

# Mendes-France Stakes Gov't Life On Arms Plan

By Harold King  
PARIS, (Reuters)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France Thursday night seemed assured of the French Assembly's approval of his policy to rearm West Germany. He outlined to the assembly the plan to bring a sovereign, independent Germany into the Brussels and Atlantic defence pacts. Afterwards, political observers predicted the House would back him to hilt in the showdown vote on the rearmament issue, due within the next 24 hours.

The mood of the assembly was one of resignation rather than enthusiasm as Mendes-France recalled the assembly's rejection of the original European Defence Community treaty six weeks ago and traced the more recent negotiations in London which produced the new formula for rearming Germany.

The majority of deputies outside the Communist party seemed convinced that they must ratify the London agreement to prevent France from being squeezed out of the Western defence network altogether.

Opening the debate, Mendes-France avoided taking any credit for the London settlement but applauded Britain for deciding to commit troops to the Continent for the remainder of this century.

He said the chief reason EDC failed was because it contained too

large a dose of supra-nationally and that Britain was not a member. A major result of the London conference, he said, was that France obtained a right to veto any increase in West German forces above the initial level agreed to, as well as a new safeguard against the revival of German militarism. The latter provides that Germany's internal police and security forces also will be subject to the maximum ceiling for armed forces. France is thus protected against the creation of "occult forces" liable to change the authorized level of rearmament, he said.

## Thinks Russian Subs Off Coast

VICTORIA (CP)—Vice-Admiral E. R. Mainguy, chief of naval staff, said Thursday that Russian submarine activity has been "continually reported off Canada's Pacific and Atlantic coasts during the last 18 months." He said in an interview: "We continually get reports and see no reason why some of them shouldn't be true." Admiral Mainguy was commenting on a Los Angeles report which quoted a high American naval officer as saying unidentified submarines had been located by sonar equipment off the Canadian, U.S. and Mexican coasts.

No further details were given. Admiral Mainguy officially opened HMCS Venture, the navy's new officer training school at HMC Dockyard at nearby Esquimalt. Friday he opens the new Pacific naval laboratory.

## U. S. Promises Careful Handling of Food Giveaway

By HAROLD MORRISON  
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OTTAWA (CP)—India has publicly welcomed the United States \$1,000,000 surplus food disposal offer and pledged that it will not disrupt her normal purchases of wheat and other foodstuffs from Canada and other exporting countries. C. D. Deshmukh, India's finance minister, told a press conference the American food offer should be "very useful" not only to India but to other countries in South and Southeast Asia.

## Queen To Pose In London Studio

LONDON (AP)—The Queen will pose for Italian portrait painter Pietro Annigoni in a suburban London studio, rather than in Buckingham Palace, Annigoni said Thursday night. "Her Majesty has expressed a preference for attending at the studio rather than that I should go to Buckingham Palace," Annigoni told newspaper men on his arrival here. He said the Queen has agreed to 14 sittings, each lasting about 1 1/2 hours. The first will probably be late this month. The three-quarter length portrait will be for the Fishmongers Company, an organization which dates back to the medieval guilds. It is understood Annigoni will receive £2,000 for the portrait.

## Hanoi Awaiting Red Armies Today

By John Roderick  
HANOI, Indochina, (AP)—This ancient city, once one of the brightest jewels in France's colonial crown, supremely awaits the arrival today of Moscow-trained Ho Chi-Minh's Army. Early in the morning, Communist-led Vietnamese forces will march into Hanoi as French troops begin to pull back toward Haiphong on the coast. The Vietnam takeover under the Geneva truce agreement will be gradual. By Sunday night, under the eyes of a tripartite international commission, the victors of Dien Bien Phu will have total possession. Wednesday morning the Viet-minh trudge into Ha Dong, 10 miles south of Hanoi, without incident. TIMED AT FIRST  
As the French withdrew and the

# Chiang Sees Invasion Victory For His Nationalists In China

## Accident Victims



MISS RUPERT

MONTREAL (CP)—The bodies of two Charlottetown women killed Wednesday night in a car-train collision at suburban Lachine will be flown today to Charlottetown for burial. Accompanying the bodies will be R. J. Rupert, father of one of the women. Mr. Rupert identified the body of his 24-year-old daughter, Marilyn, at the morgue here Thursday. Miss Rupert was killed instantly when the car was struck by a Montreal-bound Canadian National Railway passenger train at a level crossing.



MISS BURKE

condition was described as "very good." An inquest was opened here for identification purposes and adjourned pending completion of police investigation. The Burke girls were returning from a visit to Charlottetown when the accident happened. They had planned to stop at Lois Burke's Lachine boarding house, less than 1,000 feet from the crossing where the car was hit. Miss Rupert was en route to Toronto. Police said the car crossed the tracks after allowing one train to go by, but was struck by a second train approaching from the opposite direction. The car was carried about 125 feet.

