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## SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO HARD HIT BY SNOW STORM

### U.S. Forces Scan Skies For Space Platforms

#### Fourteen Bills Receive First Readings In House

Mr. R. R. Bell, Q.C., Leader of the Opposition, adjourned the debate on the draft address in the Legislature at five o'clock yesterday evening following a brief inspection to the main part of his address. He followed the mover and seconder of the Speech from the Throne, Messrs. J. Brenton, St. John of Souris and Harold Smith of Pownal.

Standing Committees  
Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources, who had been appointed chairman of a five man body to select standing committees for the session, reported that the following had been appointed:  
On Agriculture: Hon. C. Cleveland Baker, Messrs. W. F. Alan Stewart, R. R. Bell, Frank Myers, Thomas R. Cullen, Harold P. Smith, J. W. Don Campbell. Four members to constitute a quorum.  
On Public Accounts: Messrs. Lorne H. MacFarlane, J. Brenton St. John, J. George MacKay, John A. MacDonald, Dr. William J. P. MacMillan, Frank L. MacNutt, George Kitson. Four members to constitute a quorum.  
On Private Bills: Mr. E. P. Foley, Hon. Walter E. Darby, Mr. Hubert J. Gaudet, Dr. William J. P. MacMillan, Mr. William Acorn. Three members to constitute a quorum.  
On Legislative Library: Hon. William Hughes, Dr. William J. P. MacMillan, Mr. J. W. Don Campbell, Mr. George E. Saville, Hon. J. Wilfrid Arsenault. Three members to constitute a quorum.  
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#### Look For Tiny Almost Invisible Earth Moons

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex. (AP)—The U. S. armed forces are sponsoring a sky-sweeping search for tiny earth moons which might serve man as stepping stones to the stars.  
If they exist—and scientists say they have reason to believe they do—the nearly invisible earth satellites also could be used as space platforms to launch missiles in time of war.  
Clyde Tombaugh, the man who discovered the planet Pluto, and Dr. Lincoln La Paz, director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, are two of the men engaged in the search for fast-travelling little satellites.  
Much of the research is being done at White Sands proving ground in southern New Mexico, scene of the United States' missile-testing program and the spot where the first atomic bomb was set off.  
"Other than the moon, no earth satellites have been discovered to date," Tombaugh said. "But this is understandable."  
Tombaugh said in an interview that the earth satellites may follow rapid orbits near the equator, thus escaping notice by sky mappers in northern countries.  
Finding a tiny, fast-moving moon in the sky would be a tough job no matter where it was located. Slowly spinning cameras would be little affected by the light from the satellites.  
The only way to spot them, Tombaugh says, is to track them with cameras moving at the same speed as the satellite and in the same direction. The satellite would then show up as a dot against a background of star streaks.  
Probably one of the most important aspects of the search for a natural satellite may be a saving of billions of dollars. Finding a man-made satellite out of the earth's atmosphere, if attempted, would cost billions.  
Scientists have long seen the need for a way station to precede any attempt by man to conquer space. Main reason is the terrific amount of fuel which must be used to escape earth's gravity. "Space ships"—if they ever materialize—probably never would touch earth, but would refuel and take on passengers and cargo at some such way station in the orbit of earth's moon, Tombaugh and La Paz now are seeking.  
The value of an armed weapons station in space, monitoring the actions of other nations and prepared to deal deadly blows from overhead, is obvious and has long intrigued military minds.

#### Urges New Service For People At Rocky Point

A demand for a new travel service for the people of Rocky Point during the expected break-up of the ice in the Charlottetown harbor was made in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Mr. R. R. Bell, Q.C., Leader of the Opposition.  
In directing his questions at Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Highways, Mr. Bell pointed out that the road at North River was unfit for travel, that the ferry Fairview would not be ready to resume operations for another two weeks and that the Charlottetown harbor was already opening.  
"In view of these conditions, is the Department of Public Works making any arrangements for a new service in the event the harbor should open?" asked the Leader of the Opposition.  
Mr. MacKinnon replied that no new service could be provided at the moment and that to his knowledge the harbor is not open.  
"As far as you can see it is open," retorted the Opposition Leader; "and it is up to the Department to do something about it."  
Mr. Bell also questioned the accuracy of the road reports emanating from the Public Works Department. He stated the reports being prepared for press and radio publication by the Department said only that the roads were wet and muddy and gave no detail as to their condition.  
The Minister replied that travel has always been possible on the main highways and that the secondary roads are closed. He stated that there were two tractors on the main roads near Borden for service if drivers wanted to take same road conditions were experienced in all Provinces where they had the winter frost problem to contend with.



