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ALLIES, REDS AGREE TO RESUME PEACE TALKS SUNDAY

Amherst Meeting Protests Rates Increase

Increase Allowances For Married Members Of Armed Services

OTTAWA, (CP)—Defence Minister Claxton Friday night announced increases in allowances for married members of Canada's armed forces, effective May 1.

The new basic rate of subsistence allowance for married men is \$48,000 in the three armed services — will be \$91 a month for other ranks.

However, only about 33,000 married servicemen, these not now provided with married living quarters by the armed forces, are eligible for the new basic rate.

There is an increase of \$30 a month for married privates and corporals in the Army or their equivalents in the Navy and RCAF, \$19 a month for married sergeants and \$10 a month for married staff sergeants and warrant officers.

Basic minimum rate for officers,

except second lieutenants who will get the basic rate for men of \$91 a month, will be set at \$110 a month.

This will increase the subsistence allowance for married second lieutenants by \$26 a month, for married lieutenants \$21 and married captains \$16.

The increase in subsistence allowance will include an increase in ration allowance from \$20 to \$30 a month. The ration allowance is paid to a married man who is provided with married quarters.

Mr. Claxton said the increases will meet the married man's problem of providing accommodation for himself and his family where he is not provided quarters by the services.

The minister said married quarters, some of temporary or emergency construction, are being provided for 20,000 men. Additional construction is planned.

Coming Events

*Rummage sale, C. W. L. Hall, Tuesday, April 21st, 1:30.

*Farmers, now booking clover seeds, McGilgan and Boyle.

*Rummage Sale, Zion Hall, Saturday, 18th, 3 P. M.

*Try our Purina Finance plan for chicks and hogs. Dillon and Spillet.

*Unloading car of cement tomorrow and Monday, J. F. Morris, Kinkora.

*Wholesale rummage sale, St. James Hall, Saturday, April 18th, 7:30 p.m.

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

*To arrive car double reclined Alberta oats, McGilgan and Boyle.

*New Haven's W. I. will hold a Pantry Sale at Simpson's on May 2nd.

*Dancing every Tuesday in St. Peter's Legion Hall, Chalkson's Orchestra.

*Try the Ful-O-Pep finance plan for chickens and hogs. Grove MacMillan, Covehead.

*Pantry sale by North Milton W.I., Fennell and Chandler, April 18 at 2:30.

*Farmers, ask about the Shu Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.

*Pantry Sale at Moore & McLeod's, Saturday, 2:30 by Fireside Group Trinity Junior W. A.

*See Hampton Variety Concert in Hartsville Hall, April 24th. Auspices Springton W. I.

*See Kinkora Dramatic Club present their play in Kinkora hall, Wednesday, May 6th.

*In stock, Purina Chick and Pig Starters. Try the Finance Plan, W. I. Bowman, Hunter River.

*See "His Irish Dream Girl" by Emerald Players in Long River Hall, Thursday, April 23rd, Specialties.

*Rummage Sale Excelsior Circle Kings Daughters at Beaton Auction Rooms today, April 18th at 2 P. M.

*Opening dance, Stanley Bridge fink hall, Tuesday, April 21st. Music by Monroe's Orchestra.

*Croknoles Competition Finals Vocational School, Tuesday, April 21st, at 8 P. M. Six teams competing. Everyone welcome.

*North River vs. Covehead Flyers at Forum Saturday, April 18th, at 7:30 sharp. Second game New Haven Royals vs. Tryon Arrows 9 P. M.

*See Indian River 3-act play in Emerald hall on Wednesday, April 22nd. Good specialties, dance after. Admission 50¢ and 25¢. Curtain at 8:30 sharp.

*The Salvation Army, Tuesday, April 21st, 8:00 P. M. Mrs. Lt. Col. R. Raymer from Toronto will speak on the subject "My trip to the Slums of London, England." Everyone welcome.

