

NEW RUSSIAN CHALLENGE TO WEST

Ottawa Gives Information

Six Inspectors Quit Over N.B. Potato Sales Deal

OTTAWA, (CP)—Falsification of New Brunswick potato marketing records for 1953 has brought resignations from at least six federal inspectors.

Informants said Saturday the inspectors, employed on the federal price support program for potatoes that year, quit voluntarily.

MacDonald Comments On Auditor General's Report

Commenting last night on the Auditor General's report to Parliament in which the suggestion was made that an over payment of \$330,000 had been made to the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board under the agreement between the board and the Government, covering the 1953-54 crop, Mr. Donald A. MacDonald, former chairman and manager of the Board said:

Under the terms of the agreement, the Board was allowed to pay 25 cents a bushel for marketing and selling costs. These costs he explains, included: packages, sacks, warehouse storage, assembling, administration and transportation.

MacDonald said, "Transportation in the agreement should not, nor was it interpreted by the Board or the Government, to mean freight costs from shipping points to market destination. It did however, cover transportation factors within the Province, such as truckage from warehouse to car or boat."



At Teachers Federation Luncheon

Members and guests attending the P.E.I. Teachers Federation luncheon at the Charlottetown Hotel on Saturday Jan. 14 included those pictured above. Seated left to right: Miss Mabel Matheson, Vice Pres., Hon. Kier Clark, Minister of Education, Elmer Pineau, Vice Pres., Premier A.W. Matheson, Forbes Elliot, President Canadian Teachers Federation, Dr. L.W. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Education.

New Method To Defrost Lines

FREDERICTON, (CP)—The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, trying to defrost its 50,000 ft. of high voltage lines by short-circuiting a high voltage charge through them.

A commission engineer said here Sunday that the technique, used in eastern Canada for the first time, was greatly reducing further damage in storm-ravaged sections of the province.

About 2,000 poles were reported down in the Bathurst area, with nearly 9,000 homes and business establishments lacking power. The commission has set up headquarters at Bathurst to direct operations in northeastern New Brunswick.

First Workshop Held By P. E. I. Teachers' Federation

The Prince Edward Island Teachers Federation held its first professional workshop on Saturday Jan. 14 at Prince of Wales College. All ten locals of the Federation were represented at the sessions, which were chaired by Elmer Pineau, Summerside, President of the Federation.

In the morning sessions, the delegates discussed problems connected with the professional and economic status of the teachers. The findings of the groups were recorded by Mrs. Wanda Murphy, Miss Mabel O'Brien and Stewart Williams.

A full Grade twelve certificate should be necessary as the entrance requirement to the teachers training course in the province, was the unanimous opinion of the delegates. The present minimum requirement is a Grade Eleven pass. It was agreed that there should be stricter enforcement of the present requirements. The presence of unqualified persons in many of our classrooms is denying hundreds of our children the opportunity they should have.

To Apply For Freight Rates On Surplus Herring

Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Industry and Natural Resources, accompanied by Eugene Gorman, Director of Fisheries, leaves for Moncton today to confer with officials of the C. N. R. The object of the conference is to negotiate a rate on fish offal between the west end of the Island and the Souris Processing Plant.

It is understood that large quantities of surplus herring are available in the western areas after the necessary half has been set aside and a liberal portion has been smoked. The possibility of processing the balance of the catch, which is said to be considerable, has been carefully explored by the fishmeal people at Souris.

The increase in production would make work for quite a number of persons but the margin of clearance may lie in the cost of transport.

Czechs Slow Refugee Flow

VIENNA (AP)—Communist Czechoslovakia is creating a no-man's-land along its border with Austria to stem the flight of refugees, Austrian police reported Saturday.

This border, like Austria's frontier with Hungary, once was closely supervised by the Russians when they were here as occupation troops. Since the Russians' departure and wired their border but the flow of refugees increases.

Austrian border police said the village of Kainratshlag was wiped out by Czech demolition squads using explosives.

VOICE FOR TEACHERS

The delegates also felt that the existing program of teachers training should be revised with special emphasis being given the training of teachers for our rural schools. It was agreed that the teaching profession, through its Federation, should have a voice in determining the content and nature of the training program as well as the licensing of the teachers who enter

Sixth 5-Year Plan Announced

MOSCOW, (Reuters)—Russia Sunday announced an all-out drive to "overtake and surpass" the capitalist West in industrial, atomic and agricultural development.