Mr. R. R. Bell

#### Communications Snarled; Many Motorists Stranded

TORONTO, (CP)—Southwestern Ontario, already crippled by a two-day snow fall, was virtually prostrated Wednesday by a violent snow storm which assumed blizzard proportions as it blustered across the southern portion of the province.  
The Missouri-born storm snarled transportation and communications, isolated towns, villages and hamlets and stranded countless motorists as it moved north and east.  
High winds thwarted efforts to keep roads open.  
An emergency amateur radio network was set up to receive reports from the isolated lake Huron town of Kincardine. The entire district was cut off from telephone or telegraph communication.  
Radio ham Bob Anderson at the University of Western Ontario in London, 85 miles south of Kincardine, said a shortage of food is already felt in the town of 2,700.  
The Ontario highways department said all highways leading from London to Windsor, 125 miles southwest, and Sarnia, 90 miles west of London, are blocked.  
Most villages and hamlets in the Chatham district were without bread and milk supplies for another day Wednesday. The food supply situation was expected to become critical if storm conditions continue.  
As the storm swept north and east late Wednesday Trans-Canada Air Lines in Toronto cancelled or delayed flights to London, Windsor, Cleveland, Ottawa and Montreal. Only westbound flights were on schedule.

#### First Ice Patrol Of Season Carried Out Yesterday

The first ice patrol of the season was successfully carried out yesterday by M.C.A. Canso aircraft with Capt. G. J. Godfrey in command and W. J. Bruce as First officer. Ted Watson was navigator. The Department of Transport was represented by Capt. George S. Burdock as ice observer, and Howard McInnis was flight engineer.  
Good clear flying was experienced in the 800-mile run which began at 11:15 a.m. and concluded shortly after five o'clock. The survey covered all of Northumberland Strait and the Gulf of St. Lawrence up to the mouth of the St. Lawrence River as far as Fame Point, including the mouth of the Bay of Chaleur and over the streamer track across the Gulf to Cabot Straits. The return flight was made by way of George's Bay and the Strait of Canso.  
Captain Burdock reports a large amount of heavy ice still remaining in Northumberland Strait with open water at the East end of the Island. Scattered drift ice was observed at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River. Very heavy ice was visible off North Point.  
The patrol is under the jurisdiction of Capt. J. W. Balcom, Ice Information Officer, Department of Transport, Halifax. Daily patrols are expected to become effective on March 15. Early navigation of the St. Lawrence River is expected.

#### Higher Shipping Charges From The Maritimes

MONCTON, (CP)—Rand F. Matheson, manager of the Maritime Transportation Commission, said Wednesday the new freight rate scale will mean appreciable increases in the cost of shipping between the Maritimes and Ontario centres.  
The scale was ordered Tuesday by the Board of Transport Commissioners to equalize the cost of rail hauls in different parts of Canada, but it provided for no change in freight moving within the Maritimes and Newfoundland.  
After a preliminary study, Mr. Matheson said it appeared that the Class I rate on cars between Fredericton and Toronto would increase by about 17 per cent, and the rate on canned goods by five to 10 per cent.  
These were just examples, he said. The commission is studying the net effect on shippers and consignees in the Maritimes, and will sponsor a meeting for shippers at Amherst, N.S., early in May when the new structure will be studied fully.

#### Bad Roads Discussed In Nova Scotia House

HALIFAX, (CP)—A Liberal and a Progressive Conservative spoke about bad road conditions in the Nova Scotia Legislature Wednesday and even Premier Macdonald admitted they were the worst he had ever seen them.  
The Liberal premier, who is also highways minister, said in a statement outside the House that the province has its most serious highway problem for this season in history.  
"Due to weather conditions," he said, "a great mileage of our highways is not only in bad condition, but many sections are impassable."  
He blamed the large amount of frost which went into the ground early in the winter and which now is coming out rapidly during mild weather.  
Victor Cardozo (L-Digby) mentioned highways in his riding and asked the government to do what it can to improve them.  
W. S. K. Jones (PC—Queens) also mentioned highways and asked for replacement of several bridges which he termed dangerous.



enormously to the tax burden." He said, however, that "Conditions will be remedied as soon as possible."

