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RUSSIAN CHARGES VIEWED WITH SERIOUS CONCERN

Seeking Cost-of-Living Bonus For Civil Employees

OTTAWA, Aug. 18 (CP)—Officials of the Civil Service Federation of Canada announced today that they will press the government to pay civil servants a cost-of-living bonus to help them meet high living costs.

A brief now being prepared will ask that the government provide:

1. A flat bonus of \$31.50 a month to compensate for the rise in the cost of living of 23.8 points from September, 1946, to Jan. 2, 1948.
2. An additional flat bonus of \$1.40 a month for each rise of five points in the official cost of living index since January.
3. Payment of these amounts to all government employees from the bottom of the salary scale to the top.

Since January the cost of living index has risen from 148.3 to 156.9 points.

Increase In Freight Rates Is Confirmed

MONTREAL, Aug. 18 (CP)—Railway sources today confirmed that a 15-per-cent increase in freight rates on all competitive lines in Canada will go into effect Sept. 15.

A railway source said that "as indicated in the recent rate brief filed by the Railway Association of Canada, the railways have begun increasing by 15 per cent certain water and truck competitive rates with normal rate as maximum."

The source added that any additional information would have to come from the Board of Transport Commissioners at Ottawa to whom application for the new 15-per-cent boost was made last July 31.

OTTAWA, Aug. 18 (CP)—A Transport Board spokesman tonight it is likely Ontario and Quebec will be particularly affected by decision of the railways to increase competitive freight rates by 15 per cent.

The new freight-rate boost was announced in special tariff supplements issued by the Canadian National Railways and Canadian Pacific Railway. It will come into effect Sept. 15 and will be applied to the general 21 per cent increase authorized last April by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The Transport Board spokesman emphasized that it should not be confused with the railways' application last month to the Board for an interim 15 per cent general increase on rates and a permanent increase of 20 per cent.

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Author Of Wartime Book Visits Here

Mrs. Jean Ellis, author of "Face Powder and Gun Powder," a fascinating story, in humorous vein, of World War Two as seen through the eyes of a member of the Red Cross Corps, is a visitor to the Province, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnston.

In speaking of her book yesterday, Mrs. Ellis was quick to pay tribute to the assistance received from Mrs. Isabel Duggan, a graduate journalist of Windsor, Ont., and who this fall will take a post with the University of Western Ontario, and Mr. Jack Hamilton, artist, who drew the cartoons in collaboration on the work.

At the time of writing the book, Mrs. Ellis was personnel manager of a large department store in Windsor and Mr. Hamilton was staff artist.

The book, itself, in Mrs. Ellis' own words, "was born" following an account she was persuaded to write.

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Attempted Murder And Suicide

WINNIPEG, Aug. 18 (CP)—Forty-three-year-old Mrs. Ingeborg Magnusson, mother of four children, was waging a strong fight for life in hospital tonight following what police described as an attempted murder and suicide yesterday at the Magnusson's residence at Gimli, Man.

R.C.M.P. said Hararub Magnusson, a Lake Winnipeg fisherman, shot his wife in the cheek with a .22 calibre rifle while she was washing clothes. He then turned the rifle on himself and was found lying on the living room floor. He died shortly afterwards. Police knew of no motive for the shooting.

Missing Man Is Killed In Explosion

TORONTO, Aug. 18 (CP)—Fred Hawkes, 64, missing from his Montreal home since April 9, was killed here today when a boiler exploded in the basement of an east-central apartment building.

Sydney Gibb, 63, of Toronto, who was helping Hawkes drain water from the boiler, was in critical condition in hospital despite day-long attempts to save his life.

Both men were thrown 100 feet when water and steam backed up into the boiler and exploded with a blast that shook the 55-suite apartment building at Sherbourne and Wellesley Streets. Sections of the 300-pound boiler struck both men on the head.

Firemen equipped with masks, who fought through scalding steam into the basement, found Gibb crawling towards the door. Hawkes lay dead near a wall.

Commies Grab Danube River

BELGRADE, Aug. 18 (AP)—The Communist bloc today voiced its exclusive control of the Danube River.

The western powers officially recorded their refusal to accept the decision, although only the United States cast a "no" ballot on the final vote to accept the Russian-drawn pact.

Representatives of Britain and France had left their seats at the conference table for places on the outskirts of the room.

The conference wind-up came after 20 days of arguments on western powers motions to write into the new Danube convention specific guarantees that the river will be open to vessels of all nations without discrimination.

