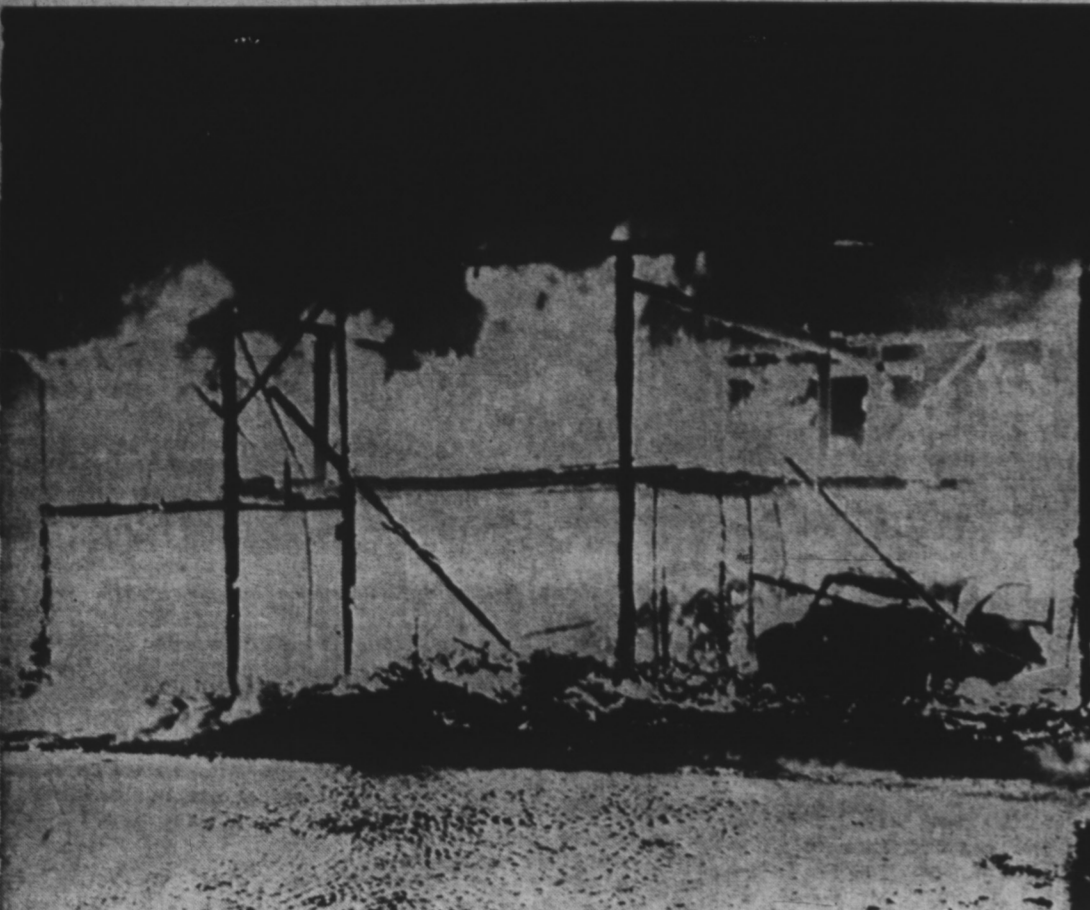


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FLAMES LIGHT UP NIGHT SKY

## Federal Cabinet Holds Session

OTTAWA (CP) — The cabinet met Monday for about 2½ hours, and spent part of the time going over the speech from the throne to be delivered Thursday by Governor-General Massey at the opening of the new session of Parliament.

Acting prime minister Green said the work was "only routine." Prime Minister Diefenbaker was absent. He was in Toronto to receive an honorary doctorate of laws degree from the University of Toronto.

## HEADS SURGERY BRANCH

MONTREAL (CP) — Dr. H. Brodie Robertson of Vancouver has been appointed chairman of the department of surgery at McGill University and surgeon-in-chief of Montreal General Hospital. It was announced Monday.

## FARMERS' MEETING TOLD

# Solvency of Agriculture Hinges On Organization

A strong appeal to the farmers of Prince Edward Island "to do more for themselves through organization" was put forth by Colin B. Waugh, president of the Prince Edward Island Federation, at the annual meeting of that organization held in Charlottetown yesterday.

He stated that governments are being asked to do more and more for agriculture but along with government action there

must be united action from the farmers themselves. Mr. Waugh said that in the last 10 years farmers have improved their production efficiency more than any other Canadian industry but during this time they saw operating and depreciation expenses increase by 41 per cent while farm cash income increased only 6.5 per cent.

GOVERNMENT AID Noting that in Great Britain government subsidies provide

75 per cent of the net income of farmers, the federation president felt that farmers as a rule would prefer to stand on their own feet, but on the other hand, he asserted "until there is some change, they will have to seek and accept government help."

