

EDEN AGAIN AS TROUBLE-SHOOTER

Factor Behind New Cabinet

LONDON, (AP)—Prime Minister Eden has decided to resume his favorite role as a trouble-shooting world statesman in the revived cold war, aides reported Wednesday night.

They said that decision was a main factor in the cabinet shuffle announced Wednesday. Eden has handed day-by-day control of parliamentary business and other home-front duties to Richard A. Butler, former chancellor of the exchequer who now is deputy prime minister in all but name.

Eden is said to believe that the outcome of the new phase of the great East-West power struggle may well prove to be decisive for generations to come.

In his view it will demand the closest continuing scrutiny and very often swift judgments and actions at the highest level by each of the big Western governments.

MUCH OPPORTUNITY
The international diplomatic calendar for 1956 will give Eden a lot of scope to supervise foreign policies.

He travels with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd to Washington late next month for talks with President Eisenhower on all aspects of the international situation.

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The main topic will be to seek concerted and new long term answers to the new challenges of the Soviet Union in South Asia and the Middle East. They will then go to Ottawa.

Eden in April will be host to Soviet premier Nikolai Bulganin very often and Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev who are to visit Britain.

The occasion almost certainly will be used for negotiating, or seeking a basis of negotiating on some of the basic issues that divide the East and West.

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Soviet Leaders Welcomed Home

MOSCOW (AP)—Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev were welcomed home Wednesday with bouquets of flowers and speeches after their month-long tour of India, Burma and Afghanistan.

Thousands of Muscovites stood in the cold along the capital's main thoroughfare, Gorky street, to catch a glimpse of the returning leaders. Lines of soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder kept the people back.

Moscow developed what experienced chauffeurs called its worst traffic jam in 20 years.

Treating the occasion as a triumph, Khrushchev claimed that India, Burma and Afghanistan love the Soviet Union. He declared he and Bulganin had "exposed the policies of the colonizers in Asia" and that colonial regimes were "a blot on mankind."

UNREPENTANT
The leader of the Soviet Communist party, whose bitter attacks on the former British colonial regimes in Asia had drawn furious comment in the West, told a crowd at the airport that he was not in the least repentant for the things he had said.

He said he would go on attacking colonial regimes.

As far as the Russians are concerned, Bulganin and Khrushchev could hardly have timed their arrival better to achieve maximum dramatic effect.

They arrived as flags still flew in commemoration of the bloody fighting in Moscow 50 years ago—on Dec. 29, 1905 during the revolution of that year.

NOTABLE DAY
Wednesday also was the 76th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Stalin and Moscow papers displayed large portraits of him on their front pages.

Also the Supreme Soviet—the U.S.S.R. parliament—goes into special session next Monday. Khrushchev and Bulganin are likely to make formal addresses before it reporting on their tour.

Khrushchev and Bulganin both spoke after debarking from their two-engine aircraft which brought them from Tashkent in Soviet central Asia. The loudspeaker system distorted their voices so that those present could hear but little of their words.

People on the fringes began to leave. By the time Bulganin was through, many were streaming out the airport gates.

Mr. Elic Campbell, manager of the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board returned from Ottawa last night "encouraged by an interview which an Island and Brunswick delegation had with a group of Federal agriculturists."

One of the main topics of discussion was a subsidy which would make it profitable for New Brunswick growers to divert two to three million bushels of their crop to starch.

Island growers supported the new realization that whatever amount of the New Brunswick crop could be thus diverted, it would serve to strengthen the market for their own crop.

The Island delegation was headed by Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Agriculture; S.C. Wright, Deputy Minister; William MacLennan, chairman of the P.E.I. Potato and Mr. E.D. Reid who has had experience with at least three previous support plans. The New Brunswick delegation was headed by Agricultural Minister, Sherwood and included two other govern-

ment officials, four growers, three dealers and three starch factory representatives.

Head of the Ottawa group was Mr. A.M. Shaw, chairman of the Prices Support Board, Mr. A.H. Turner of the same Board; S.J. Chagnon, assistant to the Deputy Minister; L.W. Peersall, E.C. Page and E. Eardly.

NOT DISCUSSED
Mr. Campbell said that the matter of a price support for Island potatoes was not discussed. It was felt, he said, that discussion of such a program was useless since Maine would begin dumping potatoes into Canada as soon as the Canadian price exceeded that being paid in the States.

The Board Manager said that the Federal officials were quite sympathetic to the starch diversion program and promised that the Cabinet at the earliest possible date.

Hon. Mr. Cullen was on the train following Mr. Campbell and was unable to make air connections from Moncton last night.