## BEGIN DIVERTING CARGOES TO CONTINENT

By STANLEY GODFREY  
LONDON (AP)—Britain's shipping companies Thursday night started diverting food supplies from London to Continental warehouses as a paralyzing dock strike brought this port almost to a standstill. Nearly 135 ships were idle as a result of the strike, now in its fourth day. Dollar-earning cargoes overflowed the warehouses and the road and railway systems refused to accept any more cargoes for the waterfront. One ship sailed this afternoon to land its 2,800 tons of cargo at Hamburg. Another bound for London with frozen meat was diverted to Antwerp. Nearly 16,000 dockmen were reported out as the highly-skilled "permanent" longshoremen—men employed on a guaranteed weekly basis—began to quit work in protest against the use of lascars (Indian) seamen to unload ships. These men are traditionally the last to stop work in any strike. Another 8,000 men—electricians and engineers employed in the repair yards—are out in a parallel strike, claiming that men were laid off without regard to seniority. CLAIM EARNINGS CUT  
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altered working systems which they claim will cut down their earnings. They are also demanding the right to decide for themselves when they will work overtime. Only 7,000 of the longshoremen are on official strike. They are members of the National Amalgamated Union of Stevedores and Dockers. The remainder are members of the giant Transport and General Workers Union who came out on a wildcat strike in support of the others. As the position became worse in London, dockers in other British ports gave notice they would refuse to handle ships diverted from London.

## Fewer Fishermen Make Bigger Catches Now

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada's fisheries have gone modern and blossomed into an industry worth close to \$300,000,000 a year, with the helping hand of science. Aided by scientific advice and electronic and mechanical gadgets born in the laboratory, the Canadian fisherman now is making far bigger hauls with less manpower. Science has also stepped in to show him how best to process his product for quick sale—the tricks of quick freezing and attractive packaging to catch the eye of the modern housewife. It has told the fisherman where to find fish. In other cases it has provided him with gear for tracking them down. Types of fishing and fishing boats have been changed after scientific study. For instance, a fisheries spokesman said Thursday, once scores of proud sailing schooners—perhaps typified by the famed Lunenburg Bluenose—carried a dory for hand-line fishing on the Grand Banks. Last year only eight Nova Scotia vessels were listed as dory

## Frost Poses New Threat To Maine Potatoes

PRESQUE ISLE, Me., (AP)—Potato farmers warily watched the thermometer Thursday night as falling temperatures posed a new threat to crops bedeviled since spring by adverse weather. The temperature was expected to plunge to the lower 20s overnight in Maine's northern potato empire. Short-handed crews worked long past sundown to get the tubers out of the ground. More than half of an estimated 39,000,000-bushel crop still lies undug in mud-choked furrows. Due to abnormally heavy rain all summer, some fields have never dried out—leaving their product easy prey to frost and late blight. Some 300 men from air force bases at Limestone and Presque Isle joined volunteers, wandering farm workers and school children in the back-breaking job of picking up potatoes.

The airmen volunteered after many migratory workers became disgusted with rain-enforced delays and moved on to other jobs. The growing desperation of many growers was heightened earlier today when the season's first snow flurries swirled over sections of the Aroostook potato belt.

## Electrocuted In Unusual Accident

MEAFORD, Ont., (CP)—Douglas Richardson, 31, was electrocuted Thursday when he touched a sailboat he was towing along a breakerway touched a 4,000-volt power line. The tow rope was wet and it is believed Richardson may also have grasped the supporting guy-wire of a hydro pole before the 30-foot mast touched the hydro line.

## Hazel Misses Dutch Island

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The island of Aruba off the northern coast of Venezuela escaped damage from hurricane Hazel Thursday as the centre of the 115-mile-an-hour tropical storm passed about 60 miles north of that important Dutch possession. Grady Norton, Miami's chief storm forecaster, said Aruba, where the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey operates one of the world's largest refineries, felt winds of only about 30 miles an hour. As it passed Aruba, the hurricane headed over a vast stretch of open waters of the Caribbean sea. Norton said no threat to any other land area is expected "for a day or two."

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TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	15	37
Vancouver	52	62
Victoria	52	57
Edmonton	34	62
Calgary	35	70
Regina	31	69
Winnipeg	32	55
Toronto	32	50
Montreal	34	49
Quebec	30	48
Fredericton	29	47
Saint John	31	44
Moncton	30	43
Halifax	37	47
Charlottetown	33	41
Sydney	35	41
Yarmouth	38	46
St. John's	35	41

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says temperatures Thursday were more like late November than early October. Afternoon values were in the low 40s and there were snowflurries at some places. A large high-pressure area is approaching from the Great Lakes, promising sunny skies today. Frost will be general early this morning. However, temperatures then will begin a rising trend that should continue for several days. Regional forecasts: New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island: Sunny and warmer; west winds 15. Low-high at Moncton 25 and 52, Fredericton 25 and 55, Saint John, Edmundston and Campbellton 28 and 55, Charlottetown 32 and 50. High tide today at Charlottetown at 5:59 a. m. and 7:43 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. High tide today at the North Shore at 1:26 a. m. and 2:54 p. m. Sun rises today at 6:19 a. m., and sets at 5:41 p. m.