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## 30 MILLION DOLLAR HEALTH PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

### Jewish Sources Report Planes Bomb Tel Aviv Federal Grants To All Provinces

#### Jews Proclaim New State As British Quit The Holy Land

##### Coming Events

- Emerald Hall, May 17, 3-act comedy by Alberton players.
- Dance in Emerald Hall, Wednesday, May 19th. Girls Soft-ball team.
- Phiat Club Rummage Sale, Trinity Church Hall, Saturday, 3.30 P. M.
- Three Act Comedy, St. Theresa's Hall, Monday, May 17th. Dance after.
- Unloading today car load cement. Large stock of paint on hand.—R. L. Dickleson.
- We have a full stock Pioneer Feeds. Another car unloading today. R. L. Dickleson.
- Seeds. Open evenings, Mondays and Thursdays only. Closed Sunday. Arthur Vessey.
- Don't miss Tracade play in Morrell Hall, Monday, May 17th. Curtain 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Morrell C. W. L.
- Dance in Crapaud Hall Tuesday, May 25th. Don Messer's Orchestra. Dancing from 9 to 1 a. m. Auspices W. I.
- Order Eastern Star, Rummage Sale, Saturday, 3 P. M. Ives' Show Room, Great George Street.
- Unloading car of Mixed Feeds at Hazelbrook Station Friday, Saturday this week. Hazelbrook Dairying Co.
- The Tryon-Crapaud Y. P. J. will present two one-act plays in Tryon Hall, May 18th, and in Crapaud Hall, May 20th. Also specialities.
- See Springvale Players present "Tempest and Sunshine" in Wheatley River Hall, May 18th. Under auspices Oyster Bed Bridge W. I.
- Farmers Notice.—Commencing May 11th, we will only be doing Custom Grinding once a week on Tuesdays. P. L. Morris, Feed Service, Kinkora.
- Breadalbane Y. P. U. three-act play "Here Comes Charlie" Kingston Monday, May 17, French River Hall, Tuesday, May 18 curtain 8:15 p. m.
- North River Y. P. U. Variety Concert and Basket Social, North River Hall, Tuesday, May 18th, at 8.30. Ladies with baskets free. Proceeds in aid of Church and Hall.
- A meeting of all in-students and graduates of the University of Toronto will be held at the Charlottetown Hotel on Tuesday evening, May 18th, at 8:00 o'clock.
- Brick, Asphalt Shingles, Roofing, Asphalt Felt, Asphalt and Dry Sheathing, Insul Brick Siding and Rolled Brick Siding, let us quote you prices. Clark Bros, Montague, Mt. Stewart or St. Peter's Bay.
- We can offer whole oats, crimped oats and ground oats along with whole barley or barley meal at very favorable prices in assorted cars of thirty tons or more. Delivered prices. The Atlas Grain Company, Board of Trade Building, Montreal.
- Beginning May 17th until further notice our stores will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings; closing Monday evening, Wednesday afternoon and evening, and Friday evening. Signed, Parker Carnfield, Clayton Crosby, Sheldon Dixon, E. Wood, Crapaud.
- Buying Pigs, all sizes. Boars and Stags as well. Monday at Fredericton. Buying young pigs Tuesday, 9 A. M. at Brookfield, 10 A. M. Milton, 1 P. M. York, 2 P. M. Bedford, 3 P. M. Mt. Stewart, 4 P. M. Waterville, 5 P. M. Vernon River, 5.30 P. M. Pownal. Wednesday, 9 A. M. New Glasgow, 10 A. M. Wheatley River, 11 A. M. Holmes Corner, 1 P. M. New Haven, 2 Bonshaw, 3. Kelly's Cross, 4. Emerald, 5. Clifton, 6.30. Kennington. Paying \$21.00 a pair for good pigs over 30 pounds each. Will also buy smaller ones. Also number of good heavy hammers and calves are wanted. Knud Jorgensen.

By James M. Long  
TEL AVIV, May 14 (AP)—The Jews tonight proclaimed the independence of the new Zionist state of Israel, a country with barbed wire frontiers and surrounded by threatening Arab armies.

