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SYRIA'S PRESIDENT RESIGNS FOLLOWING ARMY REVOLT

Egyptian Gov't Announces No Policy Change

Churchill Urges Increased Trade With Soviet Union

By TOM COHILTY
LONDON, (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill Thursday urged the West to seek more trade with the Soviet Union in an effort to reach "a workable understanding with the Russian people and government."
He coupled this with a call to the democracies to bolster their policy of "peace through strength" by accepting a German military contribution to the defence of Western Europe.
Finally, the Prime Minister—still searching for some way to resolve East-West tensions—suggested the major powers hold in diplomatic reserve his proposal for a private meeting of the world's top leaders. He stressed, however, that it would be extremely dangerous to call such a meeting when there was little chance of success and to use this resource in vain.
The House of Commons cheered when he said:
"Patience and perseverance must never be grudging when the peace of the world is at stake. Even if we have to go through a decade of cold war, bickerings and

Military Regime Hastens To Reassure West

By Robert B. Hewett
CAIRO, (AP)—Egypt's new military regime hastened to assure the western powers Thursday night that the removal of Maj. Gen. Mohamed Naguib as president will not swing this country against the West.
Thirty-six-year-old Lt.-Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, the emerging strongman, meanwhile took over all of Naguib's offices, including the presidency of the republic, and kept Naguib under guard.
The need for a guard was a tribute to Naguib's popularity among Egypt's millions. Military police were posted at his home as a precaution against any popular movement in his behalf that might try to reinstate him in the offices he resigned in a losing struggle with Nasser for power.
The Nasser government sought to reassure the West that it would carry on just as Egypt had under Naguib.
During the Naguib regime, Nasser, as vice-president, had conducted negotiations for removal of British troops from the Suez canal zone, the main point of difference with the West. The negotiations long have been inching along or stalemated.

Senator Jones Protests Five-Day Postal Week

OTTAWA, (CP)—Two Liberal senators Thursday protested the method of deciding in which cities and towns postal workers will get the five-day week starting April 1.
But the protests by Senators F. W. Gershaw of Medicine Hat, Alta., and Walter Jones of Charlottetown were made for different reasons. Senator Gershaw wanted his city added to the list of 180. Senator Jones said the five-day week is throwing away \$5,000,000.
The two senators registered their protests during consideration by the Senate banking committee of the government's plan to increase first class postal rates by one cent an ounce April 1. The committee recommended Senate approval of the measure.
Senator Gershaw said no investigation was made in some of the areas omitted from the list to learn whether the five-day week was in effect in most businesses and industries. This was the yardstick which the government announced would be used.
Senator Jones, former premier of Prince Edward Island, said the investigation amounted only to a request for information about the five-day week from the Civil Service Commission to the Unemployment Insurance Commission officers in each area. The unemployment officers "want to go fishing on Saturdays too."
Mr. Cote said the list, announced last week in the Commons, "is not the final word." Consideration was being given to whether it should be amended.

Had Headed Military Coup Three Years Ago

By SIMON ALLAWERDI
DAMASCUS, Syria, (AP)—President Adib Shishkely, Syria's bullet-dodging president, resigned late Thursday night because an army revolt had threatened the country with bloodshed.
The diminutive president who headed a military coup in 1951 was reported to have left the country.
The rebels began broadcasting claims of having engineered a successful revolution early Thursday from Aleppo in the northern part of the country. They gave Shishkely 24 hours to get over the border.
The leaders called for recognition of former president Hachem Bey El Attassi, whose regime was crumpled in 1951, as the lawful new president.
In Damascus, however, it was understood the speaker of the assembly would assume the interim presidency until a new president is elected. Shishkely, elected president only last June, resigned in a letter to the speaker of the assembly in which he said he was quitting "to prevent bloodshed among the people and army if so

Reports "Co-operation" Among Manufacturers Of House-Building Supplies

OTTAWA, (CP)—The president of the Canadian Construction Association said Thursday there is "very good understanding and co-operation" among manufacturers of some house-building supplies.
The speaker, Raymond Brunet of Hull, Que., said he would not want to use the word "combine" to describe that co-operation.
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Elected President



Mr. Stewart Wright, (above), Senior Fieldman of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, yesterday was elected president of the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference at the final session of the meeting held at Birch Cove. The honorary president is Mr. Walter B. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Other officers named included vice president D. B. Dickson and secretary, Maurice Deacon. The additional directors are retiring president Mr. George Ayres and Messrs. W. P. MacLeod, Henry MacLaren, H. W. Clay, R. R. Hurst, F. M. Nash and R. C. Parent.