Mt'l Butter Brokers Denounce Toronto Report

MONTREAL, Aug. 18 (CP)—Butter interests blasted today as bars from Ontario suggesting all is not above board in the butter line in Montreal.

"There can be no secret stocks (in Montreal)," said the Montreal statement on the butter situation.

And, added this statement, rather than being a centre where butter is vanishing into illegal storage to come out at a later time of shortage and increased price, Montreal has 45 per cent of the total Canadian butter shortage.

The statement forecast lean times ahead so far as butter is concerned.

The association's statement came after butter brokers denounced a Toronto newspaper report of the situation yesterday. This said "tons of butter are being channelled secretly into cold storage vaults of dis-

Groundwork Of New Party Is Being Laid

QUEBEC, Aug. 18 (CP)—Political organizers in Quebec Province are at work on foundations of a new party to be launched for the next Federal election campaign under the name "Parti Canadien" or "Canadian Party."

This the Canadian Press learned today from political sources close to the budding organization.

The information underlined speculation in the air since Premier Duplessis' Union Nationale scored its unequivocal July 28 victory over Quebec Liberals, supported in the provincial fight by Federal brethren including External Affairs Minister St. Laurent, now chief of the Federal Liberal party.

At the moment, the establishment of the "Parti Canadien" is at the stage of talks between groups and interests that regard the hour as ripe for its appearance.

As the organization builds up, it is hoped to extend it beyond Quebec, particularly to New Brunswick, Ontario and possibly the West.

Camille Houde, Montreal's highly-coloured mayor, one-time leader of Quebec Conservatives, and a campaigner on the side of the Union Nationale in the provincial election, will be one of the chiefs of the new party, heading its

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N. B. Man Is Named Grand Chancellor

The concluding session of the 62nd Annual Convention, Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Domain, which was held in the Legion Home yesterday morning, opened with the usual closing service at nine A.M. with Grand Chancellor George J. Saunders presiding and all Grand Lodge officers present.

Reports of the various department committees were read and with amendments made, were approved and adopted. The budget estimates were taken up item by item and after being fully discussed, were duly adopted.

Organizational matters then came to the fore and after much discussion in which comparisons were drawn on recently chartered lodges and the resuscitation of older lodges, many profitable suggestions were offered for the further prosperity of the Order.

Nominations followed and after a lively balloting for the various offices, the following Grand Lodge Officers were elected for the year 1948-49: — P.G.C. Warren H. Matheson, Juniper, N.B.; Grand Master, G.M.A. W.L. Turner, Halifax, N.S.; Grand Chancellor, G.L.G. Thomas D.

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Is Drowning Victim

LIVERPOOL, N.S., Aug. 18 (CP)—Walter Smith, 40, of nearby Port Mouton, was drowned today when he and a companion toppled from their small boat while hauling in fish nets.

Percy Bruhan, 22, clung to a floating object after the mishap in choppy seas and high wind and was rescued. Smith's body was recovered floating on the surface. There will be no inquest.

New Conference On German Problem Seen

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (AP)—Western diplomats and the Soviet Union appeared today to be nearing agreement on the calling of a four-power top level conference on the whole problem of Germany.

A reliable source said the current talks on East-West differences were drawing to a close.

Walter DeWitt, Smith, United States Ambassador, French Ambassador Yves Chataigneau and British representative Frank Roberts were expected to meet with the Russians again—probably Friday.

This would be the seventh meeting in the Kremlin since last diplomatic discussions started July 31.

French Foreign Office sources predict a new four-power Foreign Ministers' conference as a result of the Moscow talks. These sources said that even if a conference



MAJ. GEN. H. W. FOSTER C.B.E., D.S.O. MAJ. GEN. A. B. MATTHEWS C.B.E., D.S.O., ED. Who were guests last night at a reunion and get-together of Prince Edward Island Artillery officers held at the Armouries.

Western Hospital Officially Opened

The Western Hospital, Alberton, was officially opened yesterday by His Honor Lieut. Governor J. A. Bernard before a very large attendance of the people, not only of West Prince but from all parts of the Province.

Premier J. Walter Jones whose address followed, extended his warmest congratulations to Rev. Father Monaghan and the Sisters of St. Martha and to the builders of the magnificent institution which was yesterday being officially opened to the public.

The Premier stated that his Government was deeply interested in the health and well-being of all in its power to play its part in the great overall health project of the Federal Government.

