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25-DAY CANADIAN SEAMEN'S STRIKE IS SETTLED

Opposes U. S. Curbs On Imports Of Fish Federal Government Went Into Red During September

OTTAWA, (CP) — The Federal Government went into the red by \$83,092,000 in September's budgetary operations as spending rose for defence, payments to provinces and interest on the national debt. Second monthly deficit in the first six months of the 1953-54 fiscal year, it pared the half-year treasury surplus to \$200,161,000 from \$290,967,000 a year ago, the Finance Department reported Friday.

September's deficit was almost double the \$47,701,000 deficit last year and more than eight times the \$10,000,000 adverse balance last June.

Officials predicted, however, that the government will end the year with a small over-all surplus, not far from the target of \$11,000,000 set by Finance Minister Abbott last spring.

September's revenues edged ahead to \$324,712,000 from \$316,859,000 last year, boosting the half-year total to \$2,088,817,000 from \$2,000,101,000.

Expenditure jumps But expenditures jumped sharply during the month to \$407,840,000 from \$362,860,000, increasing the half-year's spending to \$1,898,456,000 from \$1,709,134,000.

The take from the personal tax field increased slightly to \$90,049,000 from \$79,951,000 in the month and to \$619,029,000 from \$599,838,000 in the six months. Corporation tax collections declined slightly to \$93,559,000 in September from \$94,543,000, but were still higher in the

half year at \$588,864,000 compared to \$585,365,000.

With Canada buying heavily in world markets, customs import duties rose to \$33,392,000 from \$30,556,000 in the month and to \$208,262,000 from \$174,141,000 in the half year.

Excise tax collections increased also to \$72,870,000 in September from \$70,031,000, pushing the half-year total to \$415,481,000 from \$384,104,000. But excise duties slipped to \$21,869,000 from \$23,650,000, dropping the half-year's collections to \$1,117,106,000 from \$1,218,479,000.

Defence Spending Leads Defence spending still led the government expenditure field, with outlays in September rising to \$162,668,000 from \$156,967,000, bringing the six-month defence bill to \$772,914,000 from \$732,001,000.

Fisheries Council Gives Views To Commission

WASHINGTON, (CP)—The fisheries Council of Canada urged the United States Friday to reject New England demands for fish import restrictions, emphasizing that thousands of Canadian workers will be hit if the curbs are imposed.

The council, spokesman for the Canadian fishing industry, told the U. S. tariff commission brief that the possibility of U. S. tariff curbs which would "throttle" Canadian exports "is a disturbing prospect."

It could result in a breakdown in Canada-U. S. fish conservation co-operation and raise the issue of Canada of how far American and other foreign vessels should be allowed to fish off Canadian shores.

The commission is holding hearings on a request of the New England fisheries that curbs be placed on imports of groundfish fillets—fish of fish which feed on ocean floors including cod, haddock and ocean perch. Canada exported about \$12,000,000 worth of these fillets to the U. S. last year.

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"This industry provides employment to thousands of people in Canada to whom few alternative occupations are available and is basic to our economy. New England does not have the problem of providing alternative employment," he said.

"The amount of other employment available is one of the real problems of its fishing industry."

A limitation on this market would automatically stifle the development of our fisheries. It would mean more American and less Canadian boats on the banks off our shores. It would mean, in effect, that conservation of these fisheries would become conservation to ensure supplies to American vessels with our outlet to this market under tight control.

This was not a "pleasant prospect." Canada enforced a 12-mile limit on its fishing vessels.

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Eisenhower, Benson Grapple With U. S. Farm Problems

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Eisenhower and Agriculture Secretary Benson grappled with a problem at an hours-long conference Friday as Benson tried vainly to stop a caravan of cattlemen from descending on the capital.

Confronted by mounting crop surpluses and reports of unrest among farmers throughout the country, Eisenhower and Benson presumably canvassed all angles of the farm policy they have promised to lay before Congress in January.

"We are not going to pull out anything entirely new," Benson said after the meeting.

"We are not planning to wreck the present program."

"We are going to have some recommendations for improvements in the present program."

While Benson was with the President, his office released a telegram he sent to the head of the National Farmers Union urging that a delegation of about 250 western cattlemen headed for Washington be called back.

But president James G. Patton of the farmers' union, which organized the procession, replied that it was too late.

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Workers Settle For Wage Boost, Shortened Week

OTTAWA, (CP) — A seamen's strike threatening to paralyze Canada's ocean merchant fleet ended Friday.

Seamen who walked out Sept. 29 settled for a basic \$6-a-month wage increase and a shortened work week. The settlement was a compromise on the part of both the sailors and the ship operators.

