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MEMBERS OF ALL PARTIES DENOUNCE FREIGHT RATES

Russians Regret Air Crash Over Berlin

Maritime Premiers Make Joint Protest Against Freight Rates Increase

A telegram protesting against the 21-per-cent increase in freight rates, signed by the three Maritime Premiers, was forwarded to the Governor General-in-Council over the week-end, it was learned yesterday.

The sending of the telegram was delayed nearly twenty-four hours because of the inability of Mr. Rand Matheson, secretary of the Maritime Transportation Commission, to locate Premier J. Walter Jones who was in New York State. Mr. Matheson, however, finally succeeded in getting a telephone call through to the Premier, who agreed to have his name attached to the telegram with those of Premiers J.B. MacNair of New Brunswick and Angus J. MacDonald of Nova Scotia.

The telegram asked the Governor General-in-Council to use the authority of Section 12 of the Railway Act so as to change the order of the Board of Transport Commissioners from becoming effective for the next 30 days.

By so doing, the telegram stated, the Maritime Transportation Commission and the Governments of the three Maritime Provinces would gain time in which to confer with the Governments of the four western Provinces. The telegram went on to say that such a conference would enable the seven Provinces to agree upon the Tribunal to which the appeal may be made and upon the nature of the relief that may be requested.

The Prince Edward Island Potato Growers' Association forwarded a telegram to Ottawa yesterday, requesting a re-hearing of the case for the imposition of the new freight rate increase would mean the ruin of the Island's potato industry.

A special meeting of the Maritime (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)

British Withdraw Orders For Fighter Plane Escorts

BERLIN, April 5 — (AP) — A British spokesman said tonight that the Russians have given a satisfactory answer to a British protest over the crash of a Soviet fighter into a British transport plane today.

The British authorities withdrew their order to the R.A.F. to use fighter planes as escorts tomorrow.

Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky assured the British commander, Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, that no intention of interfering with British aircraft using the international corridor to Berlin "in accordance with our mutual agreement was or is intended."

The official British spokesman said "Sokolovsky regretted as much as Gen. Robertson the catastrophe which caused the death of the victims."

"Sokolovsky added that he would issue immediate orders to give the British access to the bodies and baggage in the Viking aircraft," said the spokesman, "R.W. Crawshaw."

"Gen. Robertson cancelled instructions put out for provision of protection to our transport aircraft."

Fourteen persons aboard the British airliner were killed. The Russian fighter pilot also was killed.

Earlier, a British spokesman blamed a "frivolous" Soviet Yak fighter flying illegally in the British Gatow Airfield area for the collision. The spokesman said Russian fighters had "buzzed" British transports before.

Before the Russian assurances were received, British authorities had given the Russians until tomorrow to make a satisfactory reply to a British protest, personally delivered by Gen. Robertson to Marshal Sokolovsky.

A terse statement by the United States commander, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, said:

"On flights for tomorrow, April (Continued on Page 5 Col. 3)

Red Cross City Campaign Leaders



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MAJOR GEORGE CRAIG
General Chairman

At a dinner held in Zion Church Hall last night campaign workers in the annual Red Cross Campaign for funds prepared for a general canvass of the City this week. The Provincial objective is and reports to date are most encouraging.

Red Cross Campaign Launched Auspiciously

Big Improvement Noted In Ice Conditions In Gulf

A "big improvement" in ice conditions in the Gulf of St. Lawrence was reported by Mr. Angus Brown of Wood Islands, P. E. I., official ice observer for the Department of Transport, on return from their regular aerial ice patrol yesterday.

Open water is in evidence from well into the mouth of the St. Lawrence River extending for 25 miles North East of Bird Rock, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Extending from there to Cape St. George and Cape Ray, Newfoundland, the Cabot Strait, Magdalen, East Point, P. E. I. and along the North coast of P. E. I. there is still considerable board ice, but this is breaking up fast.

In the Northumberland Straits from Cape George, Cape Breton, to Gordon, P. E. I. and continuing west to Bay Chaleur it is practically all open water, and Mr. Brown said that the ferry Abegweit "will not have any trouble in making her crossings from now on."

The north end of the Strait of Canso is still blocked quite heavily with ice, but this, too, is slowly breaking up.

During yesterday's trip, two sealing vessels, the Alfred and Emily, and the Mary Hyde, were sighted about 30 miles off Cape Ray, Newfoundland, and the crews could be seen out on the ice after seals.

Mr. Brown said they are at dropping mail at St. Paul's Island, and "I hope there won't be any Easter hats in the bags, as we have no parachutes to drop them gently with, but will just have to fly low and drop the mail out."

