

URGENT ITEMS ON HOUSE AGENDA

WILL CUT DOWN SURPLUS

Eisenhower Farm Plan Aims At Stable Prices

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress and President Eisenhower moved Wednesday to try to get more money into farmers' pockets and cut down the vast piles of government-owned surpluses. The election year race to help the farmer—whose income has been falling while the rest of the economy booms—immediately produced one big area of agreement. There should be a "soil bank" or "fertility bank" scheme under which the government would loan money to farmers who return crop land from unnecessary production. The White House announced on this second day of the new session that Eisenhower will send a special farm message to Congress on Monday.

Under the soil bank system, farmers would get government payments for taking land out of production where it would otherwise add to surpluses. The idea is this would get cash to the farmers, and at the same time keep surpluses from building up. It would have the effect of reducing the "agricultural plank." A complementary proposal would cut down the acreage allotment of farmers, perhaps by 20 per cent. Farmers who went along would get certificates allowing them to draw on the surplus by an amount equal to part or all of the production they would have made otherwise. The farmers would be able to work the production, and he could take the commodities he grew from the government and sell them on the open market or use them for livestock feed. This would help reduce the government's holdings, which are a drag on the market, and expensive to store.

SOIL BANK PLAN
Agriculture Secretary Benson

Faure Thinks New French Govt Can Be Effective

PARIS (AP)—Premier Edgar Faure, who provoked the general election in France by dissolving the old National Assembly, concluded Wednesday the results were not as disastrous as they first seemed. He urged the centre parties to put aside their campaign hatreds and form a governmental team to rule France and said it could be effective. Faure addressed the Foreign Press Association while the final official results still were being tabulated. These showed the Communists will have 147 seats in the new assembly—52 more than they won in the 1951 election—and that the followers of Pierre Fould, who first gained fame by advocating a tax strike among small merchants, will have 49 seats. These figures do not include overseas territories for which results have not been announced. The premier is attributing the strength of these two extreme parties to a wave of anti-parliamentary feeling throughout the nation. Defending his dissolution decision, he said that ending the old assembly had not created this animosity to the legislators but that the followers of Pierre Fould, who first gained fame by advocating a tax strike among small merchants, will have 49 seats. These figures do not include overseas territories for which results have not been announced.

These parties of the centre are the same whose leaders have been alternating in power at the head of shaky coalition cabinets for more than eight years. Faure asserted that the bloc of stubborn opposition in the new assembly is not greater—and even a little smaller—than it was immediately after the 1951 election. At that time there were 95 Communists and 107 deputies committed to Gen. Charles de Gaulle and

Toyko Rose Getting Out Of Prison About Jan. 28

WASHINGTON (AP)—Almond-eyed Toyko Rose, one of the siren voices of the Japanese radio during the Second World War, gets out of jail at the end of the month. Federal prison officials announced she will be freed on or about Jan. 28, having then completed a 10-year sentence for treason, with time off for good behavior. Toyko Rose is Mrs. Iva Ikuko Toguri d'Aquino, now 39 and the wife of Felipe d'Aquino, a Portuguese national. At her San Francisco trial six years ago she was called an "arch traitress" and a "female Benedict Arnold" because of her broadcasting she did for the Japanese. Toyko Rose, as she identified herself to U. S. troops in the Pacific, served her time in the federal women's penitentiary at Alderson, W. Va. Federal officials declined to describe her life there and had nothing to say about her future plans. As an American citizen—she was born in Los Angeles on the Fourth of July 1916—she has a right to live in the United States if she wishes, officials said. Thousands of U. S. fighting men heard her dulcet voice against a background of American music in programs designed to stir up discontent and mutiny. Actually Mrs. d'Aquino was only one of six English-speaking women who handled the Tokyo Rose broadcasts but she was the only American-born woman in the group. Mrs. d'Aquino was convicted of treason, fined \$10,000 and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment after a three-month trial which cost the government more than \$500,000. She insisted throughout the trial that her conscience was clear. "I did everything I could for the Americans," she said. "I spent more than half my salary taking food and tobacco to the prisoners of war at Bunka camp."

Mrs. d'Aquino is the daughter of Jun Toguri, who was a Los Angeles and Chicago grocer at the time of her trial. After graduating from the University of California at Los Angeles, she went to Japan in 1941 to visit a sick aunt. The war trapped her there. She was defended at her 1949 trial as "a mere girl" who yielded to Japanese pressure to go on the radio "while stranded in a hostile country."

TAUNTED TROOPS
But witnesses against her told a different story. She said Toyko Rose taunted them with talk of juicy beefsteaks, cool water and ice cream sodas while they were in the jungles, whispered their wives and sweethearts were unfaithful and tantalized them with remarks like, "I'm going to get my lovin' tonight—how about you?"

