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BELIEVE POLITICAL TRUCE POSSIBLE IN UNITED KINGDOM

N. B. Member Urges Work Projects In East Are Needed To Relieve Unemployment

OTTAWA, Feb. 27—(CP)—A. J. Brooks (PC-Royal) said tonight in the Commons the Government should start some public work projects to relieve unemployment in the Maritime Provinces. There were many things that could be undertaken.

He was speaking during debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

One project was the development of cheap power by harnessing the waters of Passamaquoddy Bay. Another was the construction of the Chignecto Canal which he had long advocated. Every organization in the Maritime Provinces were 100 per cent in favor of the canal that would cut through the Isthmus of Chignecto that joins New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The development of cheap power would attract industries to the Maritimes, now beginning to feel a depression because they mainly turned out primary products. There were few secondary industries.

Mr. Brooks said that the forest industry in the Maritime Provinces is dead as a result of the loss of United Kingdom and West Indian markets. The people of Northern New Brunswick were despairing of government assistance to get back their pitprop and lumber markets in the United Kingdom and were preparing to send a delegation to London.

The Maritimes needed markets in the West Indies and in Britain. They could not sell their goods to Upper Canada because of the high freight rates and stiff competition.

Mr. Brooks said he wondered if the Government was serious in efforts to buy more and more from Britain. He noted that the CBC had purchased television equipment from United States rather than from British companies. There was no reason why the order should not have been given to Britain.

Revenue Minister McCann, who reports to Parliament for the CBC, asked if Mr. Brooks would prefer to have the television equipment made in Britain rather than in Canada. More than 70 per cent of the television equipment would be made in Peterborough.

"Do you mean what you say when you talk about increased trade with Britain?" interjected George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader.

Mr. McCann said he wanted to see Canadians given employment.

Mr. Brooks said he thought there was some insincerity in Canada and the United States on the question of buying more from Britain.

He referred to the recent action of the Canadian National Railways in reducing passenger service by 25 per cent. There was no reason for such a reduction in the Maritimes where plenty of coal was available.

U. K. Liberals Already Preparing For New Vote

(By Alan Harvey)

LONDON, Feb. 27—(CP)— The British Liberals, crushed between two political juggernauts and an election system calculated to dismay the staunchest of small parties, are wasting no time on regrets.

"Wait till next time," challenges the party whose high hopes met near-disaster in Thursday's general election. Two announcements today exemplified the Liberal fighting spirit:

1. Lord Sherwood, who helped finance his party's most ambitious campaign since 1929, announced: "I shall back the Liberals again fully at the next election." Lord Sherwood, 51, was Liberal member of Parliament for Berwick-on-Tweed from 1935 to 1941.

2. The Liberals in Dorset North decided to meet March 11 to adopte a prospective candidate for the next vote, whenever it comes. Only one name will be advanced—that of Frank Byers, Liberal chief whip in the last Parliament. Byers lost Thursday by 97 votes to a Conservative, R. F. Crouch.

The Liberals, after post-mortems on an election which left Labor and Conservatives first and the rest nowhere, have been puzzled, forlorn and defiant. They feel that they fought a good fight and deserved a better fate.

They contend that people of Liberal views still form one of the country's largest groups. Thursday's result can be explained by the fact that many persons voted against one of the two big parties, rather than for any particular party.

The Liberals long have campaigned for proportional representation, contending that the present method of voting in single-member constituencies creates strong pressure for a two-party system.

Thursday's figures caused fresh indignation. With 474 candidates in the field, the Liberals polled nearly 3,000,000 votes, or about one-tenth of the total popular vote. Yet they forfeited more than 300 deposits, worth about £47,000, and elected only nine candidates.

For these and other reasons, the Liberals may be in no mood for compromising with Socialists and Conservatives in the new Parliament where the nine Liberal votes may be decisive.

Not Planning To Take Over Service At Wood Islands

OTTAWA, Feb. 27 —(CP) — Transport Minister Chevrier indicated today in the Commons that the Canadian National Railways are not planning to take over Northumberland Ferries Limited, operating the Wood Islands-Cariboo route in the Maritime Provinces.

W. Chester S. McLure (PC—Queens) asked if the C.N.R. planned to take over the Ferries

"The answer at this time is no", replied Mr. Chevrier.

Leopard Continues To Elude Hunters In Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 27 —(AP)—Two picked groups of leopard hunters, trained dogs at their sides, trampled northeast of Oklahoma City this afternoon in a push to capture the fugitive cat now at large more than 48 hours.

