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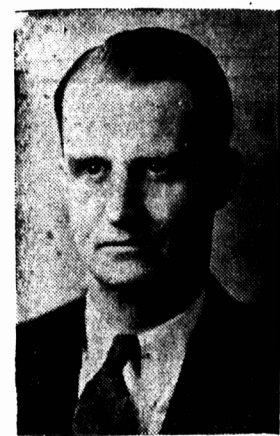
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## MOSCOW ANNOUNCES STALIN'S CONDITION WORSENING

### CCF Claims 1953 Budget For The Capitalists

#### Expresses Concern Regarding P.E.I. Agricultural Conditions



Mr. R. R. Bell

#### French Ready To Permit Pipeline

PARIS. (AP)—After 18 months of squabbling, the French are about ready to let the United States lay a jet fuel pipeline across France.

### Widespread Speculation On Developments In Russia

LONDON. (CP)—The world waited today for news about Joseph Stalin, the ruthless master of world Communism who lies unconscious in the Kremlin, and wondered who might succeed him.

There were indications that he might already be dead. Many in the West believe he is, including some medical men who studied Wednesday's announcement that he had been laid low by a stroke.

In Western eyes the Russian dictator whom the Vatican calls an impersonator of the "anti-Christ," is at least a known quantity. The West has been able to watch him through holes in what Winston Churchill called the Iron Curtain, for three decades. He is a former ally and to some extent his reactions are known.

But no one in the non-Communist world can say what Stalin's successor, whoever he is, will do. Will a struggle in the top echelons for Stalin's mantle touch off a fuse that could explode a third world war?

#### Pope Offers Prayers

In the Vatican, the Pope prayed for a better future "for the oppressed Russian people" and for

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### Coming Events

- \*\*Dance, Belle River Legion Hall, Friday, March 6th.
- \*\*Oysters—Fresh Oysters now at Edison's General Store, Vernon.
- \*\*Amateur Shur Gain Cavalcade in Belfast Hall, March 12th.
- \*\*Concert at Cornwall Thursday, March 5th. In aid of Junior Red Cross.
- \*\*Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- \*\*Final game Intermediate "C" at North River Rink, Thursday at 8:30. Covehead Flyers vs. Sandy's Ramblers.
- \*\*Hockey at North River rink Thursday, March 5, Glasgow Road Maple Leafs vs. Lennox Island Micmacs. Game time 8:30. Skate after.

The present low price of potatoes meant a loss of millions of dollars to Island growers. Mr. R. R. Bell, Q.C., said in the Legislature as he expressed the opinion that greater information might be supplied the shippers and farmers by various Government agencies.

As Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Bell was the first speaker for his party in the Draft Address debate which opened yesterday afternoon.

He regretted the low price as over a long period of years potatoes had brought a great deal of money into the Province and now farmers were only receiving a dollar a bag instead of the three or four dollars they had expected.

The Opposition leader dealt mainly with agricultural matters in his speech and noted that the low price of potatoes had resulted in the sale of many of the top quality sows and this, he stated, meant that today no young pigs could be bought in the Province. At this point Mr. Harvey Douglas, Second Kings, remarked "Last fall we could not give them away."

Mr. Bell spoke of the drop in price of pork in December which caused too many breeders to sell their pigs and then in January the price rose four cents instead of going down. He wondered who benefited from this.

#### Farmers' Revenue

He questioned that there was as much agricultural prosperity as the people were led to believe and based this on the steadily rising cost of production while the returns were not keeping pace. He told the House that last year Island farmers borrowed as much money as all those of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick combined.

Hon. A. W. Matheson, Fourth Kings, said they did this to buy

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### Tim Buck Sees Stalin's Death Severe Loss

TORONTO. (CP)—Tim Buck, Canadian Communist leader, says the death of Premier Joseph Stalin would be a severe loss to democracy and would endanger world peace.

In a statement issued as head of the Labor-Progressive party, Buck said the situation following the death of Stalin would be "an inauspiciously utilized by those elements hostile to the Russian leader and they would increase their efforts to aggravate the cold war."

### Huge Schools Of Herring At Digby

DIGBY N.S. (CP)—Digby Harbor was filled with huge schools of herring Wednesday and during the night a dozen New Brunswick seiners rushed in to reap a rich harvest.

Up to noon the craft had taken an estimated 307,000 pounds of the sardine-size herring which sell for \$20 per 1,000 pounds.

The fish was sold to sardine plant at Black's Harbor, N. B., but some goes to Lubec, Me.

