

Opening Postponed Five Days

Ottawa Talks To Begin April 26

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Laurent and the 10 provincial premiers will meet here April 26 to set the stage for the first federal-provincial tax conference in more than four years.

Mr. St. Laurent originally proposed that the preliminary agenda for the session be held April 21, but he informed the Commons Thursday that the meeting has been postponed until April 26 because two provincial premiers had the earlier date inconvenient.

Prorogation At Noon Today

Before proroguing the Legislative Assembly at noon today Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse will be asked to give assent to fifty-three bills.

The Guard of Honour drawn from the P. E. I. Regiment will be under command of Captain W. B. Peters, M.M., C.D.

At Victoria Park a salute will be fired by a battery under command of Major M. E. Campbell, C.D.

Senator Barbour Gets Withdrawal Of Remark

OTTAWA (CP)—Senator George Barbour of Prince Edward Island Thursday demanded—and got—a withdrawal of a remark made previously by Senator Ralph Horner of Saskatchewan.

The Maritime Liberal took strong exception to a remark made in the Senate Wednesday by Senator Horner, a Progressive Conservative.

The latter had said Senator Barbour probably took orders as a boy and probably did the same since coming to the Senate.

Senator Barbour said that was a reflection not only on himself but on the Senate as a whole. He demanded a withdrawal.

Speaker Wishart Robertson said he was sure Senator Horner meant no reflection on anyone and a withdrawal would be in order.

Senator Horner withdrew the remark.

Expect Report On Atomic Power

TORONTO, (CP)—Chairman Richard L. Heara of the Ontario hydro commission said Thursday a feasibility report on use of atomic energy to produce power is expected next month.

Hydro is keeping pace with developments in the field of atom-generated power and will use it when it is economically feasible, Dr. Heara told an Ontario legislative committee.

Labor Party Faces New Crisis In Bevan Expulsion

LONDON (Reuters)—The Labor party's hammerblow at left-wing rebel Aneurin Bevan threatened Thursday night to explode into a fresh crisis disrupting the membership of the governing body.

One of the Welshman's top lieutenants on the 28-member national executive hinted that some of them may walk out if their leader is expelled at a meeting next Wednesday.

BOOST FEDERAL AID TO MUNICIPALITIES IN LIEU OF TAXES ON CROWN PROPERTIES

Churchill Sees "Serious" Errors In Yalta Report; Wide Dismay In Britain

By RONALD B. MACLURKIN LONDON (Reuters)—Prime Minister Churchill said Thursday there are "serious mistakes" in the American version of the Yalta conference record and Britain will consider whether to issue corrections.

At the same time the prime minister disclosed he had consented to American publication of the Yalta record even though he felt it undesirable "so soon after the event."

It is no secret that the publication has caused widespread resentment and dismay among British officials.

The feeling is that the disclosures will do more harm than good at the present stage of international affairs.

There is no fear in official circles, however, that they will adversely affect France's ratification of the treaties to rearm West Germany.

Churchill emphasized the publication is purely the American version and "in no sense an agreed official record of the powers concerned."

He said he has seen only the extracts published in the press. "Even these disclose serious mistakes," he said.

In any case, it would seem a good thing to consult together on the text of any publication during the lifetime of the individuals concerned.

Too Much Writing, Too Little Thinking

LONDON (AP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, suggested Thursday that the abolition of the typewriter would improve our thinking and even lessen the threat of war.

The ranking prelate of the Church of England spoke at the inauguration of new headquarters of the British Council of Churches.

He said everyone now is so busy writing and circulating great masses of words that we are losing touch with reality.

There is a general feeling that the world has gone mad about that kind of thing, and if the typewriter was abolished tomorrow a mass of vapid thoughts that goes on between human beings would be vastly reduced and the danger of a war would be vastly decreased.

New Treatment For Addison's Disease

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—A medical-research team from the Harvard Medical School and Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, announced Thursday "great promise" in the use of a new synthetic hormone in treating Addison's disease.

The hormone, fluorohydrocortisone, derivative of hydrocortisone, was said in the New England Journal of Medicine article to intensify and lengthen action, and therapeutic effects of the parent drug and prolong its duration of action in treating the disease.

Addison's disease, caused by reduced function of the adrenal glands, is marked by bronzed appearance of skin, prostration, anemia, low blood pressure, diarrhea and digestive disturbances.

Before adrenal therapy death normally resulted in from a few days up to three years.

FRENCH VOTE FIXED

PARIS (AP)—The steering committee of the Council of the Republic, Parliament's upper house, decided Thursday the Council should vote late Friday, March 25, on ratification of the Paris accords for West German rearmament.

West Germany's upper house, the Bundesrat, votes Friday. The accords have been approved by the lower house in both countries.

Says Small Population Boosts Canadian Prices

WINNIPEG (CP)—Canada's small population puts up the price of Canadian goods and keeps her living standard second to that of the United States.

Mr. Calder said he could not understand "people who argued that more immigrants would make jobs scarcer for present Canadians, or that they should be brought in until there was certain work for them and houses to put them in."

Every new Canadian represents an increased demand for goods and, since immigrants frequently brought their wives and families, the increased demand would more than counter-balance any increased competition for employment.

