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SEES DANGER CANADA MAY FALL BEHIND IN ATOMIC RACE

Ottawa Announces Aid To Apple Growers

New Fuel Added To Furor Over Status Of Strachey

LONDON, April 3 (AP)—A controversy over the status of War Minister Strachey...



POLICEWOMAN NEAT FIGURE OF 'THE LAW' - Policewoman Edna Harry...

1. A Conservative member of Parliament began circulating petitions...

2. A spokesman at 10 Downing Street said the Associated Press had distributed an 'obviously untrue' report...

3. In Washington, Defence Secretary Louis Johnson said it is up to Shinwell to determine how much information should be given Strachey.

In the London developments, Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative M.P., announced plans to distribute 5,000 petitions...

Moved up from Food Minister to War Minister a month ago by Prime Minister Attlee, Strachey has been a target of some British newspapers...

Addressed to the House of Commons, the petition declares the continuance of Strachey and Shinwell in office at this time 'is contrary to the increase of Communism and Fascist infiltration and activities in Britain...

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No Further Assistance Gardiner Says

OTTAWA, April 3 (CP)—The Government announced in the Commons today the provision of special financial assistance for the apple growers of Nova Scotia and British Columbia...

Robert McCubbin, parliamentary assistant to Agriculture Minister Gardiner, announced that the payments will be \$500,000 for Nova Scotia growers and \$2,000,000 for British Columbia growers.

Mr. McCubbin made the announcement by reading letters from Mr. Gardiner to the heads of the British Columbia Tree Fruits, Limited, and the Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board...

The money will be in the form of assistance for their 1949 crop.

In his letters, Mr. Gardiner advised that there will be no further assistance.

Mr. McCubbin, replying to questions from a Nova Scotia member, said he expected the Nova Scotia growers will be entitled to assistance under the Agricultural Prices Support Act.

Gordon Inor (L—Halifax) asked how much assistance has been given to the Nova Scotia apple industry during the past few years.

Mr. McCubbin said that, subject to correction, he believed assistance totalled \$18,000,000.

Reaction From Growers

KELOWNA, B.C., April 3 (AP)—Apple-growers tonight welcomed the Ottawa announcement that they will get special financial help.

K. Loyd, a spokesman for the industry, said the entire industry would be pleased the Government had recognized its efforts to prevent waste.

KENTVILLE, N.S., April 3 (CP)—Annapolis Valley apple growers, who asked \$1,024,000 and got \$500,000 in Federal financial assistance, declined to comment tonight on the Commons announcement of the grant.

R. D. Sutton, chairman of the Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board, said he would wait for a full report on the announcement and then present it to the board before commenting on it.

N. S. Road Conditions Said Worst In Years

HALIFAX, April 3 (CP)—Nova Scotians were told in effect tonight that if they want their rural roads free of snow in the winter the roads will be impassable for part of each spring.

Highways Minister Rawding made the statement in the Legislature when G. I. Smith (P.C.—Colchester) steered the House away from routine business into a discussion of road conditions.

Mr. Smith introduced the subject by moving adjournment of the debate to discuss a matter of urgent public importance.

Introduction of his motion was not challenged by the government. He withdrew the motion after Mr. Rawding and C.C.F. leader Russell Cunningham spoke.

Roads Impassable

Smith said a large proportion of the Province's secondary roads are impassable due to spring thaws and the situation is 'in some cases an emergency.'

Mr. Rawding said part of the trouble was unusual weather conditions. But the situation couldn't be cured by an emergency maintenance program.

The road debate came before resumption of the Throne Speech debate in which Alex O'Hanley (L—Cape Breton North), J. S. McIvor (L—Cape Breton South), C. J. MacMillan (L—Victoria) and C. H. Chisholm (L—Antigonish) spoke. The debate is expected to wind up tomorrow.

Top Scientist At Chalk River Gives Opinion

OTTAWA, April 3 (CP)—One of Canada's top atomic scientists today predicted a 'bomb' warfare within the lifetime of today's children and suggested Canada is in danger of falling behind in the world's atomic race unless she pours more men and money into effort to keep it up front.