The challenge came in a new five-year plan issued by the Soviet Communist party covering the years 1956-1960 inclusive. The plan, sixth in the series launched by Stalin in 1928, provides for:

1. A 65-per-cent increase in industrial output by 1960, combined with speeded up mechanization and the "automation" of industrial processes on a "wide scale."
2. A big new project to tap atomic energy for electricity, development and atomic energy for transport purposes and a plan to build an atom-powered icebreaker.
3. Record target for steel, 68,000,000 tons, and coal, 593,000,000 tons, by 1960. The original target set by Premier Nikolai Bulganin in a speech to the party central committee last July were 60,000,000 tons respectively.
4. Fifty per cent more technicians and specialists interpreted as a serious challenge to the West.
5. A 70-per-cent increase in heavy industry, with increases of 30 per cent for Soviet workers and the building of twice as many houses as under the 1951-55 plan.
6. More intensive schooling for all Soviet children.
7. A trebled fleet of freighters and tankers and an almost four-fold expansion of the Soviet fishing fleet.
8. A major development of television, including color transmissions.

The plan takes the form of a series of directives to be submitted for approval to the 20th Communist party congress opening in Moscow Feb. 14. Technically, however, the plan went into force Jan. 1.

ABSOLUTE FIGURES
It declares that Russia now has within her means to become the world's mightiest industrial nation, that she could "in peaceful economic competition, in historically the shortest time," overtake and surpass, on a per capita basis, the most developed capitalist countries.

For the first time the plan gives absolute figures for production increases, instead of the percentage increases usually given by Soviet statisticians.

Western observers said it shows heavy industry will continue to play a dominant role, signifying complete victory for the continent.

POPE GREETS NOBLES

ROME (Reuters)—Pope Pius received about 200 princes, dukes and lesser members of Rome's aristocratic families Saturday in a special New Year audience—the first of its kind in four years. At the last audience for the nobility in January 1952, the Pope criticized them for sulking at the loss of past privileges and urged them to take their places as ordinary citizens in the Italian republic.

THE THINGS YOU GET FOR NOTHING ARE WORTH THE PRICE



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

	Min	Max
Dawson	35b	27b
Victoria	36	45
Vancouver	38	45
Edmonton	14b	10b
Calgary	16b	5b
Regina	10b	10b
Winnipeg	3b	3b
Toronto	22	37
Ottawa	15	34
Montreal	28	34
Quebec	24	30
Fredrickton	—	39
Saint John	35	38
Moncton	32	34
Halifax	42	43
Sydney	37	41
Yarmouth	38	38
St. John's	36	40

HALIFAX, (CP)—The weather office here says that while the rest of Canada experienced wintry weather on Sunday, the Maritimes, Newfoundland and eastern Quebec continued to experience extremely mild weather. Sunday was Halifax's twelfth day with temperatures above freezing. Night time temperatures over the district continue 20 to 30 degrees above normal for mid January, while day-time values are ranging mostly 10 to 15 degrees above normal.

Although the low pressure area has moved northward to the eastern Maritimes, there is still no indication of any great change in the weather. However, there is a trend towards slightly colder temperatures in the western regions in the next two or three days.

Northern Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island: Occasional drizzle and rain and fog patches; extremely mild; light winds. Low-high at New Glasgow and Charlottetown 35 and 38. Eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Intermittent rain and drizzle; extremely mild; north winds 15. Low-high at Moncton 33 and 35, Fredrickton and Saint John 33 and 36.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 0:15 a.m. and 1:22 p.m. Summer tide tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises at 7:46 a.m. and sets at 4:57 p.m.

Conservatives Plan For The Next Federal Election

OTTAWA (CP)—The Progressive Conservatives open three days of meetings here Monday to plan organization and policies with the next federal election very much in their minds.

This is the kick-off for the next election, said George Hees, president of the national Progressive Conservative Association, in a recent interview.

The government is expected to call an election in 1957—although this year is not out of the question—and Mr. Hees said this probably will be the association's last meeting before an election.

The association also will elect a president in balloting Wednesday behind closed doors.

There have been rumors that Mr. Hees, member of Parliament for Toronto Broadview, may be in the running again but he has said repeatedly in recent days that he won't change his decision not to let his name stand for re-election.