#### Drop Shown Locally In Unemployment Figures

Figures released by the National Employment Office in Charlottetown, as of March 1st, show a decline in the number of people drawing Unemployment Insurance Benefits from a peak of 2367 in mid February to 2261, a difference of 106. These figures are for Queens and Kings counties including Charlottetown. In Charlottetown and Pownal, 911 people are drawing weekly benefits, and this is made up of 742 men and 169 women. In the remainder of the territory coming under the jurisdiction of the Local Office, 1350 people are claimants; 1201 males and 149 females.  
It is believed that a slow but steady decline in the number of claimants will continue until mid-April, at which time most of the seasonally unemployed return to work. During the past few days, there has been a number of new claims which have been made due to the Provincial Government's order forbidding the use of roads to heavy trucks and buses. The drivers of these buses have been laid off temporarily, and most of them are filing claims. A number of employees of the Provincial Government who have been engaged in snow clearance, have also lost their employment for the time being, and these too are applying for Unemployment Insurance Benefits.  
The T. Eaton job in Charlottetown is proceeding steadily, but will not employ very many men until excavation work now being carried on is completed. The contractors state that if at all possible the building will be opened for business before Christmas.

#### 4 Puerto Ricans Indicted In Shooting Case

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A federal grand jury acted quickly Wednesday in indicting four Puerto Rican fanatics accused of wounding five members of Congress in Monday's bullet-spraying burst of violence in the House of Representatives.  
The jury was reported to have voted almost immediately after U.S. attorney Leo A. Rover completed presenting the government's case in one hour and 45 minutes. The indictments were announced after a luncheon recess.  
The assailants, including the ring-leader, Mrs. Lolita Lebron, 34, were charged with assault with intent to kill and assault with a dangerous weapon.  
Rover said the defendants will be arraigned Friday. They will be called upon then to enter pleas of not guilty or guilty.  
Police said three of the alleged gun-wielders, including Mrs. Lebron, have confessed, but a fourth, Irving Flores Rodriguez, 28, has refused to talk.  
Physicians said all the wounded House members are improving. Representative Alvin M. Bentley (Rep. Mich.), the most seriously injured, was taken off the critical list, but doctors said there was still danger of complications developing from his internal injuries.  
In addition to Mrs. Lebron and Rodriguez, those indicted were Andres F. Cordero, 29, and Rafael C. Miranda, 25.

#### Retain Debt-Earning Ratio In New Housing Legislation

OTTAWA, (CP)—A man may have to earn about \$76 a week to get a maximum loan to build a \$10,000 house under the government's new housing legislation. He may have to earn about \$90 weekly to get the money for a \$12,000 home.  
The reason is that the government will likely retain the 23-per cent ratio of debt to earnings in the new regulations to be made public after the bill is approved by Parliament, federal officials said Wednesday.  
The bill received approval of the Commons banking committee Tuesday. It now goes back to the Commons for further consideration and later to the Senate.  
May Be Modified  
Under the 23-per cent ratio, the government estimates that the normal worker cannot afford to spend more than 23 per cent of monthly earnings on mortgage loan payments, mortgage and fire insurance and municipal taxes.  
This is not a hard-and-fast rule. There have been deviations in the past and there likely will be deviations in the future, officials said. A lot may depend on the applicant's age and his credit standing. In some cases the ratio may be raised to 30 per cent.  
If the applicant's wife is working, the regulations likely will state that 20 per cent of her gross earnings may be applied in estimating the applicant's income.  
But in all likelihood the 23-per cent rule will apply in most cases, even though there have been many complaints before the Commons committee that the rule prevented low-income families from getting house-building loans.  
D. B. Mansur, head of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, told the committee at one stage he is not certain that a boost in the ratio will make it less restrictive.  
Lenders are not forced to make loans at the ratio ceiling. It was purely an "administrative" understanding between CMHC and the lenders.

