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Is Climax Of Fight Over Past Century

Election "Soon"

QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Duplessis announced Thursday night there will be a provincial general election "soon."

Ferry Bluenose Receives Damage

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP) — The CNR ferry Bluenose was damaged leaving her Bar Harbor, Me., terminal Thursday in the second accident involving the ship in nine days.

She arrived here with a section of her bridge damaged. It was learned a protruding gangway way raked one end of the bridge as the Bluenose left the dock Thursday morning.

Revolt Flares In Port of Peru

LIMA, (AP) — The Peruvian Army garrison at the Amazon river city of Iquitos revolted Thursday and president Manuel Adria's government imposed martial law throughout the country.

LONDON (CP) — The House of Commons Thursday night voted to abolish capital punishment in Britain.

The decision, by a vote of 298 to 262, climaxed a parliamentary fight that has raged for a century. It was greeted by cheers from the floor and galleries of the Commons.

The measure was so worded that the government can comply with its terms by abolishing the gallows for a trial period to allow reconsideration.

The vote means the government is directed by the House to introduce legislation sweeping capital punishment from the books, either forever or for some specified period.

The exact terms of any such bill will have to be thrashed out by government experts and Parliamentary committees. The present parliamentary program is so heavy the cabinet may not get around to it for several months.

NO INTERIM DEATHS

It is understood no capital punishments will be carried out before this legislation is introduced. Presumably the few murderers now under sentence of death will have their sentences commuted to life imprisonment.

The result surprised the government. It had expected to win by a slim margin. But 37 Conservatives and four Liberals joined the almost solid Labor Opposition to vote for abolition of hanging.

While the government favored retention of capital punishment, the decision was reached on a free vote, with MPs permitted to cross party lines. The future of Prime Minister Eden's government was not at issue.

Eden said after the vote that the government will give immediate consideration to implementing the decision but will also "at the earliest opportunity" make a considered statement of the consequences which will flow from that.

He assured the House "there will be no undue delay."

Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill voted with the government to retain the death penalty. Speaking against the abolition measure, Lord Butler said that hanging is more merciful than the "slow death and lingering execution" of life imprisonment.

The vote meant the wheel had continued on page 2, Col. 7



FIREMEN POURING WATER ON RUINS OF SCHOOL

50 Students In Classrooms

Wellington Village School Lost In Fire Yesterday

Fifty school children escaped safely from the burning interior of the French school in Wellington village yesterday morning, shortly before the nine-year-old building was levelled by flames and all its contents destroyed, with estimated damage of \$20,000.

Smoke was first noticed by some senior students about 9:50 a.m. emanating from the centre-rear portion of the one-storey building, where a pipe from a coal stove in the senior department entered the chimney and although fire extinguishers were used they proved unsuccessful in quenching the flames which originated in the wall between the two bathrooms.

The main portion of the building contained a senior department, comprising 20 students, a junior department of 32 pupils, a teachers' room and a small library. All students books and school accessories, as well as three to four hundred books were lost to the flames, along with 400 gallons of fuel oil contained in two tanks in the basement. Also in the long-length basement were an auditorium, a children's play room and a room in which social events were held. The teachers who helped guide the students to safety are Armand Arsenault, Egmont Bay, Principal and senior department teacher and Miss Lorraine Arsenault, also of Egmont Bay, of the junior department. School trustees are Cedric Arsenault, Henry Arsenault and Archie S. Arsenault, who is also

the school secretary. The home of Alphonse Gallant, which is located next to the school, was threatened for a period due to the strong north-west wind that was blowing and some of the contents of the house were moved to safety. However water was played on the building and no damage resulted. It is reported that there is considerable insurance on the building.

Causeway Survey Urged By Crapaud - Victoria Board

Adding their support to the proposed investigation of a causeway between Prince Edward Island and the mainland the Crapaud - Victoria Board of Trade at the regular February meeting on Wednesday night went on record as supporting the Charlottetown and Summerside Board of Trade in this regard.

