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path of doctil under friendship,  
but it has guits in it.

Sure is the reward of silence in  
presence of turbulence; otherwise  
it is death by friend or foe.

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# HONG KONG ISSUE IS AGAIN TO FORE IN COMMONS

## Canada Opposes Decision On Korean Question

### New Czech Gov't Is Bitterly Denounced By Western Powers



**PRESENTS DEMAND**  
Premier Klement Gottwald of Czechoslovakia presented communism's demand for control of the country at a giant rally held in Prague, and charged that spies from the west wrecked the coalition government by trying to blast the Czech alliance with Russia. His followers cheered him. Communist party officials reported that over 200,000 persons gathered to hear Premier Gottwald.

### Britain To Boost Coal Exports This Year

LONDON, Feb. 26 — (Reuters) — Britain intends to export up to 10,000,000 tons of coal this year as a result of unexpectedly high production and low consumption at home. Fuel Minister, Hugh Gaiskill told the House of Commons today.

### Coming Events

- Notice — No more sawdust at Milton Mills until 20th March.
- Horse race at Stanley Bridge Saturday, Feb. 28. Three classes.
- Rummage Sale, Trinity Social Hall, Saturday, 3 P. M.
- Due to arrive at Kinkora, two carloads of good quality hay. Alden Carr.
- Hockey at Milton Rink tonight, Brookfield Juniors versus Winslow Juniors. Skate after.
- Hockey, East Rovers rink tonight, Gaytown Rovers vs. Dunstaffnage. Skate after.
- Pantry Sale Eastern Division St. James Auxiliary, Moore & McLeods, Friday afternoon.
- Farmers — We have new reduced prices on feeds. McQuigan and Boyle.
- French River concert at the View Hall Friday, Feb. 27. If not time Monday.
- Hockey New Glasgow rink tonight, Glasgow Road Maple Leafs vs. New Glasgow Imperials. Game starts 8:30. Skate after.
- Hockey tonight, Hunter River Harville Maple Leafs versus Hunter River Bane Crushers. Skate after.
- Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., Murray River, Monday, March 1st. Foddlie, Tuesday, March 2nd. E. R. Beck.
- Now in stock, Barley Meal at reduced price. Also in stock Hog Grower and dairy ration. Bookings for cars to arrive, W. I. Bowman, Hunter River.
- Our store will be closed all day Tuesday, March 2nd for stock taking. The egg grading station will be open all day, where eggs will be paid for with cash. Brent Wood, Crapaud.

### FOR HOG COLLECTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Pact Does Not Affect Ban On Margarine

OTTAWA, Feb. 26 — (CP) — No international agreement signed by Canada can repeal the Dominion's ban on the import of oleomargarine without parliamentary sanction, External Affairs Minister St. Laurent told the Commons today.

He was replying to a question from William Bryce (CCF-Sask.), who had asked whether the Geneva Trade Agreement, or any other trade pact, could bring about a lifting of the existing import embargo.

Mr. St. Laurent said flatly that the import of butter (substitute) cannot be permitted unless and until Parliament repeals section five of the Dairy Industry Act, which now bans margarine.

### Plenty Work At Trenton Car Shops

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Feb. 26 — (CP) — The Eastern Car Company of nearby Trenton soon will put finishing touches to an order for 1,500 box cars and already has begun conversion for a hopper and gondola program that will keep it working at top speed into 1949, it was learned today.

On completion of the Canadian National Railway's box car order, the firm immediately will start work on 250 heavy hoppers, coal cars with automatic doors for unloading, for Canadian Pacific Railway.

It also will build 300 hoppers for the Sydney and Louisburg railway before reconversion for production of 300 box cars for C. N. R. and 850 gondola, coal cars with permanent sides, for C.P.R.

### Ottawa Receives Valuable Records Relating To P. E. I. From London Records Office

OTTAWA, Feb. 26 — (Special) — Professors and students of history of the Maritime Provinces coming to Ottawa for advanced studies and research this year, will find a vastly increased volume of early documents, letters and memoirs in the Dominion archives pertaining to the eastern region. This is revealed in the report of the Dominion archives of 1947, tabled in the Commons this week by Hon. Colin Gibson, Secretary of State.

More than two-thirds of the volume deals with transcripts and acquisition of papers relating to the Maritimes.