Gov't To Consider Petitions From Several Provinces

Day-long Debate Touched Off In House Of Commons.

By JOHN LEBLANC
OTTAWA, April 5 — (CP) — Transport Minister Chevrier declined in the Commons tonight to indicate whether the Government plans to withhold freight-rate increases authorized last week for the railways.

But he did say that the Government will consider carefully the petitions which several Provinces

Drop Red Plan For World-wide Control Of Atomic Energy

Federal Election By Next October?

LAKE SUCCESS, April 5 — (CP) — A United Nations committee today discarded Russia's atomic plan as inadequate and abandoned in failure, its effort to agree on world-wide atomic control.

By a vote of 9 to 2, the working committee of the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission decided formally to throw out Russia's proposals.

The Commission is expected to meet later this month. Its two main committees, the working committee and the control group, have reached what several delegates called a dead end. The Commission, and eventually the U. N. Assembly in Paris next fall, must decide what comes next.

The core of the Russian plan centered around a provision that the United States immediately scrap its bombs before any international control system could be set up. The Soviet Union also said there could not be unlimited inspection inside her borders in any hunt for pact violators.

Andrej A. Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, and Vassily A. Tarasenko, of the Soviet Ukraine, voted against dropping the Russian plan.

Tarasenko charged that what he called militaristic and reactionary circles in the United States are trying to break up attempts to control atomic energy.

Delegates of Canada, the United States, France, Britain, China, Belgium, Argentina, Syria and Colombia voted that there is no longer any use talking about the Russian plan.

The majority also approved a statement that Russian proposals ignore the existing technical knowledge of the problem of atomic energy control; do not provide an adequate basis for the effective international control of atomic energy and the elimination of atomic weapons; and therefore do not conform to the assignment laid down by the first U. N. Assembly.

It will make it an unusually active summer, since the provincial governments of Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan are scheduled to call elections, and in each province, the administrations are expected to be returned, although with reduced majorities.

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Britons To Hear Budget Today

LONDON, April 5 — (CP) — Sir Stafford Cripps tomorrow will announce his 1948-49 budget in the House of Commons but few believe it will reveal much relief for taxpayers.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and supreme economic recovery director has recently warned again that even United States Marshall-Plan aid will not make easy the British path to recovery.

Britons are the most heavily taxed people of any great country. For every \$4 a Briton earns, the Government's income tax is \$1.80.

Return To Canada

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., April 5 — (CP) — Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Viscount Alexander, Governor-General of Canada, left here by air at 2:46 p.m. AST, today, returning to Ottawa after having attended a special convocation at William and Mary College last week.

Report Russian Tank In British-held Zone

BRUNSWICK, April 5 — (Reuters) — A Russian light tank was reported to have crossed the Anglo-Soviet zonal border at the Holdersdorp near Soehningen, early today.

The report said the tank's crew armed with guns and pistols, asked him about any movements of British troops or the position of British observation posts. Shortly afterwards they boarded the tank and withdrew.

U.S.-Canadian Planes On Mercy Flights

Makes Long Voyage With Cargo Of Bibles

BOSTON, April 5 — Carrying a cargo of Bibles, the 63-foot missionary schooner Morning Star VI has arrived safely in the Far South Pacific after a seven-month voyage under sail from Boston.

Officials of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Congregational Christian) today reported her arrival at Kusaie in the Caroline Islands.

She sailed from Boston July 27, the sixth Morning Star since 1886 to be sent from this port to the Micronesian Islands.

BOOST WHISKY EXPORTS

LONDON, April 5 — (AP) — Scotch whisky exports will be increased 700,000 gallons to a total of 8,500,000 for the 12-month period beginning May 1 to bring in more dollars. Food Minister John Strachey said today.

Coming Events

- *Dried Codfish 15c pound. Clark Bros, Mt. Stewart, St. Peter's Bay.
- *Bridal Party K. of C. Hall, Souris, Wednesday, April 7.
- *For trucking hogs and cattle, anywhere, anytime, phone 888-J.
- *Cradle party Mt. Albion Hall, Wednesday, April 7th.
- *Whist and Dance in Belfast Hall, April 8th.
- *Regular Dance at Walter Connick's, Kinkora, Tuesday night. If not fine, Wednesday.
- *Reserve April 20 for comedy play "Cherio My Dearlo", Empire Theatre.
- *South Granville W. I. variety concert in North Granville Hall Tuesday, April 6th.
- *Concert in Bradabane postponed until further notice on account of roads.
- *Raffle, K. of C. Hall, Souris, Thursday, April 8. Proceeds for charity.
- *Unloading pressed hay at Charlottetown today. R. A. MacPhail, New Haven.
- *Kelly's Wood Yard, dry soft wood blocks, hard wood blocks. Phone 891-L.
- *Reserve Tuesday night, April 6th for Dance in Rustico Hall, Rustico. New floor. Good music. Refreshments.
- *No. 2 mixed clover seed, 70 per cent timothy, 30 per cent clover. 25 cents. Book now. MacGuigan and Boyle, Hunter River.
- *Unloading car bulk oats at Colville Station, Monday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 6. Kitson & Younker.
- *To arrive, car of choice double re-cleated 3 O.W. Alberta oats, \$5.50 per 100. Book MacGuigan and Boyle, Hunter River.
- *Loading Hogs at Fredericton for Canada Packers every Thursday till 11 A. M. and Colville until 12 D. L. MacDowell.
- *Don't miss Big Reopening Dance, Happy Islanders, Country Club, Travellers Rest, Thursday, April 8th. Orchestra, Prince County Pioneers. Modern Sound Equipment.