ROMEO GETS LICENCE
NEW YORK (AP)—The first marriage licence issued this year at the Municipal building went Tuesday to Romeo—Arnold Romeo, a 23-year-old Brooklyn bank clerk, that is. His Juliet is 25-year-old Gloria P. Losego, a secretary.

Bishop Of Durham Named New Archbishop Of York

LONDON (Thursday) (AP)—The Queen today named Rt. Rev. A. M. Ramsey, bishop of Durham, to be Archbishop of York. Bishop Ramsey, 51, succeeds the late Dr. Cyril Garbett, who died Saturday, as second senior prelate of the Church of England. Dr. Garbett's ashes were interred Wednesday in Yorkminster, a stately grey stone palace and cathedral of the Archbishop of York. The new archbishop has been bishop of Durham since 1952. The official announcement, issued from Prime Minister Eden's office, said the Queen has approved Bishop Ramsey's nomination for election to the archbishopric. This election, known as the "Congregatio d'Elire" (Right to Elect), is a traditional ceremony by the dean and chapter of the Cathedral of York but only a formality. No vote was announced for Bishop Ramsey to take over his new appointment, which carries a yearly salary of \$4,500 and apartments in Yorkminster. The Queen also named Rt. Rev. H. C. M. Campbell, 68, bishop of Guildford, to be the new bishop of London, succeeding 70-year-old Dr. John Wand, who is retiring.

"Mexico" Off Souris Harbor

The freighter "Mexico" which left Charlottetown Tuesday morning anchored off Souris harbour at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was escorted up to her anchorage by the government icebreaker or N. B. McLean. The master is awaiting further instructions from the New York agents before proceeding into the harbour. After leaving the Mexico the N. B. McLean then proceeded back to Quebec. On the way she will assist a ship stuck in the ice inside the mouth of the St. Lawrence.

The CGS Saurel sailed from Souris to Port-Aux-Basques, Newfoundland to recover the buoys in that area. Mr. George Buntain, local agent for the Mexico, and Mr. Wallace Macdonald, former stevedore, arrived in Souris yesterday, to supervise the loading of the ship.

Scotia II To Remain At Gaspe

QUEBEC (CP)—The Canadian National Railways ferry Scotia II, which was due to arrive at nearby Lauson shipyards last month for an overhaul, will remain in Gaspe harbor for the winter. During her voyage here from northern Nova Scotia, where she had been engaged on the Causse Strait run, the ferry was forced to take shelter in Gaspe bay. She had reached Fame point, 330 miles downriver from Quebec City Dec. 18, when she had to return to Gaspe because of bad weather. Maurice Paquet, general manager of George T. Davis and Sons Ltd., Lauson, said Wednesday the ferry would continue its journey here in the spring to undergo an overhaul and modifications at the shipyards. He said the CNR decided to have the ferry laid up at Gaspe for the winter and her crew has been sent home.

Yanks Begin March To Alaska

VANCOUVER (CP)—One thousand American infantrymen, supported by tanks and artillery, moved into British Columbia from Washington state Wednesday and began a 1,200-mile march to Alaska. Maj.-Gen. James Collins' regimental combat team is the vanguard of a 7,000-man force which will carry out Exercise Moose Horn, designed to test the capability of continental U. S. land formations to go to the defence of Alaska. The Americans are stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. The force crossed the international frontier at Aldergrove, B.C., 55 miles southeast of here, in 100 vehicles. During the northward trek the column will be under simulated sniping. The entire 7,000 troops will return south in a single movement.

Ice Slows Halifax Sealer On Voyage To Antarctic

ABOARD SEALER THERON, WEDDELL SEA (Reuters)—Heavy floes and broken ice have delayed the Halifax sealer Theron on her voyage to Antarctica with the advance party of the British Commonwealth expedition. The vessel has made little progress during the last week and the pressure of the ice must ease before the Theron can continue at a faster rate on her journey to Vanshel bay, 300 miles away. Vanshel bay lies on the edge of the continent in the Weddell sea. The British team's advance base will be established there. Dr. Vivian Fuchs, leader of the British section of the expedition, will order the Theron to take a northeast course when conditions permit in the hope of finding open water. Sir Edmund Hillary, co-conqueror of Mount Everest, who will head the New Zealand section of the expedition, is aboard the Theron, which sailed from London Nov. 14. All is well on the ship. The vessel is in no danger and is standing up satisfactorily to the ice. She is drifting northward along with the local icebergs and floes. Seventeen explorers are aboard the Theron. She also carries huts, stores for two years, two Auster spotter planes, scientific equipment and husky dogs.