Premier Jones in closing extended his best wishes to all those connected with the hospital for its success in the future.

An Eventful Day

Hon. W. J. P. MacMillan, O.B.E., stated that this was perhaps one of the most eventful days in the history of Prince County. He paid high tribute to all who were in any way responsible for the erection of the perfectly appointed and modern hospital they now had in Alberton and believed that this up to date institution would prove an attraction to doctors to locate in its vicinity.

Dr. MacMillan referred to the completion of this community hospital as a splendid example of cooperation by the people of West Prince but reminded them that although the hospital was now complete, it must be maintained and due to greatly increased costs this will prove to be no simple task.

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Three Gov't Workers To Give Evidence

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—The House un-American activities committee called three new witnesses today to answer some of the new questions raised in the Communist spy investigation.

Representative Richard Nixon said committee told reporters that three former Government workers who knew accused Alger Hiss and his wife were called to testify today. The three are from New York, he said. The hearings will be behind closed doors.

Nixon, returning from New York where he spent the day talking to other witnesses, declined to identify the witnesses.

Chambers has sworn that Hiss belonged to a pre-war Communist underground in Washington. Hiss, also under oath, has denied it; said he isn't a Communist and never has been.

Is Killed In Escape Attempt

BELGRADE, Aug. 18 (AP)—The former chief of staff of the Yugoslav army has been killed in an attempt to flee across the border into Romania, the Yugoslav government said today.

It is Gen. Arso Jovanovic about 42, who was intimately associated with Marshal Tito in the days of partisan warfare against the Nazis.

The escape was the latest in the developments following the Communist's recent attack on Tito and his "nationalist" policies.

It touched off unofficial speculation in foreign diplomatic quarters that Jovanic was trying to make his way to Russia perhaps to head up an external movement with Russian support against Tito's government.

The ministry of interior disclosed no reason for the escape in giving the account to the newspapers.

Station Operators Fined

HALIFAX, Aug. 18 (CP)—Two Glace Bay, N.S., gasoline station operators today were fined \$75 and costs apiece in police court here for selling gas after hours in violation of the Gasoline Licence Act.

Fined were G. L. Turner and Hyland Motors Limited.

Practice Of Tax Officials Protested

The directors of the P. E. Island Federation of Agriculture went on record last night as strongly protesting against the alleged practice of income tax officials going into the country and demanding and retaining the bank books of farmers. In many cases, speakers at the meeting said, the officials receiving the books retained them for long periods of time.

Mr. R. A. Profit, president of the Federation, presided at the meeting which was held in the offices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

The directors also protested against the practice of the income tax officials compelling certain business firms to furnish them with statements of the money paid to farmers for their produce.

The meeting went on record as requesting that all farmers' accounts with the Income Tax Department be settled within a year from the date of filing; that the net worth on farmers' tax forms be permanently abolished; and that forms for the basic herd setup be issued immediately.

Request Assistance

In view of the fact that the Dominion Department of Agriculture was about to spend considerable sums for the restoration of marshlands in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the meeting decided to request the Department that a reasonable sum be allotted for the purchase of the equipment for the supplying of bulldozers and other machinery for the clearing and draining of low-lying lands and for the turbing of areas salt-

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France Makes First Move

PARIS, Aug. 18 (Reuters)—France made the first official move by any country toward settling a disarmament of Europe when she decided today to invite the governments of five western states to a preparatory conference.

The cabinet meeting with President Vincent Auriol in the chair, called on Britain, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg to meet in Brussels not later than November.

Robert Schuman, Foreign Minister, obtained the French cabinet's support for two steps to be taken before the National Assembly adjourns in August for the summer recess: the other four powers to invite the French National Assembly to name 25 members or prominent persons outside Parliament as delegates to the talks.

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Evidence Does Not Bear Out Soviet Claims

(By John M. Hightower) WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—Stern words from State Secretary Marshall today foretold a stinging American rebuke to Russia within 24 hours for pressing its pack of charges against the United States in the refugee school teacher cases.

At a press conference, Marshall appeared fed-up with the Russian diplomatic and propaganda campaigns built around the cases of Mrs. Oksana Stepanovna Kosenkina and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Samarine, Russian citizens who have refused to go back to their native country.

The United States, he said, views with serious concern the Russian charges against the American Government and some of its officials involved in handling the refugee teachers. They have been promised United States protection.

The concern arises, Marshall said, from the fact that evidence placed in the hands of the State Department by New York police authorities does not bear out the Russian claims.