Death In Edmonton, Alta. Of Rev. W. A. MacPhee

Mr. H. F. MacPhee of Charlottetown has received the sad news of the death of his brother, Rev. W. A. MacPhee at Edmonton, Alberta last night. He had been ill for some months.
A native of Georgetown, son of the late Capt. Hugh MacPhee and Mrs. MacPhee, Father MacPhee had been in Alberta since his ordination in Georgetown in 1927. He will be buried in his old parish at Clan Donald, Alberta. The funeral will be Tuesday.
He received his early education at Georgetown school, and then attended St. Dunstan's College, St. Mary's College at Emmitburg, Maryland, and St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto. He was ordained in his home church of St. James, Georgetown.
Surviving are his brother, Mr. H. F. MacPhee in Charlottetown and a sister, Miss Isabel MacPhee of Edmonton. A brother, John V., was killed during the First World War and a sister, Rev. Mother Paula, superintendent of the Charlottetown Hospital, passed away two years ago.
Mr. MacPhee expects to leave by air Saturday for Alberta to attend the funeral.

Opposed Western Plan

Egypt repeatedly has refused to join in a Western-sponsored plan for a Middle East defence command, based in the Suez, against the threat of Communist aggression.
The Nasser tactics in sequence on an eventual day were:
1. A pre-drawn announcement by the revolutionary council that

Annual Meeting Of P.E.I. Hospital Held Last Night

"I hope we will be able to continue to extend assistance to all the Island Hospitals in view of the great work they are doing," said Hon. B. Earl Macdonald, Minister of Health and Welfare in a brief address at the first annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Hospital Trustees held last evening in the lecture hall of the Nurses' residence. Mr. Macdonald expressed his pleasure on hearing the splendid reports of the trustees and various committees, with special reference to the work of the ladies' organizations.
Mr. N. D. Maclean, chairman of the board in his report referred to the admission of 4488 patients with a total of 49,945 patient days and an additional 2258 outpatients.
Reference was made to the new deep therapy x-ray machine which is of the latest design with all safety controls. The hospital has been redecorated completely



Mr. N. D. Maclean who was re-elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Prince Edward Island Hospital at last night's annual meeting.

Dental Association Backs Fluoridation

CALGARY, (CP)—Dr. A. J. Coughlan of Saint John, N. B. president of the Canadian Dental Association, said the association gives full backing to fluoridation of water and believes the treatment is one of the most important recent health measures.
Dr. Coughlan told Calgary Dental Society Wednesday that science has proved fluoridation of communal water supplies is an effective preventative of tooth decay. There is no scientific proof that fluoridation is harmful in any way, he said.

Keen Competition

V. L. Leigh of Victoria, chairman of the CCA housing committee, said Canada has four or five firms making plumbing fixtures. There was "keen competition" among them, but they faced high

IF DAD WOULD LOOK AT HIS OLD PHOTOS HE'D NOT BE SO HARD ON HIS SON



Competitive Rates On Potatoes To Continue Till April 14

The Potato Marketing Board has been advised by Mr. Rand H. Matheson of the Maritime Transportation Commission, that competitive freight rates on potatoes enjoyed by Island shippers for the past few months will be continued until April 14th. This means that the rate of 50c-54c to Montreal, 64c-66c to Toronto, and similar low rates remain in effect.

Liberal Ass'n Heads Report At Ottawa

OTTAWA, Feb. 25. (Special)—At the first post-election gathering of its kind, heads of the 10 Canadian Provincial Liberal Associations gathered in Ottawa today and reported on the state of liberalism in Canada from Newfoundland to British Columbia.
The meeting was held in camera and presided over by Duncan K. MacTavish, president of the National Liberal Federation of Canada. Results of the general federal election of August 10 last were discussed and analyzed and reports made by federal headquarters by representatives of the provinces.
William A. Currie of Summerside, president of the Prince Edward Island Liberal Association reported on "the state of liberalism in P. E. I." In his report Mr. Currie was able to show gains for the party in certain areas and an overall gain of one federal seat or 25 per cent of the total representation of the province. This was exceeded only by Newfoundland which gained two new Liberal members out of six or an actual gain in representation in the House of Commons of 33 per cent

