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Proposes April 21-22 Date For Conference At Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—A meeting of federal-provincial government heads on fiscal problems—and likely unemployment—has been proposed by Prime Minister St. Laurent for April 21 and 22 in Ottawa.

The prime minister told the Commons Thursday he has written provincial premiers suggesting that they get together with him to discuss an agenda and a date for a general fiscal conference later in the year.

He indicated, during a discussion after his announcement, that he expects unemployment will be brought up at the meeting.

The preliminary meeting of the year stems partly from the federal government's recent action in allowing Quebec income tax payers a 10-per-cent allowance against their federal personal income tax liability.

OFFER CONCESSION
Quebec is the only province with a personal income tax and the only one without a tax rental agreement with the federal government. The federal government's Quebec concession is to be offered to the other provinces as an alternative to tax rental.

Russia Could Walk Over Europe If A-Bomb Out

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Menzies of Australia says the Russians could become masters of Europe in a few weeks if the A-bomb is used.

He said Thursday there are a lot of people in the world who want the A-bomb banned, but he warned that Russia cannot be trusted and that she has overwhelming superiority in conventional weapons.

The Russian type of "peaceful co-existence," he maintained, was "hypocritical," and there could be no greater way to produce war than to abandon military superiority which deters the other side from starting a war.

Mr. Menzies appealed for maintenance of Western atomic strength in a luncheon address to the Women's Canadian Club.

BUSY DAY
On the second day of his five-day Canadian visit he conferred with Prime Minister St. Laurent, held a press conference, visited the Commons where he received an ovation from the members and later held talks with Defence Minister Campbell.

Today he goes to Montreal to receive an honorary degree from McGill University.

Questions at the press conference ranged from the Formosan crisis to reports that Princess

Coming Events

*Centennial ice follies Tuesday night at Crapaud Rink.

*Variety concert Vernon River hall, Thursday, March 17.

*Pantry Sale at Moore & McLeod's, Saturday, March 12th, at 3 p. m. South Winslow Y. P. U.

*Grand Bingo, St. Andrew's Hall, Mt. Stewart, Monday, March 14th, 8 p. m. Door prize.

*Variety Concert and Cards in Lot 65 Hall, Thursday evening, March 17th.

*Reserve March 23rd for the big Variety Concert in St. Peter's Bay Hall.

*No school hockey or skate at North River rink Saturday, due to mild weather.

*Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday, Thunder Bay. Technicolor action drama, starring James Stewart.

*Social evening, George Dunning's, March 15th. Admission 20 cents.

*Crapaud rink Saturday night second game in finals, Albany St. Pats vs. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs, 8:30 sharp. Admission 50 and 25.

*Just arrived—Fresh stock registered number one Laurentian Turnip Seed, Maritime grown, and Moses Mangle Seed, Dillon & Spillet.

*Egg prices going up and chick sales way down in Canada. Order your chicks now. Dillon & Spillet, Chick Hatchery.

*Junior Farmers Crokinole Contest semi-finals, Whaley River Hall, March 11th. Vocational School, March 15th. Both times 8 p. m. sharp. Everybody welcome.

*Showing at Morell tonight, Friday only. Paramount Pictures presents "The Savage," starring Charlton Heston, Susan Morrow. This is a real good show in Technicolor. Show time 7 and 9 p. m.

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VATICAN CITY, (Reuters)—The Pope Thursday granted two group audiences in one day—first time since his serious illness three months ago—but his speech was slower and lacked the ring of previous years.

In white robes, the frail pontiff, 79 last week, spoke for 20 minutes to Rome's parish priests and then made a shorter speech to members of the Italian mountaineering expedition which last year scaled K2, second highest peak in the Himalayas.

Although he spoke slowly his voice was firm and clear. His tone was gentle, conciliatory and paternal, in contrast to his talks to lenten audiences of bygone days. He advised discretion and patience in efforts to win straying followers back to the church.

COMMUNISTS NOT MENTIONED
The pope made no mention of the Communists, who with their allies control 35 per cent of Rome's votes and are denied the Sacraments.

He declared: "Open your arms to all, blessing whatever the church approves. Let anyone animated by goodwill find a place in the vineyard of the Lord, who accepts any service just as He seeks workers for all hours."

"With so much land to be cleared, with so many plants to cultivate, with so great a crop to reap, it is not right for the priest without reasonable cause to stop to consider the standards under which the faithful gather, or the badges they wear, so long as they are blessed by the church."

When he finished speaking, the pontiff walked to another chamber. There Prof. Ardito Desio, leader of the mountain-climbing expedition, presented a silver model of K-2 to the Pope and was presented in return with gold and silver medals for the climbers.

WOLVES OUT
FORT FRANCOIS, Ont. (CP)—Wolf packs are on the prowl in the Rainy River district, destroying deer. Special hunting licences are being issued by the Ontario department of lands and forests. The department has granted licences to two bush pilots to engage in the hunts.

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LONDON (Reuters)—Nikita S. Khrushchev, the Kremlin's No. 1 man, hinted Thursday that Russia's peasants will have to produce more for the state and less for their personal requirements.