Air raid precautions were ordered in Tel Aviv, principal city of the new state, as the 2,000-year-old dream of Jewish forefathers was realized. Tension mounted as midnight (6 p.m. AST), the hour of fulfillment, neared. At that moment the new state's birth coincided with the official end of Britain's hectic 31-year rule of Palestine. Even before that deadline the symbol of British authority, Gen. Sir Alan Gordon Cunningham, the high commissioner, left the soil of the Holy Land to the sombre melodies of bagpipes. At Haifa, he boarded the British cruiser Euryalus which was ready to steam away at midnight. The Jewish declaration of independence was issued here at 4:08 p.m. The painstakingly simple ceremony lasted only an hour. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion read the proclamation which was signed by members of the provisional council of government. The Arab League countries planned to set up an administration—not a state—of their own in Palestine to function with occupying Arab forces if and when Palestine is invaded. The birth of the nation found the Jewish army locked in a bitter

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#### 15-Year Sentence For Wolfville Man

KENTVILLE, N. S., May 14 (CP)—Hugh Bishop Godfrey, 30, charged with slaying of his neighbor last October, was sentenced to 15 years in Dorchester Penitentiary today after Supreme Court jury found him guilty of manslaughter. The 30-year-old painter of near-by Wolfville had been charged with murder but he was found innocent of this charge by the jury. Mr. Justice J. H. MacQuarrie pronounced the sentence. Counsel had pleaded that Godfrey suffered from alcoholic insanity when the shooting occurred and had called psychiatrists to support the statement.

#### Rich British Peer Is Killed In Plane Crash

(Canadian Press)  
At least 15 persons, including Kathleen, Marchioness of Harrington, and Earl Fitzwilliam, one of Britain's richest peers, were disclosed Friday to have died in airplane crashes on three continents. The fate of 35 others was uncertain. Searchers Friday discovered the wreckage of three missing planes—a small plane in which Lady Harrington, daughter of millionaire Joseph Kennedy, former United States Ambassador to Britain, and Lord Fitzwilliam died in Southern France; a Belgian Sabena airliner in the Belgian Congo carrying 31 passengers and crew members, and American B-29 Superfortress which crashed in the Saudi Arabian desert with 14 U. S. airmen and passengers aboard. Two crew members were killed on the plane chartered by Lord Fitzwilliam for a vacation trip to the French Riviera. The bodies of all four were taken Friday night to an improvised funeral parlor in the town hall of Privas, village in Southern France, after being carried by oxcart from the scene of the crash, 11 miles away. Lady Harrington's body is to be taken to Paris where her father received condolences from Princess Elizabeth, who is on a four-day Paris visit with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh. The town hall's main room was turned into a mortuary chapel and local police stood as a guard of honor. Lady Harrington and her companions were flying in a two-engine DeHavilland Dove transport when they crashed at the base of a 1,800-foot Le Coran Mountain, 25 miles southeast of Valence, during a thunderstorm. The plane was reported to have been struck by lightning. One wing and an engine was ripped from the fuselage.

#### Junior Farmers Organize At Elmira

Mr. John A. Cheverie, East Point, was elected president of the Elmira Branch of the Junior Farmers Federation at an enthusiastic meeting held in the Women's Institute Hall at Elmira last evening. Other officers elected were: Vice President, Mr. Gordon Robertson, Kingsborough; Secretary, Miss Jean Baker, Lakeville; Directors, Mr. Alvin MacDonald, South Lake and Miss Marion MacDonald, East Point. The meeting, which was presided over by Mr. Robert Baker, was largely attended by representatives from Elmira, East Point, North Lake, South Lake, Kingsborough and Lakeville. Mr. L. P. McIsaac, farm extension branch, Provincial Department of Agriculture, who has been playing such a big part in the organizing of various Junior Farmers groups throughout the Province was also present at the meeting. Mr. McIsaac spoke to the meeting on various phases of the Junior Farmers Federation, and outlined the activities being carried out by other groups in the Province. He gave them many helpful hints concerning the development of their organization and the carrying out of their community life programs. During the meeting, much discussion took place and enthusiasm shown regarding the setting up of a community sports centre. A further meeting was planned to be held next week.