The radio-directed hunt was adjourned again as darkness fell, to protect the searchers. The terrain affords considerable hiding ground for the cat, and zoo officials say a man would walk within two feet of him "and still not spot the leopard."

Zoo director Julian Frazier, who is directing the hunt for the jungle-bred animal which bolted to freedom Saturday afternoon, said the "situation is becoming desperate."

Other hunting parties fanned out over the area during the day in a move to find the wild beast.

The hunters had regrouped for a fresh start after a morning of false reports sent them to various spots in an area of more than 100 square miles.

The only tngible clue—leopard paw marks—came in the area which later was set afire. Frazier said the big cat may—or may not—have returned to the 20-acre zoo area last night as reported.

A hunk of meat—treated wtih a sleep-producing drug and hung on a zoo fence last night—was missing today. But it still wasn't known if the cat, captured in India 60 days ago and brought here only last week, grabbed the food.

Frazier warned that the leopard's nature "leads him to kill for pleasure."

The cat, which scattered scores of zoo visitors when he hurled from his 18-foot-deep pit, hasn't been fed since Saturday morning.

Report Asbestos Found In Sask.

REGINA, Feb. 27 — (CP) — Two promising asbestos deposits have been discovered in Northern Saskatchewan, it was learned here today. The finds were made at Reindeer Lake, 100 miles northwest of Flin Flon, Man., and Ruth Lake, 30 miles southwest of Flin Flon.

Coming Events

**Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

**National Film Board in Harrington Hall, March 2nd.

**See our garden tractor illustration on Page 3. Arthur Vessey.

**Hockey New Glasgow rink tonight, South Rustico vs. New Glasgow, at 8.30.

**Our 1950 Seed Catalogue is now ready. Send for free copy Arthur Vesey, York, P. E. Island.

**Crokinole Party, Pownal Hall, Wednesday, March 1st. Sponsored by Pownal Young People's.

**Long Creek rink tonight, Cornwall School vs. Long Creek School.

**Skating Wiltshire rink tonight, 8 to 10. Owing to storm Saturday night, pictures will be received.

**Hunter River rink tonight, Kensington Midgets vs. Hunter River Midgets. Game starts 8 o'clock. Skate after.

**See Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main in an outstanding feature "Big Jack" at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight.

**Chicken Supper in Crapaud Hall, Saturday, March 4th. 50c and 25c. Served 4.30 to 7.30. Sponsored by Orange Lodges.

**At the Singer Sewing Centre budget sewing courses are being originated. Enroll now. Make a new dress for Easter.

**Appearing in person at Hunter River Hall tonight, "The Western Ranger" and his little Variety Show. Doors open at 8 P. M. Admission 50c and 35c.

**Come to Social Evening and Crokinole Party, Bradalbane Hall, Thursday, March 2nd. Special music by the Burgess' Brothers.

**Millvale Driving Club will hold races Wednesday, March 1st. Races starting at 2 o'clock, Eldon Woodside will be there taking up passengers.

**Note — Those interested in Chorale Group, Mt. Herbert and vicinity, meet at Mutch's Store, 7.25 Wednesday evening, March 1st. Practice at Miss Cox's Studio, 152 Euston Street at 8.

**Hockey tonight at North Rustico Rink, Hampshire Bulldogs vs. North Rustico Legionaires, fourth and possibly last game of playoffs for Merchants Trophy. Game starts at 8.30. Skate after.

State Medicine Discussed At Blue Cross Convention

MONTREAL, Feb. 27 —(CP) — Delegates to the International Blue Cross and Blue Shield convention were told by their top officers today that state medicine does not necessarily mean a higher health standard and that the state should leave the individual free to adopt whatever health-insurance plan he wishes.

During a round-table discussion, Dr. Paul R Hawley of Chicago, chief executive officer of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Commissions, was asked why the United States, with the world's highest standard of living, has a health standard below those of Norway, Sweden and Finland. The three Scandinavian countries have compulsory state-medicine plans.

Dr. Hawley replied that, although Swedes, Norwegians and Finns in their own countries live longer than Americans in the U.S., the Scandinavians live still longer when they move to the U.S., which has no enforced medical plan.

Surveys in Minnesota and North and South Dakota showed that Scandinavians in those states have a longer life span than their countrymen who have remained in their native lands.

Earlier, Rev. H. L. Bertrand of Montreal, president of the Catholic Hospital Council of Canada, told the 500 delegates from Canada, the U.S. and Puerto Rico that the state has "no right to enter into competition with any voluntary (health) plan."

"The government's right and duty is to decide that every citizen is to be insured against disability," he said, "but it is also its duty to leave him completely free to join whatever insurance plan he may desire."

