

# SEAMEN'S STRIKE LOOMS AS CONCILIATION FAILS

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### Pope Pius Denounces Religious Persecution By Hungarian Gov't.

### Maj. Gen. Foster Confers With Local Officers

Major-Gen. H.W. Foster, CBE, DSO, G.O.C., Eastern Command, and four staff officers attended a conference with Brig. W.W. Reid, DSO, ED, commanding the 21st Armoured Brigade, and officers of the Brigade Headquarters and brigade units, on Saturday at the Charlottetown. Dinner followed the conference and the guests included Hon. J.A. Bernard, Lieutenant Governor, Mayor Earle Macdonald, OBE, and the commanding officers and 2 I/O's of Island army units and a representation from H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte."

By FRANK O'BRIEN  
VATICAN CITY, Feb. 20 (AP)—Pope Pius today denounced the imprisonment of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty in Communist-ruled Hungary as religious "persecution." He called the Hungarian Government "totalitarian and anti-religious."

A quarter of a million persons, gathered in front of St. Peter's Basilica in a mass meeting to express their own indignation at the Cardinal's trial, roared approval of the Pontiff's words—his fifth public statement of condemnation on the case of Cardinal Mindszenty.

They heard him hint that the Hungarian Government, by some secret means, had wrung from Cardinal Mindszenty a confession of crimes of which the Primate was innocent.

There was clear warning in his speech to the peoples of Communist-dominated countries to shun any agreements between church and state which might limit the activity of the Roman Catholic Church.

The crowd cheered the Pontiff as he stepped to the microphone. Dejected shouts of "no" replied to his demands whether they wanted a church and "silent when it should speak."

This was the Pontiff's first public appearance since a Hungarian court Feb. 8 sentenced Cardinal Mindszenty to life imprisonment on charges of treason, spying and black marketing in foreign currency.

The frail Pontiff, who will be 73 March 2, spoke in a deep firm voice.

### Coming Events

- \*Card party Clinton hall Tuesday, Feb. 22.
- \*Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- \*Dance in Fort Augustus School February 23rd. Good music.
- \*Crockinole party in Mt. Albion Hall Tuesday, Feb. 22.
- \*Show, Morell Hall, every Friday only. Show 8 P. M.
- \*Cards and dance in Millview Hall postponed until Thursday, Feb. 24.
- \*Films "European Tour", February 22nd, at eight. Union Road Church.
- \*Unloading Old Sydney Coal today and Monday at Milton. Vernon Gillespie.
- \*Rummage Sale, Salvation Army, Tuesday, March 1st. Donors please phone 823.
- \*Final Dance and Card Party, Kelly's Cross Hall, Monday night, February 21st.
- \*Cornwall rink tonight. Long Creek vs. Cornwall; Maple Leaf All Stars vs. Cornwall O. C.
- \*Annual Box Social, Bingo, Dance, auspices Holy Name Society, Town Hall, Georgetown, Tuesday, February 22nd.
- \*Auction 48's, Dance, in Cherry Valley Co-operative Store, Tuesday, February 22nd. Lunches served. Millview Orchestra.
- \*Hockey tonight at Hunter River rink. Hartsville Beavers vs. Wiltshire Hawks. Game starts at 8. Skate after with good music.
- \*Hockey tonight Long Creek rink. New Haven Royals vs. Massey Harris Rovers. 8 o'clock. Skate after.
- \*Don't miss first playoff game Covehead Rink tonight. Milton Hornets vs. Covehead Red Wings. All Red Wings players requested to be present at 8:30.
- \*Come to Brookfield Hall. February 22nd and hear Ray Little's Cowboy Show. Sponsored by Springside Women's Institute. Sale of cases.
- \*Unloading car of Puren Hog Grower today. In stock two new white Fawcett Ranges. N. Aubrey Outcliffe, Fredericton.

### 6 A.M. Starting Hour For Lobsters

Following a meeting of Prince Edward Island representatives of Parliament with the Deputy Minister of Fisheries last week, it was agreed to change the hour for lobster fishermen to leave the shore from 12 midnight to 6 in the morning, of May 1st. As this year May 1st falls on Sunday, the opening date under the regulations will be May 2nd.

Word to the above effect has been received from Dr. T.V. Grant, M.P. by Mr. Earl Johnston, of North Lake.

Last year the regulations provided for the opening of the season at midnight, and many complaints resulted. The change back to 6 a. m. will, it is believed, work out more satisfactorily.

### Body Of Missing Fisherman Recovered

FRAMBOISE COVE, N. S., Feb. 20 (CP)—The body of seaman Conrad Blagdon, 41, was found Saturday at Framboise Cove where the schooner Marshal Frank grounded Wednesday with loss of five lives. The body of Norman Ball of Recontre West, Nfld., still is missing.

### Zulus Attack Indians As Disorders Flare In Durban

### Picks Odd Way To Spend Year

ASHLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—Don Haynes crawled into a sealed-up automobile Saturday and vowed he would not emerge for a year.

The doors of his car were welded shut. Chromium was placed over the windows. Inside were a folding bed, a closet, exercising machines and other gadgets.

The 39-year-old truck driver doesn't intend to prove a thing—except that he can win a bet. He said he had wagered \$1,000 against \$25,000 by rancher D.M. Mauldin he could stick it out for a year.