Mr. Waugh pointed out that agriculture provides many of the raw materials for manufactured products and continued industrial expansion and increasing domestic and export sale depend upon the successful and profitable production of farm products.

"No one will dispute the fact that industrial expansion creates jobs and payrolls. Therefore it follows that a healthy agricultural economy is vitally important to labour and industry," said Mr. Waugh.

## ENCOURAGING NOTE

A note of encouragement was sounded when the federation secretary, J. Lincoln Dewar reported that membership in the organization had increased during 1958 from slightly over 1,900 to well over 3,000.

Mr. Dewar said the increased membership had been brought

## Drop Plans For Vauxhall Here

LONDON (Reuters) — General Motors of Canada has dropped a plan to produce the British-made Vauxhall Victor car there for the Canadian and American markets, it was announced Monday.

Vauxhall Motors, a GM subsidiary here, said GM of Canada had decided higher labor and material costs would make the Canadian-manufactured Vauxhall several hundred dollars more expensive than the one made here.

## Molotov May Go To Holland

MOSCOW (AP) — A Dutch source here said Monday night the Soviet Union has asked The Netherlands to approve former foreign minister V. M. Molotov as ambassador to The Hague.

Molotov now is ambassador to Outer Mongolia. He was assigned to that far-off spot after he was denounced as a member of the so-called anti-party group.

The Dutch informant said he could not say whether The Netherlands governments had given its approval — a customary diplomatic practice.

## Only Woman Let Out Of Red Cabinet

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Maria Kovrigina, the Soviet Union's only woman cabinet minister, who led a campaign for a better deal for Russian women, has been released from her job as minister of health "in connection with her transfer to other work," the government announced Monday night.

Mme. Kovrigina, appointed in 1954, had campaigned for fewer hours and less arduous work for the women who form a large part of the Soviet labor force.

In 1957 she appealed for the introduction of "effective, convenient and harmless" means of birth control to eliminate the need for abortions, which are legal in Russia.

She also campaigned for cheaper medical services and improved medical care for old people.

The ministerial change appears to be part of a cabinet shuffle before the 21st Communist party congress at the end of this month. S. V. Kurashev, a former health minister, will take over from Mme. Kovrigina.

## Fire Claims Two Lives

ST. JOHN'S, Fld (CP) — Firemen battled for 1½ hours Monday to put out a blaze that claimed the lives of two children and damaged four buildings.

Two people were injured, officials said. Fire Chief Fred Vivian said the children's mother was injured when she jumped from an upper storey window.

Fireman Michael Hodge was burned about the face and hands by an explosion which occurred after he entered one of the flaming buildings. Both were rushed to hospital.

There were earlier reports that an invalid was being treated for shock and that a child was injured in jumping from a window to safety. The reports were not confirmed officially.

The general hospital here would not immediately release the names or conditions of the injured.

The dead children were unofficially identified as Robert, 3, and Wayne Newell, 4, sons of a CNR employee who was out of town when the fire broke out.

Chief Vivian said the blaze spread rapidly. Three homes were badly damaged five buildings were on fire.

The chief said residents of adjoining dwellings shared entrances and this led to confused reports as to the number of homes affected.

It is believed the fire was caused by a faulty oil burner.

## Let Contracts For Sask. Dam

OTTAWA (CP) — Contracts worth more than \$3,100,000 for various phases in the construction of the South Saskatchewan River dam were announced Monday. The largest, for \$2,941,000, goes to Perrin Limited of Toronto for construction of the embankment part of the big earth dam.

## STABBED BY SKI POLE

ENGLERBERG, Switzerland (Reuters) — A Swiss skier, Max Bergner, 24, was stabbed to death by one of his ski poles when he fell during a swift descent near here.

## BURIED IN MASS GRAVE

# 71 Supporters Of Batista Are Reported Executed



## U.S. Prepares To Reject New Russian Plan

WASHINGTON (CP) — The United States Monday paved the way for rejection of the new Soviet proposal for a 28-power conference to write a German peace treaty.

Acknowledging receipt of the Soviet note, a state department spokesman said it now is undergoing "a careful study" but quickly added that its initial reaction is that there is nothing new in the draft peace treaty that accompanied it.

That appeared to be the department's way of saying it is prepared to give the Russian suggestion a quick once-over but that no one should expect the U. S. or its allies to be party to the peace conference which the Russians propose be held in Warsaw or Prague.

The Kremlin, suggesting that the conference take place in two months, circulated the note during the weekend. The reception in Western European capitals, as in Washington, was cool.

## Claim Theft 'Inside Job'

MONTREAL (CP) — Police said an employee of the national harbor board was arrested early Monday after he called to report theft of \$3,000 from the board's collection offices.