It is understood that the British market was discussed along with the findings of the Tariff Board but the Federal officials did not enter into these discussions.

When asked by Federal Officials what action was being taken to better conditions for themselves the unanimous reply was: "That nothing could be done so long as the borders of Canada are open to the importation of U.S. potatoes and especially when the Maritimes border on the State of Maine which produces more potatoes than all of Canada, combined".

DRINKS ON RISE
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Two air force bombers went down Monday just outside Tampa when they collided in flight midway down the Gulf of Mexico coast, taking eight men to their deaths.

A few hours later an air force jet interceptor and a bomber collided over Fort St. Joe, 300 miles farther up the coast, with a loss of three lives and three still missing.

The Constellation was about a half mile from the end of an airport runway when it struck the top of a clump of trees and plunged to the ground.

As the craft plowed along into the dirt, it demolished a chicken coop, an unoccupied house trailer, snapped off a large oak tree, and several tall pines.

SHEARS WINGS OFF
The wings were sheared off, the lowered landing gear wrenched from the fuselage and the engines torn from their mountings. The impact scattered bits of twisted metal, cloth and other debris along a path 100 feet wide and 200 yards long. In addition to the 12 passengers



SEVERE ICE CONDITIONS IN CHARLOTTETOWN HARBOR

A good idea of the severe ice conditions in Charlottetown harbour may be seen above. The government supply ship Saurel is shown breaking a channel for the Irving Company tanker Seekonk which is being employed transporting fuel and oil from the large tanker Irvingbrook, which is lying to off St. Peter's Island, to the end of the city.

Find Child Died In Fire Started By Her Mother

WESTVILLE, N. S. (CP)—A coroner's jury Wednesday decided that two-month-old Deborah Cyr died in a fire set by her mother.

Mrs. Harry Cyr was taken to hospital in nearby New Glasgow under police guard after the inquest. Police said she probably would be given a medical examination to determine her fitness for trial. No charges have yet been laid.

The mother of three other children, Mrs. Cyr told the jury she started the fire that burned her baby to death Dec. 18. She gave no reason.

She said she set the baby's mattress and crib afire. Other children called neighbors who summoned firemen.

Westville firemen Daniel and Cecil Hale said they carried the charred remains of the infant and the crib from the house.

Dr. H. B. Whisman said burns caused the infant's death.

Saurel Ordered To Convoy Icebound Brant To Pictou

A report received late last night indicated that the C.G.S. Saurel, which was conveying the C.G.S. Brant through the ice to Pictou, were off Point Prim between ten thirty and eleven o'clock. The Brant, which had slipped from the Marine wharf at noon yesterday, proceeded to Pictou for repairs, had reported that she had only reach Hazard Range by four p. m. and was having difficulty due to heavy ice conditions. Consequently the Saurel was despatched to her assistance immediately, with instructions to take the Saurel, which was conveying the C.G.S. Brant through the ice to Pictou, were off Point Prim between ten thirty and eleven o'clock. The Brant, which had slipped from the Marine wharf at noon yesterday, proceeded to Pictou for repairs, had reported that she had only reach Hazard Range by four p. m. and was having difficulty due to heavy ice conditions.

Earlier yesterday the Saurel had been employed breaking a channel for the Irving Oil Company tanker Seekonk, from alongside the tanker Irvingbrook off St. Peter's Island to the Railway wharf, which took until four o'clock in the afternoon. On her return she will again assist the Seekonk out to the Irvingbrook and back again. Company officials hope to carry out the same operation again on Friday.

The continued cold spell is causing concern to local marine shipping interests, but a small ray of hope comes from Neil Matheson, M.P. for Queen's, who yesterday received the following reply to the wire he sent to the Deputy Minister of Transport the previous day:

"Local Marine Agent has been advised that the Saurel may be used to assist over period until Saturday. Probable that we will then have to remove her for duty elsewhere."

Local officials of the Department of Transport last night reported that ice conditions were severe, depending whether the ice was thick, and piling was making the going more difficult.

Of the two freighter now at the Railway wharf, the Seagull was expected to complete loading either early this morning or about midday, depending whether the agents decided to work her through the night or not. The fertilizer boat Mexico is expected to finish discharging her cargo early today, and will probably immediately start to take on a part cargo.

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Irving Oil Company officials estimate that the Seekonk making three trips from the Irvingbrook with fuel and gasoline will give them more than sufficient stock on hand. With the arrival of this ship, the new Irving Oil bulk storage plant at the east end of the city has now gone into operation.

