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U. S. TURNS TO AIR TO SUPPLY FORCES IN BERLIN

Russian Embassy Is Rebuked For Notice To Lithuanians

Little Change Noted In Ice Conditions

Not much change was observed yesterday in ice conditions in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, a Department of Transport ice patrol reported after a 950-mile aerial sweep over the area. The steamer track was still only about 50 per cent open water from the mouth of the St. Lawrence River to the vicinity of Bird Rock and was blocked by heavier ice from there to the ocean.

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Potato Growers Urge "Immediate Rehearing" Of Freight Rates Case

U. S. Considers Possibility Of Global War

WASHINGTON, April 2 — (CP) — For the first time in its comparatively short history, the United States is contemplating the possibility of world war in which this country would be an original belligerent.

The Administration and Congressional leaders of both old parties frankly and publicly accept the conclusion that Communism's bloodless conquest in Europe may force the choice between totalitarian enslavement here or war on a global scale.

For the first time the Administration and Congress are trying to plan a foreign policy that accepts the inevitability of this country becoming involved when world peace is threatened.

Realized when it is compared with that played in the United States in the two world wars of the present century.

R.C.M.P. Get Pay Increase

OTTAWA, April 1 — (CP) — The R.C.M.P. — 3,700 strong — are getting a raise in pay, Justice Minister Hiley announced today.

All ranks will get a 75-cents-a-day increase retroactive to Oct. 1, 1947. Non-commissioned officers and constables also will get a 15-cents-a-day increase in allowances.

The boost establishes a basic rate of \$3.50 a day for recruits with annual raises to a maximum of \$4.26 for constables. Under the new rates a married constable with six years service will get \$6.85 a day. Other rates for married men with similar service are \$7.15 for corporals, \$7.90 for sergeants and \$8.15 for staff sergeants.

Mr. Hiley's announcement was coupled with an appeal for more recruits.

Coming Events

Buying Pigs Monday at Fredericton. Paying \$24.00 for good pigs over 30 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

Notice — Unloading car cement Friday and Saturday this week. Get yours now. Will be very scarce later on. G. C. Green, Emerald.

Livestock Marketing Board will be leading hogs at Charlottetown pens all day Friday, April 2nd. For detail information and arrangement for trucking where possible phone 736 or 1457.

In Stock — DeLaval Cream Separators due to arrive in about a week. Manure Spreaders, Fertilizer Spreaders. Book your orders early. McGowan's Limited, Killbuck.

Have you ordered your chicks? We can assure you of healthy fast-growing chicks in R. O. F. Silver White Leghorns, New Hampshire Reds and Red Rock Cross Breds. All hatched from our own proven layers. Easton's Chick Hatchery, New Wiltshire.

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Immigrants Told To Register As Soviet Citizens

By William Wilson
OTTAWA, April 1 — (CP) — The Federal Government today publicly rebuked the Soviet Embassy here for its advertisements calling on Lithuanians in Canada to register as Soviet citizens.

The rebuke was administered through an External Affairs Department statement "regretting" that the Canadian Government had not been consulted about the advertisements and disclosing that the Embassy has been asked to make it clear in future announcements that registration would be entirely voluntary.

It was the second time in five months Soviet representatives here have been reprimanded by the Canadian Government. The last occasion was in November, 1947, when the Department gave the Embassy a sharp warning that any "offensive" speeches by Russian diplomats would lead to demands for their "immediate recall."

Today's statement directed at Russia's diplomatic representatives here arose from notices they inserted in Slavic language newspapers.

The advertisements asked Lithuanians to register as Soviet citizens unless they had become naturalized Canadians.

The Department said it first learned of the notices after they appeared in print and added: "The Department regrets that the Soviet Embassy did not consult it before submitting the announcement to the press. The question of the future citizenship of immigrants who come to Canada with the intention of making a permanent home in this country is a matter in which the Canadian Government takes a deep interest, and the Department would have expected the Soviet Embassy to inform it in advance of any public announcement it wished to make affecting the citizenship of immigrants of Lithuanian nationality."

Shooting War Not Likely In Berlin Yet

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
Associated Press News Analyst

The first and natural reaction to the Russian attempt to encircle 23,000 Allied troops and civilians in Berlin is that Allied commanders should arm those trains and drive them through.

In former days that almost certainly would have been done if a foreign power tried to interfere in any such fashion with free and legal movements.

But war, and actions which might lead to war, are a more serious matter in the middle of the 20th century than in the early days of the 19th.

There is no question of the right of Allied forces to occupy their agreed zones in Berlin. There is a grave question whether that right is worth starting shooting about.

