

By harmony our souls are sway-
ed; by harmony the world was
made.

Who to a woman trusts his peace
of mind, trusts to a frail bark, with
a tempestuous wind.

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CONFESSED RED SPY ARRESTED IN WESTERN CANADA

Mountain Differential Freight Rate Ordered Removed

British Threaten Force To Rescue Destroyer

New Electric Plant For New Brunswick

FREDERICTON, April 24 (CP)—Planned construction of a 16,750-horsepower steam electric plant at Grand Falls as part of a Province-wide system was announced in the New Brunswick Legislature Saturday by Hon. J. G. Boucher, chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission. Mr. Boucher said the plant would be built within the next two years at a cost of \$2,200,000. He was speaking in explanation of a bill to authorize an increase of \$10,000,000 in the commission's borrowings.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Library concert Crapaud Hall, Tuesday, April 26 at 8:15 p.m.
- Play, Tracadie Hall, Wednesday, May 4th, Dance afterwards.
- Show Morell, every Tuesday and Friday. Show starts 8:30 o'clock.
- Jimmy Power's variety concert in Harrington Hall, Tuesday, April 26, 8:30.
- Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- Enjoy the Norboro Play at Stanley Bridge Wednesday, April 27th.
- Dancing to-night, Country Club, Travellers Rest. Come along for a good time.
- Booking orders for Timothy and Clover Seeds (ShurGains Feeds). F. W. Clark, Mt. Stewart.
- Seven Mile Bay Hall Monday April 25, 3-act comedy drama, followed by dance.
- Barton Lodge is bringing Winsloe plays to Milton Hall, Tuesday, April 26th. Sale of cake and candy.
- The Morell Creamery Annual Meeting will be held in Morell Hall, Thursday, April 28th, at 8 P. M.
- Norboro Play in Fredericton Hall, sponsored by Springton W. I. Monday, April 26th. Sale of candy.
- Play by Charlottetown Players in Vernon River Hall, Wednesday, April 27th, Curtain 8:30. Specialties.
- No. 2 Mixed Clover Seeds, 70% Timothy, 30% clover—25 cents. Rush your bookings. McGuigan and Boyle.
- Pownal Y. P. U. presents "Have a Heart", North Winsloe Hall, Tuesday, April 26th. Curtain 8:15. Auspices Hall Committee.
- See Indian River—Kensington Dramatic Club present Lighthouse Nun in Morell Memorial Hall on Wednesday, April 27th, 8:30 P. M.
- Now open for cleaning and clipping grain, Monday's, Wednesday's, Thursday's and Saturday's. Ira D. MacDonald, Covehead.
- Co-operative Meeting, Monday, April 25th, at 8 P. M. Winsloe Station Hall. All residents West Rte. 1, Highfield, Winsloe and Milton cordially invited.
- Now booking clover seed. Farmers, our prices will save you money. Rush your orders. MacGuigan & Boyle.
- Don't forget, follow the crowd to the regular Dance at the Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday, April 26th, and every Tuesday night throughout the season.
- Pownal Y. P. U. presents "Have a Heart", North Winsloe Hall, Thursday, April 28th, Curtain 8:15. Auspices North Winsloe Women's Institute.
- Don't miss Friday, April 29th, 8:15. Hunter River Hall, Winsloe Station. Players in two one-act plays, "Kitty" and "Savings Dad", sponsored by W. A. Music and specialties between acts.
- Feeds: The following is our prices on feeds: 18% Pig Starter \$3.85, 18% Hog Grower \$3.30, 18% Hog Finisher \$3.20, 17% Laying Mash \$3.85, 17% Growing Mash \$3.85, 18% Chick Starter \$4.40. Other feeds in accordance. Buy Shur-Gain Feeds and be sure. Bags excluded. Phone or write your order. E. J. MacDonald, Vernon.

By Don Carlson

SHANGHAI, April 24 (AP)—The British consul-general Saturday night strongly implied that force would be used if necessary to rescue the sloop Amethyst and her 60 remaining personnel from a Chinese Communist trap in the Yangtze River.

