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Abbott Plans Federal Budget Speech Feb. 19

Queen And Husband Plan Tour Of World Beginning Nov. 23

LONDON, Reuters—The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will fly out of London next Nov. 23 on a round-the-world Commonwealth tour...

Gov't Plans To Name Associate Defence Minister

OTTAWA, (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent said Monday the government will name an associate defence minister...

No Stop In Canada

The itinerary for the forthcoming trip does not include a scheduled stop in Canada although the Queen will probably get down briefly at Gander, Nfld., breaking up the 3,600 miles from London to Bermuda.

The Queen, while still Princess Elizabeth, visited Canada in 1951 with the Duke and made a coast-to-coast tour.

Only the London-West Indies part of their forthcoming trip will be by air.

They will sail in the liner Gothic from Jamaica for the rest of the trip.

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Mr. MacLean Urges Need Of Air Defense Ministry

OTTAWA, Feb. 2—(Special)—If Canada should be plunged into another war in the near future defence of the country will be for the most part, air defence.

This was stated in the Commons this afternoon by J. Angus MacLean, D.F.C., Progressive Conservative member for Queen's and World War II Wing Commander in the R.C.A.F. who has still kept up with active air training.

Mr. MacLean was speaking in support of the Opposition contention that the need of the Department of National Defence today is not merely an associate minister but a minister who has specific responsibility conferred on him to supervise Canada's air arm.

He urged the Government to retain the parliamentary principle of clearly defined responsibility for ministers of the Crown.

The Queen's member recalled that one-fifth of Canada's total annual revenues are spent on air defence. This fact alone, he told the House, clearly indicates the desirability of having a cabinet minister directly responsible for the air.

The United Kingdom, the United States, and Australia all have separate ministers dealing with the air arm, Mr. MacLean said. During World War II, Canada had a separate Minister for Air. In all cases this arrangement had proven satisfactory. He appealed to the government to follow tried and tested practice in this matter rather than to branch out on some new and unproven idea.

No Real Saving

He did not feel that there would be any real saving in the Government's present policy of simply renaming the Minister of National Defence and thus dispensing with the need of a deputy Minister of National Defence for Air. On this topic, Mr. MacLean said: "The Prime Minister in his remarks pointed out that if such a system as having a separate minister for air were introduced, you would have the problem of creating some new positions such as another deputy minister. He pointed out further that this would necessitate further expenditures and that economy is a very important thing. I agree with the Prime Minister and I think his sentiments along that line are correct."

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British Planning Protest Of U. S. Formosan Move

LONDON, (CP)—The British government is reliably reported planning a protest against President Eisenhower's decision to free Chinese Nationalist for attacks on Red China from Formosa.

Prime Minister Churchill side-stepped a fusillade of questions on the subject Monday from worried Labor members in the House of Commons.

He told them instead that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden will outline the government's position in Parliament Tuesday and then added that he made no secret "commitments" when he saw Eisenhower last month.

Well-qualified informants, however, said an oral statement of Britain's objections to the American action will be given to State Secretary Dulles of the U. S., who arrives here Tuesday on a 24-hour visit.

In general, Britain's anxiety flows from fears that Nationalist raids might ultimately involve the United States and her allies in a full-fledged war with the Chinese Reds.

Some particular British complaints set forth by the informants: 1. The military advantages of the move seem doubtful because Britain feels the estimated 800,000-strong Chinese Nationalist army is ill-equipped and incapable of mounting serious attacks on the mainland.

2. The political disadvantage is that it may have the effect of strengthening Asian suspicion of American policy.

Churchill was pressed in the Commons to say whether he had discussed the status of disputed Formosa when he saw Eisenhower in New York but he refused to talk at all about these "private and confidential" conversations.

Will Be One Of Earliest Budgets In Years

OTTAWA, (CP)—Finance Minister Abbott will bare the secrets vital to Canadian pocketbooks Thursday, Feb. 19.

At eight o'clock that night he will bring down his annual budget, Mr. Abbott informed the Commons Monday. It will be one of the earliest budgets in years. Last year, the budget was announced April 18.