Occupation of Berlin is highly important in democratic efforts to mobilize the Germans for the cold war. Also to the countries of Western Europe who feel themselves impotent against Communist aggression unless they can be certain of the capability of the Western powers to defend them.

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EXPECT GASOLINE SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, April 1 — (AP) — Oil industry leaders gathered today to decide whether to set up a voluntary gasoline rationing system to cope with an expected shortage this summer.

One way to solve the situation might be to reimpose rationing but Prices Board officials rule out this possibility. It would, they say, be an unnecessary expense and inconvenience to consumers to form a complex rationing organization and re-issue ration books throughout the country to meet a shortage which will last only three weeks or a month at the most.

But, aside from the icebox hoarding, Canadians have been just eating their way into a shortage period since last summer. Butter disappearance records show that consumption skyrocketed with the removal of rationing and since then Canadians have been eating an average of 4,000,000 pounds a month more than in the year previous.

In one month alone—September—consumption was 6,000,000 pounds higher than in the corresponding month a year earlier.

Child Fatally Burned, 3 Injured

EDMUNDSTON, N. B., April 1 — (CP) — A six-months-old child was fatally burned and three others were sent to hospital today when fire raced through their home at Ste. Anne, about 18 miles from here.

Victim of the fire was Ronald Beaulieu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Beaulieu.

The other children, Ella, 5, Maurice, 4, and Lucille, 2, were unconscious when found in the flaming house and were admitted to hospital with minor burns.

Mr. Beaulieu was away working and Mrs. Beaulieu was visiting a neighbor when the blaze occurred. The young victim died shortly after being admitted to hospital here.

Damage to the house was estimated at \$500 but cause of the outbreak was not known. No inquest will be held.

Special U.N. Meeting To Consider Palestine

LAKE SUCCESS, April 1 — (CP) — The United Nations Security Council tonight called a special session of the 57-member U. N. Assembly to reconsider the Palestine problem.

The vote for the special meeting was 9 to 0. Russia and the Soviet Ukraine abstained. The Assembly will convene April 16 in New York City.

Fewer Unemployed

OTTAWA, April 1 — (CP) — Fewer men and women are out of work and seeking jobs through the National Employment Service than a month ago, the Labor Department's manpower review showed today.

It added that a further decline in the number of workers seeking jobs can be expected in the next few weeks as construction and agriculture become active.

On March 18, the Employment Service offices had 199,000 men and women listed and records of 34,000 unfilled jobs. The winter's peak unemployment was on Feb. 26 when 201,000 people were looking for work.

Conference Held On Coal Strike

WASHINGTON, April 1 — (AP) — President Truman and his top advisers on coal-labor problems today talked over the 18-day soft coal strike over a pension dispute, but had nothing to announce afterward.

The White House said the President arranged the conference to get full information on approaches to the problem and to necessarily reach specific decisions.

Among those summoned to confer with Truman were conciliation director Cyrus S. Ching, native of Prince Edward Island; Attorney General Tom Clark; Interior Secretary J.A. Krug and Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach.

Coal Strike Cuts Steel Production

PITTSBURGH, April 1 — (AP) — Steel production sagged and railroad workers were laid off by the hundreds today as coal stockpiles shrank in the 18-day-old walkout of the United Mine Workers (Ind.).

The work stoppage of the 400,000 U.M.W. members, seeking a pension plan within the industry, has thrown more than 34,000 other workers out of work. A survey disclosed the number would easily double in another week. Most of the idle were railroad workers — 23,000.

New Calls Heard For Huge United States Preparedness Program

WASHINGTON, April 1 — (CP) — New calls arose today for a great preparedness program to show Russia the United States will not be pushed around.

Coming on top of Russia's seizure of traffic control in and out of occupied Berlin, there were these developments:

1. The two greatest veterans organizations — the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars — spoke out urgently for universal military training and a limited peacetime draft. The American Veterans Committee did not go along.

2. For two hours, the House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee questioned Air Secretary Stuart Symington on plans for a 72-group Air Force. There are now 55 groups. Representative John Rankin (Dem.-Miss.) demanded in a House speech that the United States build "the greatest air force in the world."

3. President Truman asked Congress for \$3,000,000,000 more for preparedness, "to carry out our purpose of achieving peace." The sum would be for the armed forces expansion outlined by defence chiefs last week.

Representative Hale Boggs (Dem.-La.) told the House the President's action is "a challenge to Congress to pass selective service immediately and bring our military force to its full authorized strength."

N. B. Premier Urges Freight Rates Parley

FREDERICTON, April 1 — (CP) — Premier John B. McNair suggested in the New Brunswick Legislature today that the Governments of the three Maritime Provinces confer "as soon as possible" on the 21 per cent freight rate increase granted Canadian railways.