The Communist radio in Peiping meanwhile charged that the four British ships shot up by the Reds since Wednesday were fired upon because they joined the Nationalists in the war. A Foreign Office spokesman in London firmly denied this, stating the Amethyst and the others which vainly tried to rescue her "only fired in self-defence and did not fire until fired upon."

This spokesman also said one of the British ships, the 10,000-ton cruiser London, was fired on by Nationalist as well as Communist artillery. He did not elaborate. British sources in Shanghai previously had denied rumors of Nationalist firing.

The death toll aboard the four British ships was officially put today at 43, instead of the previous 44. More than 80 British seamen were wounded, some of them critically. The Communists said they themselves suffered 252 casualties and damage to their positions.

The 1,375-ton Amethyst, first fired upon Wednesday as she sought to reach Nanking to supply and protect British Embassy personnel, was still pinned in the river about 50 miles east of Nanking. The destroyer consort, the cruiser London and the sloop Black Swan all were hit and had to withdraw. The Communists now hold both banks and have fired on the Amethyst every time she moves in either direction.

What British naval authorities intend to do next to help her was not made clear. They said an R. A. F. flying boat flew over the Amethyst Saturday but did not alight.

Weather Delays Search For Plane

HALIFAX, April 24 (CP)—R. C. A. F. here said bad weather over most sections of New Brunswick today halted search for a missing Air Force plane for the second successive day.

The plane, a Beechcraft Expediter with seven men aboard, was reported missing Thursday on a routine flight from Ottawa's Rockville Airport to Chatham, N. B. It was last seen over Presque Isle, Me., an hour's flight from Chatham.

An all-out effort would be made tomorrow to find the plane, R. C. A. F. officials said. Some 20 planes, at least three of them from Northern United States air bases, would take off at dawn tomorrow from Maritime airfields to resume the search. Two helicopters also were standing by at Presque Isle.

REMARKABLE EXPANSION

Holland's Utrecht spring fair held recently, was the biggest one yet having a capacity seven times greater than the first fair, held in 1900.

Election Talk Increases As Parliament Resumes

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL

OTTAWA, April 24 (CP)—Amdid a writer of election rumors, members of the Commons will return to their seasonal duties Monday after a two-week Easter recess.

The recess increased rather than lessened the uncertainty surrounding a likely election date. Prime Minister St. Laurent is the man who will finally fix the date—maintained throughout a tour of Western Canada that he does not yet know the election date.

The air may be cleared Wednesday when it is expected Mr. St. Laurent will call a caucus of supporters to hear their views on when the government should go to the polls. Life of the present parliament does not expire until August, 1950.

Closest as to the date Mr. St. Laurent will choose are varied. Some political observers and politicians have picked June 27. Others favor July 27. Another group favors early October. A minority picks the spring of

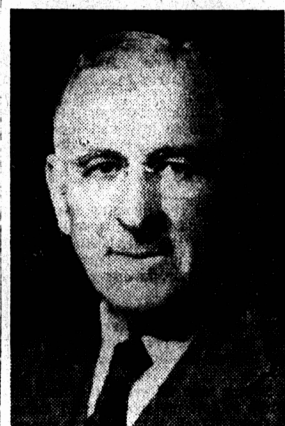
Federal Bldg. Tenders To Be Called Shortly

Architects are busy completing the plans for the new Federal Building in Charlottetown, and it is expected that tenders for the work will be called shortly. All the properties on the site, bounded by Queen, Richmond, Pownal and Sydney Streets, have been appraised and a number of tenants have already found premises elsewhere.

The new building will be a two-storey stone and steel structure, 330 feet long by 75 feet in width. It will be set back 50 feet from the Queen Street frontage with a space of 30 feet between the building and the other surrounding streets.

The Post Office, Unemployment Insurance and Tax offices will occupy the ground floor, and there will be accommodation above for all the other Federal departments. The main entrance will face the corner of Queen and Richmond Streets. A special entrance for mail truck deliveries will be provided on Sydney Street. Ample provision is being made for parking space and other conveniences.

Scores Effort To Force Prime Minister's Hand In Senate Appointments



Mr. J. L. Douglas, M.P.