BALZER LIKELY CHOICE
It is considered the association's most likely choice is Leon Balcer, 38-year-old Commons member for Trois-Rivieres. Another possible candidate is Gordon Churchill, 57, member for Winnipeg South-Centre, who opposed Mr. Hees for the presidency at the association's last meeting in March, 1954.

Mr. Balcer, party organizer in Quebec province, is a former president of the Young Progressive Conservative Association.

Members of the senior party association itself will not begin their annual meetings until Tuesday. Monday will be taken over by annual meetings of the Young Conservatives and Women's Associations.

The meeting's main importance is in getting the "grass-roots views" of delegates," Mr Hees said.

"The idea is to learn from those who come what is needed in

Coming Events

- Dance at Norboro School, Monday, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m.
- Auction and Dance Vernon Hall, Monday, January 16th.
- Bingo and dance, Vernon River hall, Tuesday, January 17.
- Card party Spring Park Hall to-night 8:30. Lunch, prizes, tournament.
- Attend the dance St. Mary's hall, Souris, Tuesday, Jan. 17. Cliff Peters orchestra.
- Unloading car of Coop feeds, Tuesday, January 17. Special of car prices, Vernon River Coop.
- The Annual Meeting of the Connelly Estate Area Parkdale Water Users Association will be held in Parkdale Hall on Monday, January 16, at 8 p.m.
- Bingo—Lights or no lights if mild, Kinkora Wednesday evening—jackpot if not won, will play twenty five dollar consolation also other liberal cash prizes—Come.



Vernon River Man With Group Supervising New Carrier

While the aircraft carrier Bonaventure is not due to commissioning until this year, a number of RCN personnel are supervising and studying the construction and fitting of J. J. Currier, Vernon River, P. E. I. (white cap) and Lt. Cdr. (E)-R. I. (white cap) and Lt. Cdr. (E)-R. W. Edwards, Royston, B. C., discuss machinery space arrangements with W. S. Frost, of Harland and Wolff, builders of the ship. (National Defence Photo).

Three Children Lose Lives AS Edmundston Home Burns

EDMUNDSTON, N.B. (CP)—A Saturday afternoon fire here took the lives of three children, raising to 10 the number of children killed in Edmundston area fires in a week.

The latest victims were Robert Mitton, 2, Jeanne, 1, and Bernard, six months, Emery, 3, the other child of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Mitton, was saved.

Six children in one family died in a fire at St. Anne the previous Saturday night and one died near Green River.

Mrs. Mitton, 19, carried Emery from the blazing building. The child, barefooted in snow, cried when his mother tried to re-enter the tiny dwelling to rescue the other children. She had to turn back twice when Emery followed her.

The P.E. Island Teachers Federation, aware of the inadequacies, have advocated higher standards of admission, a longer period of training and have inaugurated in-service training programs for teachers in the field. "If our boys

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Expect Eden To Question U.S. On Peace Strategy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Prime Minister Eden is expected to try to find out in talks here this month whether an Eisenhower "peace policy" or a Dulles "brink of war" strategy is guiding the behavior of the United States.

British sources have expressed alarm over statements by State Secretary Dulles in an interview with Life Magazine. The magazine quoted him as saying his practice of the "brink of war" of going up to the "brink of war" without becoming involved had blocked Red China in the Korean, Indo-Chinese and Formosan crises in 1953 and 1954. Dulles confirmed Friday that the quotations were correct in substance.

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Experts here believe one of Eden's aims is to discover what people and what ideas really control United States foreign policy now that the cold war struggle with the Soviet Union is on again. The British leader has long been represented as feeling that President Eisenhower is much more likely than Dulles is to take a peaceful, conciliatory and hopeful approach to relations between the western allies and the Soviet Union.

According to the understanding of state department officials, Eden himself still believes in the possibility of working out major issues with the Soviets, however slowly. He is deeply committed to a "peace" line and all the pressures of British politics appear to support this commitment.

CAUSES DISCOMFORT
Dulles' magazine quotations with their brutally frank way of stating a policy of preparedness, thus have embarrassed relations between the United States and Britain.

The feeling of most observers here is that if the article had any unstated purpose to serve it was to make a hero out of the Republican secretary of state in a presidential election year. If so, critics contend, the operation will prove to be a boomerang.