Expect Tax Cuts

There is widespread feeling on Parliament Hill that it will be sweetened with tax cuts, as was the budget which preceded the June, 1949, general election.

It is generally accepted that this will be a pre-election budget. The earliness of the date for budget night caught many by surprise but it fits into the drive to end the Parliament session May 1 because of the Coronation. Normally a session goes into June or July.

The early date might feed speculation that Prime Minister St. Laurent is getting set for spring election but Mr. St. Laurent said in Brantford, Ont., Saturday that if Canada does have an election this year it will likely be in the fall.

Two dates have been mentioned around Parliament Hill for a fall election: Monday, Oct. 5 and Monday, Oct. 12.

Mr. Abbott said that increased production is the key to tax cuts and his budget speech is likely to state that increased production can be anticipated in 1953-54.

The two great pillars of government financial policy are the estimates, tabled last week, and the budget.

The estimates showed that the government expects to spend a record \$4,404,976,238 in the fiscal year starting April 1 compared to \$4,375,737,184 this fiscal year. Supplementary estimates traditionally add to the main estimates so the difference is likely to become larger.

The budget is the document (Continued on page 8 col. 6)

N. S. Legislature To Open Today

HALIFAX, (CP)—The 44th Nova Scotia Legislature opens its fourth and probably last session today, Tuesday, the first of three Maritime Legislatures to begin spring sessions this month.

New Brunswick's House will begin its first session under Premier Hugh John Flemming's newly-elected Progressive Conservative government Feb. 12, and Newfoundland's legislative body is expected to start work late in the month. Date for opening of the Prince Edward Island Legislature has not been announced.

Canvey Island Hardest Hit Spot In Britain By East Coast Tidal Floods

By JOHN DUDMAN

CANVEY ISLAND, England, (Reuters)—Endless miles of flood survivors trudged wearily Monday from their water-logged homes on this tiny island in the mouth of the River Thames.

They were the hardest hit in the great salt floods which swamped Britain's east coast during the week-end. As they walked listlessly

to the reception centres on the mainland at Benfleet their grey mud-streaked faces showed the strain of two nights and a day of horror.

The women, wearing whatever they had been able to grab before the waters rushed in, held close their bewildered children.

The men, grim and silent, stared around them at the water that sloshed over the homes they had worked years to build and then lost in a few hours.

Hundreds Missing

The island had a population of about 13,000 and most of the living have been evacuated. One hundred bodies have been found and from 400 to 500 are believed missing.

Crimy rescue-workers eyes reddened after working 36 hours almost non-stop, went out again in rowboats to search for victims in the few buildings still above water.

Many still on the island refuse to go, particularly elderly folk who want to stay close to what is left of the life they knew before the flood.

White-haired Mrs. Martha Bird told the rescue workers who waded knee-deep water to reach her: "O, I'm not going along with you. But won't you stay to dinner?"

After an hour they persuaded her. "What an awful shame to leave that lovely dinner," she said. Scores evacuated Sunday returned to collect their pets.

Baptist minister George Hodson, who set up an emergency hospital in his church, talked about Saturday night.

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61st Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. George A. Jeffery, St. Eleanors, today observe the 61st anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Jeffery on Tuesday last celebrated her 84th birthday. Mr. Jeffery will be 88 in July. Their marriage took place in Worcester, Mass.

They had a family of twelve children, all of whom are living except a son, Reginald, who was killed in action at the battle of the Somme, during the First Great War. All their children are living abroad with the exception of one daughter, Miss Effie at home, and two sons, Roscoe in Summerside and Albert in Miscouche.

Canada To Send Aid To Flood Victims; All Parties Approve

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Commons has endorsed a resolution to send material aid to the flood-stricken areas of Britain, The Netherlands and Belgium as soon as the best form of aid can be determined.

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In Germany, the West German government was said to be proposing that the refugee group be sent to Canada "on loan" for a few years.

Spends 46 Hours Helpless In Woods

SYDNEY MINES, N.S. (CP)—Stephen Blackie, 31, was in good condition in hospital Monday after injuries left him almost helpless in the woods for 46 hours.

