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NEW SPY TRIALS OF CHURCHMEN PREDICTED

Tax-Opposing Ontario Jeweller And Wife End Lives In Suicide Pact

Parliament At-A-Glance

(Canadian Press)
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John Probe (CCF-Regina City) posed a federally-financed plan for providing Canadians with training in skills, arts and hobbies of a recreational nature.
Defence Minister Claxton said an incident aboard the destroyer Athabaskan was minor.
More than a half-dozen members participated in the Throne-Speech debate Tuesday.
The Commons will continue the Throne-Speech debate. The Senate will sit.

U. S. Newsmen Gives Views on Moscow Shakeup

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
Russia's week-end shake-up in her Foreign Ministry now begins to take on more of the aspects of a normal reorganizational development, precluding little or no sensational change in foreign policy or in her attitude toward the cold war.
At the first bare announcement that Molotov and Mikoyan had been "relieved" of their duties as foreign minister and minister of foreign trade, some observers believed they were being punished for Russian policy failures in Western Europe.
But, as reports from the Moscow embassies of the Western Powers began to come in, opinion changed. The idea now is that Molotov and Mikoyan, like other members of the Politburo before them, have merely shifted some of their administrative burdens to devote full time to their work at the policy-making level.
As vice-premiers, under the normal Politburo setup, they already were presumably in charge of all matters in their fields, which may possibly overlap at points with Molotov's previous responsibilities. Presumably they remain so.
Other Politburo members, some of them also vice-premiers, already had left departmental administration in the hands of their subordinates long ago. Notable in this connection was L. P. Beria's resignation from the N.K.V.D. in 1948 when he moved into the Politburo, where he is now supposed to be supervising two separate ministries created out of his old job—interior and state security.
Something like that could be happening now to both Molotov and Mikoyan.
Russia has just launched — through the Ministry of Trade — an economic council for mutual aid.

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Service To Resume

TRENTON, N.S., March 7 (CP) — A 10-day interruption of air service from this Northern Nova Scotia town due to storm conditions will end tomorrow when Maritime Central Airways resumes regular passenger and express flights from Charlottetown.
Snow has blocked the airport here since last week's crippling storms. The heaviest of the winter melting snow during the week-end caused some damage to unpaved streets in Trenton, but little flooding was reported.

Coming Events

- **Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- **Meeting of the Hope River Credit Union, Tuesday, March 8th, 8 o'clock.
- **Jimmy Power's variety concert, Mt. Albion Hall, Thursday night, March 10, starting at 8:30. Sale of lunches.
- **See Pat O'Brien and John Garfield in "Flowing Gold", playing at McDonald Bros. Theatre Tuesday, plus "Superman Serial." Don't miss a single chapter of this exciting serial.

Answers Question On Potato Floor

OTTAWA, March 7 (CP) — All the Eastern Provinces, directly or indirectly, get the benefits of the floor prices laid down for Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick potatoes, the government contended today in a Commons return tabled for George Nowlan (PC-Digby-Annapolis-Kings).
Mr. Nowlan asked what steps the government had taken to extend the floor to N.S. He was told by Robert McCubbinn, parliamentary aide to Agriculture Minister Gardiner, that an order-in-council made P.E.I. and most N.B. potatoes eligible for sale to the government at \$1.15 per 100 pounds in the bin.
"Since nearly all of the surplus potatoes grown in the Eastern Provinces are in the defined area," he said, "the effect is to enable growers in other areas to sell their potatoes on the market at the equivalent of the support price."

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At present, said Mr. Winters, 97 per cent of Maritime workers have jobs, and business men are spending \$30,000,000 a year on new manufacturing facilities.
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New Long-Distance Training Flight To Leave S' Side Saturday

History will be made again this coming Saturday when the first R. C. A. F. trans-oceanic training flight will be made from the R. C. A. F. station, Summerside, to England by way of Gander, Newfoundland. The flight will consist of the new well known Lancaster aircraft, Zenith and Polaris, which recently completed a non-stop flight from Sacramento, California, to Summerside, P.E.I. Aboard will be the nine members of the special navigation course now in training in Summerside, members of the crews and instructors. The flight will be under the command of Squadron Leader W. L. Gillespie of Toronto, who is the chief instructor at the station.
Leaving Summerside Saturday at 10 a.m. the planes will call at Gander where the crews will be briefed on their trans-Atlantic flight. They are scheduled to arrive at the Empire Air Navigation School at Shawbury, England, at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Among those who will greet them on arrival will be Squadron Leader Walt Davy, who was stationed at Summerside for over two years just following the end of the war and for a time was commanding officer here.
Airmen from all the Dominion go to the Empire Air Navigation School at Shawbury to train and there is active liaison between it and the air navigation school Summerside. About a year ago the Shawbury school presented the Summerside station with a sterling silver cup to commemorate the relationship between the two stations.
They will stay at Shawbury until Wednesday during which time they will hear lectures by the staff of the school as well as addresses from civilian research personnel. They will also examine some of the equipment of the R. A. F. On Wednesday night they will leave for London and on Thursday will visit two instrument manufacturing plants, Henry Hughes and Sons and the Sperry Gyroscopic Co. Ltd. On the 19th they will go