In an interview with The Guardian prior to his departure yesterday for Ottawa, Mr. J. Lester Douglas, Liberal M. P. for Queen's, said he learned authoritatively that Dr. T. V. Grant, M. P. for King's, had informed a member of the Provincial Government by telephone from Ottawa that he (Dr. Grant) and Hon. G. H. Barbour, Minister of Public Works and Highways, were to be appointed to the two vacant Senate seats in Prince Edward Island.

"It is a most unusual procedure for an ordinary M. P. to make any announcement or intimation with regard to Senate appointments, which can only be properly made by the Prime Minister of Canada," Mr. Douglas declared. "This has always been the Prime Minister's prerogative, and it would appear that in the present case an effort is being made to force the Prime Minister's hand by a premature statement."

Mr. Douglas said he had it on the best authority that no appointments to the Senate would be made until after Parliament prorogues. With regard to his own claim to a Senatorship, Mr. Douglas said his political record spoke for itself. He had been an active supporter of the Liberal Party for thirty years, and since his election by acclamation to the House of Commons in 1938 had been returned at every election.

Decision In Halifax Snowblower Probe

Crown Completes Evidence In McLeod Case

HALIFAX, April 24 (CP)—Judge V. J. Pottier today described transactions involving purchase of three snowblowers by the city last year as "inconsistent with the good government of the city or the proper conduct of... the public business."

Judge Pottier made the statement in a 15,000-word decision released today. The decision followed a month-long county court probe into the snowblower deal.

There was no immediate indication from official sources what action, if any, would follow. Judge Pottier said in his report there was no issue between parties for the tribunal to decide and no defendant to be tried. He said the tribunal was appointed to "find the facts and give the answers on the matters submitted to it."

The probe was called by City Council following a request by a Civic Improvement Association. Earlier, snowblower agent John A. West of nearby Dartmouth had accused former Deputy Mayor J.E. Lloyd of accepting a bribe. The accusation was made in a letter to Mayor J.E. (Ge) Aherne and denied by Lloyd during the probe.

West wrote the letter after a civic works committee reversed an earlier decision to purchase six Cyclone "Junior" snowblowers. Three snowblowers were purchased in February, 1948.

Civic elections will be held here April 27 and Lloyd, also a former mayor, is a candidate for that post this year. He automatically lost his seat on the City Council by becoming a candidate.

Judge Pottier said an agreement for payment of "\$3,000 bribe" to Lloyd in return for the purchase of six Cyclone snowblowers by the city was made by West at a hotel-room conference in January, 1948.

He said \$1,000 was paid to Lloyd at the conference "even though Mr. West had claimed in his evidence this payment had been in the form of a loan."

"I have come to the conclusion after observing deputy mayor Lloyd, Mr. West and Mr. Vandal (a business associate of West's) on the witness stand, that Mr. West and Mr. Vandal were telling the truth regarding the request by Alderman Lloyd for \$500 per machine, making a total of \$3,000, and the tacit agreement of Mr. West to pay the same to Alderman Lloyd and that Mr. West further was telling the truth when he said he passed to Alderman Lloyd the sum of \$1,000 in the manner in which he indicated. I believe, however, it was understood... that the sum was to be taken as part of the \$3,000 notwithstanding that they tried to give it an air of respectability by calling it a loan."

Judge Pottier criticized Mayor J.E. Aherne, city solicitor O.P. Bethune and several aldermen for the way they handled the snowblower issue. He said he believed evidence of West and Vandal that Aid. Earl Burgess had told them he controlled other Halifax North aldermen even though "as a matter of fact he did not."

Russian Wives Case To Come Up In U.N.

NEW YORK, April 24 (CP)—Russia's refusal to allow wives of foreigners to leave the Soviet Union will be assailed Monday in the United Nations.

It is one of the items of unfinished business left over from last year's assembly at Paris. The committee recommended then that the assembly ask Russia to "withdraw the measures of such a nature which have been adopted."

Chile brought the dispute before the U.N. when Russia refused permission for the Soviet-born wife of the son of a Chilean diplomat to leave the U.S.S.R.

