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TURKEY TO JOIN ANTI-AGGRESSION BLOC

Mid-May Election Rumors Determine Conservatives To Call Early Conventions

Mr. P. W. Turner Elected President Of Queen's County Association And Provincial Organization At Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night. Mr. George A. MacDougall Elected Secretary.



MR. P. W. TURNER

ATES FACE GOOD MENACE

With Anxiety Grips Storm Swept Belt.

RECORD RAINFALL

COMING EVENTS

District conventions for the nomination of Conservative candidates would be speeded up in view of persistent rumors that the Conservative Government was planning to obtain a snap verdict from the electors by springing the provincial election on May 15 next, declared Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, provincial Conservative leader, at a largely attended party meeting in the Oddfellows Hall last night.

Enthusiastic applause greeted Dr. MacMillan's statement that the Conservatives were determined not to be taken by surprise and that they wanted an opportunity of presenting the issues squarely before the people.

The meeting, which was for Conservative polls of Charlottetown and St. John's, and which there was a full attendance of delegates, received the resignations of Messrs. Samuel Kennedy and R. B. Bell, president and secretary respectively of the Queen's County Conservative Association and the Provincial organization, and of electing their successors.

The election resulted in the unanimous choice of Mr. Percy W. Turner as president and Mr. George A. MacDougall as secretary.

Mr. B. Roy Holman, who also was nominated as president, in a speech which brought rousing applause, declared that the meeting was essential and that rather than split the meeting he would endorse Mr. Turner's nomination, and continue to give his fullest cooperation and support to the party.

Belief addresses, chiefly on organization, were made by Dr. MacMillan, President Turner, Secretary MacDougall, Mr. J. H. Myers, Mr. H. F. MacPhee, Mr. Donald Grant, and Mr. Noel DeBlois, president of the Young Men's Conservative Association, Mr. W. A. Stewart, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Bell and others.

Financial Situation Unknown

Regarding rumors of a May 15 election, Dr. MacMillan said the Government was reported to be desirous of obtaining a snap verdict. The only thing the Conservatives wanted was an opportunity of presenting their case to the people. "Unfortunately," he added, "we are not able to tell the people the exact condition of the Province, and we do not know how many thousands or hundreds of thousands of dollars of unpaid bills have been carried over since Dec. 31 of last year. We have no record of that. The Public Accounts Committee made their report at this session of the Legislature and ignored their duty to give to the public the amount of unpaid bills which are outstanding. We can only assume that the amount is dangerously large. Our conviction is that the people of this Province are waiting for a chance to rectify the tragic mistake made in 1936—because it is the only thing that has kept them from electing those thirty Liberal candidates to the Legislature. And whether the election comes soon or late, we are confident as to the outcome." (Loud applause.)

Dr. MacMillan emphasized the importance of the ladies and young men's organizations in the party. He called attention to the fact that this was the first time in the history of the Province that the secretary of a provincial party organization had been chosen from the Young Men's Association.

BUDGET SPEECH IS NOW SLATED FOR APRIL 25

Dunning Announces Change In Date And New System Of Presentation

OTTAWA, April 17—(CP)—Finance Minister Dunning will deliver a shortened budget address in the House of Commons Tuesday, April 25. Announcing he has abandoned the tradition of presenting the budget on a Thursday the Minister also described a new system of presentation.

Adopting a practice followed in Great Britain and Australia, the Minister said, the budget will be presented in a separate "white paper" and published as an appendix to the budget.

This procedure, the Minister said, will not only relieve me very greatly but, I am quite sure, will relieve the House since it will obviate the necessity of listening for a long period to figures and explanations of figures which it is quite impossible for anyone to carry in his mind.

So far as could be ascertained from an examination of the records the budget has always been delivered on Thursday. One reason is probably to give members an opportunity to study it over the week-end before the debate is opened.

It had been the Minister's intention to deliver the budget next Thursday but he said today that "my hopes in that regard cannot be realized." Because of the desire to expedite business it was not considered feasible to delay presentation until a week from Thursday.

Tuesday is rather an unusual day for the budget, Thursday having the merit of permitting a week-end adjournment of the discussion in order that the opposition may have opportunity to study the document and all that it may imply.

"For that reason may I say at once that the Government will not object to any reasonable adjournment which may be requested with respect to the budget debate."

"Wait TH They Starve"

One thing he resented very much, Mr. Myers said amid loud applause, was the statement made a few days ago by one of the Liberal members of the Legislature, to the effect that before the Government gives any more unemployment relief they should wait until the recipients are pretty nearly starved. "That is logical," said Mr. Myers, "why not be a little more logical and wait until they are starved—then they won't need any relief."

Civic Debt Mounts As Property Values Shrink Report Shows

MONTREAL, April 17—(CP)—Relief costs are increasing civic debt throughout the Dominion while property values are gradually shrinking, it was indicated today in a survey by the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities.