Blackie suffered a broken arm and a possible broken hip Saturday and a possible broken leg Sunday when he fell from a tree he had climbed to get his bearings during a rabbit hunt. He lay in near-zero temperatures, almost unable to move, until searchers found him.

Former Railroad Financier Dies

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (CP)—Fredrick Prince, 83, financier who during his lifetime owned or controlled 46 railroads, died Monday in Biarritz, France. He was the oldest member of the New York, Boston and Midwest stock exchanges, was president of the Chicago Stock Co. and chairman of the board of the Union Stockyard and Transit Co.

Worst Storm In Europe In 500 Years

LONDON, (CP)—The known dead passed a staggering total of 1,400 Monday night in the wake of a raging week-end storm that ravaged the coast of England, the Netherlands and Belgium.

The death toll in the three countries: Britain—443. This includes 286 drowned in floods, 132 lost on the Princess Victoria during a hurricane in the Irish Sea Saturday, and 15 missing on a trawler.

The Netherlands—941. Belgium—22.

The toll passed the 1,400-mark when delayed reports from the little Dutch village of Stavenisse told how 200 persons drowned there in 36 hours of flood and terror.

Many Missing

In England, it is believed that hundreds of dead are still to be found. Estimates of the number of missing in the inundated coastal lowlands from the Humber to the Thames range as high as 1,000.

It is believed that when the final count is finally made the total may reach 2,000 as a result of the worst storm to hit Europe in 500 years.

Police said the "death island" of Canvey in the Thames estuary may alone hold 300 unrecovered bodies. Already among the 1,300 inhabitants 100 dead have been recovered.

Members of the royal families of all three countries visited flooded districts and sent supplies to refugees.

Polio Victim Rescues Brother

ST. CATHERINES, CP—Pat Marshall, a 13-year-old girl guide who walks with the aid of a polio brace, dived into icy creek water Sunday to rescue her younger brother.

The children were sledding down a golf course hill. Pat's brother, nine-year-old Bobbie, came down the hill and into the creek, when the ice gave way.

His sister dived in and grabbed him. Gail Marshall, 11, held out a long stick and Pat pulled herself and her brother to safety.

No Special Coins For Coronation

OTTAWA, (CP)—Finance Minister Abbott says the government does not plan to mint coins to commemorate the Coronation of the Queen next June.

He said Monday in reply to Frank Fullwell (L-Hastings South) that new coins with the Queen's effigy have been issued by the mint. The government does not plan designing new ones for the Coronation.

East German Refugee Farmers Look To Canada

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Soldier Killed At Camp Borden In Rare Accident

CAMP BORDEN, Ont. (CP)—A 28-year-old army sergeant died Monday after he was crushed by a thick crust of ice which rolled up the front of the 33-ton Colliery tank he was driving.

Sgt. James P. Forbes of Hopeville, N.B., a Korean War veteran who holds the Military Medal, was pinned against the open driver's hatch of the tank after it broke through a 10-inch crust of ice, army officials said.

He was driving with his seat adjusted so that his head protruded above the open hatch. As the tank plowed under the ice, sheets of ice slid up the front of the tank and crushed him against the cowling.

Heavy snow was falling at the time and officials blamed poor visibility for the accident. An instructor riding in the tank was not injured.

Sgt. Forbes, a member of the Royal Canadian Armored Corps, is survived by his parents in Hopeville, and his widow and son, in Orillia, Ont.

10 Per Cent Decline In Fish Landings Last Year

OTTAWA, (CP)—Landings of sea fish during 1952 were 10 per cent lower than in 1951 and the landed value was down 12 per cent, the Bureau of Statistics reports.

The bureau said Monday that the decline was mainly the result of a strike of British Columbia's herring and salmon fishermen. The year's catch of 1,174,797,000 pounds of fish was valued at \$63,987,000 compared with 1,309,037,000 pounds valued at \$72,437,000 caught in 1951.