Other countries, including Canada, Britain and the United States, have protested outside the U.N. against the restrictions.

Halifax Tugboat Crews To Dock Aquitania

MONTREAL, April 24 (CP)—Halifax tugboat crews, who joined the Canadian Seamen's Union (T. L. C.) strike, will return to work long enough tomorrow to dock the liner Aquitania but will not touch any "hot vessels," the union announced today.

Harry Davis, C.S.U. president, said in a statement he had instructed the Halifax branch to dock the Aquitania at the request of the Federal Deputy Minister of Labor.

Mr. Davis said the Federal official had asked the union to co-operate in assuring the safety of the 1,800 passengers aboard the big four-stacker.

Candy Rationing Ends In Great Britain

LONDON, April 24 (AP)—Candy rationing ended today and not since 1942 has the United Kingdom seen so many smeared faces and sticky little fingers.

There was only one unpleasant thought about it for Britain's juveniles. There may be a lot of stomach-aches tomorrow after the orgy—and castor oil.

Potato Bill In N. B. Legislature

FREDERICTON, April 24 (CP)—Among bills introduced in the New Brunswick Legislature Saturday was one by Agriculture Minister Taylor providing for a tax on the potato industry to raise funds "for the good of the industry."

Reds Occupy Nanking, Race Towards Shanghai

By Fred Hampson
SHANGHAI, April 24 (CP)—Communist armies today occupied Nanking, beat off a small Nationalist air raid on that capital, and raced within 30 miles of Shanghai.

More than 600 miles northwest of Shanghai, they took by storm the isolated government arsenal city of Taiyuan, now a smouldering ruin.

Seymour Topping, Associated Press correspondent in Nanking, reported that by Sunday night 20,000 Communist soldiers had quietly spread all over Nanking.

In mid-afternoon three government planes struffed the "Ming Tomb" airfield inside Nanking's walls, and Communist gunners replied. Topping said the targets apparently were bomb dumps and fuel left behind by the retreating Nationalists Saturday. Damage was slight.

One fragmentary message from Topping included this information: "Canadian embassy personnel all okay."

(In Ottawa the External Affairs Department said Friday T.C. Davis, the Canadian ambassador to China, still was in Nanking with his staff of six Canadians. There also is a small consular staff at Shanghai.)

Nanking was cut off intermittently most of the day. Communist vanguards were reported to have reached Kunshan village, less than 30 miles west of Shanghai. Government troop trains were moving to that point.

There was no word of the whereabouts of the main bodies of the 1,000,000 men the Reds say they have put across to the south side of the Yangtze since Wednesday midnight on a 450-mile front. It was believed likely they would drive hard for Hangchow, Nationalist escape funnel 100 miles south of Shanghai, and clean up the rear, including Shanghai, more leisurely.

Government opposition, however, was almost non-existent, and Shanghai helplessly awaited the Red entry.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, the "retired" Nationalist president, left Shanghai Sunday for the southern port of Amoy in a warship. Acting president Li Tsung-Jen was in the southern city of Kwellin but planned soon to go to the provisional capital of Canton, where Premier Ho Ying-Chin arrived Sunday.

News In Brief

ST. JOHN'S, April 24 (CP)—A vanguard of delegates have arrived in this capital tonight to attend Newfoundland's first provincial Liberal convention scheduled to begin Thursday.

TORONTO, April 24 (CP)—Alexander G. Viets, a founder of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the first Canadian soldier to be blinded in the First World War, died Friday at his home here.

OTTAWA, April 24 (CP)—Anzac Day, 34th anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops on Gallipoli on April 25, 1915, during the First World War, will be observed across Canada tomorrow.

BLACK DIAMOND, Alta., April 24 (CP)—A raging fire, driven by strong winds, today razed almost an entire block in this south-western Alberta town, 24 miles southwest of Calgary. Six buildings were destroyed in the fire which caused an estimated \$200,000 damage.

OTTAWA, April 24 (CP)—Wilfred Laurier, former prime minister, died in hospital tonight from colitis. He was 84. Native of Tweed, Ont., Mr. Laurier was appointed first commissioner in 1939.