#### Plan Renewed Army Recruiting Effort

OTTAWA, May 14 (CP)—Plans for a renewed effort in the army's current recruiting program were discussed today as recruiting officers of various commands concluded a two-day meeting at army headquarters. Maj.-Gen. E. G. Weeks, the adjutant-general, opened the conference which included Maj. W. Alan Duckett, Montreal; and Maj. M. F. McLachlan, Halifax.

#### President Of Wilsil Ltd. Dies At 56

MONTREAL, May 14 (CP)—George A. Wright, 56, president of Wilsil, Ltd., since 1945, died today after a long illness. Before becoming president of the Wilsil firm he was for 12 years vice-president of Thrift-Stop and Shop Stores.

#### Mother Of Halifax's Mayor Ahern Dies

HALIFAX, May 14 (CP)—Mrs. Anna M. Ahern, mother of Mayor J. E. Ahern of Halifax, died at her Göttingen Street home today after a lengthy illness. She was 77. She was the widow of John P. Ahern, who died 35 years ago.

#### Widespread Interest In "Abegweit" Overhaul

OTTAWA, May 14 (Special)—Brought to Montreal by Captain Murdoch and his regular crew the Prince Edward Island car ferry "Abegweit" was towed into drydock at the Canadian Vickers Shipyards for the complete overhaul required for new shipping after a year's service. The ferry behaved perfectly on the 1,000-mile trip up the Gulf and in the narrower reaches of the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and Quebec, Transport Department officials reported here today. One of the first tasks of Vickers' shipwrights will be stem to stern inspection of the great ferry's welded hull to determine if it successfully withstood the battering of the ice this year in Northumberland Strait. The inspection job will also include minute examination of propellers and propeller casings, of rudder and steering gear and of the complicated system of electric wiring in all parts of the vessel. "From the vessel's behaviour on the trip from Borden to Montreal, we believe the Abegweit is in as good shape as the day she sailed down the river from Sorel," a senior Transport Department official told The Guardian today. "As far as outward appearances go there's not the slightest thing wrong with her. The inspection at Canadian Vickers simply complies with the statutory provision that all new shipping must have a thorough over-hauling after a year of service. Report Awaited

#### 90th Birthday Finds Veteran P.E.I. Doctor Still Going Strong

Establishing what is probably a record in Canada and perhaps on the North American continent, Dr. E. J. MacDonald, of St. Peter's, today celebrates his ninetieth birthday and his sixtieth as an active practising physician. All through the late war, when doctors were at a premium throughout the country, Dr. MacDonald carried on, shouldering burdens which many younger men could not have borne; and today he is still hale and hearty, attending daily to his patients as he has done during all the years of the last six decades. He drives his own car, too. A few days ago Dr. MacDonald came to Charlottetown to attend a dinner given to his younger colleague, Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, and his host of friends here were pleased to see how well and vigorous he looked. Born at Mount Stewart, Dr. MacDonald graduated from Trinity Medical College, Toronto, sixty years ago last April, and established his first practice at St. Peter's. (Continued on page 5 Col. 2)

#### Truman Asks Long-range Farm Program

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—President Truman today proposed that future farm surpluses in the United States be fed to the poor to assure farmers prosperity and improve the national health. He asked Congress to develop a "stand-by" program for diverting farm surpluses to low income groups in both city and rural areas instead of permitting them to go to waste. Farm officials expect surpluses to develop as soon as abnormal foreign demands ease. Truman's suggestion was made in a message to Congress urging a long range farm program to take the place of existing measures, some of which expire Dec. 31. He said the agricultural policy of the United States should be one of "organized, sustained and realistic abundance."