No Trace Of 3 Missing Planes With 50 Aboard Down In North Atlantic

HALIFAX, (CP)—A wide-scale sea and air search for three missing aircraft, two believed down in the North Atlantic, was unsuccessful Monday. No trace was found of 50 persons, including 13 children, aboard the planes.

A freighter and lone search aircraft reached the scene where a Skyways of London transport plane carrying 39 persons was reported to have gone down, but found nothing but heavy, rain-lashed seas.

Twelve planes criss-crossed the frozen wastes of Labrador but failed to locate an R.C.A.F. Lancaster and its nine-man crew.

Darkness did not halt the hunt. Eleven Dakotas from the air navigation school at Summerside, P. E. I., prowled in a night search over the area where clearing weather was expected before dawn.

Far to the north, an extensive search from Greenland and Labrador bases provided no trace of a two-engine Philadelphia - owned Beechcraft which disappeared Friday on a flight between Goose Bay, Labrador, and Greenland.

The Lancaster went down Sunday while searching for the civilian plane.

Bad weather hampered search operations. Only one of an 11-plane search force got over the probable crash scene of the four-engine York, about 360 miles east-southeast of Gander, Nfld. The (Continued on page 8 col. 5)

Island Airman Crew Member Of Missing Plane

Cpl. Joseph Donet Gallant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus P. Gallant of Urbainville, is a member of the crew of a Lancaster aircraft missing out of Greenwood, N.S., since Sunday.

Cpl. Gallant is married to the former Emily Gaudet of Egmont Bay now residing in Greenwood. Cpl. Gallant is flight engineer and a veteran of World War Two.

The aircraft with nine aboard is missing between Goose Bay, Labrador, and Torbay, Newfoundland.

It is understood that the missing aircraft developed serious engine trouble and is believed to have turned back towards the Goose Bay airbase when it disappeared.

Nine Dakota aircraft took off from the Summerside R.C.A.F. Station yesterday to participate in the search, but after searching for two hours they ran into bad weather and poor visibility which forced them to cancel the search and return to their home base.

Eisenhower Announces Series Of Sweeping Moves In Speech

WASHINGTON AP—President Eisenhower announced to congress Monday he is ordering the U. S. Navy to stop protecting Red China from Chiang Kai-shek's forces on Formosa.

He also disclosed, in his first State-of-the-union message, that he is preparing to repudiate any "secret understandings" of the Roosevelt-Truman era which permitted Russia to "enslave" free peoples.

Republican ranks whooped it up when the new president declared that price and wage controls must die in April.

No Tax Cuts

But both Democrats and Republicans managed only mild applause for Eisenhower's idea of putting off tax cuts until the unbalanced budget is brought under control.

Eisenhower said he has ordered the U. S. 7th fleet to stop "shielding" Chinese Reds from attacks from Formosa. There is "no logic or sense" he said, in guarding Communists who are killing American and United Nations troops in Korea.

The order clears the way for Nationalist forces to mount on Formosa any attacks they are capable of turning against the Communist mainland.

Yells, cheers and handclapping greeted official disclosure of this reversal of one phase of Truman foreign policy. Yet widespread comments of approval from Republican lawmakers were offset to a degree by expressions of hope from leading Democrats that the step won't mean a bigger war of fullscale support of Chiang in anything he undertakes.

From Paris came word from informed sources that State Secretary (Continued on page 8 col. 3)



TORONTO, (CP)—Observed temperatures bulletin issued at the Toronto Public Weather Office Monday night:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Locations include Dawson, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Oitawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. Johns, Nfld.

HALIFAX, CP—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Tuesday.

A high pressure system is moving eastward from New England. It will pass across the Maritime Tuesday and will be followed by milder weather. Skies will cloud over and snow is likely in most regions Tuesday evening.

Regional Forecasts:—Prince Edward Island—Cloudy, snow in the evening. Milder. Light winds increasing in afternoon to east 15. Low-high at Charlottetown zero and 25.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 7.54 A. M. and 6.16 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 3.17 A. M. and 2.02 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7.23 A. M. and sets at 5.32 P. M.