*Buying pigs Monday at Fredrickton, Tuesday, 9 a.m. Brookfield; 10, Milton; 1 p.m. York; 2, Bedford; 3, Mt. Stewart. Paying \$25.00 per pair for good pigs over \$5 the each. Will also buy small ones. Knud Jorgensen.

Situation Is Reaching Crisis In Maritimes

AMHERST, N. S. (CP)—A resolution protesting "recurrent" freight-rate increases was unanimously adopted Friday at a meeting of Maritime shippers sponsored by the Maritime Transportation Commission.

Delegates said the freight-rate situation, aggravated recently by a seven-percent increase, had reached a crisis because the Maritimes' economic position was deteriorating as a result of restricted markets.

L. W. Simms, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, told the large gathering the movement against higher rates is not sectional "but simply demanding fairness in any readjustment of freight rates that needed to be made."

If fairness could not be assured, he said, it could be believed that the Maritimes might develop the same feeling of resentment that was prevalent in the early 20s.

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Now on route to his 2nd tour of operation in Korea, Sgt. Edward Lockhart, (above) son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Lockhart, of Coleman, is on his way back to Korea two years to the day on which he sailed towards the Far East on 14 months service in Japan and Korea with the Canadian 25th Infantry Brigade.

After a narrow brush with death, Sgt. Lockhart returned home with his arm in a cast, broken in four places, when he was blown up by an enemy land mine in Korea.

After convalescing leave he has been stationed at Halifax and later at Truro where he was in charge of the army recruiting centre.

The first of this week he spent a four-day embarkation leave at his home in Coleman.

One of his brothers is presently serving with the R. C. A. F. in France.

Adenauer On Visit To Ottawa

OTTAWA, (CP)—Tall, spare Konrad Adenauer flew into Ottawa Friday night and described West Germany and Canada as "partners in the great struggle for the preservation of peace and freedom."

The flags of Germany and Canada flew side by side as the 77-year-old German Chancellor landed to talk immigration and trade and to put his head together with Canada's leaders on the state of the world.

Prime Minister St. Laurent shook hands with the first German leader ever to visit Canada shortly after the chancellor, twice a prisoner of Hitler, stepped down from the RCAF plane that flew him here from the United States.

South Sea Is. Queen Leaves For Coronation

WELLINGTON, (Reuters)—Queen Salote of Tonga, stately 280-pound ruler of the Islands of Love, Friday boarded the liner Rangitoto on her way to the Coronation.

Six feet, three inches tall, the South Sea island monarch towered above everyone as she smilingly walked up the gangplank. It is 52-year-old Salote's first trip outside Australasia.

As head of the 150 Pacific islands 80 miles west of Fiji, she is the only other ruling monarch in the Commonwealth. On Coronation Day as a guest of the British government, she will be treated as an honored but strictly liege subject of the Crown.

This gets over the awkward protocol which prohibits one reigning monarch from attending the crowning of another. Other kings and queens of the world will stay at home, sending their personal representatives.

Accompanying the queen is her daughter-in-law, Princess Matangi, who married Crown Prince Tungi in 1947.

Salote's self-governing domain is probably the happiest and most peaceful part of the Commonwealth. There is no poverty, no disturbing political elements, no taxes and a perfect climate. The chief industry is coconut raising.

Salote has ruled over her 45,000 Tongans—most of them Presbyterians—since 1918, when she succeeded her father, King George Tubou II.

Reject Request For \$1 Daily For All Prisoners

OTTAWA, (CP)—The government has turned down a request that all prisoners of war in the Second World War be given a \$1 a day for their period of captivity.

State Secretary Bradley Friday tabled in the Commons a letter written to the National Council of Prisoners of War making known this decision. He added that the also has turned down a request for a further cabinet audience by the council to plead its case.

The gist of the government's decision is that Canadians who were prisoners of the Japanese and of the notorious German organizations, the S.S. and Gestapo, did suffer hardships which entitle them to an automatic \$1 a day compensation, already announced, but that men who were prisoners in ordinary German and Italian camps did not suffer such hardships.