Immigrants not only worked but created work; not only wanted a house but created a need for it.

"Why," he asked, "are so many rural roads unpaved? Why is central drainage not feasible in most areas? Why do railways offer poor or no service to some towns and villages?"

The matter boiled down to a ratio between the size of the area to be serviced and the number occupying it.



Fitting Observance Of St. Patrick's Day In City

Pictured above are officials of the Benevolent Irish Society of Charlottetown at a business meeting and smoker following their annual business St. Patrick's Day Parade yesterday.

From left to right they are: Messrs. James Thistle, door man, James McAleer, sergeant at arms, Hugh Trainor, treasurer, Thomas McAvinn, president, Preston Curran, first vice-president, Everett Beagan, second vice-president, Thomas Flynn, patron, Fred Steele, chief marshal.

Despite weather conditions which were not ideal for the parade, there was a fine turnout of Irishmen who paid fitting tribute to their patron saint in true Irish tradition.

Labor Dept. Legislation Discussed In Legislature

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German Upper House Likely To Okay Treaties

BONN, West Germany (Reuters)—Acceptance of the Paris treaties by the West German Bundesrat (upper house) today became a practical certainty Thursday night when the majority of the nine state governments represented in the chamber declared themselves in favor.

The premiers or deputy premiers of the states questioned Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and members of his cabinet in the Bundesrat foreign affairs committee for three hours during the evening.

A committee member said afterwards "passage of the treaties now is certain."

No vote was taken, but it was clear from the attitudes of the state representatives during the discussion that there was a majority for all the treaties, which restore West Germany's sovereignty and permit her rearmament within the Western European Union and the North Atlantic pact.

Even the much-criticized Saar statute seemed certain of approval.

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Mr. Howell, said most sales are on trade-in deals. He said where the price of the new car is reduced, the allowance price on the trade-in is reduced so that the dealer makes as much on the sale of the used car as he lost on the sale of a new one.

He said there were no reports of similar cuts in other Canadian cities but it had happened once or twice in the United States.

Dulles Questioned On Air Bases In Canada; Arrives On 5-Day Visit

OTTAWA (CP)—John Foster Dulles, U.S. state secretary, made it clear Thursday that the U. S. would consider any attack on Canada as an attack on the U. S. itself.

But he gave no direct answer as to whether the U. S. is seeking air craft bases in Canada. He also made it clear that the U. S. will fight, if necessary, for Formosa and the neighboring Pescadores.

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Railway Application Discussed By Premier

OTTAWA, (CP)—Federal grants to municipalities in lieu of taxation on crown property would be almost doubled under a government bill introduced Thursday in the Commons.

Finance Minister Harris said the legislation would increase the grants to approximately \$6,000,000 for the 1955-56 fiscal year compared with \$2,975,000 in 1953-54.

The number of municipalities qualified for grants would be boosted to between 93 and 105 from 48.

The proposed increases would be effective as of Jan. 1, 1955, and would apply to the tax years of municipalities starting on or after that date.

The legislation proposes two main amendments to the Municipal Grants Act under which the government makes grants to certain municipalities where crown property is not subject to local property taxes.

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Princess Margaret Defies Hair Style

LONDON, AP)—Defying the new European fashion style of longer hair, Princess Margaret has had a few more inches snipped off her chestnut locks.

After she returned from her Caribbean tour, she called her hairdresser, Renen to Clarence House and instructed him to trim her hair. The same style is maintained but it is cut closer to her neck.

Freight Schedules

The Government stresses the utmost importance in maintaining regular freight schedules, since the transportation of fish, livestock, meats, eggs, frozen fruits and vegetables cannot depend on an irregular or spasmodic service.

Strong opposition will be expressed against the running of trains at traffic warrants.

The matter of interchangeability of bus and train tickets will be dealt with. A person travelling (Continued on Page 2 col. 2)

Debate On Divorce Grounds Is Continued

OTTAWA, (CP)—Three more senators Thursday went on record as favoring wider grounds for divorce in Canadian courts.

Included was one of the five women members of the Upper Chamber.

Senator William Euler L-Ontario said Canada's divorce law, permitting legal separation only for adultery, is antiquated.

Senator Ralph Horner P.C.-Saskatchewan agreed and said times have changed but the law hasn't changed with them.

The lady member, Senator Cairine Wilson L-Ontario said she is lucky to have a happy marriage but the law should be widened to give relief to those not so lucky.

The debate was on a bill that would add cruelty, desertion for three years and incurable insanity as grounds for divorce. It would apply only to those provinces with their own divorce courts—all except Quebec and Newfoundland.

Adultery now is the sole ground in those courts except in Nova Scotia where cruelty also is recognized.

Persons attending the hour-long session said Mr. Dulles also made it clear that the U.S. will fight, if necessary, for Formosa and the neighboring Pescadores.

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Table with 2 columns: City and Temperature. Rows include Dawson, Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, St. John's, Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. John's.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, Bay of Chaleur: Clear and cold; west winds 25. Low-high at Charlottetown 15 and 30, Moncton and Fredericton 15 and 25, Saint John 15 and 30, Edmonton and Campbellton 10 and 20.