Dr. L. G. Cook, chemistry head at the Chalk River atomic project, also took an implied slap at the United States in declaring 'there is no atomic secret.' 'Secrecy is harmful, he said; it could be fatal. He told Ottawa's Rotary Club:

1. The Chalk River project 'is at the crossroads.' The people must decide, through Parliament, whether 'Canada should ante up with money and men and stay' in the race or whether 'we should let our little fire run its course and flicker out.' The fire is Chalk River's radioactive pile or reactor.

2. The project has been 'phenomenally successful' in its 'initial or campfire stage.' The time has come to decide where it goes from there in the light of the fact that the 'United States, United Kingdom and Russia are going all out to win' and more and more countries are entering the field.

3. 'You may be involved in a war in which atomic bombs are used... your children almost certainly will be.' The people, for that reason, must know the details of atomic developments, 'must assist your Government to make wise decisions in a precarious world.'

Statement Of Facts

The speech by the young scientist was interpreted not as a slap at Government policy but as an attempt to confront an intelligent audience with a plain statement of facts, to try at an important moment to widen the horizons of laymen groping in the dark.

He believes, it is understood, that Chalk River could continue for another few years to do research with its one, heavy-water pile that could not be done elsewhere. Then it would start to fall behind.

Last year the Commons committee visited the project and recommended construction of a second radioactive pile, the core of the experimental establishment. No decision has yet been taken by the Government on construction.

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Less Expenses

Straight expenses for Canadian ships are \$800 a day. British ships operate on \$500 a day. Most of the savings is effected through lower pay to crews.

Officials of the two west-coast seamen's unions said it is not a good solution.

'It means unemployment in the ranks of Canadian seamen,' James Thompson, head of the West Coast Canadian Seamen's Union, declared.

'We're between the devil and the deep sea,' said agent Dick Deely of the rival Seafarers' International Union (A.F.L.).

'If our men hold out for decent wages on the Canadian standard, then it means that out-rate operators under foreign flags can undercut us for cargoes, and some of our ships are made idle. The other way, our crews have to sign up for pay in British pounds.'

Million Dollar Fishery Plant Projects Discussed

The setting up of syndicate operated fishery plants valued at approximately \$1,000,000 for the development of the Island fisheries industry was deemed a possibility yesterday at the first quarterly meeting of the P. E. I. Fisheries Federation held at the Queen Hotel.

The executive of the Island Federation was appointed as a committee to study the possibility of erecting such plants which would provide facilities for smoking, drying, freezing and storing fish in addition to the facilities now available for the industry.

Additional members may be added to the committee if advisable.

The proposal, first mooted by Mr. Eugene Gorman, chairman of the Fishermen's Loan Board, suggested that the finances for the scheme be partly raised from the organization of small plants on the Island. The remainder of the finances, it was proposed, might be supplied by investments of individuals and by Governments.

Mr. Gorman pointed out that shore facilities which will be needed, must be provided either by outside capital or an Island syndicate. Through the latter method, Island fishermen and Island people would receive more benefit.

Government Support

Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources expressed his belief that the Provincial and Dominion Governments would help in the project if the organization showed their faith in the plan and willingness to invest their own money.

Messrs. John Myrick, Tignish, S. H. Burnes, Charlottetown and William Jenkins of Jenkins Brothers, Summerside, expressed their approval of the scheme and their willingness to co-operate in the promotion of the venture.

Flounders Fishery Stressed

The development of flounders fishing in the Gulf may overshadow the present fishing industry, stated Mr. Gorman during a talk on dragger fishing regulations. It is claimed, he said, that the best flounders fishing in the world is in the Island bays and that ready markets are waiting in the U. S. A.

For this reason, he said, the Federal Government has hesitated to pass laws forbidding draggers to fish bays as the flounder fishery here may develop into the fishery.

Mr. Hodgson, who followed Mr. Herdridge on the floor, concluded his speech with another adjournment motion. Speaker Ross Macdonald said that in his opinion the motion was out of order. There had been no proceeding business between it and Mr. Herdridge's motion.

