

FEDERAL GOV'T GIVES VIEWS IN RENT CONTROL CASE

Search Begins For Missing 80-foot Motor Vessel

HALIFAX, Jan. 30 — (CP) — An all-Sea search began today for the 80-foot motor vessel Atlantic Salvage, missing since Sunday night with five men aboard.

The vessel was on a 100-mile voyage from Halifax to Liverpool, N.S. She left Halifax Saturday and was due at Liverpool Sunday night.

The ship, recently purchased by the Hudson's Bay Company for use in northern waters, was to be conditioned at Liverpool for further operations.

An R.C.A.F. Lancaster secured the area for two hours today. Several ships set out from Liverpool to join in the hunt. They continued to search tonight.

Capt. Albert C. Lloyd, skipper of the Atlantic Salvage, was master of another Hudson's Bay company vessel, the Rupert's Land, now tied up at Halifax. The chief officer was identified only as Williams, a Newfoundlander. Names of the other two were not immediately available.

The Atlantic Salvage was used for lightering service in Halifax during the war. She was to perform a similar function in the north in harbors which have no wharves.

Kidnapping Case In Ontario

CALEDONIA, Ont., Jan. 30 — (CP) — Police Chief William Stotts said two young brothers were snatched from their play today by a woman who fled with them in a green automobile.

He said the boys, Pat and Mike, 3 and 2, have been living at the home of their grandfather, A. M. Rice, a bank manager here.

Crown Attorney Harrison Arrell said the children have been living with their paternal grandparents since their parents were separated.

"There is not a legal separation," he added.

A few minutes after the children disappeared, the grandmother told police she received a telephone call from a woman who claimed to be their mother, Mrs. Gwendolyn Rice of Niagara Falls. The woman said she had taken the children and would care for them.

Caledonia is about 15 miles south of Hamilton.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Show at Bradalbane tonight at 8.30. Songs by Jim Austin.
- Progressive auction card party Pownall Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 31st.
- Hockey match, Sea View rink tonight, Malpeque vs. Sea View.
- Action galore at Macdonald Bros Theatre tonight. See "Black Arrow", Starring Louis Hayward.
- Store closed all day Wednesday February 1st, for Stock-taking. McQuigan & Boyle.
- Our 1950 Seed Catalogue is now ready. Send for free copy. Arthur Vesey, York, P. E. Island.
- Dance, Murnaghan's Warehouse, Donagh, Thursday, February 2nd. If not fine, Friday.
- Hockey Graham's Road tonight, Bradalbane vs. Stanley Bridge.
- Hockey match Long River Rink tonight, French River vs. Long River.
- Hockey at New Glasgow rink tonight between New Glasgow and Glasgow Road. Game starts 8.30.
- Rummage sale, Salvation Army, Friday, Feb. 3, 3 p.m. Donations requested. Please phone 823.
- North River Rink Hockey Match, February 1st. Monarchs vs. Cornwall Meteors. Game time 8.30. Skate after.
- Hockey tonight, North Rustico Rink Rustico Rangers vs. North Rustico Legionaires. Game starts at 8.30. Skate after.
- Hockey tonight at Hunter River rink, Hampshire Bulldogs vs. Hunter River Shur-Gains. Game starts 8.30. Skate after.
- Annual meeting of the Wiltshire Dairymen Co. will be held in North Wiltshire Hall on Monday, February 13, 2 p.m. Nelson Batherley, Secretary.

U. S. Defence Secretary Sees Prospect Of War Dimming

U. S. Telephone Strike Scheduled For Feb. 8; May Involve 300,000

Airmen Visit U.N. Headquarters

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Jan. 30 — (CP) — A group of R.C.A.F. navigators who came to Lake Success today to look at gyroscopes used to tour the United Nations headquarters.

The 13 members of a specialist navigation course, on a country-wide tour of United States Air Force bases and instrument factories, visited the Sperry Gyroscope plant, which leases a part of its building to the U.N.

Squad. Ldr. W.L. Gillespie of Toronto is leader of the course which has its headquarters at Summerside, P.E.I.

The group, which parked its two Lancaster bombers at nearby Wright Field, have visited United States bases in California and Florida. The navigators return to Summerside Saturday.

Hope Fades For 42 Missing Aboard Plane

WHITEHORSE, Y. T., Jan. 30 — (CP) — The \$500,000-a-day air search ground on tonight for 42 men, an expectant mother and her two-year-old son missing with a United States Air Force transport plane.

The plane, which was on a two-hour flight from Anchorage, Alaska to Great Falls, Mont.

With fog, snow and sleet blacking out the "most probable" search area 40 miles south of here, United States army troops fanned out into the heavy timber. In the area of Carcross where a loud explosion was reported last Thursday, troops commanded by Col. F. S. Bowen dropped all preparations for exercise Sweet Briar to search the area.

