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### NORWAY VOTES TO JOIN NORTH ATLANTIC PACT

#### Death Toll Reaches Eight As Halifax Has Worst Fire In 10 Years

By Rae Corlett  
HALIFAX, March 3 (CP)—Oil-fed flames raced through a double tenement here today, claiming eight lives in Halifax's worst fire in 10 years.

#### Parliament At-A-Glance

(By The Canadian Press)  
Speaker Gaspard Fautoux threatened to eject the next member who repeated a "certain expression."  
Transport Minister Chevrier said the future of Canada's merchant marine is uncertain.  
Allan Cockburn (PC-York South) said exchange controls and the "artificial value of our dollar" have halted the flow of capital to Canada.  
Angus MacInnis (COP-Vancouver East) said 50,000 persons were unemployed in British Columbia.  
Revenue Minister McCann said the Government's policy on television will be announced in due course.  
Friday:  
The Commons will continue the Throne-Speech debate. The Senate will not sit.

#### Lower Grade Butter Declines In Vancouver

(By The Canadian Press)  
VANCOUVER, March 3—Lower grades of butter sold to new lows in retail stores here today. Dealers reported a drop of six cents a pound on third grade butter, bringing it to 59 cents. The higher grades, now selling at 70 to 72 cents a pound, held steady. Packers said the decline follows a "softening" of prairie markets.

#### Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Films at York Point School, Friday night has been postponed.
- Loading Hogs on car at Vernon, Tuesday afternoon, March 8th Walter Crane.
- Snow-shovelling contest, East Royal rink tonight. Free admission, good prizes.
- See Norbero Play in Freetown Hall in aid of Summerfield Credit Union, Friday, March 4th. Curtain 8 sharp.
- Jimmy Power's variety concert, Mt. Allison Hall, Monday night, March 7, starting at 8:30 Sale of lunches.
- Hockey tonight at Long Creek rink. Cape Cove Roughriders vs. Long Creek Beavers, 8:00 o'clock. Skate after.
- Loading Hogs on car at St. Peters and Souris, Tuesday, March 8th. Bear River, Wednesday until train time. Roodie Pratt.
- Loading Hogs at Murray River for Swift Canadian Co., Limited, all day Monday. Contact Angus Matheson.
- Loading Hogs at Bedford for Swift Canadian Co., Limited, Tuesday morning until train time. Contact Fred Connick.
- Loading Hogs at York for Swift Canadian Co., Limited, Tuesday morning until train time. Contact Irving McDonald.
- Unloading Thursday and Friday, one carload of special priced barley meal, cracked corn, wheat, no. 1 feed oats, both round and crimped. It's a bargain! MacKie & Co., phone 441.
- Buying pigs, all kinds and sizes, boars and sows as well, at Fredericton Saturday morning. Paying \$25.00 pair for good pigs over 25 lbs. each, 22 cents lb. for fat pigs any weight up to 220 lbs. Other kinds according to quality. Will not be buying pigs the following week. Knud Jorgensen.
- We can offer complete and/or assorted consignments of Bran, Shorts and Middlings, all grades of whole and ground grains such as Ground Oats, Barley Meal and Cornmeal ground from equal portions of corn, oats, rye and barley. Tell us what you are interested in buying in grain and feed. The Atlas Grain Company, Board of Trade Building, Montreal, Que.

#### Heavy Drifts Delay Opening of Highways

Some two dozen snow-plows are slugging it out with abnormally high and hard-packed snow-drifts throughout the Island, stated Mr. Clifford Sherren of the Provincial Department of Public Works and Highways last evening.

#### Cardinal McGuigan Leaves For Rome

TORONTO, March 3 (CP)—James Cardinal McGuigan, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto, left last night for New York en route to Rome and the Vatican. Church officials said the trip was routine, required of cardinals every five years. All North American cardinals are scheduled to make the trip this year.

#### Mothers' Allowance Bill Welcomed By Legislature

Princess Edward Island took another forward step in social welfare when the Legislature went into committee yesterday on second reading of "The Mothers' Allowances Act, 1949." The bill, the full title of which reads "an Act to provide for the payment of allowances to certain mothers towards the maintenance of dependent children," was moved into committee by Hon. A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare.

#### Former Resident Here Sentenced To 3 Years In Prison

KINGSTON, Ont., March 3 (CP)—Lloyd Livingstone, 26, today was sentenced to three years in penitentiary after pleading guilty to a charge of assault in connection with the brutal death of Alphonse Bedard, 37-year-old construction worker.

#### Extra Court Sitings For Ch'town & S'side

Two additional regular sittings of the Supreme Court at Charlottetown and Summerside are provided for in a bill which passed second reading of the Legislature yesterday. The sittings are for the hearing of any trials and proceedings which are to be held before a single judge without a jury, and in Charlottetown will commence on the last Tuesday in April and October respectively in each year, and in Summerside on the second Tuesday in the same months.