### Vast Krupp Industrial Empire Is Broken Up

BONN, Germany. (AP)—The vast Krupp industrial empire which armed Germany for three wars has been broken up. Alfred Krupp agreed Wednesday to sell his family's coal, steel and iron holdings and never return to these industries.

### Says Bodes No Good For Liberal Party

OTTAWA. (CP)—A CCF spokesman says Finance Minister Abbott's 1953-54 budget is a "capitalist budget" and one that bodes no good for the Liberal government in the next general election.

Allister Stewart, member for Winnipeg North Centre, said Wednesday in the Commons it "is the kind of budget I would love to fight an election on." If it was supposed to represent justice "its capitalist justice."

Resuming the budget debate, Mr. Stewart said it is the big corporations, not the small ones that are helped by the corporation tax cut.

The small taxpayer got practically nothing.

The man who relied on corporation dividends could get up to \$10,000 a year and pay no taxes.

The married man with two children making \$50 a week — \$2,600 a year — would save "three cents on every pay cheque."

#### Slap In Face

The only thing the taxpayer got was a "slap in the face" in that Mr.

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### Pat Walsh To Meet Canadian Justice Minister

QUEBEC. (CP)—Pat Walsh, labor organizer who last week said he resigned from several Communist front organizations, says he will meet Justice Minister Garson to volunteer any information he has on Communist activities in Canada.

Walsh declined to indicate where the meeting will take place but told reporters he was approached by the Justice Department last Sunday, two days after he announced his break with the Red-dominated organizations.

Reporting that 250 trained Communist saboteurs are spotted across Canada, Walsh said Communist schools for training in sabotage and espionage were located at Bracebridge, Ont. and Camp Lafond, near L'Ascension, Que.

Other Communist schools, were in Ottawa, Lachute, Que., Sudbury, Ont., Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Walsh said he has in his possession texts printed in Russia and used at schools for children in Winnipeg and Toronto. The schools were operated by the Association of United Ukrainians in Canada to teach Communist doctrine to children.

### Expect Shipping Season Will Open Early

MONTREAL. (CP)—Officials of inland shipping companies predict that shipping out of Montreal, particularly to points down the St. Lawrence and to Newfoundland, will get under way about April 15, approximately 10 days earlier than last year.

Some ships of the winter fleet will begin loading shortly and will sail as soon as danger from ice is past.

Navigation is also expected to get an earlier start this year through the Lachine canal.

Meanwhile, the ice-breakers N. B. McLean and Ernest Lapointe continued smashing at an ice jam at the eastern end of Montreal's outer harbor.

### 76 Saved When Orphanage Burns

SYDNEY. (CP)—Seventy-six children, 24 of them infants, were led and carried to safety Wednesday when the Little Flower Orphanage at nearby Little Bras d'Or was gutted by fire.

A staff of 15, including eight sisters, assisted by volunteers brought all children to safety.

The blaze was confined to the second floor of the Roman Catholic orphanage but the ground floor was badly damaged.

and water. Damage was estimated at \$10,000.

The children will be housed by neighbors until new quarters are provided.

### Orwell Cove Seaman Chosen For Coronation Contingent

Leading Seaman, Naval Storesman John Clifford MacLeod, R.C. N.(R), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest MacLeod, Orwell Cove, P.E.I., has been selected to represent H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte" on the Coronation Contingent.

It was announced by Lieutenant K. A. MacKenzie, Commanding Officer of the local Naval Establishment here last night.

Leading Seaman MacLeod joined the Reserves of H. M. C. S. "Queen Charlotte" as an Ordinary Seaman, Naval Storesman, in March, 1950. In the spring of the following year he went to H. M. C. S. "Naden" on the West Coast for a three months Naval Storesman course.

On completion of this course he returned to "Queen Charlotte" and remained on the staff of the Barracks until October, 1951, as an Able Seaman, Naval Storesman.

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Leading Seaman MacLeod was promoted to the rank he now holds in December of last year.

He received his early education at Orwell Cove School and later at Prince of Wales College where he took one year Academic, and the Second Year Commerce. It is expected that he will leave H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte" about the middle of next month and return to the Province in about 10 weeks.

Previous to joining the Reserve, Leading Seaman MacLeod was an employee of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Charlottetown.

### Ottawa Man Succeeds Mr. S. C. Wright

OTTAWA. (CP)—E. F. Pineau of Ottawa has been elected president of the Canadian council on 4-H clubs, succeeding S. C. Wright of Charlottetown.

Elected to the executive committee Wednesday were G. S. Black, Edmonton, and Stanley Wood of Fredericton.