Commenting on Father Bertrand's address, Hon. Marc Trudel, president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec Province, said "we in Quebec are definitely opposed to state medicine." He outlined to delegates the Province's present health policy.

Father Bertrand said that a compulsory health plan, preferably provincial but possibly national, is "an excellent thing...but the state has not the right to be the agent of such a plan."

Dr. Hawley said the main purpose of the three-day meeting is to "furnish more people with protection against illness at a price they can afford to pay."

U. S. Senate Refuses To Ban Potato Imports But Urges Rigid Quotas

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—(AP)—The United State Senate voted today to permit the planting of more cotton and wheat under government price protection, and to require rigid quotas if Irish potatoes are imported next year.

But it rejected a proposal to prohibit the importation of potatoes when there is a domestic surplus, as there now is.

The Senate wrapped up these and miscellaneous other farm matters in a catch-all bill which it passed by a vote of 53 to 24 and sent back to the House of Representatives.

During a week's intermittent debate, the Senate put most of the emphasis on the potato problem. Although it voted some restrictions on 1950 potato price supports, it rejected a proposal to cut them off immediately and keep them off until the growers agree to a tight production control program.

Canada figured prominently in today's debate when the anti-importation proposal was put forward by the Republican floor manager, Senator Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska.

Opponents of the amendment said it would have been a "slap in the face" for Canada, one of the best customers the United States has, and also the principal potato exporter to the United States.

Canadian potatoes now are selling on the American market despite the domestic surplus.

Speech Indicates Extension Of Electrification Program

Mr. Speaker

Hon. Forrest W. Phillips, (above), Liberal Councillor for Second Prince, who was elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly at the opening of the session yesterday Sixty-three years of age and a native of Ellerslie, Mr. Phillips was first elected to the House in a September, 1946, by-election caused by the death of H.n. W.H. Dennis. He was re-elected in the general election of 1947.

Announcement that a high power line from Charlottetown to the Summerside area will be built in 1950 and that a 10,000 horse power installation of generators will provide enough extra power for five more years requirements was made in the Speech from the Throne with which His Honour Lieutenant Governor J. A. Bernard opened the third session of the forty-sixth General Assembly of the Province yesterday.

Legislation providing increased aid for development in farming and fishing was also forecast in the speech, which indicated that land clearance and drainage problems had been studied and it was hoped a small beginning in marshlands reclamation would be made in 1950 Building of a dragger-type fleet and factories to freeze and package fillets was also being considered by the government.

(It is reported that some members would strongly oppose legislation of this kind because they feel draggers would ruin inshore fishing.)

Mostly a comprehensive summary of domestic and international affairs, the speech forecast no major legislation for the session. It mentioned that several amendments, including one to improve the Workmen's Compensation Act passed at last year's session, and a bill providing a special type of incorporation for small villages would be introduced.

The traditional color and pomp—the 15-gun salute and inspection of an honor guard by Lieutenant Governor Bernard preceded the reading of the Throne Speech.

Mr. Forrest Phillips (L-2nd Prince) was chosen Speaker to succeed Hon. Eugene P. Cullen, appointed Industry Minister at a cabinet shuffle last October.

Following the reading of His Honour's speech, which was made the first order of the day, a pro forma bill was given first reading and Premier Jones presented the several writs of elections and the list of members returned since the last session of the House. The new members, Hon. Walter E. Darby, K. C., Messrs. J. Brenton St. John, Daniel MacRae, J. George MacRae, were then introduced and took their seats.

After announcement of Cabinet changes during the year and the appointment of select standing committees, Mr. J. William MacKinnon, Deputy Provincial Secretary, was on motion appointed Law Clerk, and Albert MacLeod messenger.

The House then adjourned until 3 p.m. today when the address in reply to the Throne Speech will be moved and seconded by Messrs. George MacKay (L-4th Prince) and Brenton St. John (L-1st King's), two of the new members. Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, leader of the Opposition, will follow.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Following is the text of the Speech from the Throne:

"Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island:

"In the name of His Majesty, the King, I thank you for your attendance here today on assembling to assume your Legislative duties.

"Since the last Session, the Province mourns the passing of a former member of the Legislature, Senator the Honourable John E. Sinclair.

"My Government rejoices in the restoration of His Majesty the King, to full health and strength and reaffirms its loyalty to the King as Head of the great Commonwealth Family.

"My Government views with

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Cuts Unemployment Insurance Feeble Substitute For Work

OTTAWA, Feb. 27 — (CP) — Senator W. M. Aseltine (PC-Saskatchewan) tonight criticized unemployment insurance as "a feeble substitute for work" in a Senate debate on a government bill to extend benefits of the insurance.