Speaker Macdonald had indicated he was about to rule Mr. Hodgson's motion out of order when the member rose and offered to withdraw it.

The two pipe-line bills have been before the Commons for the last two sessions, but they have failed to make any headway in the face of opposition from some Liberals and from the Progressive Conservative and C.C.F. parties.

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Contract For Operation Of Ferry This Year

Arrangements are being made for the Wood Islands-Caribou ferry service to be operated again this year by the Northumberland Ferries Ltd. Mr. R. E. Mutch, president of the company, said last night. He said one of the company's delegation to Ottawa, Mr. Douglas MacKinnon, M.L.A., had returned to the city, and a second member, Mr. Arthur Peake, was expected last night. A third, Mr. W. N. Macdonald, went directly from Ottawa to Sydney.

A meeting of the directors of the ferry company was held yesterday afternoon and another is scheduled for today.

Mr. Mutch said that he believed they had the question of the service 'straightened out for one year. But the Canadian Maritime Commission wouldn't make a contract for more than one year.'

He said a more definite statement would be made later.

Says Russians Planning War

MONTREAL, April 3 (CP)—Russia does not intend to make any physical move toward a third world war for 24 months, by which time she thinks she will be so well prepared that the Atlantic system will give in to her rather than risk annihilation, Kenneth de Courcy, British writer and publisher of Intelligence Digest, told the Canadian Club of Montreal today.

In an address on 'Towards crisis and renaissance in world affairs,' Mr. de Courcy said the only way to stop this threat to civilization was by the prompt building up of Turkey, so that Russian sources of oil supply would be cut off, without which she could not conduct war.

'There is much too much wishful thinking about Russia,' said Mr. de Courcy, 'and there is very little knowledge of what ought to be done, there is no room for doubt in my mind that Russia, with her gigantic potential, is preparing for war.'

Transfer Of Canadian Ships Gets Underway

VANCOUVER, April 3 (CP)—Swing-over to British registry of 13 per cent of Canada's merchant fleet began today with the sailing of the freighter Argofax.

The Argofax, manned by a Canadian crew, is the first west-coast freighter to sail under the British Red Ensign and probably the first Canadian ship to make the change.

Designed as an economy move to keep Canadian ships in the running with British and government-subsidized freighters of other nations, the change-over will affect 90 of Canada's 120 ships.

Union leaders here said the move will create havoc in the employment of Canadian seamen. But shipping men saw in it the best method of keeping Canadian ships at sea rather than tied up at dock.

Some eager young seamen said they preferred a pay out from \$170 to \$25 a month to being forced to work ashore.

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Goering's Treasure Small Potatoes

MUNICH, Germany, April 3 (AP)—Hermann Goering's buried treasure, once reported to be worth \$1,000,000, turned out today to be worth less than 10,000 deutsche marks (about \$2,500).

The 'treasure' was found last Friday buried in Veldenstein Castle, near Nuernberg. The castle was once the home of Goering, Adolf Hitler's No. 2 Nazi, who committed suicide to avoid hanging as a war criminal.

First reports from German sources said the hoard included a silver bathtub, gold candle holders and other rare objects. Reports of their value ranged from one to several million dollars.

Today, however, U.S. authorities made an inventory and officially announced: 'A preliminary estimate of the items found indicated their value does not exceed 10,000 deutsche marks.'

Towel Murder Case Scheduled April 11

HULL, Que., April 3 (CP)—Judge Roland Miller today ordered John Ralph Hooper, 25, of Ottawa, to appear in court April 11 for preliminary hearing on a murder charge in connection with the towel slaying of Miss Gertrude Marion Davis last Wednesday.

HARBOR REPAIRED

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (CP)—After nearly five years, the war damage in Rotterdam harbor to quays sheds and cranes has now been completely repaired. Nearly five miles of demolished quay-walls have been rebuilt.

Claxton Reports On The Hague Conference

OTTAWA, April 3 (CP)—Defence Minister Claxton, back from The Hague, said today Canada expects her drive for economic collaboration among the 12 Atlantic Pact nations will come up for consideration at the meeting of their foreign ministers next month.