A steel cabinet in the office had been forced open and 14 bags containing \$3,000 were found in the man's car, police said. A check of windows showed that snow had not been disturbed from the sills, although the man said the burglars entered the offices via the windows.

## More Education In Agriculture Needed, Farm Federation Told

To meet the ever-increasing challenge of vertical integration island farmers must be prepared to acquire more education in agricultural subjects, apply scientific farming principles on a wider scale, and adopt more efficient business methods, the directors of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture were told last night.

Principal speakers at the concluding session of the day-long annual directors meeting were Hon. Eugene Cullen, minister of agriculture, and Charles Yeo, Sherbrooke, a member of the Island representation on the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.

Retiring President, Colin Waugh, Wilmot Valley, presided. Also heard at this session were a report on the C.F.A. meetings in 1958 delivered by Mr. Waugh and J. Lincoln Dewar, secretary of the organization, and a report on the progress being made by Colin D. MacPhail.

## CHARGES NEGLECT

Asserting that increased individual farm production was the best answer to the challenge of vertical integration, Mr. Yeo declared that the farmers of the Province were not taking complete advantage of the many services placed at their disposal, such as the local

Experimental Farm, the extension services provided by Canada's three Agricultural Colleges, artificial breeding units, veterinary services, etc.

He urged the Federation directors to have a greater sense of responsibility. "You should get out and stir up our farmers if you wish to prevent them from being taken over by feed companies and others with no interest in agriculture except selling their products."

Mr. Yeo maintained that the

farmer who grosses less than \$2,500 in a single year is not making a living, and was a detriment to the industry as a whole.

"Farming today is a business, and anyone unwilling to accept it as such should get out of it," Mr. Yeo remarked.

FALL CHICKS NEEDED Speaking of poultry, Mr. Yeo said that more chicks should be purchased in the fall, thus

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## Mysterious Circumstances Seen In N.S. Man's Death

STE. ANNE-de-la-POCATIONNE, Que. (CP) — A coroner's inquest into the death of a young Windsor, N.S., man adjourned Monday with a recommendation for further investigation.

The frozen body of Fred Frizell, 28, was found last Friday beside the CNR tracks just outside this St. Lawrence south shore community, 70 miles northeast of Quebec City. It showed a cut on the head which had bled into the victim's jacket.

Dr. Gustave Desrochers, Quebec City medico-legal expert, performed an autopsy Monday. He

told the inquest the young man froze to death.

A railway ticket in the victim's pocket showed that he left Halifax last Monday, apparently en route for Toronto. The train he caught passed here early Tuesday and it is believed the body lay undiscovered beside the tracks for three days.

Police first believed the man had fallen from a passing freight train.

"The inquest, under district coroner Dr. L. Leclerc, adjourned after stating the death occurred under mysterious circumstances and further investigation was necessary. Provincial police are handling the case."

# New 'Cred' On Freedom Suggested By Diefenbaker

TORONTO (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker Monday night suggested that all nations of the free world meet and reach a common basis for a Declaration of Freedom's Creed.

In a speech at a convocation of the University of Toronto, where he was made an honorary doctor of law, the prime minister said: "Such a declaration would give to the uncommitted world a solemn pledge of willingness to work with them for better economic conditions in which human dignity, equality and tolerance will be recognized and personal liberty, freedom of thought, expression and association and religion pledged to those who will join in freedom and for freedom in the struggle for men's hearts."

Excerpts of his speech were released to the press in advance of delivery.

Mr. Diefenbaker said the ideals and principles of the Western world need to be clearly enunciated if they are to be understood in a world engaged in the war of ideas.

The word "democracy" con-

veyed little because it had been distorted by the Communists. Material assistance to underdeveloped countries was important. Canada had contributed \$4,500,000 in financial assistance since the Second World War, but during his recent visit to Asia he sensed "among some people a frightening suspicion as to the motives actuating the humanitarian action of the contributing nations."

"The lesson seems clear that material aid alone will not convince the uncommitted nations of our sincerity nor win their allegiance to freedom in the battle of ideologies." Criticizing communism was not enough.

"I can think of no better way to explain freedom than for the nations of the free world to meet together, exchange ideas, and reach a common basis for a Declaration of Freedom's Creed."

The prime minister said that during the last war President Roosevelt of the United States and Prime Minister Churchill drew up the Atlantic Charter, a short, precise and readily under-

standable document that was an inspiration to the peoples who upheld freedom. Within a few months it was signed by 26 nations and became known as the United Nations Agreement.

JUST AS IMPORTANT NOW Mr. Diefenbaker said it is just as important in peace as in war "for free men to speak to the rest of the world with a united and compelling voice."

He was convinced that there was much to be gained from free nations dedicating themselves through a declaration similar to the Atlantic Charter.