Cheque Issued As Jest Returns To Haunt Lawyer

NEW YORK (AP)—Lawyer Albert B. Zink complained Wednesday that his estranged wife won't go along with a gag—a \$75,000 gag.

As he told it in state Supreme Court: "On Christmas morning, 1945, I visited the defendant in her apartment at 8 Sutton place and brought her several relatively inexpensive Christmas gifts. Among the gifts was a camera, which cost \$75."

"During the exchange of gifts, I expressed regret that my financial circumstances were such that I was unable to give her more elaborate presents and, in the merriment and jesting which prevailed at that time, I drew a blank cheque from my wallet and in a spirit of fun, wrote a cheque to her order for \$75,000 and dated it, 'Christmas Day, 10 years later.'"

Mrs. Zink sued the lawyer for a separation in 1952 and the shocked Zink learned the cheque was still in her possession. The separation suit is pending.

With the "merriment and jesting" of that by-gone Christmas only a memory, Zink is worried lest the cheque become valid next week and Mrs. Zink cash it.

A hearing was set for Jan. 3 on his application to have the cheque declared null and void.



5-YEAR-OLD FIRE HERO

Five-year-old Jimmy Miller smiles broadly after receiving a new wrist watch from a Good Deeds club in Kenora, Ont. The quick-thinking youngster is credited with saving the lives of his four younger brothers and sisters when a heater exploded and sprayed flames through a small one-room cabin in Kenora. Jimmy, his pants burning, led his brothers to safety in the snow and carried his still-sleeping baby sister out of the fire to his mother who was in a nearby cabin. He suffered severe leg burns before his clothing was removed.

Heavy Fire Loss In Hamilton

HAMILTON (CP)—Fire in a three-story manufacturing building raged out of control for more than three hours Wednesday.

An early unofficial estimate placed damage at between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. At least three industries in the building were seriously damaged and two others threatened.

Flames broke out about 2 p. m. in the West End Engineering Company and spread quickly to the ground floor premises of Garwood Heating Company and the Consolidated Gas Company.

Two Years For Bogus Cheques

TRURO (CP)—Halifax salesman Donald Lee, 29, was sentenced to two years in Dorchester penitentiary by Magistrate John L. Crowe in police court here Wednesday.

He pleaded guilty to three charges of obtaining goods and money by passing worthless cheques.

Lee, through his lawyer, asked for the full penalty so he might have an opportunity to learn a trade while serving his time. Magistrate Crowe obliged.

Report 47 Below At Old Forge In New York State

NEW YORK (AP)—The north-eastern United States Wednesday night was gripped by the worst winter's eve cold wave in years.

Temperatures as low as 47 degrees below zero were reported.

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Ford Motor Company Bares Long-Held Financial Data

WASHINGTON (AP)—The family-owned Ford Motor Company, preparing to sell its stock to the public for the first time, opened its ledgers Wednesday and bared these long-held secrets:

Assets, \$2,483,000,000; sales in the first nine months of this year, \$4,042,000,000; profits in the same period, a record-breaking \$312,250,000.

The company informed the Securities and Exchange Commission, in the registration statement required by law for the guidance of investors, that the Ford Foundation, Inc., will sell 10,200,000 shares of voting stock to the public.

It indicated the price will be \$75 a share but set no specific figure at this time. If that price prevails, the issue will sell for \$750,000,000, easily the biggest equity stock flotation by any industrial concern in history.

The proceeds will go to the Ford Foundation, set up by the Ford family with the goal of "advancing human welfare." The tremendously rich Foundation will reinvest the cash. Its income then will no longer be wholly dependent on the Ford Company's fortunes.

PART TO COLLEGES
Part of the proceeds from the sale of the shares will be used by the Foundation when it distributes \$500,000,000 over the next 18 months to colleges and hospitals under a program announced last week.

A spokesman for the Foundation said that while no assets have been earmarked to pay the grants, current income itself would not be sufficient to make the payments.

Meantime investment firms, reporting that anticipatory demand for the stock is almost "epidemic," said buyers will be limited to 100 shares apiece when 70 underwriters across the United States begin selling the disclosures—which the 52-year-old auto company never was required to make while it remained a tightly-held family corporation—included.

The company "plans to introduce a new passenger car line within the next few years." It did not elaborate.

The Ford family, which now enjoys 100 per cent control, will be reduced to 40 per cent voting control when the public is let in. (This would be more than ample, however, to give the Ford heirs management control for years to come.)