Therefore there will be no such award for them on an automatic basis. However, the facilities of the pensions advocates of the veterans' department are being made available to any former prisoner who wishes to seek a special award for maltreatment.

The government's decision is based on the findings of Chief Justice J. L. Isley of Nova Scotia who recommended the current policy of automatic awards for the prisoners of the Japanese and certain German groups and the right to apply for similar awards for other former prisoners.

Can Collapse Quickly If Reds Haggle

MUNSAN, Korea, (AP)—The Allies and Communists agreed Friday to begin spade-work Sunday at Panmunjom for renewed Korean armistice talks, which could collapse again if the Reds haggle.

Meanwhile, three convoys of U.S. and other Allied disabled prisoners reached nearby Kaesong, Communist truce camp, for the exchange of sick and wounded. The exchange begins Monday.

The Communists announced that a fourth convoy of 20 trucks, presumably carrying more non-Koreans, would begin the long journey south from stockades near the Manchurian frontier on Sunday.

The Communists Friday did not use the convoys routes to send swarms of trucks loaded with military supplies south to the front, as they did Wednesday and Thursday.

Gov't Aid For Municipal Plans For Coronation

The City of Charlottetown and incorporated towns of Prince Edward Island will receive financial grants from the Provincial Government to aid them in planning Coronation celebrations. This will follow the practice laid down at the last Coronation.

The Provincial Government, during a meeting of the Cabinet this week, decided to follow the former practice of leaving the matter of local celebrations in the hands of the municipalities themselves while still agreeing to aid them financially.

Sentenced For Neglecting Child

TORONTO, (CP)—Mrs. Edna Le Blanc, 22, Friday was sentenced to one year in reformatory for neglecting to provide the necessities of life for her two-year-old son, David. The child died last January.

Earlier this week Mrs. Le Blanc was acquitted of a charge of manslaughter in connection with the boy's death. She is expecting to give birth to another child in a day or two.

Awaiting trial on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of David is Alex Sielinski, 37, with whom police say Mrs. Le Blanc has been living.

To Head Town Planning Board

Mr. G. Claude Smith, East Royalty, has been named Director of Town Planning succeeding Mr. J. F. Connolly who last fall accepted another post in the Provincial Government.

Mr. Smith will also head a newly re-constituted Provincial Board under the Town Planning Act as chairman. With him on the Board will be Mr. P. A. Murtagh, Deputy Minister of Industry and Natural Resources, as secretary, Mr. J. F. Connolly, former Director of Public Works, and Mr. R. J. Donnelly, Sanitary Engineer.

The new chairman of the Board has long been interested in planning as he owns extensive properties in the Royalties. He is at present Provincial Chairman of the Community Planning Association.

Canada May Make New Type Long-Range Plane

OTTAWA, (CP)—Defence Minister Claxton said Friday night Canada is exploring the possibility of acquiring the right to make a new type of long-range aircraft.

The minister did not elaborate except to indicate to the Commons that production of the new aircraft, if rights were acquired, would start in about two years.

It was assumed these would be rights to British jet bombers or transports as he made the remark in discussing the possibility of increasing armament purchases from Britain.

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For the Maritimes, a major effect of this would be the continuation of purchases from the Intercolonial Mine at Westville, N. S., which had been threatened with closure because of loss of the C.N.R. market. CNR president Donald Gordon recently told the commonwealth railway committee the company could not buy coal from Canadian mines when it was not priced competitively with U. S. fuel.

Queen's Member Questions Minister On RCAF Matters

OTTAWA, April 17—(Special)—Returning to his duties in the Commons after a severe bout of flu, J. Angus MacLean, joint Progressive Conservative member for Queen's tonight questioned Defence Minister Claxton on R. C. A. F. matters.