The conference should be held "to consult together as to further action that may be taken to protect the shippers and consumers in these Provinces," he said.

The Premier said he was also of the opinion that the Federal Government should intervene to ensure that at least 30 days notice be given by the railways before putting into effect the rates permitted by the decision of the Transport Commissioners.

"Intimation has been given," he said, "that the horizontal increase will probably go into effect as soon as the railways can publish their tariffs and file them with the Board, to become effective on three days notice subsequent to filing."

The decision, he said, "does not doubtably place an additional burden on the Maritime economy."

"It is roughly estimated... that the increased costs to persons and industry in the three Provinces will amount to not less than \$3,000,000 a year."

Recalling freight rate increases granted in 1932, Premier McNair said that the "high rates during and following that period seriously undermined the economy of these Provinces."

After a Royal Commission under Sir Andrew Roy Duncan investigated the freight rate situation in regard to the three Provinces, rates in the Maritimes were reduced by 20 per cent.

"It was clearly intended under the Maritime Freight Rates Act that the Maritime Provinces should be placed in a position to do business with the other Provinces of Canada. Any movement or action which has the effect of disrupting this position is most disturbing," he said.

"While, in the opinion of the Transport Commissioners, the railways required additional revenues we feel that special consideration should have been given to areas of Canada where the tariff consists largely of primary products and, in the event that larger revenues were required, primary products should have been given special consideration."

The Premier spoke as the House continued debate on the budget.

Tells Teachers How To Combat Communism

Professor J.F. MacMillan of Prince of Wales College told the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation at its closing session yesterday morning that a recent pamphlet of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, issued for the purpose of combating Communism, stated that 11 per cent of the Russians controlled 50 per cent of their national income. The pamphlet, Prof. MacMillan said, failed to remind its readers that five per cent of United States and Canadian capitalists controlled more than 90 per cent of the wealth of their respective countries.

The best means of combating Communism, Prof. MacMillan said, was not by disseminating misleading information but by co-operative organization. Co-operation is the best answer to Communism because it teaches self-help and self-government through such organizations as credit unions and consumers' and producers' co-operatives.

Prof. MacMillan told the teachers they could do a great deal to combat Communism.

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Russia Reports New Oil Fields Developed

By THOMAS WHITNEY
MOSCOW, April 1 — (AP) — Russia once depended almost entirely on one big producing field for her supply of petroleum.

The Soviet press indicates this no longer is the case. Over the last three years it has recorded the opening of many new sources of supply. Its accounts tend to show that if Baku, the great field fringing the Caspian Sea, were to be knocked out or cut off from the rest of the nation, the Soviet Union still would have considerable oil resources.

What follows is a summary of what the Russian press has told about the Soviet petroleum supply.

Oil production of the Soviet east has grown rapidly in the last 10 years. At the present time it is increasing at the fastest pace of its short history.

Eastern output, according to reports, is not concentrated in any one area or any one group of fields. It ranges from the Volga River to the Pacific.

The biggest single centre of oil production in Russia outside the Caucasus is the complex of oil fields known as "Second Baku."

Second Baku includes the Kuybyshev fields on the Volga River, the Bashkirian oil fields between the Volga and the Ural, and the Molotov oil fields in the Northern Urals.

The Bashkirian fields, however, probably are the most important. These consist of two distinct fields — Ishimbaev and Tulmay.

Ishimbaev was developed about 15 years ago and before the war attained an output of considerable dimensions.

Tulmay has proved to be the real "strike" in all the east. Central Asian oil also is being developed rapidly. Central Asian fields are widely scattered and include Emba at the north end of the Caspian as well as Nebit Dab far to the south in Turkmenistan.

Far to the east overlooking the Pacific are the oil fields of Sakhalin. The Soviet Union has exploited the Japanese from the concessions they used to hold on the northern half of this island and also has taken over the southern half.

Russian historians contend that the first oil well in history was sunk at Ukhta — before the famous one put down by Drake in Pennsylvania.

There are other fields being developed and as yet untouched in the Soviet East.

Russians Cut Off Normal Supply Routes

BERLIN, April 1 — (AP) — United States military authorities started flying food into Berlin today to thwart a Russian squeeze aimed at forcing her war-torn Western Allies out of this former German Capital.

The Russians swiftly put into effect a calculated program of travel and transport restriction to this isolated Allied outpost deep in the Russian zone. The restrictions:

1. Halted all military train between Berlin and the Western zones, cutting off normal military supply channels.

2. Stopped British barge traffic to the Four-power capital.

3. Instituted rigorous examinations of traffic on the autobahn only highway linking the city with the west.

4. Turned back one rail coach occupied by civilians of several nationalities.

For several hours the Russians maintained a traffic-smothering inspection along the edges of their Berlin sector.