Although the bulk of new materials deals with Nova Scotia's many of the transcripts of letters and memoranda deal with Prince Edward Island. They were brought to Canada last year from the public records office in London, England. One of the earliest records now available for perusal is a description of the then "new colonies" of Prince Edward Island and the Magdalen Islands, dated 1784-85. There are letters from Sir James W. Montgomery to Prince Edward Island Governor Edmund Fanning in 1791 and 1792 and from Sir James to a Major Robert Gray concerning the administration of the Province at that time under Fanning.

Close relation of state and church in the Maritimes early in the 19th century is reflected in a memo to Lieut. Gen. Sir James Keppel, Governor of Nova Scotia to Lord Bathurst, then British Colonial Secretary that the Bishop of Nova Scotia was "absent without leave."

What may prove most interesting in the category of Prince Edward Island documents are the letters concerning S. G. W. Archibald, Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island 120 years ago. Mr. Justice Archibald held his court at Charlottetown but declined to live on the Island. The legislature violently opposed an absentee Chief Justice and said so. All papers relating to this incident and (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)

### Would Be "Cowardly" To Give Up The U.N.

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Feb. 26 — (CP) — Gen. A.G.L. McNight said tonight it would be "both suicidal and cowardly" to give up the United Nations.

Hitting at both the attitude of "cynical indifference" with which some persons regard the world peace organization and the "wishful thinking" with which others view it, the General told the United Nations Institute for Education.

"The performance of the United Nations up to date may not have come up to the high hopes which accompanied its birth at San Francisco... the weaknesses which have been encountered, together with the deterioration in the world situation, mean that we should work harder, far harder than we have before, to build up our inter-

### "Not Able To Put New Department Together This Year" Says Premier

#### Local Man Is Charged With Attempted Arson

Patrick Earl McCourt, City, a youthful member of the City Fire Department, was arrested yesterday afternoon by members of the City Police on a charge of attempted arson.

The arrest was made in connection with an attempt to set fire to the Charlottetown Forum on the night of Monday, February 16, during a hockey match which was being played there.

The incident occurred about midway of the third period of the hockey match, when someone, who had gone to the cellar of the Forum, found some rags burning on a beam there.

The accused is being held without bail at the City Police Station, until this morning, when he will appear before Stipendiary Magistrate K. M. Martin.

The text of the warrant issued for the arrest of the accused reads as follows:—"Patrick Earl McCourt, storekeeper, on February 16, did without legal justification or excuse, and without colour of right, unlawfully and wilfully set fire to the building known as the Charlottetown Forum, the property of the Charlottetown Forum Company Limited."

### Re-appointed Director Of Bank Of Canada

OTTAWA, Feb. 26 — Re-appointment of J.L. Holman of Summerside as a director of the Bank of Canada was announced here today by Finance Minister Abbott. Norman A. Hessler of Sackville, N.B. has been appointed a director, succeeding Fred Magee of Port Elgin, N.B. Mr. Abbott said it was "with great regret" that Mr. Magee's resignation was accepted.

Mr. Holman's re-appointment is for a three-year term.

### Dealings With Reds Seen Impossible

By J.M. ROBERTS, JR. (Associated Press News Analyst)

The travails through which Czechoslovakia is going may not prove entirely in vain if it serves to convince the world of the countries of Europe that you can't do business with Communism.

Finland may be a gone goose. But France and Italy can still win the fight against totalitarianism if their Socialists learn the lesson of Prague.

French and Italian Communists are not strong enough to stage coups without Socialist support. Neither were the Czech Communists. But they have been getting Socialist support in all three countries in a reaction from the extreme rightism inflicted on them during the war.

French Liberals generally seem to have discovered for themselves that totalitarianism is totalitarianism, no matter whether you call it Communist or Fascist. But the rebirth of the extreme right under new auspices in France since the war has given the Communists a large body of liberal support. In Italy, by combining with the (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)

The flower that blooms in the oven

**BLOSSOM**  
CANADA  
FLOUR

### Little Assembly Decides To Act On U. S. Suggestion

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Feb. 26 — (CP) — The Little Assembly recommended today that the United Nations proceed to establish a national and democratic government in Korea in defiance of a Russian boycott. The decision over a strong Canadian protest could lead to Canada's withdrawal from the Korean Commission charged with the task.