Margarine Bill Before N. B. House

FREDERICTON, April 24 (CP)—A bill affecting the sale, manufacture and distribution of oleomargarine in New Brunswick was introduced in the Legislature Saturday by Agriculture Minister Taylor.

Under its provisions, the product may contain no more than 1.6 degrees of yellow tint or yellow and red collectively; no dairy product or preservative other than salt; no more than 16 per cent water nor less than 80 per cent fat, and no yellow coloring material attached to or within the package.

The container must bear the word "oleomargarine" or the product's trade name, with a list of ingredients, their percentage and origin. If margarine is served in a public place the fact must be stated in the menu or on a placard easily visible.

Manufacturers and wholesalers must obtain a licence from the minister of agriculture. Regulations for issuing licences and prescribing standards of quality will be made by the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

Air Force Planning Record Photo Year

OTTAWA, April 24 (CP)—With a record year of air photography under its belt, the Air Force is setting sights on an even larger photo coverage of Canada this summer.

Reorganized into three squadrons instead of the two previously used, the R.C.A.F. aims to cover a total of 957,000 square miles, compared with the 911,000 last year.

First of the 1949 air survey groups will reach Koccoliffe this week.

Came Into Dominion As Latvian D.P.

Acquaintances in Calgary Find It "Hard To Believe" He was spy.

By Jack Aveson
WINNIPEG, April 24 (CP)—A confessed Russian spy was under close watch in a Winnipeg jail tonight to prevent any possible attempt at suicide.

There were no grounds for belief that 36-year-old Dmitry Leshchenko, arrested at Calgary last Tuesday as an illegal immigrant, planned to attempt violence to himself but constant surveillance was reported ordered "just in case" pending disposition of the case by the immigration department. Deportation to Russia was expected to be the official finding.

Admitted Being Spy
The short, fair-haired former Russian army officer was said by Justice Minister Garson to have admitted being a Russian spy in the British sector of Germany. He is alleged to have entered a displaced persons camp as a Latvian and to have gained entry to Canada last May under that category.

This, Mr. Garson said, was under Russian instructions to seek entry to some democratic country. Mr. Garson, who had given personal attention to the case while in Winnipeg in connection with the Western tour of Prime Minister St. Laurent, said today before leaving for Ottawa that Leshchenko's arrest was a "straight case" for the Immigration Department. The official charge against the Russian, who speaks little English, is one of having entered Canada by "misrepresentation." The penalty is deportation.

Unexplained immediately was what first made the R. C. M. P. and army intelligence officers suspicious of Leshchenko, taken into custody while employed in a Calgary bag plant.

Sequel To 1945 Ring?
OTTAWA, April 24 (CP)—The R. C. M. P. and army intelligence, working hand in hand, have unearthed what may prove to be a spectacular sequel to the 1945 Soviet spy ring, still being

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TORONTO, April 24 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 57, 53; Edmonton 43, 55; Regina 32, 64; Winnipeg 24, 59; Toronto 40, 46; Ottawa 40, 50; Montreal 45, 51; Quebec 50; Saint John 41, 57; Charlottetown 42, 51; Sydney 39, 59; Yarmouth 44, 51; St. John's Nfld., 36, 57.

HALIFAX, April 24 (CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax and valid until midnight Monday.

Sunday night strong north winds brought cold air into the Maritimes. Temperatures were below the freezing point and snow fell in some sections. Snowflurries will continue in the eastern regions but some sunshine is forecast for the western half of the district Monday.

Regional forecasts:—
Prince Edward Island: Snowflurries with widely scattered snowflurries clearing Monday evening. North winds 20 gusty. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 28 and 59.
High tide today at 9:13 A. M. and 9:27 P. M.
Sun rises this morning at 5:1 and sets at 7:10.

CAR FERRY "ABEGWEIT" WEEK DAYS
Leaves Borden 9:10 A. M. an arrives at Cape Tormentine a 10:15 A. M.
Leaves Cape Tormentine 2:40 P. M. and arrives at Borden 3:55 P. M.
No Sunday schedule in effect.