Sent to all municipalities, members of the parliament and legislative assemblies, the survey discloses Montreal has spent almost \$87,000,000 on direct relief in the 1930-37 period. Similar amounts were spent by Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver during the same period.

Of the total for Montreal, the report said, the city provided \$33,233,132, while provincial and federal grants accounted for the remainder. The city raised the money—all but \$1,000,000—by borrowing.

Other cities have covered costs of direct relief by extra taxation, notably Vancouver which raised the whole of the \$7,099,932 required for its share of direct relief by taxes. Toronto raised \$4,661,360—a little better than one-quarter its total share—by taxation.

LIBERAL M. P. DIES SUDDENLY

J. Vital Mallette Succumbs In Montreal.

MONTREAL, April 17—Death cut short today the career of J. Vital Mallette, 50-year-old Liberal member of the House of Commons who has represented Montreal-Jacques Cartier since 1935.

Walking along downtown St. Peters Street shortly after noon, Mr. Mallette staggered and fell to the sidewalk. A crowd gathered, but he was dead when a physician arrived, and the body was removed to the morgue for examination. Death came a few hours before Mr. Mallette was to have returned to Ottawa.

Tributes to Mr. Mallette, descendant of a distinguished French-Canadian family and native of nearby Pointe Claire, came quickly in the House of Commons. Prime Minister Mackenzie King termed it a great loss. Mr. Mallette had been "gifted and full of promise" and would have made a fine contribution to public life.

Before reaching Federal politics, Mr. Mallette was prominent in municipal circles of Pointe Claire.

HITLER CALLS REICHSTAG TO MEET APRIL 28

Reported Displeased Roosevelt's Appeal Published Before Reaching Him.

BERLIN, April 14—(AP)—Reichsfuehrer Hitler, in a public reply to President Roosevelt's peace proposals, is expected to defend his policies before the Reichstag April 28, coupling them with a sharp denunciation of methods used by others in acquiring territory.

The Fuehrer's sudden summons of the Reichstag today started a copy of Foreign Office workers delving into historical data for what, it was believed, will be a lengthy "no" citing historical arguments supporting past and future Nazi policies.

He was believed to be planning to call the United States, Great Britain and France to account for their methods of acquiring territory in an attempt to show how empire has been developed.

The summoning of the legislature was following by an increase in bitter press attacks on President Roosevelt who asked Hitler and Premier Mussolini on Saturday to pledge at least 10 years of non-aggression to 31 nations and participate in world conferences leading to peace, disarmament and better trade relations.

Hitler was represented as displeased that the President's appeal was published before he had read it and his call to the Reichstag so soon. That even senior officials were caught by surprise was interpreted as a sign that his Reichstag speech would be his only answer to Washington.

German diplomatic sources said the Fuehrer refused to treat Roosevelt's communication as a "direct message to him because it was published in Paris, London and Moscow before it reached him."

That is why he chose to call the Reichstag and give a public reply rather than go about it diplomatically, a Westminster informant said. "It was not a diplomatic document, but a piece of public advertising."

Considerable mystery surrounded the reason why Hitler did not receive President Roosevelt's message before it was published. Officials said it reached the Fuehrer Saturday afternoon—that is, between 12 and 15 hours after it apparently had been dispatched from Washington. The time of the dispatch from Washington was given here as 10:15 P.M. AST Friday or 8:15 A.M. Berlin time Saturday.

Officials said they could not explain why the telegram was delayed.

Russia Reported Ready To Lend "Material Aid"

Britain And France Push Ahead With Plans For Grand Alliance As Tension Eases Somewhat.

(By The Canadian Press)

An unexpected session of the German Reichstag was called Monday for April 28 to hear Chancellor Hitler answer President Roosevelt's peace message.

Berlin sources expected the answer would be a rejection backed up by a defence of his course of empire and a denunciation of the territory-acquiring methods of other nations.

Whether it will be yes or no, Great Britain and France pushed ahead with their plans for a Grand Alliance to face any possible threats by Hitler and his axis partner, Premier Mussolini of Italy.

London expected an announcement today from Prime Minister Chamberlain that Turkey had been brought into the bloc which now includes Britain, France, Poland, Greece and Rumania.

Russia was reported to have promised "at least material aid" to the allied nations and Britain hoped soon to conclude an air pact with Moscow. These reports, however, met silence in the Soviet capital.

Tension Eased

Progress of negotiations with Turkey and Russia and Hitler's Reichstag call eased Europe's crisis fever somewhat, although ominous signs still clouded the situation.

At the other end of the Rome-Berlin Axis Italy made an additional annual appropriation of \$25,000,000 available for the Fascist army.