#### 7-Year-old Boy Killed By Tractor

CHATHAM, N.B., May 14 (CP)—William A. Cody, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Cody, was killed today when a nine-ton tractor plowed over his body. The child, who was believed to have climbed on the rear of the vehicle while the driver was not looking, fell beneath the tractor when it went into reverse. No inquiry will be held.

#### Missing Seal Hunters Are Reported Safe

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 14 (CP)—Six seal hunters missing since they put out from the mainland at Port au Choix, Nfld., Wednesday were located by a United States army plane today. A brief message from the aircraft said the men were apparently all right and had dories. Port au Choix is on the northeast coast of Newfoundland near the entrance to the Strait of Belle Isle.

#### Egyptian Forces Cross Border Into Palestine

NEW YORK, May 14 (CP)—A Jewish broadcast from Tel Aviv, carried in the United States by ABC, said tonight "Tel Aviv is being bombed by hostile planes as I am speaking." NBC said the broadcast featured an address by David Ben-Gurion, premier of the newly-proclaimed state of Israel. It quoted him as saying: "Tel Aviv is being bombed by hostile planes at this moment." Technicians said the first two minutes of the broadcast did not come through. They said that might have been due to bombing. Ben-Gurion said in his talk, NBC reported, that he pledged full co-operation with the Arabs in working for the progress and peace of the world and pleaded for help from "decent people around the world."

#### Invasion Reported

CAIRO, May 14 (AP)—The newspaper Al Assas, the organ of Premier Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha's party, said tonight two columns of regular Egyptian troops had crossed the border into Palestine. The Premier said the invasion had been ordered to "restore security and order" in the Holy Land and end "the massacres perpetrated by terrorist Zionist gangs." The announcement was made shortly after the Cairo newspaper, Al Assas, said two columns of regular Egyptian troops had crossed the border into Palestine. A correspondent of Al Assas with the Egyptian army said regular Egyptian troops crossed into Palestine at dawn today, nearly 24 hours before the end of the (Continued on page 5 Col. 4)

#### Founder Of Famous Boys Town Dies

BERLIN, May 15 (Saturday)—(AP)—Rev. E. J. Flanagan, founder of Boys Town in Nebraska, died early today, a spokesman for the army hospital here said. The Nebraska priest, who would have been 62 years old on July 13, was taken suddenly ill here last night. Father Flanagan had been on an inspection tour of German youth facilities at the invitation of the U. S. Army. He had made a similar tour in Japan last year. Boys Town, on the outskirts of Omaha, was founded by Father Flanagan in 1917. Since then he had obtained international recognition with spread of his credo: "There is no such thing as a bad boy."

#### Senate Plans Study Of Margarine Question

OTTAWA, May 14 (CP)—The Government will launch a senate committee investigation into "all questions of margarine" at the beginning of the next session of Parliament. This was announced today in the Upper House by Government leader Wishart Robertson. His statement was the latest development in the margarine controversy which has arisen in the Senate during each of the last three years. Each time a bill to legalize margarine in Canada, introduced by Senator W. D. Euler (L.-Ontario), has been defeated. "Careful consideration should be given to the proposal of establishing a margarine industry in Canada and its utilization of domestically-produced edible oils," Senator Robertson said. "Whether or not a future margarine industry and domestic production of edible oils can be undertaken in normal times without tariff protection against foreign competition should be carefully considered, along with its possible effect on the price at which margarine is made available to the consumer." The Senate adjourned tonight until the evening of June 1, after Chief Justice Thibault's Rinfret, deputizing for the Governor-General, gave royal assent to 21 bills which have passed both Houses of Parliament. Thirteen other bills had already received royal assent this session. Before the Chief Justice arrived, the Senate passed the bill increasing war pensions by an over-all 25 per cent. It gave second and third readings to an amendment to the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, designed to protect an official's pension rights, and passed an interim supply measure for \$107,550,120, covering Government expenditure during the next month. It then adjourned to await the Chief Justice's arrival. Senator Robertson made his statement on margarine soon after the Senate met this afternoon.