His action apparently reflected the indignation felt by many officials here over Russia's repeated charges of kidnapping, complicity, imprisonment and the like against the United States in spite of American denials and the action of the school teachers themselves.

Marshall left open at his press conference the possibility that the United States Government may ask Moscow to recall

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Coming Events

- "Dance at St. Charles, August 19th, 8 o'clock.
- "Open-air dance at Covehead Park, Friday, August 20th.
- "Dance, Mr. Stewart every Thursday, Eastern Rhythmic Boys.
- "Get your Shur-Gain feed at the Shur-Gain sign in Parkdale.
- "Dance, Millview, Hall, Friday, August 20th, Lunches, Millview W.I.
- "Bridgetown Saturday, Horse Race Show, "That's My Man", Don Ameh.
- "Bedque Scarlet Chapter meets in Broadbent, Thursday, August 19th.
- "Dance, Tuesday, August 24th, Georgetown Warehouse, Don Messer, Refreshments and games.
- "Big Dance, Canton Service, Burnersfield Hall, Friday, August 19th, Music by Hickey Bros.
- "Come to the Dance in Graham's Road Hall, Thursday, August 19th, Sandwiches and tea sold.
- "Dance to McNeill's Orchestra in Kelly's Cross Hall, Monday night August 23rd, Ice Cream served.
- "Cedar Shingles now in stock, Car B. C. Red Cedar Shingles, Good value, J. F. Morris, Kinkora.
- "Ice Cream Festival and Dance, Buffol School, Thursday, August 19th, If not fine, following evening.
- "South Rustico Chicken Supper, August 24th and 25th, Delicious dinner, Refreshments, Games.
- "Cornwall, York and Meadow Bank Institutes Ice Cream Social, Cornwall Hall, Thursday, 19th, Proceeds Memorial Fund.
- "Dance, Modern and Old Time Music, Country Club, Travellers Rest, Orchestra, Prince County Pioneers.
- "Come to the Dance in Graham's Road Hall, Thursday, August 19th, Sandwiches and Tea served.
- "Ice Cream Festival and Dance in Stewart Legion Hall, Thursday, August 19th, All kinds of amusements, Proceeds in aid of St. Stewart School.
- "Contact us for your shavings requirements, Excellent for insulation and poultry litter, Call 231-1, Charlottetown exchange, or write L. MacDonald, Charlottetown.

THE FOLKS WHO HURRY THROUGH LIFE GET TO THE GRAVE THAT MUCH SOONER!

TORONTO, Aug. 18 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Victoria 54, 65; Edmonton 40, 82; Regina 53, 92; Winnipeg 41, 83; Toronto 65, 71; Ottawa 61, 81; Montreal 64, 81; Quebec 60, 79; Saint John 55, 68; Halifax 56, 58; Charlottetown 57, 63; Sydney 56, 62; Yarmouth 56, 68.

HALIFAX, Aug. 18—Official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here tonight and valid until midnight Thursday.

Synopsis: Summary for Thursday: Cloudy. Showers by evening.

Prince Edward Island, Eastern New Brunswick Counties, Lower St. John River Valley, Upper St. John River Valley:

Variable cloudiness during the night. Thursday cloudy with a few showers or thunderstorms. Thursday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 58 and 77, Moncton 55 and 80, Fredericton 52 and 80, Saint John 53 and 70.

Summary for Thursday: Scattered showers.

High tide this morning at 10:09 and tonight at 11:41.

Sun sets this evening at 7:02 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:07.

Full moon August 19th, 1:32 P.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Daily "Except Sunday"

CAR FERRY "ABEGWEIT"

Standard Time

Leaves Borden, 9:10 a. m., 1 p. m., 4:30 p. m., 9 p. m.

Leaves Tormentine, 10:35 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 7:30 p. m., 10:30 p. m.

SUNDAY

Leaves Borden 9:10 a. m., 1:00 p. m., and 6:45 p. m.

Leaves Tormentine 10:35 a. m., 3:00 p. m., and 8:00 p. m.

WOOD ISLANDS — CARIBOU

Daily including Sunday

Standard Time

Leaves Wood Islands, Prince Nova 7 a. m., 11 a. m., 3 p. m.

Charles A. Dunning, 9 a. m., 1 p. m., 3 p. m.

Leaves Caribou, Charles A. Dunning 7 a. m., 11 a. m., 3 p. m.

Prince Nova, 9 a. m., 1 p. m., 5 p. m.