Scientists Find Lobsters Move Few Miles In Life

OTTAWA (CP)—Scientists of the fisheries research board have found that the lobster is a homebody that never ventures more than a few miles from its birthplace. A report from the board's Atlantic biological station at St. Andrews, N. B., at its annual meeting Wednesday said the lobster's travelling habits were studied between the fall of 1954 and 1955. Several thousand lobsters in the northern Northumberland Strait area of Prince Edward Island were tagged and released at the end of the 1954 season. Many of them were taken in during the 1955 season and their tags showed that more than three-quarters of the lobsters had not moved more than 10 miles from the point at which they were released.

NEED CHANCE TO GROW
The report to the board's annual meeting said this is convincing evidence that lobster fishermen's stocks are essentially local and that production depends largely on allowing lobsters to grow to the legal size before netting them. The report said some fishermen have maintained that at certain times of the year, lobsters in their regions emigrate. Both the St. Andrews and the board's St. John's, Nfld., stations reported that an increasing number of fish specimens ordinarily found in tropical waters have been turning up on Canada's Atlantic coast. This might be a result of a gradual warming up of the North Atlantic, a phenomenon noticed by oceanographers in recent years, or the displaced fish might be just individual wanderers. The odd fish caught in fishermen's nets included frigate mackerel, oceanic bonito, scup, pilot fish, weakfish, ruddershell, orange fleish horseshoe crab, wolf eel and a giant leatherback turtle.

Ferry Bluenose Completes Successful Maiden Voyage

BAR HARBOR, ME. (AP)—Welcomed by the blast of the town's fire whistle and the cheers of 400 spectators, the Canadian ferry Bluenose completed a 64-hour maiden crossing from Yarmouth, N.S., Wednesday. Governor Edmund Muskie and five members of his executive council flew to Bar Harbor from Augusta to greet the vessel. Said the governor: "Maine is proud of this particular project and we are sure it will be of benefit to Canada and the United States."

CLOSER NEIGHBORS
"I hope that the country and Bar Harbor can benefit economically, but more important, this will make us closer neighbors." Capt. R. L. Crump, the ship's commander, said: "I hope this is the start of a service that will join the provinces of Nova Scotia and Maine for a long time."

And Nova Scotia M.P. T.A.M. Kirk of Yarmouth said: "I know that our friendship is going to ripen and grow as time goes on." The fire whistle began screaming as the Bluenose rounded Egg Rock light, eight miles from the dock, and continued until silenced by lack of air pressure. The long-awaited arrival—delayed several months by construction difficulties—followed a gulf of Maine crossing which Capt. Crump said averaged 18 knots. The ship brought 122 passengers, 28 automobiles and four trucks to Bar Harbor. The first car off was driven by James E. Stevens of Moncton, N.B., arriving for a vacation. The Lauson, Que.-built vessel leaves at 9 a.m. today for the first return trip. Plans for a Maine-Nova Scotia ferry service were launched in 1938 when the Maine legislature approved a no-interest, \$1,000,000, 30-year loan to help build the Bar Harbor terminal. The project cost the Canadian National Railways \$9,000,000 including \$4,000,000 for the vessel. Daily round trip service is planned in summer, and there will be several crossings a week in other seasons.

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OTTAWA (CP)—A three-man federal conciliation board dealing with the contract dispute between employees will be headed by Eric G. Taylor, Toronto industrial relations consultant. Labor Minister Gregg announced Wednesday he had selected Mr. Taylor after union and company representatives on the board—David Lewis of Toronto and Paul S. Smith of Montreal—failed to agree on a chairman. Mr. Taylor said at Toronto hearings probably will start in mid-January and will be held at Ottawa and Montreal. The board would take from 10 days to two weeks to hear the dispute.

14 Years For Murder Attempt

TORONTO (CP)—Walter Swetloff, 29-year-old Polish immigrant convicted of shooting a young police constable in the face with a shotgun, was sentenced Wednesday to 14 years in jail. Swetloff, a resident of Canada for six years, was charged with attempted murder Dec. 12 after a chase through the west end of the city by Constable John Earls. Constable Earls was shot in the face as he leaped a fence in pursuit of Swetloff. The constable lost an eye. Swetloff pleaded guilty to a charge of shooting a police officer with intent to avoid arrest and the attempted murder charge was withdrawn. He was sentenced to an extra year for car theft. Magistrate Tupper Bigelow recommended that Swetloff be deported after serving his sentence. Constable Earls, released from hospital Tuesday, will be given in-duty duty when he returns to work police said.

