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CEASE-FIRE EXPECTED SOON IN CHINA'S CIVIL WAR

ADVOCATES BILLION-DOLLAR WORKS PROGRAM

Drew Says Party Ready For Federal General Election At Any Time

Truro Group Wins N. S. Drama Honors

HALIFAX, Jan. 24 (CP)—First stakes were driven here tonight for the raising of Canada's drama tent—the first session of the regional festival leading to the Dominion drama festival in Toronto in April.

A little group, Literary Players Guild of Truro, N. S., marched off with top honors with their human and realistic presentation of John Kirpatrick's "Married at Sunrise."

Three groups competed in the Nova Scotia sub-regional festival and while the Maritime Provinces are drawn up as one section by Dominion festival officials, other drama groups will be heard from this week in Charlottetown and Saint John, N. B.

"Married at Sunrise," directed by Miss Annie Feetham, was termed by adjudicator Robert Speaight of London as the "only play presented tonight favorable for the festival."

Liberal Party Meeting Opens

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (CP)—The inner council of the Liberal Party met today to polish and pattern party policy and lay the groundwork for the coming general election battles.

With an election in the offing, possibly before the end of this year, 180 delegates from the nine Provinces opened the annual three-day meeting of the National Liberal Federation's advisory council. There were 20 delegates from each Province.

It was considered a certainty that party organization would be high on the agenda. Party stalwarts, including Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, have sharply criticized organizational arrangements and the danger of defeat at the polls.

Coming Events

- *Rummage Sale, Salvation Army, Friday, February 4th.
- *Cornwall Rink tonight Spring Park vs. Cornwall. Skate after.
- *Dance at Blue Haven tonight. Admission 40 cents.
- *Queens County L. O. L. meets at Brookfield, February 1st, at 2:00 P. M.
- *Social and Weighing Party in Kingshall Hall, January 26th. If not one, 27th. Aid of W. I.
- *Hockey New Glasgow rink tonight, Hunter River Midgets vs. New Glasgow Midgets. Game starts 8 o'clock. Skate after.
- *Dance, Bonshaw Hall, Thurs. day, January 27th. Sale of lunches. Sponsored by Women's Institute. McNeill's Orchestra.
- *Hockey game North Rustico Rink, Tuesday, January 25th. Hunter River and North Rustico. Game starts 8 o'clock. Skate after.
- *See a nice Western feature in Cinecolour at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight. "Adventures of Don Coyote" plus Jessie James.
- *Don't miss the league game, Hunter River Rink, Tuesday, Jan. 25, South Rustico vs. Charlottetown Bombers. Skate after. Good music.
- *Dance and Card Party, Kelly's Cross Hall, Wednesday evening, January 26th. Lunch served. Prizes each night. Two grand prizes at close of season.
- *The Annual Meeting of Wilshire Dairy Co. will be held in Wilshire Hall, Monday, February 14th, at 2 P. M. Nelson Hatherley, Secretary.
- *Urgent—All shareholders are requested to attend a special meeting concerning Cold Storage, in New Glasgow Hall, Tuesday night, January 25th. New Glasgow Dairy Co., per Helen Kelly, secretary.

Deputy Prime Minister



NORMAN A. ROBERTSON
Prime Minister St. Laurent is bringing one of Canada's three top diplomats back to Ottawa to become his Deputy Prime Minister in one of the widest reshuffles of senior posts made for many a day.

Norman A. Robertson, Canadian high commissioner to London, and formerly undersecretary of state for External Affairs returns to Ottawa to become clerk of the Privy Council and secretary to the Cabinet. Mr. St. Laurent described the post as that of Deputy Prime Minister.

Search For Weapon In Saint John Murder Case

U. S. Fishing Vessel Seized By Canadian Cutter Off Digby, N.S.

DIGBY, N.S., Jan. 24 (CP)—The United States dragger Arago out of Portland, Me., was placed under 24-hour guard today after being captured by the Canadian patrol boat Cygnus.

Officials said the Arago was dragging illegally within the three-mile limit off the Digby Neck shore when captured near this Bay of Fundy port. Part of a fish catch was aboard the vessel.

Sees Winnipeg Facing Possibility Of Floods

WINNIPEG, Jan. 24 (CP)—City Engineer W. D. Hurst said today that Winnipeg faces the possibility of severe floods this spring because of the heavy snowfall this winter. Mr. Hurst said that if there is a late spring and the snow melts slowly, there should be little danger. But if warm weather hits suddenly, the city is in for serious trouble.