An offshoot of the surprise settlement—the disputants had been regarded as still at odds up to Friday—was that it will speed a cabinet decision on whether federal subsidies should be provided to keep the deep-sea fleet operating.

Shipowners have been pressing the government for months to help them, and a delegation laid the case before the ministers here Oct. 15. The cabinet has reached no decision. It was learned that the ministers planned no action before the strike was settled.

However, informants said Friday that this stand had not been communicated to the parties in the strike, who were represented as having worked out their own compromise.

Few Ships Affected The strike of the Seafarers' International Union AFL-TLC, called among 1,000 men on the 33 ships flying the Canadian flag on the high seas, actually tied up perhaps one-third of that number in Canadian ports. Others at sea during the 25 days of the strike have not been affected.

The settlement terms represent an easing from the original demands of the union, which wanted a \$50-a-month boost for unlicensed non-officer personnel and a 40-hour week at sea instead of the existing 56 hours. Before the signing of Friday's new contract the sailors had come down to a \$30-a-month boost and a 48-hour week to be effective until new negotiations in April of 1954.

The final agreement signed at Montreal will run for a year from Friday and contains no retroactive features.

Settlement Terms Here are the main points in the agreement:

- 1. A \$6-a-month increase across the board (average pay now is about \$196 a month).
- 2. A 48-hour work week at sea.
- 3. A 40-hour week at sea and a \$16-a-month pay increase for deck and engine room personnel who do only day work. These are specialists such as carpenters who have been working a 42-hour week.
- 4. There will be no discrimination against strikers in hiring when the ships start operating again.

The settlement terms are basically along lines proposed to the disputants in mediation proceedings by Federal Labor Department officials. The mediation was carried out by Bernard Wilson, senior conciliation officer in the department here, and Raoul Trempanier, Montreal official.

Canada To Slash Tariffs Shortly On Japanese Goods

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, (CP) — Canada will slash tariffs on Japanese goods in the next few months when a "fair trade" pact between the two countries will be ready for signing, well-informed sources disclosed Friday.

Customs duties in some cases will be cut to half, widening the potential Canadian market for Japanese goods and possibly reducing prices to Canadian buyers of such items as Japanese textiles, china, cameras, novelties and toys.

This disclosure followed announcement from Geneva that Japan has been elected as an associate member of the world tariff-cutting body, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Her application for full membership was rejected. As an associate member she will be able to sit in on GATT meetings and negotiate with each country bi-laterally for lower tariffs.

Japan has been clamoring for lower Canadian tariffs for many months. She has repeatedly informed Canada that she has a deficit in Canadian trade and must earn more dollars if she is to do more shopping in this country.

Japan was Canada's fourth best customer in 1952, up from ninth place in 1950. But Canada's purchases have lagged.

Probe Death Of N. B. Woman SAINT JOHN, (CP) — The pyjama-clad body of Mrs. Myrtle Elizabeth Dimock, 48, of Fredericton was discovered on number 2 highway 7 miles west of Fredericton at Kingsclear Thursday by Clement Winston Ritchie of Fredericton, for whom she had been housekeeper.

There was a short coat over the pyjamas but her feet were bare. RCMP officials investigating the death have declined to state the cause of death.

Coroner Dr. F. A. McGrand of Fredericton Junction has stated that an inquest will be held. No date has been announced.

Mrs. Dimock is survived by three sons.

Two Passenger Steamers Collide

VANCOUVER, (CP) — Two west-coast passenger steamers collided bow-on in dense fog Friday at the entrance of Vancouver harbor.

The impact tore a 35-foot hole in the port bow of Union Steamships' Cardena. Two of her crew received minor injuries. The 5,251-ton Princess Elizabeth, owned by Canadian Pacific Steamships, escaped almost unscathed.

Close to 150 passengers aboard the two ships were hurried from their feet in the grinding crash that locked the two vessels together but all escaped with nothing worse than a skaling up.

The Elizabeth, outbound for Nanaimo with 96 passengers and 30 automobiles, was passing under Lions Gate bridge at the harbor entrance when the crash occurred. The ships, both travelling at slow speed, loomed out of the fog and smashed together a moment later.

New Commander Of HMCS Haida

OTTAWA, (CP) — Commander John A. Charles, 35, of Victoria, has been appointed commander of the destroyer Haida. The ship is refitting at Halifax.

A navy announcement said Cmdr. Charles, a graduate of the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ont., took part in many naval campaigns of the Second World War. He was mentioned in dispatches for his work in the landings at Anzio, Italy.