#### Extra Pay For Night Work In P.O.

OTTAWA, (CP)—Post office employees working nights will receive extra pay amounting to about \$6 a week in communities where the five-day 40-hour week will be implemented April 1.  
A return tabled in the Commons said the cash allowance will replace a night differential now in effect. Under the differential seven hours night duty is accepted for eight hours work. Men on night work are on shifts from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m.

#### Dies From Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

SYDNEY, (CP)—Albert G. Brown, 47, found unconscious on his garage floor Sunday, died here Wednesday of carbon monoxide poisoning.  
Brown had been working on his car and while the motor ran he closed and hooked the garage doors to keep children from running in and out. The horn was blowing when he collapsed from the fumes, and his continued blaring attracted Mrs. Brown. She had the doors forced and her husband taken to hospital.  
He rallied Monday, then failed to respond to treatment.

#### Gives Report On Pensions For Blind

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Health Department reports that 8,184 Canadians were receiving pensions under the Blind Persons Act at Dec. 31, 1953.  
A return tabled Wednesday in the Commons said the pensions range from a low of \$37.05 a month in Prince Edward Island to a high of \$49 in the Yukon Territory.  
Pensions paid in eastern provinces: New Brunswick, \$39.54; Newfoundland, \$39.60; Nova Scotia, \$38.34; Quebec, \$39.21.  
The largest number of pensioners, 2,937, are in Quebec. There are two pensioners in the Yukon Territory.

#### 10-Day Fog Starts To Lift In Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Newfoundland's notorious fog continued moving seaward Wednesday night and the weatherman expected a clear day today. He made no promises, however.  
The 10-day fog, which had already lifted in many parts of the province, started easing off this east coast port city early Wednesday, settled back again, but lifted enough by late afternoon for TCA officials to schedule one North Star to land at nearby Torbay about 10:00 p.m. NST to take 48 passengers to the mainland.  
Gander airport, about 300 miles northwest of here, was open Wednesday as big international aircraft came back on their regular course after diverting to other Canadian bases for the last nine days.

#### 2,000 Line Up For Cheap Coffee

TORONTO, (CP)—More than 2,000 people—most of them women and some with babes in arms—lined up in the snow and rain today at a Toronto cut-rate general merchandise store to buy coffee at 50 cents a pound.  
The sale was advertised Tuesday by Ed Mervish, owner of "Honest Ed's," who said he paid \$1.15 a pound for the coffee—the general retail price in Toronto.  
In the one-hour sale 760 pounds of coffee was sold.  
Police called to handle the crowds told the store manager a summons would be issued—the store has no licence to handle food.

#### Urge French Veto Of German Rearmament Law

PARIS, (Reuters)—The French National Assembly's influential foreign affairs commission urged Wednesday that France veto recent constitutional amendments giving the West German government the right to control its own military affairs and set up a draft system.  
The amendments, which pave the way for German ratification of the European Defence Treaty, have been approved by the West German Bundestag (lower house) and are expected to be passed soon by the upper house.  
But they are subject to veto by the Allied high commissioners in Germany—French, American and British.  
If the constitution were amended before the treaty were ratified, it would be rearm outside the projected six-nation community.  
Both foes and friends of the European army plan in the French foreign affairs commission, were unanimous in urging the veto.

They consider West Germany should have waited to see if the treaty is ratified by France.  
Lobby observers regard the unanimity of the vote as showing that even partisans of EDC are shocked by apparent West German efforts to "force the hand" of the French Parliament.  
A big majority of the Assembly members see no reason for too much haste in starting the decade debate on the European army. They consider that the Assembly will hardly be ready before the end of April or early May to tackle this issue, which deeply divides the Assembly.  
A public assurance from Washington that the United States will keep its troops in Europe for the duration of the treaty, or an announcement of what the British government is finally prepared to do by way of close association with the European army, might possibly influence the Assembly in favor of putting forward the ratification debate.