Mr. MacLean expressed concern in the large increase in clerical and stenographic staff at R. C. A. F. headquarters in Ottawa in reply to the Queen's member's direct question as to the increase in office personnel, Mr. Claxton avoided a specific reply, saying merely that the increase was related to the increase in RCAF activities generally. Air Force time, the minister said, is measured in man-years and the increase in civilian personnel was related to that.

Neither Mr. MacLean nor others in the house found the reply comprehensible. The question was asked because of recent bringing in of married women to paper-work jobs in the R. C. A. F. as well as uniformed Women's Division personnel and the regular staff.

To another of Mr. MacLean's questions, Mr. Claxton said that an R. C. A. F. chauffeur was employed at Moscow to drive the air attaché there. In Brussels, the R. C. A. F. no longer maintains an air attaché, the minister said. The Queen's member wanted to know what the government is getting for an increase in expenditure for aircraft and engines of nearly \$200,000,000. The minister said the boost in expenditure covered aircraft and everything that goes into them. In a breakdown, he said \$65 million was allotted to the Sabre; \$77 million to the CF-100; \$3 million for the C-119; \$200,000 for the De Havilland Comet; \$660,000 for the Otter.

Charges Reds Distort Remarks By Visitors

YOUNGSTOWN, O., (AP)—James L. Wick, leader of seven U. S. newspaper and radio executives who recently visited Russia, said Friday the Soviets have started a campaign to distort completely statements made by the group.

Wick is board chairman of the Mahoning Valley Newspapers, Inc., which owns the Niles Daily Times.

"This campaign of distortion of our statements is merely another evidence that the Soviet interest is exclusively in propaganda and not in the truth," he said in a statement.

Wick issued his statement after the Moscow trade union news-

Accidents Take Two Lives In New Brunswick

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Fire and a woods accident took two lives in New Brunswick Thursday.

Three-year-old Laura Robb was burned to death when flames swept her home at Doaktown, John Unsworth, 65, Blackville lumberman, was killed when struck by falling logs on a landing beside the Savage river.

Election Date Not Decided

OTTAWA, (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent says he still hasn't made up his mind about the date of the federal election and that he's not likely to make any announcement until he returns from the Coronation.

He was quoted to that effect Friday by the Ottawa Citizen in an interview. Mr. St. Laurent recently indicated that he will call an election sometime between August and the end of October.

Explains Reasons For Moving Air Navigation School From S'side

OTTAWA, April 17—(Special)—Defence Minister Claxton told J. Angus MacLean, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's tonight that the RCAF navigation school at Summerside is being transferred to Winnipeg for the sake of bringing two air schools together. The needs of both schools can be met at Winnipeg, the Minister said.

"The need of training navigators is being met progressively, and we can handle the job for ourselves and for the N.A.T.O. countries at Winnipeg," Mr. Claxton said. "However, the air station at Summerside will continue to be operated on at least its present level, through the transfer of the operational training unit for Maritime Reconnaissance from Greenwood to Summerside, so that the facilities at Summerside will be fully used."

Mr. MacLean asked if any action is being taken to replace the present Lancaster aircraft used by the Maritime Reconnaissance Unit with more modern craft. The Minister said they would probably be replaced with more modern craft about 1956 or 1957.

At present, he explained, there is no other type of aircraft suited to the purpose of the unit.

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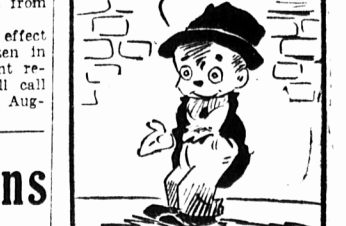
B. C. Liberal Leader



Arthur Laing, 48, Member of Parliament for Vancouver South, who has been elected leader of the Liberal party in British Columbia. He succeeds Byron Johnson, whose government was defeated in the 1952 general election. It is expected Mr. Laing, a technical agriculturist, born at Eburne, B. C., will resign his parliamentary seat shortly and be a candidate in the provincial riding of Vancouver-Point Grey in the June 9 election.

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