Prominent Church Leader Passes

HALIFAX, (CP)—Edward H. "Ned" Targett, 71, veteran customs officer and one of the most active church laymen in the Maritimes, died here Thursday.
Mr. Targett joined the customs service in 1913, served overseas in the First World War, and re-entered the customs in 1919. He retired in 1948 as excise cashier.
He began his church work as an 18-year-old Sunday school teacher, and when he died was president of the Church of England Institute in Nova Scotia, president of the Dartmouth branch of the Nova Scotia auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, provincial secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, and held numerous other lay positions.

MANY DANCERS

WETASKIWIN, Alta. (CP)—The crowd at the square dance in the drill hall here was estimated at 1,400—making it probably the second-largest dance of its kind ever held in Alberta. Officials said the record was set during Calgary's Stampede corral last year.

Seal Hunt To Open on March 5

OTTAWA, (CP)—The seal hunt gets underway March 5 in the St. Lawrence and March 10 off the Newfoundland and Labrador coasts.
The Fisheries Department Thursday announced the opening dates for the 1954 Atlantic sealing operation. Both areas will be patrolled by aircraft prior to the opening dates.
Informal discussions between Canada, Norway, Denmark and France have resulted in standard opening dates for the last three seasons.

Western Farmers Get 58 Million Final Payment In 1952-53 Wheat Pool

OTTAWA, (CP)—The government has decided to close out the 1952-53 wheat pool and has authorized the Canadian wheat board to distribute \$58,282,000 to prairie farmers.
The decision will give farmers—in addition to what they already have received—an average of 10-934 cents a bushel on the 523,000,000 bushels of wheat delivered to the board in the crop year Aug. 1, 1952, to July 31, 1953.
Trade Minister Howe made the announcement in the Commons Thursday and indicated that farmers participating in the current 1953-54 pool likely will wait some time before receiving their usual mid-year price boost from the board.
Wheat Unsold
Mr. Howe, replying to Hazen Argue (C-CP-Assiniboia), said there will be no interim payment on deliveries from last fall's crop "at the present time, for the very good reason that we have not sold any wheat from the last crop."
Canada last fall produced 614,000,000 bushels of wheat, of which only to the peak of 688,000,000 bushels produced in the previous year.
The fact there will be no early

Big Pile-Up

The big wheat pile-up and lagging sales contributed to the delay in closing the 1952-53 pool. The 1951-52 pool was closed in November, 1952. Official closing date of the 1952-53 pool was Jan. 30, 1954—one of the latest closing dates in recent years.
The board, on Jan. 1, had about 700,000,000 bushels for sale and carryover, a sharp increase from 580,000,000 on Jan. 1, 1953.
On the basis of grading the final payment brings to about \$1815 a bushel the price paid to the farmer for No. 1 northern.
This is slightly below the \$1830 paid to farmers participating in the 1951-52 pool.
What farmers will get from the current 1953-54 pool is not certain. They received their initial \$140 a bushel for No. 1 northern, the price set at the opening of the crop year last Aug. 1. But there has been no mid-year boost and world prices have been falling.

CNR Turned Down Coal From Drummond Mine

OTTAWA, (CP)—Coal from Nova Scotia's Drummond mine has been of such a quality as to cause delays to Canadian National Railway trains using it, Transport Minister Chevrier said Thursday.
He gave the Commons this explanation for the CNR's cancellation of a 40,000-ton order from the mine, mainstay of the community of Westville, N. S.
The mine management announced Saturday it is trying to persuade the CNR to accept the balance of the order, to keep 400 men at work.
Mines Minister Prudham said here Tuesday the railway will resume buying Drummond coal if it can produce a quality fuel.
In the Commons Thursday, Claire Gillis (COP-Cape Breton South) asked Mr. Chevrier about the Drummond situation and left a question for Mr. Prudham—out