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100 Fishermen Have Close Call on Ice

MENOMINEE, Mich., March 7 (AP)—Two big bays of the upper Great Lakes shed their ice sheets today and gave nearly 100 fishermen trapped on ice floes the ride of their lives.
Between 50 and 60 men were marooned off Menominee when a 44-mile offshore wind split Green Bay's ice off the mainland for several miles north.
As Coast Guard planes and boats and hundreds of volunteers rallied to help in rescue attempts, the vast ice cake, 20 miles long and eight wide, was driven toward Death's Door—gateway to Lake Michigan off the Door Peninsula.
As alarm sounded the floe ground to a temporary halt in a bank of crushed ice and all hands dashed ashore safely. They saved several vehicles but abandoned a truck and lost a car and 75 expensive nets.
Thirty-five men were rescued in a series of smaller operations meanwhile on the other side of Michigan's upper peninsula, where the southwest wind pounded at Keeweenaw Bay.

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People to Blame For Situation In North

MONTREAL, March 7 (CP)—Blame for the non-development of the tremendous potentialities of Canada's northland was placed on the shoulders of Canadian citizens today by Lt.-Col. P. D. Baird, director of the Arctic Institute of North America in Montreal. Col. Baird in a speech before the Canadian Club said "It is easy to blame the administration of the north country for the lack of development. But a government only carries out what the people who elect it demand. The administration has done what a limited budget and a popular lack of interest permitted."

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Communist Activities In Canada Being Watched

OTTAWA, March 7 (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent today told the Commons that Communist activities were "under constant surveillance" and that statements by Tim Buck, Labor-Progressive leader, would be checked by Justice Department agents.
The Prime Minister, answering a question by George Drew on what the Progressive Conservative leader described as "a worldwide pattern of treachery" disclosed by recent Communist statements, also said the Justice Department was studying a bill designed to curb the party's activities in Canada.
Mr. Drew said he had sent a letter to the Prime Minister in which he said that a recent series of statements by Communist leaders abroad "gives a new meaning and an entirely different significance to a similar statement made by the leader of the Canadian Communist Party, Tim Buck, some time ago."
The Prime Minister said he was not aware of any recent statements by Mr. Buck and asked for a reference to them so that they could be checked to see if they constituted any "overt act" which might fall within existing criminal laws.
Mr. Drew told the House the statement he referred to was reported to have been made by Mr. Buck in Vancouver Nov. 12, 1948.
He said Mr. Buck had been reported as saying "he would not defend Canada in event of war with

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Resignation of Chinese Cabinet

NANKING, March 8 (Tuesday)—(AP)—China's Premier Sun Fo announced today the resignation of his nationalist cabinet.
The Premier told some 200 members of the Legislative Yuan that acting president Li Yuan-jen had accepted the resignation. The Yuan had convened to hear Sun's administrative report.
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Warmer Weather In Sight For Europe

LONDON, March 7 (CP)—The cold spell which gripped Europe during the week-end was moderating tonight. In the United Kingdom the Air Ministry predicted continued overcast skies with "occasional sleet or snow." The cold was easing in Switzerland where during the week-end the mercury hit 14 below zero; the lowest recorded in 60 years for March. France also reported moderating temperatures.

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Communist Paper Calls Pastors Squealing Rats

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
SOFIA, March 7 (AP)—A government spokesman predicted today new spy trials of Protestant churchmen.
He did so as 15 pastor defendants were called "squealing little rats" by a Communist publication on the eve of their appearance to hear the court's judgment.
The state has demanded that four of the 15 be hanged, that the other 11 receive heavy sentences up to life imprisonment on charges ranging from treason and spying for the United States and Britain to black market money transactions.
The trial ended Saturday and the three-man Sofia district court is to hand down its decision and sentences at 3 P.M. tomorrow (9 A.M. EST).
All have entered confessions of guilt obtained while they were in jail and have begged for mercy.
40 Pastors In Jail
Western officials here have estimated that about 40 Protestant pastors already are in jail. Altogether there are 138 Congregational, Methodist, Baptist and Pentecostal pastors in the country.
The government spokesman, Vladimir Topencharov, deputy foreign minister, recalled that in part of the 15 names came out which were not mentioned in the original indictment. He said some of these would be brought to trial.
(Hector McNeil, British minister of state, told the House of Commons today there was "strong evidence" the trial was "part of a propaganda campaign rather than a judicial process."
McNeil, in answer to questions of a Conservative member, said "it may be true" but the government has no proof that the defendants were starved or drugged.)
The English-language "Free Bulgaria," a government press department publication, angrily denied today that the trial was part of a Communist campaign of religious persecution. It called such charges "crocodile tears, tripe and mad ragings."
"Now," the publication said, "the little rats (the defendant pastors) are squealing, begging for mercy. In a frantic effort to avoid the hangman's noose they spill the beans."
Free Bulgaria alleged that the World Council of Churches at Geneva directed the pastors in their alleged espionage.

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News In Brief

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