Missouri Skipper Gets 'Help' From Army

HAMPTON, Va., Jan. 30 — (CP) — Capt. W.D. Brown, skipper of the grounded Missouri, will get another "implement" to free his United States battleship from a Chesapeake Bay mud flat.

Seven former army men, all workers on a Government project near here, have forwarded him a small paddle with the note:

"We hear you are up the creek without one. So we are sending this one with kindest regards and an invitation to stop by Roger's Lodge for a few brews."

Rogers Lodge, it was explained is a house which the seven rent, and where they "batch" together.

UNIONS LEGALIZED

Unions and strikes were not recognized as legal in Canada until 1872.

Urge Completion Of 60-Mile Rail Line In N. S.

GUYSBOROUGH, N. S., Jan. 30 — (CP) — Completion of a 60-mile railway begun in 1927 has been asked again as a measure to meet rising unemployment in the eastern shore area of Nova Scotia.

The railway was planned in 1927 would run from Summerside in Pictou County to this harbor town.

For three years work proceeded on the line which would give Guysborough a connecting link with the C.N.R. terminus at Summerville. Gradiings were pushed through the woods, concrete piers erected to hold bridges and rails were laid for about 10 miles. They still remain and a freight train uses the rails occasionally to load logs.

Then the depression hit and a halt was called. Work never resumed despite protests from Guysborough organizations that it was

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 — (AP) — A strike in the Bell Telephone system across the United States was signalled today to begin Wednesday, Feb. 8, with 100,000 members of the Communications Workers' Association (C.I.O.) called out.

Union officials said that more than 200,000 other members of the same union are expected to observe picket lines and thus support the walkout over wages, hours, apprenticeship rules and pensions. Contracts delay the striking of this latter group until about March 1.

The strike is set to begin at 6 a. m. local time. Joseph A. Beirne, union president, told reporters it will go forward unless the Government or the company acts to avoid it. He said every affected telephone exchange in the United States will be picketed.

Sixty-five per cent of C.W.A. members are women operators and clerical employees.

If the strike actually takes place, union strategy aims at a flood of telephone calls in hope of jamming the dial service. Beirne has suggested that the C.I.O. urge its members to make lots of calls if necessary. Philip Murray, C.I.O. president pledged "whatever help you may require" without specifying the nature of co-operation to be extended.

The union promised, however, to maintain emergency telephone service. Beirne said he wrote to this effect to Leroy Wilson, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, parent of the Bell System.

Beirne said that by use of special numbers which would not be affected by any rush on telephone service, he would be maintained for doctors, nurses, fire, police and other telephone needs in special cases.

Cites New Trend



In five out of the six European countries he visited recently, there is a "trend away from government ownership or control of industry," Philip D. Reed, chairman of the board of General Electric Company, New York, told a meeting of the board of trade in Toronto.

Mr. Reed, also president of the International Chamber of Commerce, said this observation was made after visits to England, France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Egypt. "I came away from every country except England (where the government is too firmly committed, to change), with a very definite impression that the trend is away from government control," he said.

PLANE CATCHES FIRE

BOSTON, Jan. 30 — (AP) — More than 30 passengers were hastily evacuated from an Eastern Airlines Constellation today when fire broke out in the landing gear as the plane was about to take off. The majority slid down a rope to the ground and a few reported friction burns. The fire, confined to the right landing wheels and hydraulic fluid, was extinguished by the airport fire department.

Suggest Railways Cut Wages Before Asking Boost In Grain Rates

OTTAWA, Jan. 30 — (CP) — Railway wage scales were attacked by three Western grain organizations today in a counter-attack to the Canadian Pacific Railway's attempt to wipe out the West's low, statutory freight rates on grain.

Suggesting that the railways' payrolls are too heavy, they said in a brief to the Royal Commission on Transportation that rail wages and salaries should be "re-examined" before any attempt is made to boost the grain rates.

The brief was filed jointly by the Manitoba Pool Elevators, Saskatchewan co-operative producers and the Alberta Wheat Pool, producer-owned grain co-operatives with a membership of 185,000 growers in the Prairie region.

It was the latest move in a developing fight over the fate of the "Crow's Nest" grain rates, sub-normal tariffs set by statute for movement of grain and grain products in the West.

The controversy was touched off before the Commission last year by the Canadian Pacific Railway, which contends it loses between \$13,000,000 and \$17,000,000 a year on the special rates. The C.P.R. asked that they be wiped off the statute books and placed with other

Elderly Caretaker On Starvation Diet

KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont., Jan. 30 — (CP) — The elderly caretaker of an abandoned gold mine was brought to hospital yesterday after living for more than a month on two boxes of breakfast cereal and a gallon of ketchup.