Locomotive Engineers Threaten Strike In U. S.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (AP)—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers announced 25,000 engineers would strike against 15 railroads in Western United States a week from today. The dispute involves the Brotherhood's demands for a second engineer on diesel locomotives.

Israel Wins Victory In Battle For Recognition

LONDON, Jan. 24 (AP)—Israel tonight won a major victory in her battle for world recognition as a new state.

The log-jam of diplomatic opposition began to crumble when France recognized the young Jewish state and the British cabinet decided to take similar action within the next few days. Australia and New Zealand are expected to go along with Britain.

There were indications in Rome that Italian recognition also was under discussion.

Predictions were made that Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg soon would get on the bandwagon. Those three countries co-ordinate their foreign policies with Britain and France.

Soon the Arab states may find themselves alone in their opposition to Israel, it was said.

The sudden flood of expected recognitions would remove most obstacles from Israel's application for membership in the United Nations. Britain heretofore has advocated delay in admitting the Jewish state.

N. B. Man Sentenced To Hang For Murder April 6

Sees Russia With On Policy At Home, Another Abroad

FREDERICTON, Jan. 24 (CP)—A jury in the York County circuit court tonight convicted Philip Nash, 24, of murdering Gerald Gaudet, 17. The verdict included a recommendation for mercy.

Mr. Justice G. F. G. Bridges sentenced Nash to be hanged April 6.

The jury deliberated three hours and 25 minutes, returning twice to the courtroom for instruction. Gaudet died of a gunshot wound Nov. 19 following a quarrel at his home. Witnesses said he had knocked down Nash after the latter, appearing intoxicated, had taken hold of the youth's mother.

Nash, according to testimony, then threatened to get a gun and "shoot the whole bunch." He surrendered to police after the shooting, claiming "I broke my arm and stabbed me with a knife."

The trial opened last Tuesday and the Crown completed its case today. No witnesses were called by the defence. Today's proceedings included a visit of the jury to the shooting scene.

General Motors Prices Advance Up To 8 P. C.

OSHAWA, Jan. 24 (AP)—W. A. Wecker, general manager, today announced prices for General Motors 1949 model autos. Chevrolet prices are up an average of 7.6 per cent from 1948, Pontiac eight per cent.

Increases vary with models. Mr. Wecker mentioned that a Chevrolet Styleline special two-door sedan on which the Oshawa-delivered price was \$1,649 last year will be \$1,802 this year, the increase being somewhat above the Chevrolet average. A Pontiac which sold at \$1,865 in 1948 is priced at \$1,985. An Oldsmobile model is up from \$2,055 to \$2,480.

European Workers For Construction Industry

TORONTO, Jan. 24 (CP)—R. G. Johnston of Toronto, general manager of the Canadian Construction Association, said today it is planning to use European workers to offset a labor shortage in the industry.

He mentioned that a British air-lift Dakota plane evacuating children and sick persons from Russian-blockaded Berlin crashed in the Soviet zone of Germany, the R.A.F. said today.

May Be Increase In War Veterans Allowances

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (CP)—A flood of protests against present veterans' allowances may force the Government to come to the aid of the 29,000 persons now receiving them.

Government sources said today the allowances for aged and needy war veterans and widows of veterans, are under active consideration. They probably will be the top veterans' issue before the parliamentary session opening Wednesday.

The Canadian Legion said it intends to hammer anew for higher basic rates, and supporting pressure is expected from other veterans' bodies and from within Parliament.

Meanwhile, Veterans Minister Gregg is believed to be awaiting the report of social welfare officials of his Department who undertook, at his request, a survey of the effects of the cost of living on W.V.A. recipients.

Officials say an estimated 45 to 50 per cent of the more than 23,500 men, 5,000 widows and 80 to 90 orphans who get the allow-

Regina's Transport System Carries On

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Workers found a motley assortment of vehicles on the city's traffic routes — but they worked. Army vehicles, Saskatchewan Government buses and other privately-owned vehicles were recruited to service.

About 75 per cent of normal transportation vehicles were destroyed in the blaze.

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Would Operate If Slump Came In Private Building

By Forbes Rhude
TORONTO, Jan. 24 (CP)—Canadian federal, provincial and municipal governments should get ready to spend \$1,000,000,000 in public works if things slacken off, Reconstruction Minister Winters said tonight in a speech prepared for delivery to the Canadian Construction Association annual meeting.