Coming Events

- **Dance in Millview Hall, Friday.
- **Jamboree! Wiltshire Hall tonight.
- **Ligon Dance, Morell Hall, Monday night. Burns Orchestra.
- **Jamboree at Wiltshire postponed.
- **Unloading Old Sydney Coal at Milton today. Vernon Gillespie.
- **Dance in Fortune Bridge Hall, Friday, February 26th.
- **Buying young pigs 20 lbs and over. Highest market prices. Cecil Stetson, Marshfield. Phone 5979.
- **Dance Morell hall Monday night, Burns Orchestra. Sponsored by Canadian Legion.
- **Card party every Friday, St. Peter's Legion Hall. Dance Saturday.
- **Rummage sale in aid of St. Charles Auxiliary at Beaton's today, 2 o'clock.
- **Card Party and Dance, Corran Ban Hall, Monday night, March 1st.
- **Dance, St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, Friday, February 26th. Chaisson's Orchestra.
- **Jamboree dance, Mt. Stewart Legion Hall, Feb. 27. Canteen service and door prize. Burke's orchestra.
- **Trinity Teen Bean Supper, Trinity Social Hall, Saturday, February 27th, 4.30-6.30. Tickets 60 cents.
- **Pay parade for personnel of "H" Sqn. P. E. I. Regiment will be held at the Sqn. Room, Kensington, at 2:30 hrs. Friday 26 Feb. 54.
- **Pay parade for personnel of "C" Sqn. P. E. I. Regiment will be held at the Armouries, Summerside, at 2:05 hrs. Friday, 26 Feb. 54.

P.C. Leader Says N.S. Industries In Bad State

HALIFAX, (CP)—Robert L. Stanfield, Progressive Conservative Opposition leader, told the Nova Scotia legislature Thursday that the Province's industries are in a bad state and the federal and provincial governments have "failed utterly to cope with the problems."
Speaking in the throne speech debate on the second day of the session, Mr. Stanfield said a prime responsibility of the Liberal government is to retain and develop present industries and bring in new ones.
He had faith in the economy of Canada and the future but "disaster can occur if the men at the helm do not preserve a constant lookout for danger."
He mentioned marketing prob-

lems in agriculture, the depressed coal mining industry and other problems and said the issue is an important one.
"The lot of the farmers, fishermen and lumbermen is a hard one," he said. "Regardless of what the future holds the present difficulties of our industries are very real and pressing."
Mr. Stanfield, his Opposition increased from eight to 12 members in the general election last May, said the government was not showing enough action in meeting the problem.
Michael MacDonald, O.P. leader, started his speech in the debate and then suddenly adjourned it because "of an accident which just occurred". His glasses had broken.

Favorable Reaction To St. Laurent In India

By WILLIAM STEWART
Canadian Press Staff Writer
NEW DELHI, (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent's endorsement of an appeal by India's Prime Minister Nehru for a cease-fire in Indo-China was received with much pleasure in government circles here Thursday.
Indian officials said the Canadian leader's unserved support of the appeal given at his press conference Wednesday, was yet another indication of close understanding between India and Canada on international matters which has been in evidence on several occasions in the past at the United Nations.
In a leading article devoted to Prime Minister St. Laurent, the

Commons Approves More Credit Control By Central Bank

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Commons Thursday endorsed the principle of a government bill to give the Bank of Canada tighter control of credit through the chartered banks.
The measure, which Finance Minister Abbott indicated would be used sparingly as an anti-inflation device, got second reading without objection from the opposition parties. Now it goes to a House committee for study.
Mr. Abbott, explaining his bill, said that in an inflationary period the present methods "may not always be sufficient to cope with the problems of restraining credit and expansion in an effective and orderly way."
He said this is particularly true of situations where such special factors as an inflow of foreign funds might create a substantial excess of cash reserves in the chartered banks.

Work For Peace

"It is because of his great work for peace and the spirit of friendship between the two, the lead given by Canada in subscribing to this international concept of common understanding and co-operation for building up friendship and equality between nations by peaceful democratic means is of great value."
Front Page News
Stories and pictures of Prime Minister St. Laurent's activities have been on the front pages of newspapers here since his arrival at the beginning of the week.
Thursday's editions prominently displayed detailed accounts of his press conference Wednesday.
Thursday the Canadian visitor, on the last sight-seeing tour of his visits to northern India, flew 100 miles southeast of New Delhi to visit the Taj Mahal at Agra. For half an hour he enjoyed the beautiful gardens surrounding the great marble shrine, built by

High tide today at Charlottetown at 4:17 a. m. and 3:26 p. m. Sun rises today at 6:56 a. m. and sets at 5:56 p. m.