Thomas Bush, 67, found in shack on nearby Goodfish Lake, was so weak he was unable to stand. Police brought him to Kirkland Lake on a sled. He told hospital attendants the ill effects of the unusual quantities of ketchup he ate prevented him from going for help.

QUEBEC'S FIRST MASS

The first Roman Catholic mass in the Province of Quebec was celebrated on June 24, 1616.

But Danger Of Long-Range Attack Stressed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 — (AP) — Defense Secretary Louis Johnson cautioned tonight that an attack on the United States "could come from the opposite hemisphere without warning and with unpredictable fury."

Although warning in his first annual report that Russia now has the secret of atomic explosives Johnson expressed belief that the prospect of war is diminishing.

The military strength of the United States, he said, has much to do with discouraging a venture into a shooting war by an aggressor power.

Johnson said there has been unification of "separate lines of governmental activity in the formulation and conduct of foreign policy through the National Security Council."

Johnson's report covers the fiscal year which ended last June 30 and contains the reports of the three armed services.

On the North Atlantic military assistance program and broad strategy to implement it, here are some of the things Johnson had to say:

1. He does "not foresee immediate and spectacular results upon the establishment of the (Atlantic) pact organization or upon implementation of this year's aid programs. The organization only produces results as it gains experience and fosters mutual understanding among its members."

2. "Should Western Europe be over-run by a hostile power and should its vast industrial and manpower potentials be added to those of such an aggressor, the United States would stand isolated in a dangerously insecure position . . . the United States must be able to hold the lines of collective defence of the North Atlantic area during the time that would be required for the United States to mobilize, equip, train, and transport our own troops across the Atlantic Ocean."

The reports gave some hints of how matters are going in the northern bastion, Alaska, and the whole Arctic defence perimeter.

Matthews gave brief glimpses of some new plans for the sea beyond which lies Russia. He spoke of an LSD (landing ship, dock) being equipped for polar work, and said it is capable of launching "substantial numbers of amphibious craft in subfreezing areas."

The Air Secretary's report said the year's activity was highlighted "by further developments of the capacity to conduct long-range bombing operations and disclosed the air force is experimenting with aerial refuelling of three fighter planes at one time from a single tanker plane."

Will Seek Extension Of Wheat Pool Powers

Search Plane Is Overdue

WHITEHOUSE, Y.T., Jan. 30 — (CP) — A United States plane engaged in the search for a missing C-54 with 44 persons aboard is three hours overdue from today's search.

The plane was one of 57 engaged in the mass aerial hunt for a transport missing since last Thursday. It was last heard from by a sister ship searching in the Watson Lake area, 220 miles east of here.

A communications search was ordered by search headquarters at Northwest Air Command in Edmonton.

The C-47 took off for the day's search operation at 11:07 a.m. CST. At about 7 p.m. CST, it called the search base here from a point about 90 miles due north of Watson Lake.

Main search headquarters at Edmonton said there was no indication of how many crew members were aboard the overdue plane.

"Little Blockade" Of Berlin Lifted

BERLIN, Jan. 30 — (AP) — Russia's "little blockade" of Western truck traffic to Berlin was lifted today and trucks moved normally for the first time since Jan. 22.

Shippers waited until tomorrow to see whether the unpredictable Russians would again impose the bottleneck examination of cars at Helmstedt, 100 miles from Berlin, as mysteriously as they dropped them today.

Traffic reaching the barriers tonight averaged only five or six trucks an hour and were cleared by the Russian guards. Tomorrow, however, a normal volume of 20 to 30 trucks is expected to reach the barrier and it then will be seen whether the Soviet go-slow tactics have definitely ended.

The Russians gave no explanation for the new leniency after playing an erratic game of delay and indulgence.

UNUSUAL ACCIDENTS

LONDON, Jan. 30 — (AP) — A train hit Dr. William Rossiter's car at Portsmouth today and carried it 120 yards along the track. He crawled out with a bruise on one foot.

A baby buggy pushed by a mother in a hurry, knocked Miss Maud Coleman down in London and broke her right leg.

Two sheep dogs named Magic and Mystic collided during a romp at Fordcombe and dropped dead with broken necks.

U. K. Conservatives Ask Unions For Support

LONDON, Jan. 30 — (CP) — Winston Churchill's Conservatives appealed tonight to trade unionists to support the Party's back-bone — for support in the Feb. 23 parliamentary elections.

Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, a Conservative leader in the House of Commons, made the appeal in a political broadcast.

Labour would lose the services of the Government as an impartial arbitrator.

He also bid further for union support in saying that powers of a joint industry-labor advisory committee should be increased.

In another political speech, Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary and now the No. 2 Conservative, charged present tax rates are much too high for Britain's good. He called for lower taxes.