But the air was free, and Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the United States commander, announced he would use it to supply the 3,755 American military personnel and civilians in the city.

He cancelled military train service to Berlin which could not be pushed through the Soviet zone without inviting a clash, and called on airpower to win the political battle for Berlin.

At stake was a question of prestige in the cold war between east and west. If the Russians succeeded in dislodging the Western Allies from the former German Capital, their stock would rise, and the hopes of the supporters of the Western Powers in Germany and Europe would sag.

The four-power agreement limiting out air corridors over the Soviet zone to Berlin does not restrict the number of flights.

The United States Air Force based at Wiesbaden will be able to fly in any number of flights with supplies, and the only apparent restriction is the number of flights.

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Montreal Taxi Driver Robbed

OTTAWA, April 1 — (CP) — All available Ontario Provincial and Ottawa Police have combined tonight in an intensive search to find two thugs who commandeered a taxi in Montreal, forced the driver to bring them to the Capital and then slugged and robbed him on the city outskirts.

Although punched twice in the face and warned to "keep going," the 33-year-old taxi-driver, Joseph Fernand St. Louis of Montreal, immediately reported to police and a net was thrown around the Capital.

St. Louis said the two thugs stopped him in Montreal and asked him to drive them to Dorval Airport. At Dorval one of the men drew a pistol and said: "Keep right on going along the Toronto road and don't try anything funny."

The men stopped St. Louis at Cornwall at the approach to the International Bridge and started an argument between themselves in what the taxi-driver believed was Italian.

The miles from Billings Bridge on the outskirts of Ottawa, the men stopped the driver again, forced him to the pavement and robbed him of \$27, a pen and pencil set and a \$65 wrist-watch. At Billings Bridge they punched him twice in the face.

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Too Much Butter In Canadian Iceboxes

By GEORGE KITCHEN
OTTAWA, April 1 — (CP) — Canada is suffering from too many pounds of butter tucked away in the icebox.

That, odd though it may sound, is one of the basic reasons for the country's current butter shortage. It means, literally, that too many housewives, anticipating a decline in supplies, have been putting too many pounds away against the butterless days.

True, there was going to be a shortage anyway. It was bound to come, the way Canadians have been gobbling up butter since the ration was removed last June. Added to this is the fact this normally is a period of low butter production. But the hoarding by housewives, instead of helping the situation, has only made it worse.

At the moment, it looks as though the butter famine may last another three weeks. After that, supplies should increase.

To ensure normal and adequate distribution across the country, there must be 14,000,000 to 15,000,000 pounds of butter moving constantly. If, say, 1,000,000 housewives each put away a pound or two of butter the flow decreases and shortages result. Right now, say the experts, only about 10,000,000 pounds are moving continually.

Estimates of the current position won't be available for another 10 days or so but totals covering the situation as of March 25 show that in nine of the larger Canadian cities stocks were down 1,300,000 pounds from the preceding week. The stocks were 5,337,631, almost \$11,000 less than during 1946.

The annual report of the Board tabled in the Legislature today, showed that \$2,545,428 of the sales total went to the Federal Treasury in taxes, excise duty and sales tax.

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IF YOU DON'T WANT THE THING AROUND MAKE IT A BRIDGE PRIZE

TORONTO, April 1 — Minimum and maximum temperatures today: Vancouver 36, 48; Calgary 18, 24; Regina 13, 23; Winnipeg 2, 11; Toronto 47, 60; Ottawa 44, 64; Montreal 53, 64; Quebec 32, 54; Saint John 37, 49; Moncton 34, 49; Halifax 33, 42; Charlottetown 34, 46; Sydney 58, —; Yarmouth 40, 51.

HALIFAX, April 1 — (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Friday.

Synopsis: The weather was mild throughout the Maritimes Thursday. Temperatures rose to the 50s during the afternoon in many sections of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and to the mid 40s in Prince Edward Island. It is expected to continue mild during the night and most of Friday. A storm centre, moving northeastward across Quebec was causing rain in New England and New Brunswick. This rain should spread across Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia Friday. After the storm has passed the district cooler all from the west will flow into the Maritimes, causing clearing weather Friday.

Regional forecasts: — Prince Edward Island: Overcast with showers during the night. Very mild. Southerly winds 20. Low early Friday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 38 and 48.

High tide this morning at 3:32 and this afternoon at 3:43. Sun sets this evening at 6:28 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:38. New moon April 9th, 9:16 A. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BLOSSOM CANADA FLOUR

The flour that blooms in the oven