The 22-to-2 vote on a United States proposal to proceed with elections preparatory to forming a representative government came after L.B. Pearson, Under-Secretary for External Affairs and sitting for Canada in the Little Assembly, said the American plan was unconstitutional and that the U.N. body could not direct the Commission to take action it was powerless to carry out. Australia sided with Canada in voting against the proposal. Eleven countries abstained.

A Canadian spokesman said off the floor that the decision "might" mean that Canada would withdraw from the eight-power Commission which had asked the Little Assembly for instructions in view of Russia's refusal to have anything to do with the Commission or to allow its members into the northern zone of Korea. Russia and her satellites also are boycotting the Little Assembly's meeting.

### Sask. Gov't Plans Record Spending

REGINA, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Provincial Treasurer C. M. Fines tabled in the Legislature today estimated 1948-49 Government expenditures of \$52,221,154—highest in the Province's history and topping last year's budget by more than \$6,500,000.

Estimated revenue was a record \$22,238,445, leaving a surplus of \$17,982,709, the sixth consecutive surplus for Saskatchewan and the extra amount will be about \$80,000 yearly, which in itself was quite a sum of money. In addition there is the gasoline tax which has been handed over to the Province, making a total which will not be in excess of two and one-half million dollars.

"I still don't think that is (Continued on Page 6 Col. 5)

### Nova Scotia Harbors Jammed With Ice

HALIFAX, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Not since 1934 have Nova Scotia harbors been so jammed with ice, Capt. W. J. Balcom, Department of Transport ice information officer, said here today.

He announced the Department's flying ice patrol will begin daily flights along the coast and over the Gulf of St. Lawrence commencing March 15.

The patrol craft will operate from either Moncton or Charlottetown. Angus Brown, chief officer of the Department's ship Brant, will act as observer.

### B. C. Boy Charged With Brother's Murder

CRESTON, B.C., Feb. 26 — (CP) — A 15-year-old boy shot and killed his brother to save his father from death, a coroner's inquest jury found here. The boy has been charged with murder.

The victim was Nicholas Nespiak, killed last Saturday in his farm home in the canyon district of the interior British Columbia community during a family quarrel. He had threatened his father with a hunting knife, witnesses testified.

The verdict read: "The shot was fired in an effort to save the life of Alex Nespiak, the father, who was being attacked... the evidence indicates the bullet was fired from a rifle in the hands of a younger brother..."

### Farmers Present Brief At Ottawa

OTTAWA, Feb. 26 — (CP) — The Canadian Federation of Agriculture said today the Dominion is "in a sort of no-man's-land between a controlled and a so-called free economy" and urged Government steps to stabilize agricultural markets and prices.

At an annual meeting with members of the Federal Cabinet, C.F.A. directors presented a brief recommending:

1. International commodity agreements.
2. Stabilization of feed prices and placement of coarse-grains-marketing under the Canadian Wheat Board.
3. Continuation of freight assistance on feeds "until such time as it may be embodied in a national grain policy."
4. Floor prices for agricultural products.
5. Federal marketing legislation "without further delay."

### Two Island Doctors Are Appointed To Do Post-Graduate Work

HALIFAX, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Appointment of six Maritimers to do post-graduate work in general surgery, general medicine, gynecology and obstetrics at Victoria General Hospital here was announced by the Board of Commissioners today.

They are Dr. R. Gordon McKenzie, Truro and Upper Stewiacke, N.S.; Dr. J. Sidney Wright, Bedouque, P. E. I.; who interned at Saint John, N. B., and practised at North Sydney, N. S.; Dr. Walter J. O'Donnell, Bathurst, N. B. who held posts at Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, Chorley Park Military Hospital, Toronto, and Queen Mary Road Veterans' Hospital, Montreal; Dr. G. M. Murray, Sydney, N. S., now practising at Elmsdale, N. S.; Dr. John B. Downing, Borden, P.E.I., stationed with the R.C.A.M.C. at Saint John from 1943 to 1946; and Dr. Neil Kenneth MacLennan, Dalhousie University medical student of 1948 who interned at Victoria General Hospital here.

### Former Director Of Canadian Press Dies

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26 — (CP) — P.J. Salter, 63, former president and general manager of the Vancouver Sun and former director of the Canadian Press, died today.

Since retiring from the Sun in 1942 he had been operating a button factory here until his recent illness.

He was a former president of the British Columbia Daily Newspapers Association and director of various welfare organizations.

His widow and three daughters survive.