The Ford directors have voted a dividend of 60 cents a share for first-quarter 1956—a rate of \$2.40 a year, but future dividends will vary, subject to business conditions.

Dividends were paid this year equivalent to \$3.27 a share, reckoned on the new, expanded common stock basis on which Ford is embarking. Of this, \$1.31 was considered "extra dividends."

Earnings in the first nine months of 1955 amounted to \$5.85 a share, again figured on the new share basis.

Ford's biggest salaries—\$321,000 a year each—go to Henry Ford II, president and namesake grandson of the company founder, and Ernest B. Breech, the board chair-

Debert Coldest, Yarmouth Warmest In Maritimes

HALIFAX (CP)—Maritimers still shivered in zero weather Wednesday night. The Halifax weather office grimly forecast more of the same for today. The cold wave, which spread over the Atlantic coast from central Canada Tuesday, brought the lowest temperatures of the season, about 30 degrees below normal.

Fuel dealers worked day and night on a flood of rush orders from consumers caught with low stocks. One Halifax supplier reported a 40-per-cent jump over normal business.

Firemen in many cities and towns were kept hopping by a rash of blazes caused by overheated stove and furnace pipes and faulty chimneys.

Outdoor work on some construction projects was slowed or stopped by the severe cold. At nearby Imperoyal only 100 of 860 men employed on a new oil refinery project were able to work.

However, loading and unloading of ships continued as usual on the Halifax waterfront. Early morning harbor traffic moved through a curtain of frosty mist, caused by the contact of frigid air with warmer sea water.

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Coming Events

North Granville School concert, Dec. 22.

Anglo Rustico school concert, Dec. 23.

Orwell Cove School Concert Thursday, Dec. 22.

Dance in Mount Ryan Hall every Thursday night.

St. Teresa's Christmas Concert Thursday, December 22nd.

New Haven Concert tonight 8 p. m. Sharp.

Freelove School Concert, Dec. 22nd, Birch Grove Hall.

Kelvin Grove School concert Thursday, Dec. 22 at 8 o'clock.

Wheatley River Christmas Concert, December 22nd.

Movell School Concert Thursday, Dec. 22nd, Curtain at 8.

Headheather Christmas Concert Friday, December 23 at 8 p. m.

Hope River bingo cancelled tonight.

Hartsville Christmas Concert December 22nd. Dance after.

Christmas concert at Hearts Hall, East Royal, Thursday, Dec. 22 at 8 p. m.

New Perth School Christmas concert in New Perth Hall Thursday, December 22 at 8.00 p. m.

Christmas Concert in West Royal Hall, Thursday, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock.

Holiday dance, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Thursday, Dec. 27th. Cliff Peters' Orchestra.

Dance Cardigan Legion Hall, Thursday, Webster's Orchestra. P.A. system. Canteen service.

Reserve Wednesday, January 4 for Travelogue by Mrs. Keith S. Rogers also a short musical program.

Unloading today, car of Quaker 16 percent dairy ration, \$3.40; Flat-O-Pep pig grower, \$3.50 off car. Lank Bros., North River Feed Service.

Showing at Morell Friday, "The Hitchhiker." Starring Edmund O'Brien, William Tannan, Virginia Huston, Frank Lovejoy. Hear is a real thriller and a real story. Show time 7 and 9 o'clock.

MORE SHOPPING DAYS

I'VE DONE ALL MY XMAS SNOOPIN' ALREADY

TORONTO (CP)—Temperature issued by the public weather office:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	45b	29b
Vancouver	38	43
Victoria	42	44
Edmonton	9b	5b
Calgary	8b	24
Regina	5b	22
Winnipeg	2b	9
Toronto	0	16
Ottawa	19b	4b
Montreal	16b	6b
Quebec	19b	7b
Fredericton	10b	2
Saint John	7b	3
Moncton	12b	2
Halifax	0	10
Charlottetown	7b	3
Sydney	2b	7
Yarmouth	6	14
St. John's	11	21

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says a high pressure area extending from Ontario to the eastern United States is moving slowly eastward that no appreciable change in the generally fine, extremely cold weather is forecast for today. However, a change in the weather picture is indicated for Friday.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; extremely cold; west winds 20. Low-high at Charlottetown 5 below and 5 above.

Northern Nova Scotia and New Brunswick: Clear and extremely cold; west winds 20. Low-high at New Glasgow 10 below and zero, Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 15 below and zero, Edmundston 15 below and zero, Campbellton 16 below and zero.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 3:28 a.m. and 4 p.m. Summer-tide tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises at 7:46 a.m. and sets at 4:34 p.m.