Attorney-General Sir Hartley Shawcross, speaking for the Government, said the Conservatives are offering "paradise" for plutocrat and profiteer.

For others, Sir Hartley said, the Conservatives promise "pie in the sky."

Britain's Roman Catholics meanwhile were told to find out candidates' views on education before voting in the election.

Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster and ranking Roman Catholic prelate in Britain, gave those instructions at a school rally.

The Church claims Roman Catholic schools are endangered by the Education Act of 1944, un-

Hearings Begin Before Supreme Court of Canada

OTTAWA, Jan. 30 — (CP) — The Federal Government contended before the Supreme Court today that rent controls are constitutionally valid because they are in the interests of "peace, order and good government."

The argument was offered by F.P. Varcoe, Deputy Minister of Justice, in a 3½-hour presentation of the Federal Government's case in the Supreme Court hearing on validity of rent controls as passed and extended by Parliament.

The Government has indicated that if the Court rules Federal rent controls are ultra vires of Parliament — invalid — it will vacate the field. If the controls are found to be valid, however, the Government intends to extend them for a year beyond March 31 to provide for orderly discontinuation of the program.

This promise by the Government is the only basis for believing that the ruling of the Supreme Court will be followed.

Decision Not Binding

Chief Justice Thibodeau Rinfret made this clear when he said that actually the court's decision will be binding on no one.

What the court was doing was merely expressing an "opinion" which, in effect, could be accepted or rejected by Parliament. The opinion would be based on the facts and laws placed before the court and nothing else.

As such, either tenants or landlords disagreeing with the opinion would be free to seek action through the courts in the regular way.

Speaks for Gov't.

Mr. Varcoe unfolded arguments before seven Supreme Court justices, headed by Chief Justice Rinfret.

He referred to a 25-year-old decision by the judicial committee of the Imperial Privy Council on which Viscount Haldane ruled that section 91 of the British North America Act — Canada's constitution — provides the Federal Government with "power to deal adequately" with emergencies such as war.

This power, said Mr. Varcoe, included the right to assume a normally provincial field of jurisdiction if such action is in the interests of "peace, order and good government."

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Says Unemployment Figures Exaggerated

WINNIPEG, Jan. 30 — (CP) — C.A.L. Murchison of Ottawa, commissioner of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, said in an interview today that labor unions are exaggerating the total of unemployed in Canada.

En route to the International Labor Organization conference in New Zealand next month, Mr. Murchison said the commission received a greater volume of unemployment insurance returns in December than in any month during its history. This indicated that although there was considerable unemployment, employment figures were high.

Much of the present unemployment was seasonal, aggravated by unusual winter conditions.

Mr. Murchison said public works projects, urged by labor groups as a means of easing unemployment, were impractical because of the impossibility of embarking on any substantial building program during the winter months.

Icebreakers Begin Work Early In St. Lawrence

MONTREAL, Jan. 30 — (CP) — Shore navigation lights flashed on along a 40-mile stretch of the St. Lawrence River tonight as icebreakers began an early drive to open up the ice-coated waterway.

The lights were ordered on along Lake St. Peter after one of the shortest periods of darkness in the river's history. They were turned out only 30 days ago because the mild winter enabled late navigation.

The lights will guide two Government icebreakers, N. B. McLean and Ernest Lapointe, which pushed their reinforced prows into the ice jams today 70 miles downriver from Montreal.

Marine men said main reason for the icebreakers starting on their annual job a week or 10 days ahead of the usual date is because of ice jams in the river. In normal winter seasons the heavy ice remains in the river until the icebreakers smash it.

Because of this mild winter, however, the thin ice is breaking up and blocks are jamming up near the point where funnel-shaped Lake St. Peter narrows into the river channel, causing danger of floods upriver.

Shipping men said an early opening of the river will not necessarily mean an early return of ocean shipping to Montreal. Last year the river was opened March 29 but the first freighter did not reach here until April 7.

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A LAWSUIT IS JUST A MATTER OF DOLLARS AND NO SENSE!



HALIFAX, Jan. 30 — (CP) — Official forecast issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis: — The weather tonight presents a great contrast with last night. Temperatures then were in the 40s over most of the district, and intermittent rain was falling. But now, winter temperatures have again returned to the district, and skies are clear.

Cold air pushed across the Maritimes during the day, setting temperatures on the downward path even though the sun began to shine, and tonight, many readings will be below zero.

The high pressure area crossing the district tomorrow will do little to change the weather.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Tuesday:

Prince Edward Island: A few clouds on Tuesday and much colder. Light northwest winds. Low early Tuesday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 2 and 15.

High tide today at 9.42 A.M. and 7.59 P.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN-TORMENTINE WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden Tormentine 8.10 A.M. Lv. Cape Tormentine 2.40 P.M.