#### Federal Grants To All Provinces

By GEORGE KITCHEN  
OTTAWA, May 14 (CP)—A permanent \$30,000,000-a-year program of Federal grants to help the Provinces expand their public health services was announced in the Commons today by Prime Minister Mackenzie King. He detailed the plan in a 3,000-word statement and said Parliament will be asked to vote the money at its present session, presumably within the next month before prorogation.

#### Employment Trend In P.E.I.

Employment, conditions were on the upward trend throughout the Province during the past week, and it is the opinion of the National Employment officials in Charlottetown, that very few able-bodied and willing men will be unemployed by June 1st. As employment goes up the number of those drawing unemployment insurance benefits goes down and from a peak of almost one thousand (1000) claims in mid-February, the number of claims has now dropped to about four hundred and fifty (450). These are well scattered over King's and (Continued on page 5 Col. 7)

#### Health Minister Martin said at a press conference after the announcement that "no strings" are attached to the grants. They would go to all Provinces, regardless whether they were co-operating with the Dominion in other fields. The only condition was that proposed by Mr. King—that they must not lower their present expenditures on health.

Mr. King described the grants as the "first stages" in the development of a comprehensive health insurance plan for Canada. If a health insurance scheme were launched now, he added, it would fall because of the country's "tremendous" shortage of hospital beds. The money will be spent by the Provinces in the vital fields of health survey, cancer, tuberculosis and venereal disease control, treatment of crippled children, research, mental health care and hospital construction. The only condition attached to the grants is that the Provinces maintain "at least" their present expenditures on health services. Generally, the grants will be made on a per capita basis. The specific grants, which go to all the Provinces, are:

- 1. Outright grants for the construction of additional hospital accommodation, on the basis of \$1,000 a bed for active-treatment beds and \$1,500 a (Continued on page 9, Col. 4)

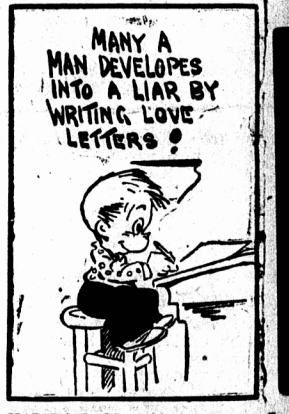
#### Serious Situation For North Shore Lobster Fishermen This Season

While in some sections lobster catches are reported as very satisfactory during the past week, fishermen operating between Rustico and North Cape are up against a hard season owing to the depletion of large size lobsters. Mr. Herbert Fraser, veteran Alberton lobster fisherman with more than forty years' experience, explained the situation to a Guardian representative yesterday. Mr. Fraser said that the practice along the North Shore thirty years ago was to run lines holding from 100 to 150 traps each. With the traps spaced from 30 to 50 feet apart, one line would stretch along the bottom for a distance ranging from one half-mile to a mile or more. The result was that the lobsters taken were of various sizes so that no serious inroads were made on the quantity caught of lobsters of a certain size. But as time went on, Mr. Fraser said, and as the fishermen became as well acquainted with their fishing grounds as they were with (Continued on page 5 Col. 3)

#### Regional forecasts:— Prince Edward Island: Rain until early Saturday morning. Overcast with occasional showers until late afternoon then clearing. Little change in temperature. East winds, 20 becoming north early Saturday morning. Low early Saturday and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 38 and 50. Outlook for Sunday—Clear and warmer. High tide this morning at 3.50 and this afternoon at 2.49. Sun sets this evening at 7.22 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.31. First quarter moon May 15th, 8.55 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

#### CAR FERRY "ABEGWEIT" Daily Except Sunday Standard Time Leaves Borden, 9:10 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m. Leaves Tormentine, 10:35 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 7:30 a.m. SUNDAY Leaves Borden 6:45 p.m. Leaves Tormentine 8:00 p.m.

#### WOOD ISLANDS—CARIBOU daily including Sunday Standard Time Leaves Wood Islands, Prince Nova 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Charles A. Dunning, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Leaves Caribou, Charles A. Dunning 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. Prince Nova 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.



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