Funeral services will be held here Monday.

### Membership Drive Is Planned By P. E. I. Agriculture Federation

A membership drive with the object of eventually taking in every farmer in the Province was begun at yesterday's annual meeting of the P.E. Island Federation of Agriculture.

The President, Mr. R.A. Proffit, in outlining the program, said it was necessary, if the Dominion Government was to listen to the Island farmer's grievances, to have such a membership as would compel serious consideration being given to their requests. Within a few minutes after the explanation of the new program had been made, 100 membership cards had been sold.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 last night to reconvene this morning in order to conclude the passing of resolutions and to elect its officers for the coming year.

All three sessions yesterday—morning, afternoon, and evening—were largely attended and were presided over by the President, Mr. R.A. Proffit, Freetown.

Last night's session appointed two directors at-large from each County and also accepted a representative from each of the nine branches of the Federation as a director on its Board.

Messrs. Keith Donald, Malpeque, and Kenneth McLean, Lot 16, were elected delegates-at-large from Prince County; Messrs. Louis O'Connor, Clifton, and Lieut.-Col. F. I. Andrews, Royalty, were elected to represent Queen's; and Messrs. Albert Acorn, Dundas, and Shirley Sutherland, Greenwich, were chosen to represent King's.

Chosen to represent the P.E. Island Potato Growers' Association on the Board of Directors of the Federation was Mr. J.W. Boulter, who is still ill in the United States; Alex Hamilton, New Perth, is on the Board representing the Sheep Breeders' Association; J. L. Dewar, New Perth, represents the Central Farmers' Institutes; Mr. Almon Boswell, Marshfield, the Swine Breeders' Association; J.J. Trainor, Bedford, the Credit Unions; L. F. Campbell, Newport, the Co-operatives; and Mrs. Easton, North Wiltshire, the Appro-

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### Graydon Asks Questions Of Prime Minister

(By George Kitchen)

OTTAWA, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Gordon Graydon (PC-Peel) in the Commons today demanded to know whether it was true that Prime Minister Mackenzie King was aware, three days before the ill-starred Canadian expedition sailed for Hong Kong in 1941, that a war was imminent in the Pacific theatre.

Throwing the festering Hong Kong question into the Throne Speech debate, Mr. Graydon also pressed the Government to make public the complete evidence of the Royal Commission which in 1942 investigated the dispatch of the two Canadian battalions to the Crown Colony and an ensuing letter in which Premier Drew of Ontario wrote to Mr. King of certain undisclosed portions of that evidence.

Defence Minister Claxton, drawing into the debate by Mr. Graydon's remarks, said the Government had given the British Government an undertaking that British documents, labelled "most secret" and used in the inquiry evidence, would not be made public and could not now go back on that undertaking without British consent.

The two-man discussion of Hong Kong issue revolved around recent renewed Progressive Conservative attempts to have the Government table the Commission evidence and the Drew letter and Mr. King's recent statement that he now would, with British approval, publish a "paraphrased" version of the testimony before the Royal Commission.

### Other Speakers

Taking part in the general debate, which branched off into other fields, were J. M. Dechane (L-Achabaska), Hazen Argue (CCF-Wood Mountain) and Robert Fair (SC-Bathurst River).

At the night sitting, Lionel Bertrand (L-Terrebonne) suggested the appointment of a full-time Cabinet Minister in charge of tourist trade and publicity while Angus MacInnis (CCF-Vancouver East) criticized the Government for delay in calling a by-election to fill the five-months-old vacancy in the British Columbia constituency of Yale.

Other speakers included Nor-

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HALIFAX, Feb. 26 — (CP) — Weather synopsis and official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office tonight.

Synopsis: The weather was clear in many parts of the Maritimes Thursday but there was some cloudiness and a few snow flurries particularly near Truro. Further west there is a band of more continuous snow caused by a disturbance centred north of Montreal. This disturbance is expected to cross the Maritimes Friday morning, and by afternoon or evening the winds will again shift to the northwest, bringing us more fine cold weather.

Forecasts, valid until Friday midnight:

Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness becoming overcast with intermittent snow before dawn. Clearing and becoming colder in the afternoon. Light winds increasing Friday afternoon to northwest 15. Low early Friday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 12 and 30.

High tide this afternoon at 1:05 and tonight at 1:18.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:44 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:41.

Last quarter moon March 2nd, 12:35 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.