after. Also hockey same East Royalty rink Feb. 8, 1949. East Royalty Royals vs. Covehead Wings. game starts 8:30. League game. Skate after.

By-election In Quebec Today

NICOLET, Que., Feb. 6.—(CP)—Politics was the week-end talk everywhere in the Federal constituency of Nicolet-Yamaska where the voters will make their choice Monday in a by-election. It is the first political contest between the two major Federal parties in the Province of Quebec since George Drew became Progressive Conservative leader and Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent became Prime Minister.

Debate On Nfld. Union Begins Today In Commons

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—(CP)—A debate relative with historic significance will start in the Commons Monday when the Government calls for ratification of the legislation providing for Newfoundland's entry into confederation as a 10th province.

Veteran News Reporter Dies

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—(CP)—Robert Murdoch MacLeod, a colorful figure in the Parliamentary Press Gallery where he served under every prime minister from Sir John A. Macdonald to Mackenzie King, died today. He was 87.

Rising Clamor For Tax Cuts Heard In Commons

By GEORGE KITOREN
OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—(CP)—A rising clamor for tax cuts is setting the basic pattern for this year's budget and perhaps last session of Canada's 20th Parliament. Taxation has emerged as the most dominant of the back-bench beefs in the Throne Speech debate. This last week, before the Throne Speech debate was suspended to make way for the Newfoundland bill, the Commons heard argument on many things, but the call for tax reduction was the most persistent voice in the chamber. It came most consistently from the Liberal back-benches, with government supporters saying frankly they were dissatisfied with present high tax rates and urging a heavy slash down the line. One of the first Liberals to step on the tax reduction plank was Roland Beaudry, the member for Montreal St. James, who swung heavily at the present tax structure with a demand for a 50-per-cent cut. He suggested that 754,000 taxpayers be swept from the tax rolls by a raise in exemptions and that the Newfoundland bill and certain control measures must pass by March 31—the day the 1948-49 fiscal year ends.

Plan To Ask Local Gov't For Lobster Canning Regulations

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The five Brussels pact allies disclosed Saturday night the proposed "Council of Europe"—the continent's first international parliament—would sidestep the explosive issue of common defence. A communique issued by representatives of Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg sketched broad outlines of the proposed council. It will be divided into a key committee of ministers and a consultative assembly with advisory powers. The communique said discussion of common defence matters would be barred.

Rejects Demands For Surrender Of 'War Criminals'

CANTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The Chinese Government will continue the civil war in a fight to the finish rather than hand over its leaders to Communists as "war criminals," Premier Sun Fo declared today. Since the Communists have insisted on arrest of Chiang Kai-shek, Sun himself and most other Government figures as a precondition for even discussing peace, hopes of settling the three-year war nose-dived sharply. "We expect an honorable peace, not a peace of abject surrender," Sun told a press conference at this "temporary" headquarters of his refugee cabinet. "We absolutely reject surrender of so-called 'war criminals'."

Bogart, Bette Davis Head Big Salaries List

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Bette Davis made \$328,000 to edge out film songstress Deanna Durbin and rain-top female billing tonight on a treasury list of the leading money makers in the United States. But filmdom's scowling Humphrey Bogart finished in front of both with \$467,391. It was the second list of big salaries issued covering payments for the calendar year of 1948 and business fiscal years ending during 1947. The big bite taken from these top-bracket earnings by taxes is not shown in the report. Miss Davis drew her pay from the same film concern as Bogart, Warner Brothers. Miss Durbin, a native of Winnipeg, was paid \$323,477 by Universal Pictures. But a woman business executive overtook many of the film lovelies. Dorothy Shaver, 51-year-old president of Lord and Taylor, New York department store, was paid \$110,000. The top 10 on the salary list, seven of them from the movie world:

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Norwegians Are Warned Against Atlantic Pact

MOSCOW, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Russia today offered a non-aggression pact to Norway after tacitly warning the Scandinavian country against joining an Atlantic pact with the United States and Western Europe. This, Russia said, would eliminate any doubt as to the Soviet Union's "good neighborly intentions" toward her northern neighbor. Tass, official Russian news agency, said the Russia-Norway pact was proposed in a note to Dr. Halvard Lange, Norwegian Foreign Minister, who left Oslo Saturday for Washington where he will discuss with United States officials Norway's inclusion in the proposed Atlantic union. (A Moscow radio broadcast of the note, heard in London, said the Russian statement was delivered to the Russian ambassador in Oslo by the Russian Foreign Minister shortly before the Norwegian Foreign Minister left for the United States.) Foreign observers asked whether a new Russian effort to break the ranks of countries now forming the North Atlantic defence pact may not be in the making. They said the Soviet offer of a non-aggression pact to Norway could signal similar offers to other countries which have been offered a place under the protective wing of the United States and Britain. In this connection, foreign observers predicted the Soviet proposal of a non-aggression pact to Norway may soon be followed by similar proposals to Sweden and Denmark. The projected North Atlantic alliance would include the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and other countries to be invited. On Jan. 29 Russia asked Norway's attitude toward the Atlantic pact, pointing out that the two countries had a common frontier. Norway's reply was made Feb. 1.

Red Proposal Seen Move Against Proposer Western Lineup

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The Economic Co-operation Administration Saturday cleared Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands of "any improprieties" in shipping aluminum and lead here while receiving scarce metals of that kind under the Marshall Plan. LONDON, Feb. 6.—(CP)—After 10 years of devotion to government-ordered business, the House of Commons this week turns for the first time since the war to legislation wanted by private members. It will cover subjects such as injuries to workmen, skills of hairdressers and the mistreatment of horses whose tails are docked.

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