Cmdr. Charles has been director of communications at naval headquarters, Ottawa.

Scares Off Gunmen With Water Pistol

TORONTO, (CP) — A 63-year-old storekeeper scared off two gunmen Thursday night with his "space gun," a water pistol he kept handy to squirt at kids when they got noisy. John Teffer told police the two bandits walked into his store, brandished a .45 automatic, fired a shot into the floor and demanded his money, but he said: "I grabbed the water gun and a little water shot out. They ran."

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Army, Air Force Move Into London Tank Truck Tieup

LONDON, (Reuters)—The army and air force moved into London Friday night to check the ever-widening effects of a strike by gasoline and oil delivery men.

Drivers from the two services will be on the road at dawn today in tanker trucks that have been idle for four days. They will see that essential transport is kept moving.

The government claims Communists are behind the wildcat strike, which so far has affected 6,000 London drivers and threatens to spread to other parts of England.

Labor Minister Sir Walter Monckton told the House of Commons Friday: "There is serious ground to think that those who are inclined to Communist views are members of the Communist Party are keeping this strike alive."

Monckton said industry is already experiencing serious difficulty because of interrupted deliveries. He added that milk deliveries were threatened, bakeries were running out of fuel oil for their ovens and sewage and water services would soon be affected.

The government has worked out a priority system to insure deliveries to doctors, fire brigades, ambulances and public transport.

Delay Statement

PANUNJOM, (AP)—The neutral nations repatriation commission has put off until Monday an announcement that may indefinitely delay the stalled Communist "explanations" to defiant anti-Red prisoners of war.

The five-nation commission had been expected to make the announcement today.

Five TV And Radio Licenses Approved

OTTAWA, (CP)—Transport Minister Chevrier authorized the licensing of five new private-owned television stations Friday.

U. S. Ambassador Says Trade Restrictions Minor

OTTAWA, (CP) — R. Douglas Stuart, United States ambassador, said Friday that existing American restrictions on Canadian imports are "of minor significance" when viewed against the full picture of trade between the two countries.

Addressing the Canadian Club of Ottawa, the ambassador spoke of a development that has caused some concern here. He referred to Washington's imposition of import quotas on certain Canadian products.

"Vigorous and eloquent voices have been raised in opposition to what has occurred and deep concern has been expressed as to the possibility of further restrictions," Mr. Stuart said.

Asserting that his government understands and sympathizes with these protests, he added:

"We recognize that any trade loss is serious to the country suffering the loss and we realize that even minor restrictions in money terms may have had psychological results."

The ambassador said the cumulative effect of repeated references to existing restrictions. In the press and elsewhere, has been to create some misunderstanding.

"A large proportion of the restrictions most widely discussed have never materialized. The ones that have been put into effect are of minor significance in relations to the sum total of Canada's exports to the United States."

POTATO RACE

WADENA, Sask. — (CP) — The annual "potato race" is on again. Mrs. T. E. Chappell displayed a potato weighing three pounds. Then Tom Smale showed up with one weighing three pounds eight ounces.

Blames Municipalities For Housing Shortage

LONDON, Ont. (CP)—In reviewing government housing legislation in an address Thursday night to the London and East Middlesex Biding Association, Derryck Thomson, executive secretary of the Family Service Bureau, said there is no excuse for municipalities not providing adequate accommodation for the people. He said that under section 35 of the National Housing Act, passed in 1949, the government placed the initiative on the shoulders of municipalities but they failed to take advantage of government assistance provided by this section.

Coming Events

Show "Iron Man" North Rustico, Sat. 8:30 p.m.

Weekly Dance, Fort Augustus, Wednesday, Burke's Orchestra.

Kinkora Hall, chicken supper, Tuesday, Oct. 27th.

South Rustico Chicken Supper and Bazaar, Tuesday, November 3rd.

Pantry sale, Simpson-Sears, St. Catherine's Institute, Saturday at 3 o'clock.

Fiddling and step-dancing contest Belfast hall, Monday, Oct. 26. Good prizes.

Dance every Tuesday night, Stanley Bridge rink hall. Music by Munroe's Orchestra.

Turkey Supper in French River Hall, Wednesday, October 28th. Sponsored by Coronation W. I.

Pantry Sale, Moore & McLeod, October 24th, 2:30 P. M. Cross Roads W. I.

Wo-he-lo Club Rummage Sale, Kirk Hall, Saturday, October 24th, at 2:30 P. M.

Masquerade Dance, Bonshaw Inn, October 27th. Good prizes for best costume. Also door prize.