### Agriculture Discussed In N. S. Legislature

HALIFAX. (CP)—Agriculture Minister MacKenzie told the legislature Wednesday that a \$6,000,000 drop in Nova Scotia farm income in 1952 was caused largely by Canada's foot-and-mouth disease outbreak and a return from "abnormally high" beef and pork prices the previous year.

He said the province's farm economy was heavily dependent on livestock and suffered severely, along with the rest of Canada, from the United States embargo following the discovery of the foot-and-mouth ailment.

He predicted little price relief in the re-opening of U.S. markets because prices across the border are currently a few cents lower than those in Canada.

Answering a request from George Wilson (PC-Hants West) for floor prices, Mr. MacKenzie said such policies are plagued by two difficulties — setting a standard production cost and evolving a price level which does not encourage over-production of any particular product.

Russell Cunningham (C.C.F. - Cape Breton East) warned that heavy buying at floor prices would put the government into the livestock business and would be followed by depressed markets.

The annual departmental report tabled by Mines Minister McKinnon showed a six-per-cent decline in coal output during 1952, but there were big increases in gold and silver production.

The report listed figures of minerals of which there was no production in the previous year — 48,000 gallons of nitration benzol, 900,000 pounds of copper, 2,000,000 pounds of lead and 10,500,000 pounds of zinc.

### Russians Carry On As Usual At U. N. Meetings

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Iron Curtain delegates carried on business as usual in the United Nations Wednesday despite their obvious worry and concern over the grave illness of their leader, Premier Stalin.

They slashed at the United States and the UN on all the old counts and topped it off with a bitter blast at U. S. chief delegate Henry Cabot Lodge over alleged germ warfare.

But the star of the group, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky, was absent. Rumors flew that he was preparing to hurry back home, but other Russians wouldn't talk and there was no confirmation.

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The escaping blood puts pressure upon brain tissue. The paralyzing

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### U.S. President Expresses Sympathy To Russians

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON. (AP)—President Eisenhower expressed prayerful sympathy for the people of Russia Wednesday in connection with news of the serious illness of Premier Stalin.

Then he went into top-level conferences apparently aimed at fitting United States policy to developments that could carry the seeds of great danger, great good, or anything in between.

#### Stalin Dead?

Meanwhile the belief gained ground among top officials here that the Soviet dictator must be even already dead. Their view is that such disturbing news never would have been given out unless Kremlin officials had given up hope of his recovery.

In Congress the report that Stalin had suffered a stroke brought out varying ideas on the probable results. They ranged from expressions of hope that Stalin's death would set off an internal upheaval that would call a halt to Soviet aggression and might even bring up a leader more amenable to peace, all the way to fears that a top man even more intransigent would emerge and the Reds would try even bolder adventures abroad to keep the people in line at home. Regardless of the divergence of view, however, the impact of Stalin's disappearance from the world

### News Comes As World Speculates Stalin Dead

LONDON. (CP)—Moscow radio announced early today Joseph Stalin's grave condition is worsening.

A new medical bulletin, the second, said the Soviet leader was still unconscious.

The first fresh word on the Soviet Prime Minister's condition came after the outside world had speculated he already was, or might be, dead.

The 73-year-old chief of world Communism suffered a brain hemorrhage Sunday.

The new bulletin said the Soviet leader has arterio-sclerosis in addition to the brain hemorrhage. This is an abnormal hardening of the arteries.

It also said Stalin's blood circulation trouble has worsened and that his breathing also became more labored at times.

#### Breathing Difficult

It said instances of "Cheyne-Stokes" breathing became more frequent. This is a snore-like breathing, broken by intervals of no breathing at all. It gets its name from Dr. John Cheyne, a Scot, who first described it more than 100 years ago.

The new bulletin said Stalin's pulse now was an irregular 108 to 116. It was reported to have reached 120 soon after his seizure.

It said his body temperature was 38.6 centigrade—101.48 fahrenheit—and up slightly from the originally reported 38.2 centigrade—100.76.

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### Premier Stresses Needs Of Wood Islands-Caribou Route

If the Federal Government is to spend several million dollars on boats for the Wood Islands to Caribou service then it must provide safe harbors which can be easily entered at night by radar and eliminate the present winding channels, said Premier J. Walter Jones yesterday afternoon when he rose to take part in the Draft Address as the first day of debate opened in the Legislature.

He said the Government should not shilly-shally with small boats, but should build or obtain ones capable of handling 60 autos at a time. In order to get that service started several years ago, the Premier stated, compromises were necessary and acceptance of the Caribou Harbor as a terminal was one of them. It was originally agreed to have the same rates by space for cars and trucks and this was what forced down the freight truck rates at Borden. He thought if all the freight moved via Borden there would be a rise in rates.