However, he looked forward to continued high activity in 1949, with 1950 more uncertain.

Fully-planned projects exceeding \$100,000,000 have been assembled, he said, but much remains to be done.

"We would like to have a shelf of at least \$300,000,000 of worthwhile Federal projects. If provinces and municipalities would plan to build a proportionate shelf, this would mean a total of potential public projects of about \$1,000,000,000."

"Not until such a goal is reached, can we really speak of a worthwhile industry. If all governments and industry have the same aim in mind it should not be difficult to get together at an opportune time."

Looks Ahead

Of coming conditions: "Looking to 1949, we see con-

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News In Brief

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TORONTO, Jan. 24 (CP)—Plans for a wage drive in Canada's basic steel industry will be drawn up at a meeting here next week-end of the policy committee of the United Steelworkers of America (C. I. O.).

BERLIN, Jan. 24 (Tuesday)—(AP)—At least seven persons were killed and 16 injured last night when a British air-lift Dakota plane evacuating children and sick persons from Russian-blockaded Berlin crashed in the Soviet zone of Germany, the R.A.F. said today.

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Chiang's Successor



SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (AP)—Gen. Li Tsung-jen's personal envoy from Shanghai said tonight that obstacles to peace talks have been overcome and that a cease-fire will be ordered as soon as negotiations begin.

NANKING, Jan. 25 (Tuesday)—(AP)—Advance patrols of Chinese Communist armies have reached the north bank of the Yangtze, the last barrier before this tense capital.

The city awaited the arrival at the river barrier of the main body of the oncoming Red columns, aware that there is nothing to stop them. Nanking is on the south bank of the big river, just across from Pukow, the rail terminal for points to the north.

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Three-way Fight In Quebec Federal By-election Feb. 7

NICOLET, Que., Jan. 24 (CP)—Liberal, Progressive Conservative and Independent-Liberal candidates were nominated today for the Feb. 7 Federal by-election in the agricultural constituency of Nicolet-Yamaska.

The major-party candidates are lawyers; the other a farmer.

At the nomination deadline, Paul Trahan, Liberal; Renaud Gagnedieu, Progressive Conservative; and Romulus Manseau, Independent Liberal, had filed papers.

Henri Paul Picard, expected to run as an Agronomist candidate, failed to file.

The Nicolet-Yamaska seat in the House of Commons became vacant through the death of Lucien Dubois, Liberal.

In the general elections of 1945 Mr. Trahan ran as an Independent Liberal and gave Mr. Dubois a close fight. Mr. Dubois had a total vote of 7,573 against Mr. Trahan's 6,658.

Much interest has been aroused in the present contest. It is the first test of the Progressive Conservative Party's strength in the Province of Quebec since George Drew became party leader last October.



TORONTO, Jan. 24 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Edmonton 21B 9B; Regina 31B 16B; Winnipeg 15B 5B; Toronto 28 18; Ottawa 7 19; Montreal 8 18; Quebec 6 16; Saint John 3 21; Moncton zero —; Halifax 12 29; Charlottetown zero 20; Sydney 14 24; Yarmouth — 32.

B — Below.

HALIFAX, Jan. 24 (CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Tuesday.

Synopsis:

Monday evening snow was falling over the greater part of the Maritimes. Only in the extreme southwest part of the district there was drizzle. Some ice pellets were reported and there is occasional freezing rain but the amount should be quite small.

Very mild air covers the Eastern States and cold air covers Ontario and Quebec. Between these two air masses there is a complicated set of disturbances giving variable weather over the Maritimes. It seems likely that the disturbances will intensify as they move east of the district and bring a strong northerly current of cold air across the Maritimes. This will give snowflurries and colder weather Tuesday evening.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Overcast with snow during the night and morning. Cloudy with snowflurries Tuesday afternoon and evening. Mild during the night becoming colder Tuesday evening. Light winds increasing Tuesday morning to north 20. Low and high Tuesday at Charlottetown 15 and 25.

High tide this morning at 8:29 and tonight at 7:12.

Sun rises this morning at 7:26 and sets at 4:57.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

WEEK DAYS

Leaves Borden 9:10 A. M. and arrives at Cape Tormentine at 10:15 A. M.

Leaves Cape Tormentine 2:40 P. M. and arrives at Borden 3:35 P. M.

No Sunday schedule in effect.

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