The prime minister said no nation with a like population had the same appointment with world responsibility as had Canada. She was respected because she had no ambitions to expand or aggressive purposes. Because of her position between the U.S. and Russia and because of her four-place world trade position, Canada's future depended on the degree to which world understanding could be achieved.

Canada had "a message for mankind." It had shown that

peoples of different races could live together; it was respected because it was generally free from discrimination, and it had recognized the need for international application of Christian principles so that nations must be their "brother's keepers."

The country's contributions of aid and in international assistance plans—fewer countries had made proportionately larger contributions—had no possible ulterior motives.

Canada could interpret the U.S. to nations of Africa and Asia in a manner that no other nations could.

Canada must be prepared for a much greater role in the future. Economists predicted that by 1979 her population would be at least 30,000,000.

"We will then no longer be a middle power, but one of the leading powers of the West."

## 12-15 Per Cent Rate Hike May Be Asked By Railways

By JOHN LEBLANC Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) — A suggestion that the railways' new call for a freight rate increase might amount to between 12 and 15 per cent was heard Monday by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

However, no firm figure was offered before the board, and this was just presented as an "educated guess" by a railway lawyer.

Ian D. Sinclair, CPR freight rate lawyer and counsel for the Railway Association of Canada in this case, made the guess in response to a question from the board. But it was only an off-hand calculation, which could be changed later.

The railways wish to wait until about mid-April before telling the board how big an increase they want, so they can have a look at their finances for the first quarter of 1959.

SET DATES SOON Board chief commissioner Rod Kerr said that in the next couple of days an order will be issued setting dates for specifying the

## 3,000 Are Still To Be Tried

By LARRY ALLEN

HAVANA (AP) — Fresh blood flowed heavily Monday in revolutionary vengeance for what Fidel Castro's Cuban rebels call crimes of the Batista dictatorship.

Rebel officers said firing squads executed 71 persons over a seven-hour period at a military camp outside Santiago and tumbled them into a 40-yard-long mass grave dug by a bulldozer.

Santiago military headquarters declined confirmation. But a huge mound of fresh raw earth was seen by Associated Press correspondent Stanford Bradshaw this afternoon at the reported scene of the executions, the Campo de Tiro rifle range, a mile from Santiago.

About 50 supporters of ex-president Fulgencio Batista — described as largely police executives, secret agents and informers — had been put to death previously by the victorious Castro rebels.

3,000 FACE TRIAL Nearly 3,000 still face trial on charges ranging from torturing prisoners to treason. Among them is Maj.-Gen. Eulogio Cantillo, who commanded the armed forces for a short time after the fall of Batista's government New Year's Day.

Cantillo and 50 military associates are to be arraigned before revolutionary tribunals later this week in Havana. Castro has accused Cantillo of treason for letting Batista escape to the Dominican Republic.

Bitter feelings are reflected in a special edition issued Monday of the weekly news magazine Bohemia.

It carries hundreds of pictures of what it calls Batista terrorism and atrocities and charges that 20,000 Cubans had been killed in the interval after Batista seized power in 1952.

Rebel policy has been to bar reporters and the public from executions, and there had been no hint earlier Monday that mass executions were planned.

REPORTER'S ACCOUNT Bradshaw relayed this account of the Camp de Tiro incident: as told to him by rebel officers:

The prisoners, described as military men, police officials, civilian spies and informers "known as criminals and oppressors," were moved by trucks to the rifle range in relays for seven hours starting at 3 a.m.

They were lined up along the trench, 10 feet wide and 10 feet deep. Some prisoners smoked. Some protested that they were actually members of the rebel movement. Most stood at attention, without blindfolds and with their arms unbound.

Rifles and some automatic weapons cut them down.

## Tidal Flood Threat Reported On Coast Of The Netherlands

LONDON (Reuters) — The threat of tidal floods menaced the low-lying Dutch coast Monday as this winter's worst weather gripped western Europe from Denmark to Italy.

The Netherlands, mindful of the 1,600 deaths in the Zeeland flood disaster of 1953, mobilized its dike guards and warned army, Red Cross and municipal officials. The tides were rising Monday after night of stiff, westerly gales.

Dutch-Belgian border areas were hit by minor river floods. In Paris about 250 homes were flooded by the rising Seine, standing six feet above the mark at which the anti-flood service starts

taking "serious note" of the situation.

## TRAVEL DISRUPTED

Snow, ice and other wintry conditions disrupted road, rail, air and water travel in wide areas of western Europe.

A 72-year-old man died of exposure in north Italy while 21 persons were hurt when two passenger trains collided in a snowstorm at Bad Muenster, West Germany.

Snow fell in downtown London but a rapid thaw in the north of Scotland brought relief to hundreds of marooned east coast families. However, more sleet and snow was forecast for Britain Monday night.