The secretary, Donald Hart, was instructed to write the Department of Highways to request the resurfacing of the light pavement in the village of Crapaud and also to contact Mr. Fred Large, M.L.A., with a view to have the road widened and sub graded in the areas between Gambles Corner and Westmoreland School and between

Frénche's Mills and Kelly's Cross. The secretary was also instructed to write the Minister of Highways to express the Board's appreciation for the snow plow services provided by the Island Excavators Ltd. whose secretary-treasurer, Mr. R. N. Dawson supervised the operation of the plows work in this area.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Bert Trowsdale, and other new officers for 1956 are: Arthur Simmons, vice-president; Donald Hart, secretary-treasurer; and members of the council are Max Thompson, E. C. Fraser, R. N. Dawson, Heber Canfield, John Simmons, Leroy Howatt, William Waddell and Brent Wood.

U.S. Tanks For Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The state department said Thursday the United States is shipping 18 M-41 Walker Bulldog tanks to Saudi Arabia.

State department press officer Lincoln White said the 25-ton light reconnaissance tanks are aboard the James Monroe sailing from New York city Friday for Damman, Saudi Arabia.

He said the shipment will not add to the danger of upsetting the Middle East arms balance created by Russia's sale of \$80,000,000 worth of planes, tanks and artillery to Egypt.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia are bound by a new treaty to stand together in any action against Israel. The Israeli government is asking the United States to sell it \$50,000,000 worth of defensive weapons to counter Egypt's arms deal.

INTENDED FOR TRAINING White said the deal to sell the tanks to Saudi Arabia was made under a mutual security agreement signed June 18, 1951.

The Saudi Arabians requested the tanks in the spring of 1955, White said, and the United States approved the sale of the tanks early in the fall.

The Communist bloc sale of arms to Egypt came to light in August.

The tanks "are intended for training purposes and will be used in connection with the U.S. training mission now in Saudi Arabia."

White said Saudi Arabia has other military equipment on order. But he said it is U.S. policy not to disclose what this is. He said the only reason the tanks deal was disclosed in such detail was that the news of the shipment leaked in New York.

Building Burned At Chalk River Plant

CHALK RIVER, Ont. (CP) — Fire Thursday destroyed a laundry and decontamination building at Canada's atomic energy project in this district 125 miles northwest of Ottawa.

Officials of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., the crown company operating the project, said value of the building and its equipment was about \$300,000.

Commons Votes To Kill CCF Motion On Grain Loans Bill

OTTAWA, (CP) — The Commons voted 129 to 69 Thursday night to defeat a CCF motion to kill the government's controversial bill for ratification of treasury guarantees of bank loans on farm-stored grain.

All three Opposition groups voted together in support of the motion to refuse second reading — approval in principle — to the bill and refer the matter to the Commons agricultural committee.

guaranteeing bank loans up to a maximum \$1,500 at five-per-cent interest. Opposition members have engaged in vigorous debate in support of an alternate plan of cash advances on farm-stored grain to help cash-short prairie farmers.

Debate continued after the vote with Opposition leader Drew speaking. The vote came near the close of the third day of debate on the bill itself — there had been four days of discussion on a resolution before the measure was introduced.

Earlier, John Diefenbaker said the bill would threaten erring borrowers with imprisonment for debt — a practice "abolished many, many years ago."

Sea And Air Search For Missing Crew

VANCOUVER (CP) — Five planes and seven vessels Thursday searched the southern Queen Charlotte islands 400 miles north west of here for six persons aboard a federal public works department ship which sank in a violent snowstorm.

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Driver Found Responsible

MONTREAL (CP) — A Coroner's jury Thursday held 21-year-old RCAF mechanic criminally responsible for the traffic death Tuesday of Andre Goudreau, 21, of Mackayville, Que.

The mechanic, Edward R. Smith of Moncton, N.B., now stationed at nearby St. Hubert, was arrested shortly after two other RCAF members found the body of Goudreau on the highway in suburban Laprairie, 300 feet from his bicycle.

The six-man coroner's jury deliberated four minutes following evidence by Smith and two other occupants of the car he had been driving.

Smith and his companions, John Maloney, 26, formerly stationed with the RCAF at Lacine, Que., and Dolores Walker, 17, of suburban Ville Jacques Cartier, testified they had been drinking prior to the accident.

Smith, who admitted drinking most of the day, said he noticed a cyclist only when he was "about five feet in front of the car." He said it was too late to stop.

He said he called the Quebec Provincial Police after hiring a tow truck to return the car to the base when it had run out of gasoline about a half mile from the scene of the accident. The car is owned by Cpl. MacCracken of Nova Scotia.