#### Major Operation Performed On P.E.I. Labour Union Act

Three of the biggest teeth in the Prince Edward Island Trade Union Act for protection against labour strikes were extracted painlessly in the Legislature yesterday. Opposition members, while approving of the operation, strongly criticized the Government for placing them there and moved ineffectively for a further change to cases of dispute.

#### Labor Leaders Are Pleased Province's Labor Act Amended

OTTAWA, Mar. 3 (CP)—Labor leaders were pleased tonight that Prince Edward Island's restrictive labor code has been amended. The Provincial Legislature repealed the section of the code which made it mandatory for P. E. I. unions to be autonomous and the clause which required all union members to be provincial residents.

#### News In Brief

LONDON, March 3 (CP)—The House of Commons approved tonight Britain's biggest, peacetime defence budget after Defence Minister A. V. Alexander said it is needed "so long as Russia maintains her veto on peace and security." The budget for 1949-50 is estimated at £759,850,000 (\$3,039,440,000).

#### Report Soviet Offer of Pact Is Rejected

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP)—Norway has accepted an invitation to join in negotiations for a North Atlantic defence pact, Ambassador Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstjerne announced today.

#### Tables Fishermen's Loan Agreement With Dominion

Money under the Fishermen's Loan Act, 1936, was dispersed by virtue of an agreement between the Province and the Dominion Government and not under regulations provided for in the Act, Hon. F. A. Large, Attorney General, stated in the Legislature yesterday.

#### Man In Coma Remains In Good Health Six Years

BY CLAUDE WOLFF  
CINCINNATI, March 3 (AP)—Patient "X," the man who has been in a coma for more than six years continues in generally good health, his doctor said today.



Addressing the opening session of the International Council of the European Movement in Brussels, Belgium, Winston Churchill denounced the Hitlerian tyranny of communism. He called anew for a United States of Europe to save our western civilization. Movement was launched by Churchill in his Zurich speech of 1946.

#### Weather Ship Makes Progress In Ice

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., March 3 (CP)—The Canadian weather ship St. Stephen, headed for St. John's with two sick seamen, made some progress today when ice-fields encircling this harbor loosened their grip.

#### Tables Fishermen's Loan Agreement With Dominion

Province, in agreement with Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries for the Dominion, "to aid fishermen and groups of fishermen in this Province to establish or to better establish themselves in the industry." The minute is dated July 12, 1938.

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#### Unruly Commons Hears Transport Minister Chevrier

BY D'ARCY O'DONNELL  
OTTAWA, March 3 (CP)—A boisterous and at times unruly Commons today heard Transport Minister Chevrier declare the future of Canada's merchant marine is still uncertain.

1. None of the 215 Canadian merchant ships now is permanently laid up for lack of employment.
2. The government's ship replacement program is aimed at replacing wartime ships with faster, modern vessels.
3. The government will not consider subsidizing the merchant fleet at this time.
4. The government believes Canadian trade would suffer if buyers were required to ship 50 per cent of their Canadian purchases in Canadian bottoms.
5. Only Canadian and Commonwealth ships are allowed to operate in the Canadian coastal trade.
6. The royal commission on transportation was established at the request of the Provinces.

Mr. Chevrier spoke in continued debate on the Speech from the Throne. Other participants included Charles Manross (L-London) and Stanley Knowles (COP—

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TORONTO, March 3 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:  
Victoria 35 55; Edmonton 26 48; Regina 15 35; Winnipeg 20 29; Toronto 21 31; Ottawa 9 26; Montreal 17 31; Quebec 15 34; Saint John 16 -; Moncton 16 28; Halifax 20 35; Charlottetown 16 22; Sydney 22 26; Yarmouth 24 31.  
B—Below.  
HALIFAX, March 3 (CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Friday.  
Synopsis:  
Parts of Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton and Northern Nova Scotia are still cloudy tonight but in the rest of the Maritimes it is crisp and clear. With an area of high pressure covering the district on Friday the weather will continue fine.  
Regional Forecasts—  
Prince Edward Island: Cloudy tonight but clear tomorrow. Little change in daytime temperature. Light winds. Low and high Friday at Charlottetown 5 and 30.  
High tide today at 1:29 A. M. and 1:35 P. M.  
Sun sets this morning at 6:34 and sets at 5:51.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.  
WEEK DAYS  
Leaves Borden 8:10 A. M. and arrives at Cape Tormentine at 10:15 A. M.  
Leaves Cape Tormentine 2:40 P. M. and arrives at Borden 3:55 P. M.  
No Sunday schedule in effect.