#### Secret Talks Underway With Mau Mau Leaders

By RONALD BATCHELOR  
NAIROBI, Kenya, (Reuters)—British officers warily awaited further word from leaders of the Mau Mau cult today in their bid to end the bloody anti-white attacks which have terrorized Kenya since 1952.  
Authorities revealed Wednesday that the British, guided by the captured No. 2 Mau Mau leader, have had secret talks with the terrorists' chiefs in the Kenya forest. They hope the next step will be a "peace parley" leading to wholesale surrenders.  
A top British officer, Maj-Gen. G. D. G. Heyman, said: "We believe this is the best chance we have ever had since the emergency began of finishing the shooting war."  
But white settlers in this British colony were less optimistic. Some grumbled about "a sellout to the terrorists." Michael Blundell, leader of white-elected members in Kenya's legislative assembly, said the move was not in the country's long-term interests.  
In London, James Griffiths, former Socialist colonial secretary, said today the entire House of Commons fully supported the proposals for ending the fighting in Kenya.  
British authorities said the surrender campaign was set in motion by "General China", following his capture on Jan. 16. He had been sentenced to death, but this was commuted to life imprisonment.  
"General China", whose real name is Waruhui Itoe, was taken from his death cell at Nairobi to Nyeri, 100 miles to the north, where he wrote letters to 26 former comrades. Six Mau Mau chiefs have replied thus far, five of them favorably.

#### To Rebuild Navy Garage

OTTAWA, (CP)—Eastern Woodworkers Ltd. of New Glasgow, N.S., has agreed to rebuild a huge government garage which collapsed at Shearwater naval station near Halifax, federal officials said Wednesday.  
The repair bill on the \$300,000 structure is expected to be about \$50,000 and the New Glasgow firm has agreed to foot the bill, officials said.  
The garage collapsed last month the day after the navy moved in. Officials said a faulty laminated truss caused the collapse but that the supplier of that item has since gone into bankruptcy.

#### Filter Fags Popular

LONDON, (Reuters)—London tobacco stores Monday reported a "slight drop" in sales of ordinary cigarets and an increase in the sales of filter-tipped cigarets and pipe tobacco following recent reports of a ministry of health committee which linked smoking with lung cancer.

#### Coming Events

\*\*Show, Morrell Hall, Friday, "No Highway in Sky". This is a good picture.  
\*\*Hampton Hall annual meeting, March 6th, 8 p.m. Earle Calbeck, secretary.  
\*\*Roland MacPherson will be leading hogs at Murray River on Tuesday, March 9th. Canada Packers Ltd., Charlottetown.

#### 1,087 Laid Off, From CNR Shops

OTTAWA, (CP)—The CNR has laid off 1,087 men since Nov. 1 in main shops. Transport Minister Chevrier gave the figure Wednesday in a parliamentary return.  
Halifax, Charlottetown and Fredericton had record temperatures Wednesday for March 3. Halifax's 53 was three degrees higher than the record set in 1874; Fredericton's 48 topped the 41 set in 1921, and Charlottetown's 43 was one degree higher than the record set in 1942.  
Regional forecasts:  
Lower St. John River Valley: Cloudy with snowflurries and much colder; southwest winds 25. Low-high at Fredericton and Saint John 33 and 40.  
Prince Edward Island: Overcast; showers occasionally heavy beginning late morning, changing in the evening to snowflurries; colder by evening. Southeast winds 20 increasing to southeast 30 with gusts to 45, shifting about sunset to southwest 25. Low-high at Charlottetown 30 and 45.  
Upper St. John River valley, Bay of Chaleur: Overcast; showering changing during morning to snowflurries; colder in afternoon; west winds 30 with gusts to 45. Low-high at Edmundston and Campbellton 33 and 40.  
High tide today at Charlottetown at 10:28 a.m. and 10:16 p.m. Sun rises today at 6:47 a.m. and sets at 6:03 p.m.

TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

|               | Min. | Max. |
|---------------|------|------|
| Dawson        | 5    | 30   |
| Vancouver     | 28   | 43   |
| Victoria      | 35   | 47   |
| Edmonton      | 5    | 29   |
| Calgary       | 2    | 33   |
| Regina        | 15b  | 7    |
| Winnipeg      | 6b   | 7    |
| Toronto       | 34   | 40   |
| Ottawa        | 27   | 40   |
| Montreal      | 26   | 38   |
| Quebec        | 21   | 43   |
| Saint John    | 38   | 49   |
| Halifax       | 38   | 43   |
| Charlottetown | 28   | 43   |
| Sydney        | 32   | 43   |
| St. John's    | 37   | 43   |