Fascists echoed the predictions of Nazis that Rome and Berlin would turn a cold shoulder to Mr. Roosevelt's proposal for a 10-year non-aggression pledge and subsequent disarmament and economic consultations. The press of both countries kept up their attacks on the President.

Reaction in U. S.

The Washington administration reported with obvious pleasure that the President's appeal was crystallizing world opinion in favor of peace. There was a swelling tide of demands in Congress that the United States refrain from mixing in European affairs, come what may.

French warships took over the naval defence of Gibraltar, Britain vital Mediterranean gateway, apparently to release the British fleet for duty in other strategic centres of that sea.

The German fleet got up steam to sail today from Kiel and Wilhelmshaven for 30 days of manoeuvres in the Atlantic off the Spanish coast.

The future of Danzig remained a big question mark with troop reinforcements again reported on the Polish and German sides of the border.

Berlin apparently squeaked today to present the Free City to Hitler for a "birthday present" on his 50th birthday Friday. There still was the prospect it sooner or later would be placed under Hitler's wing.

Britain announced plans for distribution of food in war-time under which profiteering would be eliminated and "breadlines" made unnecessary.

Crosses Harbor On "Ice Bridge"

PICTOU, N. S., April 17—(CP)—John R. Christie, mail carrier, had the unusual experience today of crossing Pictou Harbor to Pictou Landing over a mile-long "ice bridge" which formed last night.

A northwest wind last night piled the ice up into a bridge across the harbor. Christie made three trips over the bridge but a changing wind tonight caused practically all the ice to disappear.

French Warships Take Over Naval Defence Of Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR, April 17—(AP)—French warships took over the naval defence of this British gale to the Mediterranean today, apparently in a move to release the bulk of the British Fleet for duty in other strategic Mediterranean centres.

Since early Sunday French warships had been steaming in singly and in groups to anchor off the boom-enclosed harbor. Tonight 16 were assembled off the Rock of Gibraltar, while only one British warship—the destroyer Wishart—was in port.

The bulk of Britain's strong Mediterranean Fleet was said to be around Malta, strategic base off the "toe" of Italy. Other ships were at Alexandria and Port Said, guarding the Suez Canal.

Admiral Louis Vallee, commander of the second (French) division conferred during the day with the

Governor of Gibraltar, General Sir Edmund Ironside, Vice Admiral Jean Marquis and Admiral Jacques Leachon.

While French and British officials met, defence preparations were being rushed following reports of Spanish troop concentrations just across the frontier in Spain.

Italy's fleet, which is greatly outnumbered by the combined British and French Mediterranean fleets, was last reported concentrated in the Adriatic during the seizure of Albania 10 days ago.

A Berlin dispatch reported the German Fleet meanwhile was getting up steam to leave Kiel and Wilhelmshaven Tuesday for a month's manoeuvres off the Spanish coast.

Other units of the French Fleet were guarding ports of France and her North African possessions.

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, Toronto, April 17—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 28 70 Vancouver 19 50 Regina 15 50 Winnipeg 32 44 Toronto 33 40 Ottawa 22 46 Montreal 22 46 Quebec 22 46 Saint John 36 50 Halifax 30 42 Charlottetown 24 38

Maritime East: Moderate variable winds; fair and calm. High tide this morning at 9:51 and tonight at 10:26. Sun sets this evening at 6:49 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:16. Last quarter moon April 19, 12:35 P.M. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leave Borden 9:45 a. m. 1 p. m. Tormentine 11 a. m. 3:05 p. m.

Annual "Y" Campaign Is Launched

The annual Y. M. C. A. financial campaign got under way last night when campaign workers attended a dinner meeting at the gym of the local "Y". Speakers included Mr. J. M. MacFadyen, general chairman in charge of the campaign and Mr. Clifford Sobell, Toronto, member of the National Council of the "Y". Dr. J. A. Clark, president of the local Board of Directors presided.

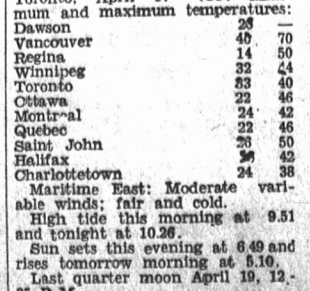
This year's campaign objective was placed at \$5,000. Mr. MacFadyen declared, below that of last year. Divisional Commanders were Messrs. George Craig, Roy Cudmore and Clifford MacDonald.

The Charlottetown "Y" was at the "parting of the ways" the speaker declared. It had to either go forward or stand still and that would mean go back. He then went on to refer to the many prominent men who had been through the Charlottetown "Y" as young men. The Association had played a great part in character building and canvassers need not apologize to any citizen in asking for a contribution.

There was a rumor around that the Charlottetown Y. M. C. A. was about to close down, the speaker said. That was not correct. The board of directors had passed a resolution, for presentation to the annual meeting of the association, recommending the present building be closed on the 15th of

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