Dance in Pleasant Grove Hall, Monday, October 26th, in aid of Hall.

Rummage Sale, Y. M. C. A. October 24th, 2:30. Euston Street entrance. Ladies Auxiliary.

Hot Turkey Supper and Bazaar, October 28th. Serving from 5. Crapaud United Church.

The Annual Meeting of Cornwall Hall will be held in Hall, Monday evening, October 26th.

Masquerade dance, Winsloe Station Hall, Thursday, October 29th. Dolron, Bros. Orchestra. Prizes for best costume.

Shur-Gain Amateur Cavalcade, Eiden, November 9th. Sponsored by Belfast Home Association. Send entries to Frank MacDonald, Secretary.

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Buying live fowl, chicken and capons Tuesday, Oct. 27 until noon. Can arrange for pick-up if desired. C. L. MacDowell, Pleasant Valley. Phone 27-2. Hunter River.

Alberta Oil Output Shows Increase

CALGARY, (CP)—Alberta produced 47,047 barrels of crude oil in the first eight months of 1953 compared with 36,289,910 barrels in the corresponding period last year.

The provincial report of the provincial petroleum and natural gas board issued Friday shows August production at 7,588,813 barrels compared with 5,779,663 in August, 1952.

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S'ide Air Station Under New Command Monday

R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, presently operating under Training Command, on Monday morning will officially come under Maritime Air Command. No elaborate ceremony has been planned but it is possible that Group Captain A. G. Kenyon, C.D., who will continue to be the station's commanding officer, may note the occasion in an address during a commanding officers parade.

The Air Navigation School located here almost since the end of the war has now been entirely moved to Winnipeg.

Officers and aircrew of the Maritime Operational Training Unit have started to arrive from Greenwood, Nova Scotia, and the first course will start about November 18, after the work of remodelling the ground instruction school to meet the needs of the operational training unit has been carried out.

In this respect it will also be necessary to install an "operations centre" where up to date information on all North Atlantic shipping is available for the use of the aircrews at all times.

The Central Navigation School will continue its regular routine of training, and in this regard the annual specialist ("N") course is well under way. This is the course that makes the long distance flights to United States, the United Kingdom, and the Arctic.

At the present time the course members are on a navigation training flight to Central, Ontario.

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To Appear On Murder Charge

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. (CP)—Harry Reese, 48, will appear in court Oct. 30 to answer murder charge in the stabbing Wednesday of Mrs. Otis Ricker, 34, formerly of Moncton, N.B.

Mrs. Ricker, separated 10 years ago from her husband who is believed living in or near Moncton, was fatally stabbed during a drinking party in a storey-and-a-half frame house where she had been staying for the last three weeks.

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100 Deaths In Italian Floods; 1,000 Homeless

REGGIO CALABRIA, Italy, (CP)—One hundred persons were officially estimated Friday night to have died in disastrous floods ravaging more than 400 square miles of the "toe" of Italy.

The figure may mount higher. Villages are still cut off from the outside world by swirling waters and landslides caused by torrential rains.

Army engineers, police, firemen and volunteers have recovered 49 bodies, most of them in Reggio province which has borne the brunt of the two-day deluge.

Makeshift barracks and tents put up by the Red Cross and the Army are packed with 1,000 homeless people. Army transport planes have rushed emergency food and medical supplies, clothing and blankets to Calabria. Helicopters dropped supplies Friday to people marooned in water and mud.

The floods wiped out entire families, devastated olive and orange groves, washed out bridges, and cut power and telephone lines. Some villages were without drinking water. Hundreds of houses and cottages collapsed.

Two big landslides moved slowly toward the hamlets of Cirella and Croce Calandri, threatening to engulf them. The inhabitants abandoned their homes Friday night.

In Rome, Interior Minister Amintore Fanfani told the Chamber of Deputies the government had earmarked 700,000,000 lire (\$112,000,000) for emergency aid, including construction of temporary shelter.

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Dawson	24	30
Victoria	44	60
Edmonton	33	66
Calgary	29	60
Regina	24	58
Winnipeg	41	52
Toronto	45	61
Ottawa	33	66
Montreal	33	64
Quebec	40	67
Saint John, N. B.	35	51
Moncton	32	60
Halifax	46	53
Charlottetown	42	51
Sydney	41	50
Yarmouth	47	57
St. John's, Nfld.	39	58

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Weather Office here says rain is forecast to end in the southern Maritimes Saturday morning but cloudy weather is likely to persist in all regions during the week-end.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Rain and drizzle, cloudy in the afternoon and evening; warm with east winds 15 shifting in morning to southerly 15; low-high at Charlott