Senator Aseltine said he would not oppose the bill, which received second reading in the Senate and is scheduled for committee study and royal assent tomorrow so that it can go into effect March 1.

He disagreed with government figures estimating 375,000 unemployed at Feb. 7, and said there are at least 400,000 non-workers. He could not agree with the government claim that this unemployment was "largely seasonal." In the 30's, when there was a serious depression, the total number of unemployed was only about twice the present number.

C.N.T. Takes Over Nfld. Wire Service

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 27 — (CP)—The Anglo-American Telegraph Company's telegraph operations in Newfoundland will be taken over by Canadian National Telegraphs tomorrow at midnight.

Anglo anounced tonight that the change-over, resulting from confederation, will not affect service to the public and there will be no immediate change in rates.

It comes following an agreement between C.N.T. and Western Union, which leases the cable system of Anglo.

Anglo has served Newfoundland since the company was organized in 1866, when the first successful trans-Atlantic cable was laid.

Opened Legislature

HON. J. A. BERNARD
Lieutenant Governor

U. M. W. Pleads Not Guilty In Contempt Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 —(AP) —The United Mine Workers Union today pleaded innocent on contempt charges, insisting that it had called no strike and that each of its 372,000 members in the United States individually had decided to knock off work to enforce demands for a new contract.

The union argument: Since no strike officially was called, the union can't be in contempt of the Federal Court which Feb. 11 ordered the men back to their jobs. The total walkout now is in its third week.

Government lawyers began to build up their argument: The men all quit at the same time, and the union is responsible for its members' actions.

Actually the trial was but one prong of a two-pronged effort the government is making to get the miners back on the job before the country's alarmingly - low soft coal supplies give out.

Federal conciliators again arranged for contract talks between the miners and the operators. But today's talks lasted only an hour. There wasn't even a time set for a resumption of the negotiations.

N. B. Credit Unions Report

FREDERICTON, Feb. 28 — (CP) — With a total membership of 42,543, New Brunswick credit unions had a loan turnover of $2,807,051 last year, an increase of $76,299 over 1948. Hon. A.C. Taylor, New Brunswick Minister of Agriculture, who made the announcement, noted that while the movement was settling from the peak activities of a few years ago, assets had increased five and a half per cent in 1949, totalling $4,654,397 at the end of the year.

One hundred and sixty credit unions were activ during the year. Although greater than the previous year, the loan turnover in 1949 was $135,024 less than the 1947 record of $2,942,000. Total loans recorded for the period from 1937 to 1949 amounted to $16,948,003.

AUSTRALIA'S GROWTH

Australia's population has increased from 1,000,000 to more than 8,000,000 in 92 years.

Slowing Of Socialistic Program Expected; Labor Total Sticks At 315

LONDON, Feb. 27 — (CP) — A slowing-down of Britain's socialistic program was predicted tonight as Prime Minister Attlee prepared to head the Labor Party in the House of Commons with a meagre majority of seven.

A reliable source said the Speech from the Throne, to be read by the King at the formal opening of Parliament next Monday, will omit any reference to public ownership of industry.

Introduction of controversial legislation might force an immediate test of strength between Labor and the Conservatives before pressing non-political issues could be dealt with.

Attlee had an hour's private audience with the King tonight at Buckingham Palace. It was his first audience since last Thursday's general election and presumably was to inform His Majesty of the government's immediate plans.

If the report is true that Attlee has suspended Labor's controversial nationalization program, it could mean there are prospects of an unspoken political truce for the next few months.

It is generally agreed that this arrangement would last only long enough to adopt the annual budget in April and transact other necessary government business.

Nearly all forecasts are that by June, or not later than fall, another general election will be necessary.

Results Completed

Returns from three remote Scottish ridings today produced two Conservative and one Liberal victories. These results completed returns from Thursday's vote and left the party standing in the new 625-seat House of Commons:

Labor 315; Conservatives and their allies 296; Liberals 9; Irish Anti-partition 2; Independent 1; vacant 1.

The Speaker of the House, Col. Douglas Clifton Brown, is not counted in the standing. Although originally elected as a Conservative, he is considered nonpartisan and votes only in the case of a tie.

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Clerk Says Guay Bought Wife Ticket, Insurance

By William Stewart

QUEBEC, Feb. 27 —(CP) — An airline clerk said in court today that J. Albert Guay, on trial for murder, arranged a flight for his wife and insured her life for $10,000 before she boarded an aircraft that crashed against a mountainside killing 23.

The witness was 23-year-old Lucille Levesque, employee of Canadian Pacific Airlines whose plane crashed near here Sept. 9.