Police Strike Touches Off Reign Of Terror

(By The Associated Press)
ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, April 5 — A strike by 3,000 policemen here today unleashed a reign of terror by the underworld in which 20 persons were killed and more than 100 buildings looted and set on fire.

Unofficial estimates said property damage would amount to millions of dollars.

Order was restored by nightfall. A 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew was imposed on the city and hundreds of troops patrolled the streets.

In Cairo tonight the Government issued an ultimatum for striking police to return to work tomorrow or be dismissed. It applied to police in Alexandria, Cairo and in the Suez Canal region, also affected by the strike.

Strikers' spokesmen in the Capital said they would not meet demands of the ultimatum. Army riflemen surrounded strikers' headquarters. Nearly 1,000 police officers, men and cadets remained inside. Troops refused to allow anyone to enter or leave.

Fears were expressed that the opposition Wafdist Party and Communists might sponsor police demonstrations in the Capital tomorrow.

The strike resulted in demands from opposition quarters that Prime Minister Nokrashy Pasha resign. The police asked higher pay and better working conditions.

Nokrashy Pasha supplemented the Government ultimatum with a special warning to non-commissioned police in Alexandria. He said military tribunals would try those who urged participation in the rioting.

Troops were called out when the police struck. Seven police strikers and 13 civilians died as the soldiers' guns blazed during the day. Official tabulations showed 40 persons severely wounded.

Charges Dropped In Alberta Libel Case

EDMONTON, April 5 — (CP) — Three charges were dropped today and one retained in as confusing a legal day as Alberta lawyers have seen in years.

Jack Kent Cooke, publisher of New Liberty magazine, Harold Dingman, writer for the publication, and Dr. Charlotte Whitton, welfare authority, were freed on charges that they had conspired to publish a defamatory libel.

A second charge against Mr. Cooke—that he had "counselled the publication of a defamatory libel"—remained against him and this trial began in Supreme Court this afternoon.

A7 Above Zero In Montreal Yesterday

MONTREAL, April 5 — (CP) — Today was the hottest April 5 in Montreal in 38 years. At 3 p.m. the thermometer at McGill University recorded 67 degrees, just one degree from the all-time high set April 5, 1910.

NEW YORK, April 5 — (AP) — Two masked men entered the offices of a diamond-cutting firm on the top floor of a 14-story Broadway building tonight and escaped with an estimated \$70,000.

FOR BETTER BAKING

BLOSSOM FLOUR

CANADA

Trawler Returns With Record Catch

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 5 — (CP) — The trawler Fearless returned from the banks today with a record catch of 331,000 pounds, mostly haddock.

The catch included 220,000 pounds of haddock, 80,000 of cod, 25,000 of grey sole and 5,000 of halibut.

U.S. To Send Carrier Task Force To Norway

WASHINGTON, April 5 — (AP) — The United States will send a carrier task force late this month to Norway, putting the war craft in the strategically important Scandinavian area which recently has been reported under Russian pressure.

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tinuation of the Navy's policy of making visits to friendly countries for the promotion of good will and the furtherance of friendly relations.

The State Department has shown marked concern over Russia's recent insistence on a close alliance with Finland. Senators and representatives have suggested that similar moves may already have been undertaken toward Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

American military leaders consider the freedom of Scandinavian countries essential to American security.

State officials echoed Truman's expressed confidence that the \$5-300,000,000 E.R.P. effort to rebuild Europe would be, in the long run, the best means of halting Communist expansion.

But they say there must be strong evidence of American military power as well, especially during the unsettled period before and after the April 18 Italian elections.

OUR MODERN GIRL THINKS 'FLOUR' IS SOMETHING THAT COMES IN A BOX FROM THE FLOURIST!

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