Haynes will while away his time by touring the country. He intends to visit every major city. Meals he plans to get by giving money to passers-by who will be expected to return with food.

### Strength Of Canada's Armed Forces Increases

OTTAWA, Feb. 20 (CP)—Strength of the armed forces increased by 1,034 all ranks in January, the Department of National Defence announced today. The navy reported a net increase for the month of 218, the army 513, and the air force 308. Strength of the navy Jan. 31 stood at 7,753—the army at 17,976, and the air force at 13,998.

### Well Known Resident Of S' Side Dies

A highly respected and well-known resident of Summerside, Mr. William Matthews, passed away at the Prince County Hospital on Saturday at the age of 70 years.

The late Mr. Matthews, who was a familiar figure in the town for many years, was born at Baltic, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Matthews. He moved to Summerside as a young man and for many years conducted a livery stable on Water Street. Although retired for some years, he still maintained his deep interest in horses and until just recently was always owner of at least one race horse which he usually entered in the local horse meets.

### Commerce Chamber Poll Favors Alternative Vote

MONTREAL, Feb. 21—Adoption of the single alternative vote for Federal elections is favoured by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, after a nation-wide poll of its member Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, Executive Secretary D.L. Morrell announced today at the Chamber's National Headquarters in Montreal.

In order to determine a national policy on this subject, the member Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce throughout Canada were asked to vote by means of a referendum. Replies were received from 227 communities of which 72% favoured the adoption of the single alternative method of voting.

The single alternative vote has been devised to avoid the election of parliamentary representatives by less than a clear majority, a situation which commonly results from three-party election contests. Where the three parties are fairly evenly supported it may happen that the winning candidate has polled far fewer votes than the combined votes of the other two candidates. In other words, more

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### Car Leaves Road, Overturns Several Times

### Back In Limelight

ALLENDALE, N.S., Feb. 20 (CP)—Two women were killed to-night and six persons injured, three of them critically, when their car overturned near this South Shore community.

Dead are: Violet Martin, 18, of Milton, Queens Co. N.S., and Elsie White, 33, of Liverpool, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. William Goulden and Frank Goulden all of Liverpool, were critically injured. Frank Goulden, 18, suffered a broken back. Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Goulden also were injured. Extent of their injuries was not known immediately.

The injured were taken to Rouseway Hospital at nearby Shelburne by ambulance.

Police said the car went off the highway on a curve and turned over several times. The road was clear of ice.

Dewett Freeman, a resident of Allendale, told police the car passed his home at high speed. He said he heard a crash followed by screams.

Calling for help, he rushed to the scene of the accident, and with others, righted the car. He called for an ambulance.

### Fire Threatens To Destroy Dam Under Construction

DES JOACHIMS, Que., Feb. 20 (CP)—Fire tonight threatened to destroy a subsidiary dam in the process of erection three miles from the main \$60,000,000 Ontario hydro-electric project at this base 140 miles northwest of Ottawa.

Two hundred workers were mustered to fight the blaze which broke out at 7 p.m. EST, destroying more than 400 feet of wooden forms at the McConnell Lake dam, described by officials as "one

phase of the main project."

The McConnell Lake dam was to prevent flooding back of the main hydro project, which was scheduled to produce 480,000 horsepower by the summer of 1950.

Officials at the project clamped down on information about the fire but observers said they could see flames burning brightly at midnight six miles away.

It was not known whether the blaze would hold up completion of the project.

### Bishops Reserve Decision On Letter From Cardinal

By Endre Maron  
BUDAPEST, Feb. 20 (AP)—Usually well-informed sources said Saturday Hungary's Roman Catholic bishops have considered and reserved decision on a letter from the imprisoned Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty urging an agreement with the Communist-led government.

The Vatican has declined to negotiate church-state differences with Hungary's Government until it frees Cardinal Mindszenty and guarantees church freedom. An informed Vatican source, commenting on the Budapest report, said the Holy See stood upon that position.

Members of so-called "progressive Catholic circles," which have not been so bitter in their opposition to government measures, told of the purported development.

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"The traditional Farmers' Week will be particularly important this year, and it is hoped that as many farmers as possible will attend the various meetings of what was once known as the Farmers' Parliament," states Hon. W. F. Allan Stewart, Minister of Agriculture.

Important meetings of the dairy-men, swine and sheep breeders associations and the Federation of Agriculture will receive reports and consider major problems relating to island agriculture. The poultry-men and potato growers will not hold their meetings this week.

Mr. Stewart recalled that at one time one of the big meetings during Farmers' Week was that of the horse breeders, who had a valuable export business. "Now we import cars, trucks, tractors, gas and oil," commented the Minister.

Mr. Walter R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, said that Farmers' Week would decide some of the most important questions which have confronted Island farmers. He pointed out the high production figures attained, and also indicated the marketing problems that lie ahead. "It is important that all who can should be present," he added.

Because of the postponement of the annual meeting of the Central Farmers' Institutes, Farmers Week will commence tomorrow in the Legion Hall, at 10 a.m. where all the meetings will be held.

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At Charlottetown a strong representation by O'Leary residents, presented to the Government by Hon. G.H. Barbour, resulted in the passing of an order-in-council providing for the construction of a high tension power line "extending from the Pleasant works along the main Western Road to such points as may be hereafter determined." This, it is understood, will bring the service within three miles of O'Leary village. It is proposed to sell power from the government line to companies furnishing it to the various areas.

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