EASTERN MIXTURE Hindus and Moslems form the majority of inhabitants of Mauritius in the Indian ocean, speaking a French patois.

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Crowded Galleries To Hear P.E.I. Senator's First Speech

OTTAWA (Special) — Galleries of the Senate chamber which usually have scarcely a baker's dozen listening to the debates were crowded to near-capacity Thursday when Senator Elsie Inman of Montague made her maiden speech on the floor of the Upper House. Attendance of Senators as well, was far above the average.

Among the many in the galleries were a substantial group of ladies formerly from Prince Edward Island, in many cases accompanied by their husbands. There were also many Ottawa friends of Senator Inman and a large representation from the National Federation of Liberal Women including Mrs. W. T. O'Regan, president, and many other officers and members.

Mrs. Inman's colleagues from Prince Edward Island, Senators McIntyre, Grant and Barbour were in their seats and followed her address with interest and approval, voicing their hearty congratulations afterwards. In the gallery was J. Watson MacNaught, parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Sinclair who told The Guardian that Mrs. Inman had fully maintained the high standards of debate which has marked the senate this session.

Only occasions when larger crowds were in the Senate galleries this year were at the opening and on the occasion of the address by Hon. C. G. Power, Canada's Minister of National Defence for Air during World War II, and former dean of the House of Commons.

POTATO THREAT Mrs. Inman said the potato industry in her native province faces a serious threat from U. S. competition unless Canadian tariff regulations are changed. Reciprocal tariff arrangements with the U. S. negotiated in 1938 once benefited Maritime growers.

But because of increased American production these arrangements now were disadvantageous. In the last two years the U. S. had shipped more potatoes to Canada than it had imported from this country.

"I do not want to be accused of advocating protection policies," the Liberal senator said in her first Senate speech. "All I want is reciprocal arrangements so that Canadian farmers can meet competition from the United States on an equal basis."

Mrs. Inman also urged reduction of the down payment required to obtain housing loans, so more young people could get homes.

Speaking "as a woman and a mother" she said "the greatest bulwark against communism is a married couple with children and a home of their own."

WANTS MORE FERRIES Better travel facilities were needed between her province and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. She advocated another ferry between Bordier, P. E. I., and Tormentine, N. B., and two larger boats to run between Woods Islands, P. E. I., and Cariboo, N.S.

Mrs. Inman spoke glowingly of her province "whose roots are old and strong" and where Confederation was born. National unity, as exemplified by the peaceful and happy relationship between the two great races of Canada, had been illustrated in P. E. I. for 150 years.

"There is no such thing," she said, "as a French, Scottish, English or Irish Islander—we are all Islanders, taking a deep pride in the fact that some of the finest pages of Canadian history were contributed by this 'Gem of the Gulf.'"

OUR Island hogs are, by the Department of Agriculture figures, the best of any Province in Canada. We have a far higher percentage of grade A than the other provinces.

"I must show Mr. Knight these figures tomorrow so that he won't get a wrong impression. I'll let him know also that our registered hog breeding stock is in very great demand not only in many parts of Canada but in many states of the United States as well."

ONE HAND FOR EXPERTS

DORKING, Eng. (Reuters) — A court here ruled Thursday it is no offence for a man to drive with his arm around a girl as long as the car is under "proper control."

It dismissed a summons against Christopher Smedley, 23, alleged to have driven his sports car at 63 miles an hour at night with one hand around his girl friend's waist. A traffic patrolman said Smedley overtook eight other cars but was driving "quite well."

Woman Found Not Guilty In Manslaughter Death Of Guide

BROCKVILLE, Ont. (CP) — Mrs. Virginia Ricks Thursday was found not guilty of the manslaughter death of George (Tommy) Knapp, a 45-year-old fishing guide from Newboro, Ont.

An Ontario Supreme Court took nearly 2½ hours to return its verdict. Mrs. Ricks, the 42-year-old daughter of a former mayor of Syracuse, N. Y., was charged after Knapp was shot and killed Nov. 30 at her lodge on an island in Newboro lake, 35 miles northwest of here.

The charge against the brunette divorcee was reduced at a preliminary hearing to manslaughter from murder.

A wave of applause swept the courtroom as the foreman announced the verdict.

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