DOG GETS REPRIEVE

BIRMINGHAM, Eng. (Reuters)—A German police dog, Tosca, sentenced to death by magistrates as being dangerous, was reprieved Tuesday on condition that it "join up" with the R.A.F. as a police dog. Its owner had appealed against the sentence. Another early measure would implement a new agreement for federal sharing of costs on the Trans-Canada highway, aimed at making the long-planned project a paved reality by 1961. The proposal continues 50-50 federal-provincial financing of the 4,500-mile highway. But as an impetus to speed closing of remaining gaps it would provide for a 90-per-cent federal share of the cost of links of up to 10 per cent of the road's mileage in any province. Works Minister Winters has said the federal parliament to boost the maximum over-all federal expenditure on the highway to \$250,000,000 from \$150,000,000. Another measure involving the provinces will be a statute carrying out the federal offer to pay provincial unemployment relief for the portion of jobless exceeding 45 per cent of a province's population. The assistance offer was discussed at federal-provincial meetings last year and federal officials say they expect eight provinces will take it up. They don't expect Quebec to sign and Ontario's approval is doubtful. It is believed the government will seek to have legislation for a new tax arrangement passed this year so that federal and provincial budgets for 1957 can be prepared. The new agreements are expected to involve replacing the present tax rental system with one under which the provinces would return to the direct taxing field—personal and corporation taxes and succession duties—and the central government would make equalization payments to less-prosperous provinces to spread the wealth. Pre-session speculation on other possible government legislation has ranged over a wide field.

Wheat, Road And Pipeline

OTTAWA (CP)—Three items loom large on Parliament's legislative agenda for the new session opening Tuesday: Western Canada's wheat problem and two major construction projects, the Trans-Canada highway and the natural gas pipeline from Alberta to Ontario and Quebec. All three will get early attention from Canada's lawmakers, meeting for what is generally conceded to be the second-last session before an anticipated election in 1957. Financial difficulties of western grain growers—and the agricultural surplus and marketing issues in general—likely will be the basis for major debate. GOVERNMENT UNDER FIRE Progressive Conservative and CCF leaders already have strongly criticized the government's plan to help cash-short, grain-rich farmers by guaranteeing bank loans on farm-stored grain. Attacking another facet of the western grain problem, the government now is working on unprecedented legislation under which Canadian taxpayers may bear \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 in surplus wheat storage charges. Under this, Ottawa would cover the cost of storing wheat in excess of what it may consider a "normal" carry-over. Informants said this cost now is borne by the producer. On the pipeline front, the federal and Ontario governments have agreed to form a crown company to build a \$118,000,000 northern Ontario link of the gas line from Alberta to the East planned by Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd. Legislation to implement the crown company proposal is expected to be introduced early in the session. PAVEMENT BY '61? Another early measure would implement a new agreement for federal sharing of costs on the Trans-Canada highway, aimed at making the long-planned project a paved reality by 1961. The proposal continues 50-50 federal-provincial financing of the 4,500-mile highway. But as an impetus to speed closing of remaining gaps it would provide for a 90-per-cent federal share of the cost of links of up to 10 per cent of the road's mileage in any province. Works Minister Winters has said the federal parliament to boost the maximum over-all federal expenditure on the highway to \$250,000,000 from \$150,000,000. Another measure involving the provinces will be a statute carrying out the federal offer to pay provincial unemployment relief for the portion of jobless exceeding 45 per cent of a province's population. The assistance offer was discussed at federal-provincial meetings last year and federal officials say they expect eight provinces will take it up. They don't expect Quebec to sign and Ontario's approval is doubtful. It is believed the government will seek to have legislation for a new tax arrangement passed this year so that federal and provincial budgets for 1957 can be prepared. The new agreements are expected to involve replacing the present tax rental system with one under which the provinces would return to the direct taxing field—personal and corporation taxes and succession duties—and the central government would make equalization payments to less-prosperous provinces to spread the wealth. Pre-session speculation on other possible government legislation has ranged over a wide field.

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| Dawson | 35 | 218 |
| Vancouver | 35 | 35 |
| Victoria | 35 | — |
| Edmonton | 25 | 18 |
| Calgary | 9 | 17 |
| Regina | 0 | 19 |
| Winnipeg | 0 | 8 |
| Toronto | 33 | 35 |
| Ottawa | 20 | 25 |
| Montreal | 21 | 32 |
| Fredericton | 12 | 32 |
| Saint John | 28 | 36 |
| Moncton | 25 | 35 |
| Halifax | 30 | 40 |
| Charlottetown | — | 37 |
| Sydney | 18 | — |
| Yarmouth | 32 | 37 |
| St. John's | 20 | 31 |

IMPACT FROM SOVIET

LONDON (Reuters)—A leading British farmer forecast Wednesday that grain from 75,000,000 acres of virgin soil which Russia plans to cultivate would have a "considerable" impact on world markets. Sir Peter Greenwell said "one must give the Russians great credit for the way in which they have tackled this gigantic undertaking."

High tide today at Charlottetown at 4:02 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises at 7:51 a.m. and sets at 4:46 p.m.