Welcomed back to the Commons after conclusion of the latest meeting of the treaty's defence committee, he told the House:

1. Canada's offer to train 250 officers from member countries at a time was 'received very enthusiastically' will start this summer and be in full stride by fall and may lead to a 'much larger' system of exchanges among the various members.

2. Canada has made no other specific extra commitments beyond the training plan other than those written into the treaty itself.

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It is in their (members) international economic policies and to encourage economic collaboration among them?'

The clause was inserted largely at Canada's insistence.

Mr. Claxton said 'Our hope and expectation is that at the next meeting of the North Atlantic Council, that is the Council of Foreign Ministers, this matter shall receive consideration.'

'Nothing has been done under article two?' Mr. Coldwell asked. 'We hope that will be a further development,' Mr. Claxton replied.

The communique read by the Minister 'unanimously approved the plan for collective self-defence that was recommended by the chiefs of staff in the military committee earlier in the week... within six months the military planning organization has determined the general strategy of defence of the treaty area, has prepared an estimate of the military situation if any attack be launched against the treaty nations and has prepared plans for defence against such an aggression... these plans call for an integrated defence of the entire area as distinguished from individual national defence.'

Mr. Claxton said later outside the House Canada's existing defence plans fit neatly into the wider concept. They will not be changed.

Clams Worth Big Money In N. B.

FREDERICTON, April 3 (CP)—The humble clam has grown to nearly a \$1,000,000 status in New Brunswick in the last 10 years, reports H. J. Robichaud, provincial director of fisheries.

Clam fishermen received \$275,122 last year as their return from an over-all total of \$900,000. The fishermen's share was more than \$97,000 above their 1949 earnings and the over-all total was up more than \$300,000.

The harvest of 12,000,000 pounds showed an increase of 400,000. Seven shucking plants prepared fresh clams for export to the United States and canning plants turned out more than 32,000 cases.

Increases also were reported in the value of the oyster and lobster fisheries.

Attlee Opposed To Change In U. K. Voting System

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B. C. Gift To Nfld. Legislature Arrives

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 3 (CP)—British Columbia's gift to the Newfoundland Legislature, a beautiful map, arrived here by air yesterday, carried by Finance Minister H. Anson of British Columbia, due here tomorrow to officially present the gift. This is the first of a series of gifts to Newfoundland from the Province across Canada.

Commons Battle Over Pipe Lines Continues

OTTAWA, April 3 (CP)—Three divisions, close to a dozen speeches and an argument over procedure, today highlighted a continuing battle in the Commons over pipe lines.

The divisions were on motion for adjournment of debates on bills that would incorporate the Alberta Natural Gas Company and Prairie Transmission Lines Limited. Both companies are planning oil and gas pipe lines from Alberta oil fields to the Pacific coast.

A fourth vote was averted when G.W. Hodgson (PC—Victoria, Ont.) agreed to withdraw a motion shortly after Works Minister Fournier, Government House leader, begged members not to make a burlesque of the Commons.

He said no government could conduct business properly if the minority in opposition insisted on adjourning debates 20 times a day. He said that unless the majority ruled in the House and the country there would be chaos. The majority twice earlier had defeated motions to adjourn the debate.

The clanging of division bells started when Ralph Maybank (L—Winnipeg South Centre) — sponsor of the Alberta natural gas bill

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TORONTO, April 3 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 38-51; Edmonton 26-35; Regina 21-33; Winnipeg 21-34; Toronto 33-57; Ottawa 32-44; Montreal 36-42; Quebec 33-37; Saint John 30-40; Moncton 28-42; Halifax 33-45; Charlottetown 30-41; Sydney 29-40; Yarmouth 28-42; St. John's 22-32.

HALIFAX, April 3 (CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis: On Monday the weather was generally poor. Rain and drizzle spread to the Maritimes and Gaspe. This weather is forecast to continue Tuesday, and indications are that little change can be expected on Wednesday.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Tuesday: Prince Edward Island — Intermittent drizzle and rain. Mild. Light winds. Low early Thursday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 34 and 45.

High tide today at 11:42 A. M. Sun rises at 5:50 A. M. and sets at 6:43 P. M. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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