The Crown, contending that Guay engineered a plot to place a time-bomb aboard the plane to kill his 28-year-old wife, called Miss Levesque and six other witnesses before the 12-man French-speaking jury today.

The other witnesses included C. P.A. personnel who described maintenance work and regular airport inspections that keep a plane airworthy,

Two other crown witnesses told of a violent mid-air explosion that rocked CF-CUA—a Montreal-Sept-Iles plane—moments before it plunged against the mountainside at Sault au Cochon carrying Mrs. Guay and the 22 others to their death.

Miss Levesque told the court the 32-year-old jeweler came to her ticket counter in the Chateau Frontenac Hotel late in the afternoon of Sept. 6 and tried to reserve a seat for his wife on a C.P. A. plane stopping at Quebec on its way to Baie Comeau and Sept-Iles Sept. 7.

Miss Levesque said she told him she could only put Mrs. Guay on the waiting list for a Sept 7 flight but a ticket for Sept. 9 was certain.

Guay then asked about passenger insurance and for 50 cents bought a $10,000 policy on his wife's life. He asked who would be the beneficiary and was told it would be himself, said Miss Levesque.

Miss Levesque said Guay in a telephone call refused a seat for Mrs. Guay that turned up on the Sept. 7 plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Guay appeared at the Chateau Frontenac counter Sept. 9 a few minutes before a taxi left for the airport.

The witness said Mrs. Guay was hesitant about making her trip to Baie Comeau Sept. 9 because it was a Friday and she wanted to come back to Quebec the same day.

It was not certain she would have a seat on the return flight to Quebec the same day and the next chance would have been Monday.

Miss Levesque said Guay "seemed to insist" that Mrs. Guay travel Sept. 9 and finally told her if she was delayed at Baie Comeau he would join her.

Miss Levesque said, in answer to another question, that discussion between the jeweler and his wife about her flight Sept. 9 was ordinary "discussion" rather than "acrimonious" argument.

Miss Levesque told the court how Guay and his five-year-old daughter apeared at the ticket counter on the afternoon of Sept. 9 and wept when informed that the plane carrying Mrs. Guay had crashed.

TORONTO, Feb. 27—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 38, 46; Edmonton 9, 27; Regina 16, 27; Winnipeg 12, 24; Toronto 1, 19; Ottawa 9B, 11; Montreal 4B, 10; Quebec 2B, 15; Saint John 4B, 14; Moncton 7B, 14; Halifax 8, 19; Charlottetown zero, —; Sydney 8, 21; Yarmouth 13, 14; St. John's, Nfld, 18, 24.

HALIFAX, Feb. 27 — (CP) —Official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax:

Synopsis:

February is ending on a note of winter. Temperatures are about 10 to 15 degrees below normal and snowflurries are common along windward coasts.

Little change is expected during the next 36 hours but moderating temperatures are likely on Wednesday.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Tuesday.

Prince Edward Island — Variable cloudiness with scattered snowflurries. Continuing extremely cold. Light northerly winds. Low and high Tuesday at Charlottetown zero and 15 above.

High tide at 8.14 A. M. and at 6.17 P. M.

Summerside time eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE
WEEK DAYS

Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
9.10 A.M.	2.40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Lv. Borden	Lv. Cape Tormentine
9.10 A.M.	10.35 A.M.

U. S. May Give Liberty Ships To West Germany

FRANKFURT, Feb. 27 —(AP) — The United States may supply Western Germany with Liberty ships to rebuild its war-shattered merchant navy, authoritative sources said today.

The American officials said the Germans now pay an estimated $100,000,000 a year in shipping costs to send their goods to other countries and to import other goods.

The recommendation first went to the Economic Co-operation Administration mission here, the source said. E.C.A. officials confirmed this and said they have asked the State Department whether the ships could legally be turned over to the Germans.

Officials here said about 1,500 Liberty ships now are laid up in American yards. They are considered part of the country's reserve cargo fleet. For this reason, there might be legal obstacles to their transfer to the Germans, officials said.

How many ships the Germans might get under the plan was not known.

West German exports to the United States during 1949 totalled $47,200,000. American officials said ocean freight charges on West German purchases from all countries might total $100,000,000 for one year.

These sources said ship lines insist that the Germans pay ocean freight charges in dollars.

West Germany's tiny merchant fleet now consists chiefly of coastal vessels. It has sunk from a prewar 4,000,000 tons to 307,000 tons.

The Western Allies last year authorized the Germans to build Liberty-type vessels of 7,200 tons with a speed of 12 knots. German shipping interests have shown no interest in building such ships.