Premier Jones followed Mr. R. R. Bell, Leader of the Opposition, in the debate but spoke for only a few minutes as the six o'clock hour of adjourning was approaching. Mr. Bell spoke slightly more than an hour in traditionally following the mover and seconder of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Mr. Thomas R. Cullen, Second Kings, was the mover of the Address yesterday, and it was seconded by Mr. B. Earle MacDonald, Fifth Queens. Both their speeches were relatively short.

#### Maritime Projects

The Premier said that though the Federal Government was spending little here its projects in other Maritime Provinces would benefit us. He cited the case of the new Canso Causeway as one which would mean increased truck traffic on the Northumberland ferries. Regarding that service he told the House: "I wish some of



Premier Jones

them would listen to me, I could straighten them out." He was referring to Ottawa officials.

Mentioning the remarks the seconder, Mr. MacDonald, about lack of aid to Charlottetown in maintaining roads which lead to shipping ports, the Premier stated that in Ontario some cities did get such assistance. He thought this city might also be reminded the members that the Provincial Government took care of the road from the airport and that was a benefit to the city.

Regarding the use of this Province as an experimentation centre for atomic power Mr. Jones agreed, the same as had been done in the matter of Family Allowances. However, he did not believe there was any great benefit accruing from our being used as an area for experiments.

Twitted by Mr. Bell and Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan as to whether

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### Says Canada Doing Her Share In Korea

HALIFAX. (CP)—Brig. J. V. Allard, 30, newly-appointed commander of Canada's 25th brigade in Korea, says Canada is doing her share in Korea and "doing it damn well."

He told a press conference here Wednesday that although the contribution is not as great as that of some other nations, "we can be very proud of ourselves."

Earlier in the day, Brig. Allard inspected the 2nd Highland Battalion at Camp Aldershot. This battalion, following further training at Wainwright, Alta., will proceed to Korea.

Brig. Allard, who spent more than two years in Moscow as military attaché, expressed satisfaction with the troops he will command in Korea. "They're very good, well trained, they're excellent."

#### Germany An Asset

On European affairs, he said Germany would be an asset to NATO. "I like the Germans. I have always liked the Germans, and if they will be as good fighters against the Communists as they were against us, they would be a great help."

Questioned about Formosa, Brig. Allard said he "couldn't care less." He said his loss is more competent on this than I am.

Boss is The Canadian Press correspondent in Korea. A Nicolet, Que., native, Brig. Allard, a three-time winner of the D.S.O., will succeed Brig. M. P. Pat Bogert, 44, of Toronto.

In Halifax on the last leg of a coast-to-coast tour of army facilities, he said he regretted being unable to visit Newfoundland.

Collette, he said, chose the crews for the ships in the C.S.U. hiring hall here. Shortly before the scheduled departure the crews would quit, thus delaying their departure.

"The scheme continued until Collette felt reasonable sure that the Nationalist cause on the China mainland was so precarious that when the ships arrived in Shanghai they would fall into Communist hands," Walsh added.

The vessels were built in Quebec about 1947 at a cost of \$12,000,000 for the Ming Sung Company, a Chinese trading firm. Canada paid for the construction as indirect aid to Nationalist China.

#### HEADS HARDWARE FIRM

HALIFAX. (CP)—Arthur D. Stairs Wednesday became the fifth successive member of his family to be named president of William Stairs, Sons and Morrow Ltd., wholesale hardware firm doing business through branches at Saint John, N. B., Sydney and St. John's Nfld. He succeeds his father, Cyril Stairs, who died several weeks ago.



#### TORONTO. (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	24b	1b
Toronto	43	53
Ottawa	23	43
Edmonton	11	13
Calgary	19	38
Regina	6b	9
Winnipeg	3	14
Toronto	36	50
Ottawa	23	43
Montreal	32	47
Quebec	28	42
Saint John	26	46
Moncton	14	45
Halifax	25	47
Charlottetown	14	40
Sydney	10	35
Yarmouth	23	47
St. John's, Nfld.	8	23

HALIFAX. (CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Weather Office valid until midnight Thursday:

Prince Edward Island, eastern N.B. counties, lower Saint John River valley. Variable cloudiness colder; west winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 38 and 35. Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 30 and 32.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:33 A. M. and 1:18 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 8:05 A. M. and 8:50 P. M. Sun rises today at 6:45 A. M. and sets at 6:05 P. M.