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Mr. Stanfield introduced a budget amendment which proposed "a program for improving secondary roads" which should be paid for "by eliminating waste instead of increasing taxes."

Mr. Cunningham asked: "How far can we go in the field of taxation before we start defeating the purpose of taxation?"

He said cars had ceased to be a luxury and now were necessities to people like carpenters, teachers "and even legislators."

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Chase that all up," he added. "It is absolute folly for any Province to think they can drink themselves into prosperity. In 1934 we were called the 'Rum Party,' we didn't know anything about selling rum, we were just children."

Dr. MacMillan complimented the Provincial Treasurer upon what he termed his fine presentation of the Budget speech, but took strong exception to a statement made by the Minister in which he referred to "the penny squeezing and ruinous economy of most governments in the early 30s."

Ask Allowances For Children of Immigrants

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian Welfare Council has asked the federal government to grant family allowances to newly-arrived immigrant children whose parents have been in Canada for at least a year, council headquarters announced Thursday.

At present the children are not eligible until they have been here a year.

The council also asked that, pending revision, the government pay such children sums equivalent to the allowances.

The government has asked for further information on the matter, the council said.

B. M. Alexander of Ottawa, chairman of the council's immigrant welfare committee, said children particularly affected are those now being repatriated from behind the Iron Curtain through the efforts of the Canadian Red Cross.

Canso Causeway To Open Officially Next Aug. 13

OTTAWA (CP)—Industrial Cape Breton island officially will be joined to the Nova Scotia mainland Aug. 13.

The causeway will be opened that day at a ceremony attended by officials of the federal and Nova Scotia governments, the CNR and other organizations.

The 4,000-foot causeway linking the island with the mainland will carry railway lines, a broad highway and a pedestrian walk.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE
The transport department said the date was recommended by a special committee on Canso causeway ceremonies consisting of federal, provincial and CNR officials.

Among suggestions the committee is considering for the ceremony is one that 100 pipers lead a march along the causeway to the official party.

The department said operation of the CNR line across the \$23,000,000 causeway will await the opening. Trains will start running as soon as possible.

Main work on the causeway was completed last December when the last ton of rock fill was dumped into the strait between the island and the mainland.

SMALLER SHIPS ONLY
Construction of a ship canal at the Cape Breton end is well advanced and a swing bridge across the canal is nearing completion. Considerable dredging, however, will be required before the canal can be used by larger-type ships.

The causeway was financed jointly by the federal and provincial governments. Cost of operation and maintenance will be borne jointly by the province and the CNR.

The causeway will cut an hour from the time it now takes ferries to move railway cars and automobiles across the strait.

Forecast:
Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Overcast, rain beginning in morning and changing to showers in afternoon; continuing every mild; southerly winds changing in afternoon to southwest 25, gusting to 35; low-high at Charlottetown 30 and 45, Moncton and Fredericton 30 and 45, Saint John 30 and 47.

Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Rain occasionally mixed with snow; mild winds southwest 20 shifting in the evening to northerly 15; Edmundston 30 and 40, Campbellton 30 and 37.

Bay of Fundy: South winds 30 and shifting during the morning to southwest 30, gusts to 45; overcast with scattered showers; visibility 10 miles lowering to two miles in showers and occasionally to one-half mile in fog patches; mild.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:34 a. m. and 12:37 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6:34 a. m. and sets at 6:13 p. m.

Refuse Licences To Fishermen

OTTAWA (CP)—Fisheries Minister Sinclair has refused 1955 fishing licences to two Nova Scotia lobster fishermen and to the captain of a British Columbia purse seine boat. They are believed the first refusals in history.

"Flagrant poaching of Pacific salmon and repeated infractions of east coast regulations have caused the drastic action," the department said Thursday in a statement.

The men involved have a record of court convictions for breaking regulations and have paid fines totalling almost \$1,000, the department said. Names were not disclosed.

The Nova Scotia lobstermen refused licences had a record of three court convictions in 1954, but court fines apparently had no effect on them, the department said.

RAINMAKERS CALLED IN
VICTORIA (CP)—Eight silver iodide rain generators are scheduled to go into use on Vancouver island by the middle of next week.

It was disclosed Wednesday when British Columbia Power Commission signed a contract with North American Weather Consultants of Pasadena, Calif. The generators are intended to help fill seriously-depleted water storage for the John Hart generating station near Campbell river.

Tighter Credit Curbs Suggested Warns Danger In U.S. Stock Boom

WASHINGTON (AP)—Marriner W. Eccles called Thursday for should ultimately be increased to tighter credit curbs on stock buy-100 per cent. Eccles said, "The danger and home building to combat John J. McCloy, chairman of the what he called "elements of real danger" to the United States economy steered away from saying whether he considers stock prices too high.

Eccles was chairman of the board of governors of the federal reserve system in the Roosevelt-Truman administrations. He Eccles and McCloy testified before the Senate banking committee that requirements for buying federal stocks should be increased to at least 75 per cent. William Fulbright (Dem. Ark.) has described as a "friendly

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